DEMOCRATIC COLUMN

This column is conducted by the Democratic County Central Committee. All communications should be addressed to T. Y. Dean, chairman, Grants Pass, Oregon. Any questions concerning the political situation, asked in good faith and signed, will be cheerfully answered.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

For Supreme Judge—Thomas O'Day, of Multnomah county.

For State Food and Dairy Comissioner — W. S. Douglas of Douglas County.

For Congressman, First District—R. M. Veatch of Lane county.

For Judge, First Judicial District—J. R. Neil of Jackson county.

For Prosecuting Attorney, First District—A. E. Reames of Jackson county.

For State Senator—L. Bilyeu of Lane county.

COUNTY TICKET.

Representative—Robert Glenn Smith.
Commissioner—John Wells.
Assessor—H. C. Perkins.
Sheriff—C. F. Lovelace.
County Clerk—J. A. Slover.
Treasurer—J. T. Taylor.
School Supt.,—Dennis H. Stovall.
Surveyor—H. J. Reynolds.
Coroner—W. H. Flanagan.
Justice of the Peace—Marcus Robbins.
Constable—George Hartman.

How is Your Assessment?

The most important office to the tax payers of the county is that of assessor. This is an office that is generally marked on account of the lack of of moral courage of its occupants. The general rule is to let the corporations off with an assessment of their own making and assess the man man who owns but a home at about half its value. This is the result of the political influence of party bosses. The Oregon & California railroad has its land assessed at less than a dollar an acre, but the man who enters a piece of timber land finds it assessed for twice as much. Why is it thus? Every year we hear about what is going to be done, and that ends it. Jackson county assesses the railroad at $5000 a mile and Douglas the same. Why does not the assessor of this county do likewise? Simmons & Cameronss' mining property is worth $250,000 but is assessed for less than $20,000. The labering man who owns a home worth $1000 finds it assessed for about $500. If the poor man was assessed at the same proportion of the actual value that J. T. Logan has the Simmons & Cameron property assessed at, the home worth $1000 would be assessed at less than $40. H. C. Perkins, the democratic nominee for assessor is a pioneer of this state and a civil enigneer by profession. He has been engaged also in farming and mining. He has had the experience necessary to enable him to estimate the value of property and what is more necessary, the moral courage and back bone to follow his own judgment. Josephine county today is by a ridiculously unequal assessment, shifting the burden of taxes upon the poor. The only corporations that are assessed upon the same valuation that the poor man is, are the two banks of Grants Pass. Why should not the O. & C. railroad and other corporations be assessed in the same way. With Perkins as assessor and Slover on the board of equalization, the people will get a fair deal. No one wants to do anything unjust or cinch any company, but we do insist upon an equitable distribution of the burdens of government. If you attempt to buy a piece of land from O. & C. railroad, you find it is worth from $5 to $25 an acre and the mineral reserved.

Col. Veatch's Speech.

On Saturday evening, May 14th, Col. Robert M. Veatch, democratic nominee for congress, addressed an audience at Grants Pass at the opera house. He was introduced by Robert Glenn Smith, who, in a few remarks briefly outlined the political career of Col. Veatch. He said in part: "I think it was about 12 years ago when I entered the senate chamber in the capitol building during a session of that body. At the time I entered, the attention of the body was being held by one who was delivering an earnest argument against the creation of a Fish Commission in which the speaker who had the floor strongly criticised the tendency to invest the people's money secured by taxation in the maintenance of many useless but ornamental offices. That was a time when the republican party of this state was endeavoring to fasten upon the people of Oregon, the support of its organization by creating offices for lieutenants of the leaders of that party. That more useless offices were not created was due largely to the efforts of Col. Veatch, who at that time, and ever since has been an uncompromising foe of legislative extravagance. I have watched his career from that time on and though I have often disagreed with him, I have always found him raising his voice in the behalf of the people. I recall a few years ago when he was approached and asked to become a candidate of the people for governor, and when he was asked what would be his position on the question of salary and fees for officers, he said that if elected he would take only the constitutional salary, and see that no one else took any more, until the law was changed by the people of Oregon. It is this sentiment of justice and honor which has animated his whole career, and although for years we labored in opposition parties, that each worked for the same end, I am glad that can stand upon the platform and realize I am working side by side and shoulder to shoulder with as loyal and honest a man as Col. Veatch."

