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EDITORIALS

THE LEASE LAW FOR SUMMER HOMES.

According to the terms of the agricultural appropriation Act recently passed by Congress, it is now possible for responsible persons to lease, for periods not exceeding thirty years, five-acre tracts within the national forests for the construction of summer homes, hotels, stores, or other recreation or public conveniences. This announcement was made to day by the District Forester at Portland, Oregon.

Heretofore, camping sites hotel sites and the like could be rented, at a nominal fee, under special use permit. While this permit was given for an indefinite period, it was revocable by any government officer at any time. Under the terms of the new law, however, such sites may be leased for a term of years and not even the President of the United States can cancel a lease except for violation of its provisions. It is, of course, optional with the applicant whether he obtains his camping site under special use permit or under lease. It is obvious that a man desiring to secure a location in the Forest for a summer hotel would feel that his investment was better protected by a lease.

It should be understood that this lease law is not a homestead law in any sense, and the title to the land remains with the government. At the expiration of the lease, unless renewed, the land will revert to the government. The secretary has no authority under this law to issue patents.

Many people have already availed themselves of the camping site privilege and as a result there are many summer homes within the National Forests of the Northwest. There are still many scattered lots and some surveyed tracts which offer splendid opportunities for recreation grounds in the Forests of Washington and Oregon, notably in such localities Klamath Lake, Oregon, Lake Chelan, Lake Keechelus, Lake Quenilt, and Crescent Lake, Washington.

It is expected that the Secretary of agriculture will approve, in the near future, regulations which will effectively carry out the provisions of this law.

DR. STRAUB COMES TO EASTERN OREGON

Three weeks among the high schools of eastern Oregon will be spent by Dr. John Straub, dean of the college of liberal arts at the University of Oregon and a member of the faculty for 38 years; he left last night. Schools to be visited are those of Vale, Ontario, Baker, Haines, Union, Cove, La Grande, Elgin, Walloa, Lostine, Enterprise, Joseph, Pendleton, Milton, Athena, Heppner, Lexington, Condon, Moro, The Dalles, and Hood River. Dr. Straub makes this trip annually.

There are over two million acres of timber land now under federal control in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, and in the Appalachians.

Did you stop to think that to recall district attorney, Starr, would cost the County a nice little sum? If you did don't kick about high taxes.

We cannot chide the boys for shooting on our streets while our "City dads" follow the same practice.

To put on clean clothes and go to church on Sunday is about the extent of some people's religion.

A new magazine to be devoted exclusively to taxation, good roads, crop marketing, rural credits and other live topics, is being launched by C. C. Chapman, who has just retired from the secretaryship of the Oregon Development League. The new publication is to be called The Oregon Voter and the first number will go to press late in April.

Wide spread interest is being manifested in The Dalles-Celilo Canal celebration beginning at Lewiston, Idaho, May 3rd. Nearly all the towns and cities along the Columbia and Snake Rivers will take part. The program at the various points of celebration will be distinctive and will set forth the local elements relative to the open river.

The road that is being constructed thru the Gorge, intersecting the Spray - Monument at the Junction, and the Mitchell Canyon City road below Dayville will soon be completed according to the Blue Mountain Eagle. There are about one hundred yards of road yet to build, consisting of rock work. This is the most difficult part of the road to build, as it requires considerable blasting. About a mile of the road was built by a crew of thirty men but the present crew consists of about twenty men. This road will be of much service to the people of the Big Basin country as they now have to go by way of Monument to get to the county seat. Grant County appropriated four thousand dollars for the construction of this road and the citizens subscribed eleven hundred.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Florence L. Parrish, wife of G.W. Parrish who, for many years, lived near Richmond, but now resides at Auburn, Washington. She leaves a husband and ten children to mourn her death; also a host of friends in this part of Wheeler County.

