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ROSEBURG LAND OFFICE BEHIND IN ITS WORK

From 500 to 600 Final Proof Claims Awaiting Action—Some Since 1904.

The Roseburg Review of Saturday says: The local land office in response to an inquiry says that there are from 500 to 600 final proofs on land claims awaiting action. Delay has been due to lack of clerical assistance rather than to the President's former order, though action on some proofs was delayed to some extent by that order. Many of these cases have been pending since 1904, but most of them have accumulated since the re-opening of this office, January 8, 1906, after a suspension of one year. The suspension resulted in a great accumulation of business and the local officers have never been furnished sufficient help to clear up the work. Besides, there has been a great rush of applications here ever since the office re-opened. The expectation that the timber and stone act would be repealed caused a scramble to make filings. During the month of February, 1907, there were filed 154 timber and stone applications, to say nothing of homestead and scrip applications. The officers here are doing their best to clear up the work but are heavily handicapped. All clerks must be furnished by the authorities at Washington from the civil service list and the supply seems scarce.

W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

All matter for this column is supplied by the Josephine County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Y. and L. T. L. Branches.

March 29, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will observe the Red Letter Day in honor of Neal Dow. "The Father of Prohibition."

The ladies of the Union wish all their friends to meet with them in Lund & Peil hall and discuss the needed reforms and improvements in Grants Pass.

Mrs. McFarland and Mrs. Graham superintendents.

Quarterly reports will be submitted by officers and superintendents of departments.

The Mothers meeting held in the Newman M. E. church parlors March 15 was attended by about 70. We are glad to note the increasing interest in our Mothers meetings. The object of these meetings is, that the mothers of Grants Pass may be helped in solving the many problems that come to them in child training, by the discussion of and exchanging of ideas and experiences on these problems.

"With God's greatest blessing—motherhood—comes woman's greatest responsibility—child-training."

The special feature of the meeting was the address on "Responsibilities of Father" by Rev. Clark Bower. In his ever pleasing and forceful way he showed that a father's responsibility in training the children is co-equal with that of the mother.

Following is, in part, the address as given:

RESPONSIBILITIES OF FATHER

The theme assigned is just a little odd for a mother's meeting and reminds one of the deacon's instruction to the new preacher to "give it to the Jews; there's none for them here."

New relationships always bring new duties. The fact that I live in a community puts me under obligation to each man, woman, child in it. They have a right to demand of me each conduct as shall advance the welfare of the people as a whole. The civil man can not do as he pleases unless his pleasure is to help, not harm, to bless not blight.

This is still more true of marriage. Coming hand in hand with its joys are found its obligations. Man and woman must both get this idea and live by it. The making of a home brings the duty of leaving out that which might not in itself be wrong. Neither husband nor wife has the right to spend all the evenings away, nor to live without regard to the wishes of the other. Fatherhood is yet another relationship and carries with its blessings solemn obligations. The fact that two little ones look to me and call me father, brings a group of duties.

First, the duty to provide. I do not mean to provide a switch or a strap. So many when they speak of the "providence of God" mean that which brings grief or pain. The very expression makes one think of funeral resolutions and death. The devil has the power of death. The providee of God is the giving of "life and breath and all things." The father obligated to feed. He who neglects to provide for his own is worse than an infidel and has denied the faith. In this mother must help, not hinder. God said "I will make a suitable help

for him." No wife has a right to be wasteful, extravagant and live beyond the reasonably assured income of the family. She needs money sense, and has a right to the privilege of some cents to spend.

Second, the duty of discipline. How many mothers find the father no help, but a positive hindrance in the training and control of the children. Fathers are such cowards that they fear a conflict and place the burden on the "weaker vessel." Father and mother side by side, one, in this duty of parenthood get better results with less strain.

Third, the duty of companionship. Families ought to have definite times for family life. Industrial condition sometimes make this well high impossible by sending a man to his toil before the children are awake and allowing his return only after slumber has claimed them at night. But each father should do his best. Conditions are changing for the better in this respect. Sunday should be a wonderfully important day for keeping up home companionship. The church is a great home maker and helper. One of the most beautiful sights at the house of God is to see father, mother and children sitting together there. It may be used as a wonderful tie to bind the home together. The whole day should be one of sweet fellowship in these things which make for the higher life. Each parent must be a suitable ideal to his child and mould the little one by contact. Now in all this one idea rules. That is the perfect oneness of the home. No obligation rests upon one parent alone. Help one another. The journey through life should be made hand in hand as you stood when making your marriage vows. This is the duty of fathers and mothers as well.

