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A PLAGUE OF FEAR

Vague Terrors Bar Lots of Folks From Living on the Land.

DREAD SNAKES AND INSECTS.

They See Dangers and Perils in Country Life That Do Not Exist, and So Prefer Crowded Cities—The Truth About Animal Bites and Poisons.

Fears of injury and even death from snake bite, terror occasioned by dangers imaginary and unseen, keep many nervous people from living on the land, and these senseless fears play a larger part than most people imagine in keeping people huddled in apartment houses, crowded into towns and cities. And the cost of living soars and soars.

Snake and insect poisoning terrorizes millions of well meaning men and women, when, as a matter of fact, danger from falling while running the lawn mower is much more real. Fear seems to become an obsession, and the word "deadly" creeps into conversation at every verse end. The rattlesnake is "deadly." The copperhead and moccasin are "deadly." So is the wholly mythical puff adder. In hardly less degree is the tarantula "deadly," while varying lethal capacities are ascribed to the centipede, the scorpion, the kissing bug and sundry other forms of insect life. Pseudo science to the contrary notwithstanding, there is no living thing within the boundaries of the United States of America whose bite or sting is sure death or (with one possible exception) even probable death.

There are five varieties of venomous serpents in the country, three of them Crotalids and two belonging to the elaps family. The elaps are rare. The crotalids (rattlesnake, moccasin and copperhead) are common and of the widest geographical distribution. Yet, on the basis of actual evidence, the amazing fact stands out that only about eighty persons, so far as is ascertainable, have ever died from snake bites in the United States.

Be it remembered that death following snake bite is not necessarily the same thing as death from snake bite. Error in treatment plays no small part in vitiating the statistics. For "error" read "whisky." Whoever is primarily responsible for the hourly superstition that liquor in huge doses is useful in snake poisoning has many a life to answer for. A whole bottle of raw whisky forced down the throat of a man unaccustomed to alcohol is pretty likely to kill him and is absolutely certain to cause grave poisoning.

Fully as much terror attaches, in the country districts, to the puff adder or sand viper as to the rattlesnake or copperhead. This is a suggestive bit of superstition, since there's no such thing as an adder or viper on the western hemisphere and never has been one, unless it came carefully pickled in a jar. What passes for the supposedly deadly reptile is the common hog nosed or bull snake. It is about as dangerous as an infuriated rabbit. But it puts up one of the best "bluffs" known to natural history.

Diseased imagination could invent no creature more horrible of appearance than the tarantula. Its bristling and hostile aspect, the swift ferocity of its rush, its great size and its enthusiastic preference for combat against flight are sufficient to account for the fear and respect in which it is generally

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Hell. But, though several species of the huge spider are native in the United States and others frequently drop out of banana bunches from South and Central America, to the discomfiture of the unsuspecting grower, no authentic instance of death from tarantula poison in this country is obtainable.

In some sections of the country the spider hysteria prevails. People shiver every time they see a spider. Yet in all the United States there is known but one poisonous spider, Stripedly known, the one dangerous spider on the American continent is small, obscure and practically unknown. Latrodectus mactans is its scientific name. It is about the size of a large pea, black with a red spot on the back—a useful danger signal—and spins a small web in outhouses or around woodpiles. But few specimens have ever been identified in this country.

The only insect which really kills is the mosquito, yet less fear is expressed about its activities than about any other poison carrying insect or snake. Compared with the mosquito as a real menace, all the combined brood of snakes, scorpions, centipedes, tarantulas and other pet bogaboos of our childish romanticism are utterly negligible—are as figments to reality, as shadow to substance.

A clear understanding of these popular fears and superstitions would aid greatly in giving assurance of safety to the man or woman who would till the soil, who would work in the open fields, who would live in the country.—Los Angeles Times.

A Lost Friend.
 "I'm up against it. I like Brown very much, but I see no way now to avoid losing his friendship."
 "What's the matter?"
 "He has asked me to lend him money. If I refuse he'll hate me; if I lend it to him I shall hate him."—Detroit Free Press.

All He Could Stand.
 Wife—Tom, I want \$20 for plum money. Hub—Great Scott! Here it is, but I'm darned glad you don't want to buy spikes.—Boston Transcript.

Friends become foes and foes are reconciled.—Latin.

Tonight the last of the Liberty films will be shown. Don't fail to see the finish.

Friends of the News who have occasion to publish legal advertisements in settlement of estates or other probate matters or in cases in the district court will do this paper a favor by directing their attorney or the county official having such matters in charge to have such publication made in The Eagle Valley News.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-- ISOLATED TRACT.

