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TO OWNERS OF LAND

New Law Affecting Purchasers of Forfeited Lands.

AMERICA'S ARBOR DAY.

Schools and the Public Urged to Give Observance.

The new law passed by the present congress relative to lands within the railroad grants which are afterwards forfeited to the government is of importance to many residents of Oregon and Washington. By it the law of March 8, 1877, is amended by adding to it the following provision: "Where the purchasers, their heirs or assigns have paid only a portion of the purchase price to the railroad company, which is less than the government price of similar land, it shall be required before the delivery of patent for their land to pay to the government a sum equal to the difference between the portion of the purchase price so paid and the government price, and in such case the amount demanded from the company shall be the amount paid to by such purchaser."

ARBOR DAY. Schools and the Public Urged to Give General Observance.

The law provides that "in order that the children in our public schools shall assist in the work of adorning the school grounds with trees, and to stimulate the minds of children towards the benefits of preservation and perpetuation of our forests and the growing of timber, it shall be the duty of the authorities in every public school district in the state to assemble the pupils in their charge on the above day in the school building or elsewhere, as they may deem proper and to provide for and conduct, under the general supervision of city superintendents, county superintendents, teachers and directors or other school authorities having the general charge and oversight of the public schools in each city or district, to have and hold such exercises as shall tend to encourage the planting, protection, and preservation of trees and shrubs, and an acquaintance with the best methods to be adopted to accomplish such result.

The state superintendent, in a circular letter, recommends as follows: "It is very much desired that Arbor Day exercises be of such a character as to awaken and build up an interest in such school work as will be greatly to the advantage of the entire community.

"While it is not deemed advisable to construct any special program or exercises, it is very much to be hoped that each school will adopt such measures as will meet the purpose of the day in that community. These exercises are not designed simply to interest the school children, though that is prominent in all the plans, but it is also very much to be hoped that the general public may become duly interested in the day.

"I would suggest that the teachers of the schools in active operation on Arbor Day throughout the state shall arrange a plan of exercises that, in their best judgment, will awaken an interest in all pupils. The teachers should state to the school the purpose of such day as contemplated in the legislative enactment. The planting and caring for trees, the great benefit they are to any individual community, and also to the state and nation at large; also teaching the pupils the advantage of ornamenting the grounds in the way of building up a proper spirit of taste and refinement. The community at large needs to be made a part of the day's services, because of the benefit it may be in the way of awakening their interest in forest, groves, and flowering plants. Nature is ready to assist us in beautifying our homes and our school grounds, but will seldom ever do that work with out our co-operation."

More Work For Mail Clerks. It is now proposed to stamp the weather forecasts on every letter when received at postoffices, and the scheme is to be first tried at Cincinnati. The receiving stamp, with which the postmaster marks each letter, on the back when received, is to have a large outer circle added, in which will appear the words, "Weather forecasts for tomorrow—fair, colder," or whatever may be the indications. The trouble with the successful

working of the plan will be that the weather will change half a dozen times before the majority of people get their letters. Farmers for whose benefit the weather service is mainly intended, would not derive much advantage from hearing a week after it was over that there was a prospect of frost.

It might be found more practicable to stamp the proceedings of upon all letters received at post-offices. Nothing would be needed but a cipher mark for the present session, at least.

U. S. Official Postal Guide, 1896. Just Issued.

Very few of our business men know that the post office, department at Washington issues in January of each year, a complete postal guide, containing 1000 pages, and complete lists of post offices in the United States, arranged alphabetically, all rules and regulations, money order offices and rulings of the department on postal matters, time of arrival and departure of foreign mails, and much valuable information for the public on postal matters.

The book is exceedingly valuable to those using the mails. It is the Guide for every postmaster in the country and is sold to business men by the publisher, Geo. F. Lasher, 147 N. 10th street, Philadelphia, Pa., in cloth cover, \$2.50, or paper cover, \$2. Can be ordered through our postmaster and every business man should secure a copy.

Crows Hunt a Fox. Ira Stone, of Taylorville, Va., recently witnessed a most curious combat. While crossing a field he saw a number of crows fighting furiously with something. As he neared the scene of the conflict he saw that the object of attack was a large gray fox. The fox would rush open-mouthed upon his antagonists, but they would dodge and peck viciously at his back. Once when the fox sought to escape by running, the birds formed a solid wall before him.

Reynard immediately changed his tactics. He threw himself on the ground and began to roll quickly over in the direction of his foes. This ruse proved ineffective, for the crows simply widened the circle that had been drawn around him, and as he came tumbling toward them attacked him with redoubled energy. The fox would in all probability have been vanquished had not sight of Mr. Stone put all the combatants to flight. Evidently from the many tufts of fur found on the ground, the fox suffered considerably.