Col. Veatch devoted the most of his address to discussing the fitness of his opponent. He stated in opening that it was his desire, as soon as Mr. Hermann returned to this state, to engage in a joint canvas with him in order that Mr. Herman might have the opportunity to meet and reply to what he had to say of his record.

Col. Veatch said: "I am not here to abuse Mr. Hermann. I have no personal animosity or feeling against him, but I am here to discuss his record as a public man, and claim and assert the right to do so. His official acts are public property, and the public has the right to know and understand just what that record is, and I purpose to speak only from the record, which record has been made up almost entirely by republicans, officials members of the same party and serving the same leaders.

I first desire to call your attention to the fact that Mr. Hermann was dismissed from the Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, a good many years ago, for the reason that he had violated the laws of the United States by entering land while he was an official of the United States Land Department. The record shows that he entered several hundred acres of land in violation of the letter of the law, and the record made as commissioner in the General Land Office at Washington and at Roseburg, shows that for the violation of his duties he was removed from that place.

Subsequently he was elected to congress and served several terms and after he was defeated as representative to congress, he was appointed, as you all know, as commissioner to the General Land Office at Washington. But before I take up that part, I desire to call your attention to a matter in which I think you have some interest. As you know, your country here is dependent almost entirely upon mining. The mountains and hills of your county have hardly been prospected, but it is known that mineral abounds everywhere, but today the advancement and prosperity of your county is handicapped by the fact that a large part of what should be the public domain is patented to the Oregon & California railroad Co. As early as 1866 congress passed an act declaring that mineral lands were reserved from all grants and it was the intent of the land laws of this state to reserve the mineral lands for the public; for the prospector and miner, and the fact that these lands were not so reserved is wholly due to your representatives in congress. In the year 1868, when the General Land Office began issuing patents for these lands, the members of congress from other states took steps to secure the enactment of laws providing for examination of mineral lands in their states in order that the same might be determined and withheld from the grant. The legislature elected in 1891 passed a memorial requesting the Oregon delegation to endeavor to secure the enactment of the same kind of law for the state of Oregon. Thousands of miners wrote them and urged the same. At that time Mr. Hermann was a member of congress representing the people, and notwithstanding that this was called to his attention by your state legislature and by the representatives of other states, he signally failed to take any steps in that direction. Whether or not he could have secured the passage of such an act as the representatives of other states did, it was certainly worth an effort and that effort was not made.

About the same time the government began to establish forest reserves. The first one established was in the state of Washington in which Mount Rainier and other inaccessible mountain peaks beyond the snow line were included. The object of that was to grant to the railroads land scrip instead of the worthless inaccessible, unwooded mountain peaks which they were to relinquish to the general government. To that end was a clause providing that the Northern Pacific railroad could use this scrip for land in any state or territory after the peaks fell. At that time it had a little pink road running from the Columbia River to Portland and it mattered long and by virtue of the owners of that road, it has taken its scrip round on those mountain peaks and has taken and treated the best timber lands in the state of Oregon, and today by reason of that law giving that corporation such opportunities, it either retains or has sold to eastern corporations the lands which should have gone to you and your children.

After Mr. Hermann's term of congress had expired, he was appointed as commissioner of the General Land Office from which office he was removed by President Roosevelt for incompetency and mismanagement, that incompetency and mismanagement resulted, to say the least of it, in negligently permitting fraudulent surveys and entries. Several people commented with that work will be placed upon trial in Portland on the 18th day of this month. I must appear there as a witness on behalf of the government and against them. Their indictment was brought about by an inspector, Col. Green, whose report has disappeared from the records of the U. S. Land Office at Washington, which report implicated Mr. Hermann, and upon this report he was removed from the office of commissioner.