If you have beauty, we take it; if you have none, we make it.—Ham-mock Photo and Art Studio, opposite Postoffice. 3-15 2t

GOOD FOR CHILDREN.

Value of School Playgrounds as Asser- ted by Parents.

The following may be of interest as showing the impressions that parents get of the value of the playground influence on their children, says the Leaf- let (Mass.) Civic League. They are direct quotations:

"It kept him off the streets, and I knew where he was." "Seemed perfectly happy all through the summer school term." "Was better able to begin his school studies." "Increased his happiness by having something to do." "Kept him out of mischief." "Kept his mind occupied." "Had his own garden at home and took care of it, something he was not interested in before." "Helped him at school." "Made good use of things he learned." "Was much interested in insects." "Enjoyed himself every day." "Was more agreeable, as he had something to think of." "Set him thinking." "Made home life more interesting in constructing things he saw at school." "Made him more ambitious." "Made him interested in his learning." "Made a pigeon coop, studied birds a good deal and butterflies." "Made him brighter and quicker." "Made him good in his manners." "Did him a good deal of good in his character and disposition."

These are typical of many expressions used by parents who felt that their boys were through the play school benefited rather than injured by the long vacation. They are by no means exhaustive of what might be said in summary of the value of playgrounds for country children, but they certainly will prove suggestive to those who are concerned about the children of the streets of our country towns.

VILLAGE ART.

Where the Impulse to Improve Must Get Its Start.

Village art in America must be the fruit of education, says the Chicago Post. England has a Garden City association that pursues its educational schemes through "drawing room meetings." The impulse to improve must have its beginnings in the public spirit of a group of townpeople. If the old fashioned revival spirit, with its enthusiasm for good works, can be awakened in any neighborhood, the passion for tree planting, lawn making, flower gardens and fountains will find many followers.

The average suburban town masquerading under the name of a village suffers in the first instance by the rules of subdividing a farm and the contract system of building rows of ineleg- ant houses in fit fifty foot lots. The artistic hand has the problem of drap- ing this angular frame in shrubbery, trees and vines. Owing to the variable quality of human nature it is folly to hope that each villager will do his share. The neglectful and thoughtless will always be with us, and the group bent on village art must overlook the un- easy and able to follow the leads of the one just man who has learned to love the beauties of beauty.

Remember the fact of making streets, lawns and lawns agreeable and at- tracting to the eyes and the other fact of increasing the property value, there- fore is the moral influence of having some surroundings and recreation grounds.

Placer blanks at the Courier office.

PRIZES OFFERED FOR BEST ORIGINAL ESSAY

The Object Being to Stimulate a Love of Country and Study of Its History.

The Oregon society of the Sons of American Revolution offers prizes to the pupils of the public schools of the state of Oregon, for essays on the subjects connected with our war for independence.

Prizes of \$20 and \$30 will be given for the first and second best essay respectively, written on any of the following subjects:

1. Joseph Brant and the Indians of the Revolution.
2. Public schools as a means of Americanizing the children of aliens.
3. Separation of church and state in America.

The essays are limited to 8000 words each, must be written in the student's own hand writing on one side only of the paper, and accompanied by a certificate of the writer's teacher, stating that the writer is a pupil in a designated class, and that the teacher believes the essay to be the pupil's own unaided work. The essays must be signed by the writer, giving also his or her post office address. They should be forwarded to A. M. Smith, Fenton Building, Portland, Oregon, and should reach their destination not later than the 25th day of May, 1907.

In awarding these prizes the committee will be governed by considerations of:

1. Originality.
2. Accuracy of statement.
3. Manner of treatment.
4. Orthography, syntax and punctuation.

These prizes are offered to encourage love of our country and the study of its history.