Cincinnati Gazette: Will people never learn that a "cold" is an accident to be dreaded, and that when it occurs treatment should be promptly applied? There is no knowing where the trouble will end; and while complete recovery is the rule, the exceptions are terribly frequent, and thousands upon thousands of fatal illnesses occur every year ushered in by a little injudicious exposure and seemingly trifling symptoms. Beyond this, there are today countless invalids who can trace their complaints to "colds," which at the time of occurrence gave no concern and were therefore neglected. When troubled with a cold use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is prompt and effectual. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Osburn.

What's in a Name. The sign, "Walla Walla Savings Bank" still swings to the breeze from the outside of a second story of the Stencil building, says the Walla Walla Statesman. The words signify nothing but an empty name, suggestive of the aching void found in the bank's vaults when the ill-starred institution closed, and of the vacant cell at the pen which Edmiston should occupy. The sign should remain where it hangs as a warning to credulous depositors in mushroom banks, and to the people in general of the uncertainty of justice under our laws and of "man's inhumanity to man."

An Unlucky Coin. If 13 is an unlucky number, the American quarter of a dollar must be a very unlucky thing to have about one's person, for it contains 13 stars, 13 letters in the scroll held in the eagle's beak, 13 marginal feathers in each wing, 13 tail feathers, 13 parallel lines in the shield, 13 horizontal bars, 13 arrow heads, and 13 letters in the words "quarter dollar." Notwithstanding all this it would not be safe to offer to give 13 of these silver pieces to anybody who believes in the 13 superstition.

Do not wear impermeable and tightfitting hats that constrict the blood-vessels of the scalp. Use Hall's Hair Renewer occasionally, and you will not be bald.

SPAIN WANTS WAR

Prefers Fight to Recognizing a Commission.

ERUPTION IN BARCELONA

A Hundred Inches of Skin Grafted on a Child.

Barcelona, March 28.—A renewed manifestations of the emotional spirits of the citizens of this town was made today, though no hostile demonstration was attempted against the United States consulate. As is usual on Sunday there was a promenade of light hearted holiday makers and a concert by the municipal band for the enjoyment of the promenaders. A remarkable scene occurred during the afternoon which seemed to be occasioned by a spontaneous movement of the crowd.

Cries were raised for the playing of the national march by the band, and the regular program of the concert had to be fixed to satisfy the crowd. The crowd then proceeded in a body to the French consulate, where a deputation entered to express sentiments of friendship and esteem for France. The people here are confident in their belief that France is pledged to assist Spain in a possible conflict with the United States. Five thousand persons outside were cheering for Spain, Weyler and Cuba.

The American consulate and the chief thoroughfares of the city were guarded by gendarmes as a precautionary measure, but there was no attempt at violent disorder.

DIFFICULT SURGERY.

A Hundred Inches of Skin Grafted on a Burned Child.

Amy Seaman, the little nine-year-old daughter of Jake Seaman, who resides at Dixie, says the Walla Walla Union, is now on a safe road to health after eight long months of illness. Last July the child was playing with some matches, when her clothing became ignited, and the entire surface of the side from the shoulder to the top of the hips were severely burned and in some portions the flesh came off down to the ribs. About ten days ago she was brought to this city and placed in charge of Dr. Nelms at the Sister's hospital.

The operation of skin grafting was advised and last Friday the doctor performed a successful and most difficult operation. A surface of over a hundred square inches of decayed flesh was scraped down to the healthy tissue, and completely covered with the skin taken from three other members of the family. Yesterday morning the doctor removed the dressing for the first time since the operation, and to his great satisfaction, and the parents' happiness, found the entire surface covered with a healthy, growing integument.

Little Amy is indeed a very happy child, for she now has assurance of a useful life, whereas, before she could hope for a crippled life only, if she lived at all.

THE SLUGGER IS COMING.

John L. Sullivan, the Ex-Champion Now On His Way to This State. An exchange speaking of John L. Sullivan's prospective visit to Oregon says it will recall to those who have lived here for the last dozen years a previous visit of the great exponent of the pugilistic art. It was during Sullivan's famous tour through the country offering \$1000 to the man who could stand up before him for four rounds.