The charges made in that report show that there had been surveyed townships of land which contained neither soil nor timber were nine miles from a wagon road and no trail within four miles and on which a goat would starve to death. I know this because I have traversed the land myself. Those lands were surveyed after they were set aside in the forest reserve. Affidavits were produced having fictitious names stating that many persons were settled upon those lands. The survey was ordered by Mr. Hermann when commissioner. The lands were surveyed, then applications were made in the names of the same fictitious persons to have land scrip issued to them in lieu of settlements which they had never made, and by this means many thousands of dollars worth of scrip passed into the hands of fraudulent locators. Those applications were all approved by Mr. Hermann. The scrip so procured was used in entering lands. Many of you who have entered lands know that after your application is filed and the proofs forwarded to the land office that you usually have to wait from six months to one and one-half years before a patent is issued. The reason for this is obvious, to wit: The time must be had by the Land department to investigate and discover fraud, if possible. Another reason is that the land department is always behind with its work, but it is a remarkable fact that after the proofs reached Washington, upon the lands entered by this fraudulent scrip, the patents were issued in three days, and the applications were endorsed upon the back in Mr. Hermann's handwriting "special." Mr. Hermann when asked to explain this says that it was done inadvertently, but I wish to say to you that Mr. Hermann's writing the word "special" on the back of these applications giving them precedence over others, was not inadvertent or accidental.

Mr. Hermann had on the rolls of the land office drawing salaries of $1000 and over per month, a brother, a brother-in-law and a son-in-law. At the time his son-in-law was drawing his salary he was taking a post-graduate course at a medical school in New York City.

In closing the speaker proceeded to say that he did not intend to nor was not abusing Mr. Hermann, he was simply bringing up his record and one made by republicans, and by which he must stand or fall, and that his own record was open to like inspection, and as soon as Mr. Hermann arrived in the state, he would invite him to a joint discussion in order that he might defend himself against the charges.

Mr. R. W. Clarke

Mr. Clarke is a young man and a gentleman. He holds the responsible position of manager of the Grants Pass New Water, Light and Power Company owned by Morris and Whitehead, bankers of Portland, who are also the owners of the O. W. P. & Ry. Co.'s railroad running from Portland up the Willamette river. Mr. Clarke is not a public speaker, and as he doubtless has decided views upon the questions coming before the next legislature and is anxious to be heard, he is hereby tendered the use of these columns for the purpose of expressing his views. The people are anxious to know what Mr. Clarke thinks. If he cannot talk, he can write.

In order that the discussion may begin, we will ask him to answer these questions

1. Will he introduce and vote for an amendment to the Grants Pass charter, authorizing the city to fix and regulate water and light rates on a reasonable manner.

2. Will he vote and work for a bill regulating railroad freight rates?

3. Will he vote and work for a law that will repeal the law which limits the recovery of damages that may be recovered by the heirs of one who has been killed by negligence to $5,000?

4. Will he vote and work for a bill which will prohibit corporations erecting dams below county bridges where it may injure or destroy the bridges?

5. If the gentlemen who own the Grants Pass New Water, Light & Power Company seek to have enacted the same law which was introduced two years ago prohibiting the use of eminent domain by corporations for mining above any incorporated town, will he vote for or against such measure?

Slover and Salaries.

The managers of Mr. Slover's opponents in right to the sudden fande of the increase of salary of the county officers has asserted that Mr Slover opposed a bill for taking for the enactment of a law providing for the increase of salary.

This statement is untrue and is made to mislead the people by the promoters of the scheme that Mr. Slover argued in the hearing of one of the county officers on the floor of the house, and we demand of the author of the premises to publish that person's name, and the fact that he will not, we will state that the position that Mr. Slover argued was nothing that the salary of $[illegible] fixed in the bill as originally introduced to be reduced to $1000, and that the salary of clerk which was fixed in the bill originally introduced to be reduced to $1200, and that the treasurer's salary be increased from $600 to $900. In the bill as originally introduced, Mr. Taylor the treasurer was omitted and Mr. Slover and others thought that he was about the only county officer deserving of an increase and was entitled to an increase and knowing that there was a republican measure introduced into a republican legislature and therefore bound to pass, sought to have the salary of the clerk and sheriff reduced and that of the treasurer increased as an act of justice.

That is all there is to the matter, and if our republican friends can derive any comfort from that they are welcome to it. This petition, we understand, is in the hands of the republican candidate for representative, and we would suggest that instead of taking so much interest in the salary question, he should inform the public of his position on several corporation questions which are likely to come before the next legislature.

Taxes! Taxes!