Fixing Up an Election. A curious incident occurred at Patton on an election for parliament. Sir Mark Wood, who had been one of its members for several years, had as his colleague in the parliament of 1812 Sir William Congreve, the inventor of the famous "Congreve rocket." The latter resigned in 1816, and the baronet wished his own son to fill the vacancy. There were only three voters in the constituency—Sir Mark, his son and his butler, named Jennings—but as the son was away and the butler had quarreled with his master an opportunity was afforded for a singular revenge. Jennings refused to second Sir Mark's nomination of his son and proposed himself, and a deadlock was averted only by Sir Mark coming to terms with the refractory butler, whose nomination he seconded in order to induce him to act as a seconder to his son. Matters being thus put formally in train, Sir Mark arranged with Jennings that the former's vote should be alone given, and the final state of the poll at Patton's only known contest stood thus: Wood (Tory), 1; Jennings (Whig), 0.—Westminster Gazette.

Snow Ice Cream. Snow ice cream—what a joy it used to be to the child heart! Mother used to make it when she had been importuned to "let us have one more cupful, mom." The youth of today, perhaps, does not need that joy, with everything so handy for buying "store" ice cream. But never can such makeshift take away the memory of the earlier dish. It was so easy to make too. Nature kindly furnished the foundation, and all that was necessary was to add sugar and milk. When a new fall of snow came the children watched anxiously until it became deep enough to scoop up cupfuls of the crystals. Then it was carried to mother and milk poured in and more snow added, and then more milk poured in and more snow added, until there was a full cupful. Sugar was added until the taste was just right and the mixture was placed out of doors until it had become a half frozen mass, and there was the ice cream!—Indianapolis News.

Nicked Arteries. A "nick" in an artery is sometimes more dangerous than its complete severing, for the coats of arteries are formed of muscular tissue, which contracts, and a slight cut at once expands into a round or oval hole, through which the hemorrhage continues unless the artery be tied. When an artery is completely severed the cut ends tend to turn in and close the tube. In the case of a small artery this closing sometimes needs no assistance. In the case of a larger artery the surgeon ties it at once and thus closes it for good. The New York Medical Journal reports two cases at Lincoln hospital in which hemorrhages broke out over and over again for several weeks in arteries that had only just been nicked and that were finally healed by being tied just as if they had been severed.

A Question of Numbers. Herbert Spencer did not agree with the scientists who favored the metric system. He said it is artificial and unsatisfactory, ten being divisible by only two numbers—two and five—and in one case the result is fifths, which are practically useless in the everyday life of the people. The decimal system is similarly objectionable, he contended, because it has an imperfect fourth and a more imperfect third, both of which are desirable in ordinary transactions. He regarded twelve as one of the most favorable numbers, as it is easily divisible into groups of units for popular use.

Tracing It Back. "Inquirer" says: "I am making a collection of the best examples of modern slang. What does 'double cross' mean?" Glad to oblige you. The slang you mention is modern, but the source is classical. Caesar crossed the Rubicon. Then he recrossed it. This is called "double crossing the Rubic." Shortly afterward the fighting began.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

His Proposal. "Can you wash clothes?" asked the timid young lover. "What's that?" asked the surprised maiden. "Can you wash dishes?" "Say, I thought this was a proposal of marriage? What do you run, anyway—a laundry or a restaurant?"—Yonkers Statesman.

Easier Employment. "I understand," said the letter carrier, "that some of these ancients did all their writing on rocks and bricks." "Yes," replied the professor. "Well, these times have their disadvantages. But I'd rather be a letter carrier now than then."—Washington Star.

It Hit Him. "Yes," observed the egg, "my theatrical venture was a great success. I was cast for the heavy villain and made a tremendous hit."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Retort Pathetically. "I want to marry your daughter. I love her," said the suitor. "What makes you think I don't?" replied her dad.—Philadelphia Ledger.

No Trifles. Gertie—I wish to show you that I don't stand on trifles.—Helen (glancing at her feet)—No, dear; I see you don't.—London Telegraph.