To make \$1000 in 15 minutes was the chance that a young French fisherman at Astoria, named Sylvester LeGouriff, had been looking for all his life. He announced that he was going to stand up before the great Sullivan and win the \$1000. Sylvester became so confident a few days before the arrival of John L. that he called on the chief of police and asked what would be done with him in case he killed Sullivan, as he was sure he would kill him if he once struck him. This belief was not altogether confined to the man himself, so he was advised not to strike Sullivan too hard, but just knock him down every time he got up.

The eventful night arrived and Sullivan had been warned that Sylvester would kill him, and be protected by the authorities, as the death of Sullivan would give the city undying fame. Sylvester, full of confidence, started in to end

the matter in short order and made a lunge at Sullivan, which, if it had reached its mark, the coroner would have had to have been called in. Sullivan took a side step and let him go by. Then Sullivan made one of his feints with his left, drawing Sylvester's head to one side, and like a flash swung his right on the point of Sylvester's jaw. Sylvester went down like a log, but only dazed, not knocked out. He refused to get up and try it again, saying, "I break ze plank—he break ze stone wall." Even offers of money would not induce him to try again, and he is the first pugilist on record that made no excuse for his defeat. He returned to fishing again, but always brooded over the loss of the \$1000 until he became crazy on the subject of money and was sent to the insane asylum at Salem, where he now is. He has escaped three times through his great strength, but each time he was recaptured easily as he was always in search of that \$1000.

THE OUTPUT DOUBLED.

One Million Dollars of Gold From Baker County Last Year.

At the request of the director of the mint of San Francisco, J. T. Donnelly, cashier of the First National bank, of Baker City, has collected all the information obtainable regarding Baker county's gold output for 1895. His inquiry shows that \$870,654 is the amount. This is a gain of over 100 per cent on the government's report for 1894 and the sum named only includes the gold shipped through the express company, the postoffice and the returns made from the Tacoma and Everett smelters to the Eureka and Excelsior, the Baisley-Elkhorn, the Rock Creek, the Columbia and the Robbins Elkhorn mines.

A large number of Baker county mine-owners find it convenient to forward their bullion or placer gold to Boise City and a large proportion of the Chinese take the proceeds of their season's work, all placer mining, direct to San Francisco. Owing to these facts, Helena, Mont., Boise City, Idaho, and San Francisco, Cal., are credited up with a large share of the gold production which properly belongs to the state. Taking all the conditions into consideration, the most conservative estimate made would give Baker county \$1,000,000 for 1895.

New properties are being opened up and operated in all sections of this county, carloads of machinery are shipped in and Eastern capital is being freely invested. Under the circumstances, it is not too extravagant to assume that the end of 1896 will show a net increase of at least 100 per cent for the gold output of Baker county.

FREE.

The Northern Pacific Farmer, Published at Portland Oregon, now in its twenty-first year, is the best and in fact the only truly weekly agricultural paper published in the Northwest. It is edited by Frank Lee, the granger editor, assisted by scores of correspondents, and contains from 16 to 32 pages weekly, of agricultural, horticultural, stock, poultry, Western market reports, childrens, household, and other items of interest that no one who has any interest in the farm or the Northwest can afford to be without. At \$1 cash in advance per year for this large weekly makes it the best and cheapest paper in the United States. To all new subscribers who will pay one years subscription to THE PRESS in advance, and all old subscribers who will pay their back subscription and one years subscription in advance to THE PRESS will receive this great Northwest journal free for one year. No one can afford to be without it.

All last winter Mr. Geo. A. Mills, of Lebanon, Conn., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. At times it was so severe that he could not stand up straight, but was drawn over on one side. "I tried different remedies without receiving relief," he says, "until about six months ago I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. After using it for three days my rheumatism was gone and has not returned since." For sale by Osburn.

"Success is reward of merit" not of assumption. Popular appreciation is what tells in the long run. For fifty years, people have been using Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and to-day it is the blood-purifier most in favor with the public. Ayer's Sarsaparilla cures.

Last season Ike L. Hall, druggist of West Lebanon, Indiana, sold four gross of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and says every bottle of it gave perfect satisfaction. For sale by Osburn.

MAY BE SUCCESSFUL

Innoculation of Squirrels for Their Extermination

A UNIFORM IS CHOSEN

How the Followers of Booth Will Be Dressed.

The time has already come that drastic measures will have to be adopted to successfully and effectively exterminate the ground squirrel pest. It is a pest that, despite constant efforts with poisons, is growing, and that to an alarming extent. This is due partly to the farmers themselves. No matter how thoroughly a thrifty farmer rids his farm of the squirrels there is, perhaps, one or two shiftless or careless neighbors who pay little or no attention to the poisoning of the nuisances, and the squirrels quickly multiply on his place and, being no respecter of persons, cross the line to the better feeding grounds of the thrifty granger. Every inducement has been made to help the farmers save their crops, but owing to the careless and indifferent, the expenditure of time and money has been almost fruitless and other means will have to be adopted or else give over the lands to the squirrels.

