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EDITORIALS

It appears from present indications that, notwithstanding the efforts of the Administration to remain at peace and good will toward warring nations of Europe, we will have to sacrifice our right to protect the lives of our citizens on the high seas or fight to maintain it. We admire the efforts of President Wilson to avoid mixing up in the conflict, but it seems impossible to keep out much longer. Again this submarine warfare, conducted without thought or care for humanity or international law, victimized American citizens. We have patiently borne these inhuman acts, only asking the Imperial Government to disavow them and punish the commanding officers, and guarantee the safety of American lives on the high seas. We have been promised this protection by Germany but the torpedoing of vessels of commerce without warning goes on. We believe the time is not far distant when we will have to fight to maintain our rights and the protection of the lives of Americans.

The failure of Gov. Withycombe and Treas. Kay to recognize State Engineer, Lewis as the legally authorized engineer of the State Highway Commission, has caused considerable comment and criticism by the press. It seems they ignored the opinion of Attorney General, Brown, in the matter, and now the State Supreme Court, in a formal decision has confirmed the opinion of Attorney Brown, and declared Lewis the legally authorized engineer of the Commission.

NO OCCASION TO FANCY.

Commenting on the fact that the Federal Reserve Bank has been in operation for a year the New Orleans "Picayune" exclaims: "Fancy what might have happened without this new system in the first week of the war!"

Fortunately we do not have to fancy. We know exactly what happened then "without the new system," for the new system then had none but a skeleton existence. But there then stood on the statute books a most excellent Republican enactment, known as the Aldrich-Vreeland law and providing for an issue of a well-fortified emergency currency. A Democratic administration made use of the republican law, and issued the necessary currency—which saved the situation "in the first week of the war."

The annual report of the Democratic Secretary of the Treasury will bear evidence to this, and we commend the facts to the "Picayune" and to other Democrats who are inclined to run riot in exultation.

Notice For Publication.
 Department of the Interior,
 U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Ore.
 Dec. 28, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Lena Kaser whose post-office address is Antelope, Oregon, did on the 13th day of April, 1914, file in this office sworn statement and application No. 012876 to purchase the E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 8, Township 11 South, Range 19 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 8, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised at \$410 the timber estimated 340,000 board feet at \$1 per M. and the land \$70.00, hat said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 9th day of March, 1916 before H. C. Rooper, U. S. Commissioner at Antelope, 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.

H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register
 1-9-3-9

NOTICE OF CONTEST.

Department of the Interior
 United States Land Office, The Dalles,
 Oregon, Dec. 8, 1915.

To John H. Mohs of Fossil, Oregon, Contestee: You are hereby notified that Edward E. Mathews who gives Winlock, Oregon, as his post-office address, did on Nov. 2, 1915, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead Entry Serial No. 08783, made April 24, 1911, for SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 10, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 15, Township 8 S., Range 23 E., Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said John H. Mohs has never established residence and the six months period for establishing residence has long since passed.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken as confessed, and your said entry will be canceled 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.

H. Frank Woodcock, Register.
 Date of first publication Dec. 23d 1915.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior,
 U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Ore.
 Dec. 4, 1915

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the commissioner of the General Land office, under provisions of Sec. 3455, R. S., pursuant to the application of Jane E. Donnelly, Serial No. 014450, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$1.25 per acre, at 10:15 o'clock A. M. on the 8th day of February, next, at this office, the following tract of land: W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 32, Township 9, South Range 23, East Willamette Meridian (80 Acres).

"This tract is ordered 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 this highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.

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

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On Dec. 17 President Jackson informed congress of the bequest, and on July 1, 1836, the gift was accepted and the president empowered to appoint an agent to collect the money. Richard Rush of Pennsylvania was intrusted with this duty, and in November he brought the necessarily formal suit in the English court of chancery, where the claim remained for two years. Upon the final interpretation of the will Rush returned to America, bringing the fund with him in English gold, \$508,318. It was nearly eight years before congress decided on a plan of carrying out the will of the testator.

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No Persian painting imposes itself thus on the imagination. Everything remains within the frame, inlaid as in a lustrous mosaic. The Persian method has, it is true, its own compensation. Just as in the early pictures of Rossetti and Millais, everything is realized with a dreamlike vision, and this is always a real achievement for the painter. The freshness and glory thus brought to the eye, as of a world washed clean, with every object magically distinct and burning with clear color, make a vivid impression of strangeness. Strangeness, remoteness from the routine of every day—that is the essence of romance, and no art in the world is more steeped in romance than the painting of Persia.—Laurence Binyon in Atlantic.

Foretold.

One day Jones was rambling along the boulevard when he was hailed by his friend Smith. "While talking Jones noticed that Smith continually rubbed the palm of his hand."

"What in the world is the matter with your hand?" he finally demanded. "You have been rubbing and scratching it ever since we stopped here."

"The palm itches like blazes," answered Smith. "They say that it is a sure sign that you are about to get some money."

"Um!" thoughtfully returned Jones as a great light suddenly dawned upon him. "Here is where you get wise to the fact that there is nothing in signs. I haven't a dollar to spare."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Horse Sense.

In "Tod Sloane," by himself, the once famous jockey says that a horse exceeds even a dog in intelligence and that if a thoroughbred were small enough to run about a house like a dog and have the same chances instead of being so much alone surprising results would follow. "Cussedness" in horses, he thinks, may be caused by too much inbreeding, bringing about an extraordinary temperament. The best jockey, says Sloane, is the boy with a nervous temperament. "He is quick and alert to take in a situation and becomes a human ferret, finding out things for himself."

Notice for Publication.
 Department of the Interior,
 U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon
 December 28, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Frank Mitchell of Monument, Oregon, who on Dec. 4th 1909 made Homestead Entry No. 05513 for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 8, Township 9 South, Range 26 East Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of his intention to make Final Five Year proof, to establish claim to the land above described before David E. Baxter, U. S. Commissioner at Spray, Oregon, on the 15th day of February, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses:
 Emmet Cochran and Joe M. Simas of Monument, Oregon, Hamp McGinnis and Earl Cannon of Spray, Oregon.
 H. Frank Woodcock, Register
 1-6-2-10

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