(Publisher)

PUBLIC LAND SALE.
 Department of the Interior.
 U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, Oct. 30th, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the application of William L. Kirby, of Durkee, Oregon, Serial No. 018241, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$2.00 per acre, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 21st day of December, 1917, next, at this office, the following tract of land: SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 5, Tp. 11 S., R. 45 E., W. M.

This tract is offered into the market on a showing that the greater portion thereof is mountainous or too rough for cultivation.

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

C. S. DUNN, Register.
 Nolan Skiff, Receiver.
 First publication Nov. 8, 1917.
 Last publication Dec. 6, 1917.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

(Publisher)

Department of the Interior.
 U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, Sept. 28th, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that Bernice A. Stages, whose post office address is Richland, Oregon, did, on the 27th day of December, 1916, file in this office Sworn Statement and Application, No. 016897, to purchase the NE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 31, NW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 32, and SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 27, Township 9 South, Range 44 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisement, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised, at \$30.00, the timber estimated at 210,000 board feet at 75c and \$1.00 per M, and the land \$150.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 31st day of January, 1918, before Woodson L. Patterson, United States Commissioner, at his office, at Baker, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

C. S. DUNN, Register.

NOTICE OF CONTEST.

(For Publication.)

Serial No. 011940
 015782
 Contest No. 1107
 Department of the Interior.
 UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE.
 LaGrande, Oregon, November 8, 1917.
 Joseph M. Meek of Richland, Oregon, Contestee.

You are hereby notified that William H. Mulkey, who gives Richland, Oregon, as his post office address, did on November 5, 1917, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead entry, Serial No. 011940, made May 23, 1916, for lot 2, 3, 4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 1, and Additional Homestead Serial No. 015782 made Feb. 20, 1917, for S 1/2 NW 1/4, N 1/2 SW 1/4, Section 1, Township 11 south, Range 45 east, Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said Joseph M. Meek abandoned said land and said homestead on July 4, 1916, and since said date has never lived or resided thereon and since said date has never performed any cultivation on any part of said land; that his abandonment of said homestead and his failure to reside thereon as above alleged were not caused by any service in the army or navy of the United States or in the state militia or by any military or naval service whatever.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken as confessed, and your said entry will be cancelled without further right to be heard, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically responding to these allegations of contest, together with due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail.

You should state in your answer the name of the post office to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.
 C. S. DUNN, Register.
 NOLAN SKIFF, Receiver.
 Date of first publication Nov. 15, 1917.
 " " second " Nov. 22, 1917.
 " " third " Nov. 29, 1917.
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 William E. Bean,

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

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Department of the Interior.
 U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, Sept. 28th, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that Ira D. Stages, whose post office address is Richland, Oregon, did, on the 27th day of December, 1916, file in this office Sworn Statement and Application, No. 016898, to purchase the S 1/2 NW 1/4 and S 1/2 NE 1/4, Section 17, Township 10 South, Range 44 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisement, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised, at \$400.00, the timber estimated at 520,000 board feet at 50c per M, and the land \$200.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 31st day of January, 1918, before Woodson L. Patterson, United States Commissioner, at his office, at Baker, Oregon.

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C. S. DUNN, Register.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Department of the Interior.
 United States Land Office.
 October 18th, 1917.

Serial No. 017036
 Contest No. 1110

NOTICE is hereby given that the Commissioner of the General Land Office, by his letter of Oct. 10th, 1917, has allowed the application of Marquess C. Lewis, of Keating, Oregon, for a hearing to determine the mineral or nonmineral character of the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 and W 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 10, Tp. 10 S., R. 44 E., W. M.

The records of this office show that said land was adjudicated mineral in character by Commissioner's Letter "N" of November 21st, 1894, as the result of a hearing held on application by the State of Oregon therefor, to determine the character of said school section, and that the State has selected and had approved and certified to it indemnity selections based on its losses in said section. In his application for a hearing, it is alleged by the said Albert E. Rutter, and two witnesses, that the lands above described are nonmineral in character.

Any and all persons, therefore, who claim any right, title, or interest in said lands, or any part thereof, or who may be claiming the same for mineral purposes, by location, occupation, or otherwise, or who may desire to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal of applicant, are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching the character of the land above described, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Dec. 11th, 1917, before W. L. Patterson, Notary Public, at his office at Baker, Oregon, and the final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock, A. M., on January 11th, 1918, before the Register and Receiver, at the United States Land Office at La Grande, Oregon.

C. S. DUNN, Register.
 NOLAN SKIFF, Receiver.
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C. E. THORP, Richland, Ore.