In the last issue the Observer replies to some observations in this column concerning the assessment of property in this county and corrects a mistake concerning the assessment of railroad land. The Observer is correct. But why should the land be assessed for $1.50 when it cannot be bought for less than $5 to $25 per acre, and then the minerals are reserved? Will the Observer please explain?

Will the Observer please explain why it did not reply to the statement in the same article it criticised concerning the assessment of railroad mileage? Again we ask why is the railroad assessed but $4,400 in this county and $5,200 in Jackson county? Let the question be dismissed fairly.

Will the Observer also tell the public why the Simmons, Cameron and Logan mines worth over $200,000 is assessed for but $15,000? Is this proper? Is it equitable? If it is not, please tell where the fault lies. Who is to blame? Kindly answer in your next issue.

Merlin, Oregon, May 16, 1904.

Mr. T. Y. Dean,
Chairman of the Dem. committee,

Dear Sir:

I have been much pleased with the democratic columns of the Courier. They certainly contained good sound argument. I have been amused at the attempt of the Observer to answer the same, but how pitiful! The remarks upon what was said of Mr. Slover and his probable method of running the office, is childish to say the least. The Observer says that Mr. Cheshire writes "a good round hand," but suppose he puts in F. W. Chausse for deputy, what then? Can he write any better than he can spell? But I don't suppose for a minute that it is half as important to the Observer that Mr. Cheshire writes a "good round hand" as it is to have someone in the clerk's office that will hand out the Observer the county printing at a "good round" price. I think it would be a good idea to go over the warrant books and find out how much money the Observer has drawn from the county treasury during the past 10 years. How much have the people contributed to it? How long must it continue in this precinct, many republicans will vote the democratic county ticket. They realize now if they had done so two years ago, we would have saved several hundred dollars on salaries that could be used in improving roads. With good wishes for success and a sure belief that we will get there, I am,

Truly yours,
Tax-Payer.

Williams, Oregon, May 14, 1904.

T. Y. Dean, Chairman Dem. Com.,

Dear Sir: I have been reading your columns in the Courier and as a I felong republican I wish to say to you that I will vote the entire democratic county ticket. I have got my stomach full of republican legislature. I want no more of our present fish laws, or raising of salaries without notice, or increase of state taxes. I am tired of seeing my party rode to death by a miserable little clique that has no higher motive in politics than that of grafting the people for as much as they can. I expect to vote for Roosevelt this fall, but when I come to vote on June 6, I know that R. G. Smith will represent the principles of Roosevelt much better than the manager of the Grants Pass Water company. I believe Roosevelt will fight the trusts, but how can we help him by electing officers of corporations to the legislature? It seems to me it would be inconsistent to elect Mr. Clark. He serves a corporation that has thrown a dam across Rogue river that threatens not only to destroy the county bridges, but the only available bridge site. Can Mr. Clark serve two masters whose interests are so contradictory? If not which will he serve? I would like to see someoneent to the legislature who will not be representing a corporation, and will do all I can to bring it about.

In conclusion allow me to say that G. F. Lovelace is a sure winner in this part of the country.

You can publish this letter, but to save me annoyance, please withhold my name for the present.

Respectfully,
Roosevelt Republican.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office.
Roseburg, Oregon, Apr. 21 1904.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. O. Booth, County Judge, at his office at Grants Pass, Oregon on June 8, 1904, viz:

WILLIAM A McGALLIARD
on his H. E. No. 9196, for the SW¼ NE¼ Sec 2-; Twp 40 S, R 8 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Frank Neasle, Thomas Gilham, and Chas. Dexter all of Wilde, Ore., and Vm. Whipple of Grants Pass, Oregon.

J. T. Barnes, Register.

DIRECTORY

JOSEPHINE COUNTY OFFICERS.

Judge ..... J. O. Booth
Commissioners ..... J. John Wells, C. F. Lovelace
Clerk ..... R. L. Bartlett
Deputy Clerk ..... T. P. Judson
Sheriff ..... Geo. W. Lewis
Deputy Sheriff ..... Ernest Lister
Treasurer ..... J. T. Taylor
School Supt. ..... Lincoln Savage
Assessor ..... W. H. Fallin
Surveyor ..... H. C. Perkins
Coroner ..... W. F. Kremer

CITY OFFICERS.