For over a year Professor A. B. Kibbe, bacteriologist of the state board of health of Seattle, has been experimenting with inoculation of the pests and with what success is not known, but he will be in this city some time during April, when the results of his labor will be made public. His chief difficulty, it is learned, has been to produce the desired effect by mere contact. This difficulty will have to be overcome to attain success, as the squirrels infesting this region rarely ever eat their dead like the Russian squirrel. It is only in extremely dry seasons they resort to the cannibalistic habit.

Should Professor Kibbe's efforts prove successful, distributing stations will be established in different portions of the regions infested and inoculated squirrels distributed throughout the surrounding farms. Professor Kibbe has experimented with a number of squirrels from here, sent him by Drs. Bingham & Keylor, who take a deep interest in the experiments. Professor Kibbe's visit to this city is looked forward to with interest. —Walla Walla Statesman.

A UNIFORM CHOSEN.

How the Followers of Ballington Booth Will Be Dressed.

The uniform to be worn by God's American V. C. units has been decided upon by Commander and Mrs. Ballington Booth. The dresses of the women will be made of seal-brown cashmere. The skirt will be made perfectly plain, of such length that it will just clear the ground. The waist of the uniform will be a tight-fitting Norfolk jacket with three box plaits down the front and three down the back. The headgear of the women will be a poke bonnet. As compared with the Salvation Army they are shorter behind and do not cover the ears. The style for spring and summer will be brown straw, trimmed with brown satin ribbons. The men's uniform will be exactly like that of the United States army. The trousers will be light blue and the blouse dark blue. The blouses of the officers will have standing collars. The collars of privates' blouses will be like the collars of ordinary coats. Upon the collars will be embroidered the letters G. A. V. A slouch hat for the officers and a fatigue cap for the soldiers have been talked of, but not decided upon.

The Asylum Warrant.

Still another decision was rendered by Judge Hewitt yesterday. This was in the injunction suit instituted by District Attorney James McCain, of the second district, against State Treasurer Phil Metschan to restrain him from paying the twenty-five-thousand-

dollar warrant drawn upon him for the purpose of paying for the site of the branch asylum which was located in Union county during the latter part of 1894. The court makes the injunction perpetual and the defendant will, no doubt, take an appeal to the supreme court.

A Very Close Call.

Yesterday afternoon people on Lower Alta street were somewhat horrified at the sight of a runaway team and a boy dragging between the front wheels of the wagon. When within a block of Main street, however, the boy managed to get the horses under control and coolly climbed to the top of his load from which he had fallen. He was dragged on the ground for about three blocks but sustained no injuries whatever.—Tribune.

Lambing Well Under Way.

Joseph Vey, a leading sheepman of Butter creek, says that lambing is well under way and that he is getting about 200 lambs per day. He has at present 40 men employed who are kept busy. The season will soon be over, when he will start his hands to the mountains.

A CHANCE FOR HIS LIFE.

Mrs. Anna Shaw Says the New Woman Will Be Easy on the New Man.

Mrs. Anna Shaw lectured to a large audience in San Francisco Monday night on "The New Woman and the Coming New Men." She said in part:

"Everybody knows all about the new woman. She has been held up to the public gaze until everybody knows how she will dress, walk, talk, and we hope she will settle down and give us peace, for she is here to stay. One of the greatest concerns of the old men is that the new woman will appropriate his clothes. He need not have the slightest fear. The new woman wants to look just as pretty as possible, and not a soul on earth could look pretty in men's clothes. And there is one thing in which the old and the new woman will be just alike—she will not want to go alone. The new woman is only the old woman with a few improvements. And according to the word of the old man, she required some, especially if she happened to be a mother-in-law. But there must be a new son-in-law, and she is looking for him."

After expressing a few good-natured probabilities as to what the new man would do, whether he would part his hair in the middle like his mother, or at the side like father, and after expressing the firm belief that he would not be a "sissy," which was much worse than a "manly woman," she said: "The new woman has a right to say what sort of a man she wishes to have walk side by side with her. The new woman will be generous to the new man, she will give him a fair show for his life. Above all things he must have a good physique." She closed with a glowing tribute to the new men, who she knew would be physically, mentally and morally a noble creature. She said the new man would not would not have to talk "tootsy tootsy" to reach the intellectual plane of the new woman.

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