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AGRICULTURAL.

Sale of improvements is evidence of abandonment.

Charge of abandonment should be specific.

An alien can acquire no right to public land before declaration of intention to become a citizen, and his subsequent qualification will not relate back to the exclusion of an intervening adverse right.

The execution of a power of attorney to sell does not constitute alienation of title.

DESERT.

In the absence of an adverse claim, an entry made in good faith will not be canceled although it includes non irrigable land.

COAL.

Proof as to character of coal land must show the actual production of mineral.

Proof that adjoining lands have produced coal will not answer.

MILL SITE.

Mill-site location must be made same as mineral claim.

Non mineral character of land claimed as a mill site must be shown.

MINERAL.

Failure to comply with local regulations is matter for protest or adverse suit.

A hearing may be ordered to determine whether there has been due compliance with law, though the charge is not made until after entry.

PRACTICED A DECEPTION.

A Young Woman Masquerading in Male Attire.

It was a peculiar case to which the attention of an officer was called one evening not long since. The result was a person giving the name of Charles H. Hansen was taken into custody, but before the matter reached a point where incarceration was necessary, developments were brought out which were of a nature interesting if not startling.

The attention of the officer was called to the strange actions of Hanson who was living in a lodging house on Yamhill street. The land-lady stated that he was misbehaving himself in the house, but she feared to approach him. She intimated that there was something wrong and begged that an investigation be made. The officer went to the house and placed Hansen under arrest, ordering him at the time to prepare himself for a trip to the jail. Hansen begged pitifully to be spared but the officer was obdurate. It was just at this time that the ob-

serving eye of the landlady detected something that caused her sympathies to go out for Hansen. She called the officer aside and a short consultation ensued. The officer retired from the room, but in about fifteen minutes returned with a physician. The medical man and Hansen were left alone in the room for about five minutes, when information was imparted to the officer that Hansen was no more nor less than a woman who at that time was quite ill. Of course there was nothing left for the officer to do but depart, and he left the mysterious person in charge of the landlady and the doctor. To them she made a complete confession, but in compliance with her earnest request they refuse to divulge her name. They will only say that she left her home in Chicago about two years ago. She had some trouble with her parents there that caused her to suddenly decamp. Being very masculine in appearance she donned male attire and has been successful in carrying out the deception. From Chicago she went to San Francisco and succeeded in securing work as a clerk in a dry goods store. She remained there until a few weeks ago when she came to Portland. She was not able to obtain employment here and became very much discouraged. She had announced her determination of going to Seattle, but the expose makes this impossible now.

To the landlady who talked kindly to her, she has agreed to communicate with her folks in Chicago and if they are willing, she will return to her home and endeavor to forget the past. She is but 22 years of age and while her features might be considered coarse, she has an air of refinement about her that is quite noticeable.—Sunday Wel-

Slaughter on the Congo.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—Private letters which have been received here from the Congo Free State say that affairs there are in a condition verging upon anarchy. Encounters between Belgian forces and natives, which have been reported in official dispatches as resulting in Belgian victories, are said to have been in fact serious reverses.

It is reported that two Englishmen travelling in the Congo Free State have been murdered and eaten by the natives.

A Belgian expedition under Lieutenant Franquir was attacked by natives on February 11th. The soldiers hastily formed themselves into a hollow square upon which the natives rushed with such overwhelming force that the Belgians were put to route within 10 minutes. Shortly afterward it became known according to the correspondent alluded to, that a native chief named Ndoruma had massacred Captain Hansen and the whole of his escort, numbering 60 people.

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