Mayor ..... H. L. Gilkey
Auditor and Police Judge ..... C. E. Maybee
Treasurer ..... Col. W. Johnson
City Attorney ..... H. D. Norton
Marshal ..... Geo. Finch
Street Supt. ..... John Patrick
Councilmen—W. M. Mair, H. J. Bacher, J. L. Calvert, T. W. Williams, W. C. Smith, J. A. Rehkopf, H. C. Perkins, James Trimble.

FRATERNAL SOCIETIES.

Grants Pass Lodge A. F. & A. M., No. 84, regular communication first and third Saturdays. Visiting brothers cordially invited. B. W. Rigor W. M.
A. J. Fike, Secy.

Royal Arch Masons—Rogues Chapter No. 28 meets second and fourth Wednesday Masonic hall. H. C. Beagles, H. P.
J. E. Patterson, Secy.

Knights Templar—Melita Commandery No. 8, meets second Friday of each Month in Masonic Temple
W. H. Harrison, Em. Com.
Geo. H. Crouch, Rec.

Eastern Star—Josephine Chapter, No. 20 meets first and third Wednesday evenings of each month in Masonic hall. Mary L. Cox, W. M.
Mrs H. Zoller, Secy.

I. O. O. F.—Golden Rule Lodge No. 76, meets every Saturday night at I. O. O. F. hall. F. H. Stewart,
T. Y. Dean, Secy. N. G.
Visiting brothers invited.

Canton Encampment I. O. O. F. No meets second and fourth Thursday at I. O. O. F. hall. Fred Stewart,
T. Y. Dean, Secy. C. P.

Rebekahs—Lina Rebekah, No. 46, meets second and fourth Monday, I. O. O. F. hall. Ellen Geers, N. G.
M. Jennie Davis, Secy.

United Artisans—Grants Pass Assembly No. 97, meets alternate Tuesdays in A. O. U. W. hall. Maps R. A. Griffith,
Fred Merrick, Secy. Master Artisan.

Woodmen of the World—Rogue River Camp No. 69, meets second and fourth Fridays at Woodman Hall.
Geo. H. Slover, C. C.
C. E. Mayers, Clerk.

Women of Woodcraft—Azalea Circle, No. 185, meets first and third Mondays at Woodman hall. Mrs. M. L. Penny,
Mrs. Ione Fryer, Clerk. G. N.

Modern Woodmen of America—Grants Pass Camp No. 6087 meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday Evenings at Woodmen hall at 7:30.
Ike M. Davis, V. C.
W. L. Gaddis, Clerk.

Foresters of America—Court Josephine No. 38, meets each Wednesday except the first, at A. O. U. W. hall.
F. G. Swisher, F. C. F. Perch, C. R.

Josephine Lodge, No. 112, A. O. U. W.—meets in A. O. U. W. hall Dixon building every Monday evening.
F. W. Hendricks, M. W.
R. A. Perkins, Recorder.

Hesperus Lodge, No. 24, D. of H. A. O. U. W., meets every alternate Tuesday evening in A. O. U. W. hall, Dixon building. Miss A. McCallister, C. of H.
Miss Lyda Davis, Recorder.

Royal Neighbors of America—Lilah Circle Camp No. 2068, meets 1st and 3rd Friday at A. O. U. W. hall
Rose Gregory, Oracle.
Henrietta Zoller, Recorder.

Order of Pendo—White Rock Council No. 49, meets in Southern Hall Saturday nights. Geo. A. White, Counselor.
H. Merz, W. Lawrence, Secretary.

Red Men—Takhenia Wigwam No. 24, I. O. R. M. [illegible]
O. A. Turner, Chief of Records.

Knights of the Maccabees of the Tents—Tent No. 8, meets first and third Thursdays in Woodman Hall.
Wm. A. Peal, F. A. Rhodes,
Record Keeper. Commander.

Ladies of the Maccabees—Hesperus Tent No. 10, meets regular Tuesdays first and third Thursdays at A. O. U. W. hall. Visiting sisters cordially invited. Mrs. Della Hale, L. C.
Mary Stallmann, Record Keeper.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Union No. 1148 meets second and fourth Fridays of each month at A. O. U. W. Hall.
E. D. Cole, R. Sec. J. T. Richmond, Fin. Sec.
H. A. Fitzgerald, F. Sec'y.