If Caesar Had a Phone. Julius Caesar missed a great deal in not using it if he knew it. One can see the telephone engineer attached to the Roman postoffice endeavoring, but without avail, to get an instrument installed at the capitol and at the palace. "I am intrusted by the emperor to say that he does not desire these barbarian novelties, and so Thomas Alva Edison need not call again with his magician's apparatus." A signal blunder! We can imagine what would have happened. "Hello, 1287 Tiber! Is it thou, Artemidorus? I understand thou rangst me up this morning. What! Details of a plot? Go not to the senate today? Beware of Brutus! Go not near Casca? Right, and I thank thee, Artemidorus. I will have an extra guard put on instantly and the conspirators arrested." And so, although Artemidorus was unable to give his warning in the street, he gave it over the telephone, and Caesar's valuable life and with it the fortune of Rome was saved.—From "If They Had Thought of It" in Strand Magazine.

Funeral Souvenirs. Weird funeral souvenirs of Dutch origin were called "doed-koekjes," or "dead cakes." With a small bottle of wine and a pair of gloves two of these were sent by way of invitation to relatives and friends whom one wanted to attend the funeral. The original recipe for these cakes, which is said to be authentic, called for fourteen pounds of flour, six pounds of sugar, five pounds of butter, one quart of water, two teaspoonfuls of pearl ash, two teaspoonfuls of salt and one ounce of caraway seed. These were baked in four inch squares, then frosted and marked with the initials of the "departed friend." Sometimes they were eaten at the funeral dinner, but usually they were taken away, like wedding cakes, as souvenirs. Many bakers made a specialty of "funeral cookery," one baker in Philadelphia advertising the specialty as recently as 1748.—New York Tribune.

Real Joy of Farm Owning. I am not a gentleman farmer, with a great estate over which I ride once in a while and leave all the real work to my underlings. I cannot think there would be great fun in this. No; I like to take hold with my Portuguese man and plant and spray and trim and prune. To be sure, he does more than his share of the rough work, and much of the year I must be cultivating other kinds of fields than those that grow cabbages and turnips, but the fun of farming comes from being a real farmer while you are one, getting close to the soil, becoming intimate with every living thing, whether it be a plant or animal; loving your tomato vines and raspberry bushes, taking a real pride in your eggplants and your brussels sprouts, whether you get a prize for them at the county fair or not.—Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark in Country Side Magazine and Suburban Life.

A Recipe For Ghosts. It is generally understood that "seeing ghosts" is the result of indigestion. The following notes may be useful to amateurs anxious to investigate psychological phenomena: Lobster salad eaten after midnight, one ordinary ghost with chains. Two Welsh rabbits and a mince pie one mysterious gray lady emitting groans. Cold roast pork, mixed pickles and strong tea taken immediately before retiring, a genuine family specter carrying his head under his arm. A portion of cake, result of daughter's first lesson at cookery school, a troop of fearsome blood stained hobgoblins with blue lights shining out of empty eye sockets.—New York Journal.

Cleaning a Watch Chain. Gold or silver watch chains can be cleaned with a very excellent result, no matter whether they be matt or polished, by laying them for a few seconds in pure aqua ammonia. They should then be rinsed in alcohol and finally shaken in clean sawdust, free from sand. Imitation gold and plated chains should be cleaned in benzine, then rinsed in alcohol and afterward shaken in dry sawdust.—St. Louis Republic.

No Late Hours There. Guest—What possessed you to move away off here to the extreme edge of the city? Host—The trolley cars stop running at 10 p. m. "What of that?" "Well till you see my pretty daughter."—New York Weekly.

Their Division. "I see where a criminal lawyer has taken his daughter into partnership with him. How do they divide the cases?" "He takes the fellow-ines, and she the mis-demeanors."—Baltimore American.

Satirical. Willie Willis—What's a "satirical touch," pa? Papa Willis—It's the fellow who borrows money of you and then kides you about it whenever you meet.—Puck.

An Exception. Bix—No man ever succeeded in business who kept watching the clock. Dix—Oh, I don't know. There's the train dispatcher.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Skeptical. Not one man in a thousand who rolls down to the bottom of the hill can make the world believe he did it for exercise.—Atlanta Constitution.

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