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One on the Printer

Last week the Courier printed 1000 bill heads for the Geo. S. Calhoun Company, and being somewhat proud of the work, proceeded to do a little advertising for itself by inserting the imprint immediately beneath the heading of the bill "Rogue River Courier Print." Mr. Calhoun objected to advertising the Courier free gratis and so took back the bill heads and insisted upon the Courier printing upon the back of the bill heads advertising the resources of Josephine County and Grants Pass free of charge.

MORAL—Do your own advertising. Hand-colored post cards of local views at the Music Store, two for 5c. 25c per dozen.

Long Distance.

"Where are you going, old chap?" asked the first youth.

"Going to send Myrtilla a kiss through the telephone," replied the second youth.

"Why, you are slow. Don't you know a kiss through the telephone loses its flavor?"

"Just why I am using the telephone, old man, I have been eating onions."—Houston Post.

The Truant Angel.

While looked up into the sky and saw an airship for the first time. It was very high up and looked very small, after watching the wings on the machine flapping up and down, he said:

"Say, ma, look up into the sky! There's an angel playing truant."—Judge.

Most Picturesque.

"What is the most picturesque spot you ever saw in this vicinity?" asked the enthusiastic tourist.

Broucho Bob gave the question some thought before he answered: "A one-spot when I was drawing to a royal flush."—Washington Star.

Getting Rid of Him.

Eva—Percy squanders money something awful. His father says he is nothing but a debt to him.

Jack—Then why is his father going to send him away on a yacht?

Eva—I suppose he wants him to be a floating debt.—Detroit Tribune.

His Line.

Patience—I understand her husband finds fault with all her acts.

Patrice—Yes, but she doesn't mind that. That's his business.

"What is it?"

"He's a theatrical critic."—Yonkers Statesman.

Well Supplied.

Explorer—I don't see how you can stand six months of cold and darkness. Do you have candles?

Resident—Sure, I ate 600 candles last winter.—Chicago News.

Poor Dog!

Gerald—This dog knows as much as I do.

Geraldine—I noticed he had a vacant look.—New York Press.

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Found at Last.
J. A. Harmon, of Lizemore, West Va., says: "At last after I have found the perfect pill that never disappoints me; and for the benefit of others afflicted with torpid liver and chronic constipation, will say: take Dr. King's New Life Pills." Guaranteed satisfactory. 25c at all drug stores.

New Road Cement.
Experiments in England have shown that the use of a mortar-like cement in road building will render the highway more durable and almost dustless. This suggests the adding of a new phase to the eternal conflict between horsemen and motorists, says the Motor News. While a smooth road of adamantine surface would be ideal for automobilists, it would be injurious to horses. The ultimate hope of the motorists, therefore, seems to be the crowding out of the horse by the motor vehicle.

"Store Closed" Signs.
People who patronize the mail order business constantly are very likely to live in towns where the sheriff does a rushing business in tacking up "Store Closed" signs.

NEW YORK CITY.

On an average 298 alien children under fourteen years old arrive in New York city each day.

Crooked, narrow, busy Nassau street is the oldest thoroughfare in New York city to preserve its original form. It has always been a commercial mart.

New York city transportation facilities are as inadequate as they were before the subways were built, although these underground highways carried 45,000,000 passengers in 1906.

Some of the blocks in the tenement districts of the lower east side of New York are so crowded that if the beds of the occupants were placed on the ground they would entirely cover every inch of it.—New York Herald.

LAST WORDS OF FAMOUS MEN.

Charles I. of England (1600-1649), "Remember."

Lord Byron (1788-1824), English poet, "I must sleep now."

Edward Thurlow (1732-1806), English lawyer, "I'll be shot if I don't believe I'm dying."

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), American philosopher, "A dying man can do nothing easy."

Sir Philip Sidney (1557-1586), English patriot, "I would not change my joy for the empire of the world."

Duke of Wellington (1769-1852), British general and statesman, "Yes, if you please." (To a servant asking if he would have some tea.)

PITH AND POINT.

The practical joker always believes his angry victim has no sense of humor.

Unpleasant truths always please a lot of people whom they do not concern.

It is not enough to disapprove of gossip. You yourself must keep from gossiping.

Some people look for faults in every one they meet, as if they believed nothing else was worth finding.

The woman who cries easily comes nearer having her own way than the woman who fights for her rights.—Aitchison Globe.

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