Knights of Pythias—Thermopylae No. 40, meets each Tuesday night in the W. of W. Hall. M. F. Utley, K. R. S.
Tom Williams, K. of R. and S.

Grand Army of the Republic—Gen. Lyons Post No. 29, meets 1st Saturday in A. O. U. W. hall. John Fleck,
J. E. Patterson, Adj. Lieut.

Women's Relief Corps—General Lyons No. 25, meets at A. O. U. W. hall Saturdays at 2 p. m. M. Rogers, President.
Mrs Rose Waldman, Secretary.

Rebecca Degree Lodge, No. [illegible] meets every Saturday night.
Mrs. T. S. Cornell, Secy.

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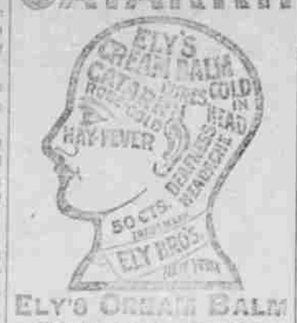

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court for Josephine County, Oregon.

In the matter of the Estate of R. M. Bayfield, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that A. H. Mock has been appointed administrator of the estate of R. M. Bayfield, deceased, by the County Court for Josephine County, Oregon, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present said claims duly verified, to the undersigned administrator at the law office of H. D. Norton at Grants Pass, Oregon, on or before six months from this date.

Dated April 27, 1904.

A. H. MOCK,
Administrator.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.
United States Land Office,
Roseburg Oregon, April 29, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

CHARLES L. ALLEN,

of Gold Hill, County of Jackson, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6096 for the purchase of the NE¼ of Section No. 18 in Township No. 34 South, Range No. 4 W, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes and to establish his claim to said land before John M. Booth, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Grants Pass, Oregon, on Saturday, the 16th day of July, 1904.

He names as witnesses: W. R. Sherman, of Grants Pass, Ore.; Edward R. Cole, of Grants Pass, Ore.; Frank Burkhardt, of Wimer, Ore.; James A. Oliver, of Grants Pass, Ore.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 16th day of July, 1904.

J. T. Barnes, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.
Roseburg, Oregon, April 13, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

MIRTA M. SPERGER

of Silverton, County of Marion, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 6061 for the purchase of the NW¼ of Section No. 2 in Township No. 39 South, Range No. 8 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before J. O. Booth, County Judge, at his office at Grants Pass, Oregon, on Thursday, the 30th day of June, 1904.

She names as witnesses:

Walter Harmon, William Anderson, W. I. Fleck and W. B. Moore, all of Grants Pass, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 30th day of June, 1904.

J. T. Barnes, Register.

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JOHN HOLLIS,

of Carson, County of Skamania, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No 5669, for the purchase of the NW¼ of SE¼, S½ of SW¼, SW¼ of SW¼ of Section No. 26 in Township No. 37 South, range No. 6 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before J. O. Booth, County Judge, at his office at Grants Pass, Oregon, on Thursday, the 14th day of July 1904.

He names as witnesses: Edward Hollis, of Carson, Wash.; Bertha Hollis, of Carson, Wash.; Allan W. Silsby, of Grants Pass, Ore.; Fred H. Briggs, of Grants Pass, Ore.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 14th day of July, 1904.

J. T. Barnes, Register.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior
United States Land Office,
Roseburg, Oregon, March 23, 1904.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by John M. Kelley, contestant, against homestead entry No. 10,361, made December 12, 1900, for E½ NW¼, NE¼ SW¼ Section 10, Township 38 South, Range 6 West, by Charles A. Hill, contestee, in which it is alleged that Charles A. Hill has not established his residence on the said land, that he has made no effort to cultivate or improve the same, and that he has abandoned the said land, having been absent without obtaining leave for a period of more than six months last past, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on June 15, 1904, before R. L. Bartlett, County Clerk, Grants Pass, Oregon, and at that sitting will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on June 23, 1904, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roseburg, Oregon.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed March 23, 1904, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is ordered that such notice be given by publication.

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