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EDITORIALS

Some of the New England states have reached the climax in the matter of enacting freak laws. It is getting to be almost a misdemeanor to possess an American flag in Massachusetts, and Boston, with memories of Paul Rivers and Bunker Hill and Lexington and Concord, is the chief exponent of a most absurd law. It is ruled that the use of the American flag as any part of the illustrated front cover of a magazine is a debasement of the flag for purposes of an advertisement. Even a glass paper weight, devoid of a single word, cannot be sold or given away, if it contains the flag.

William R. Hearst has written an open letter denouncing what he calls the "free-trade policy" of the Democratic party, a policy which, he declares, has "continually plunged the country into the depths of financial depression during democratic administration" and which has "invariably resulted in a deficiency of revenues which have to be met by extraordinary taxation or bond issue."

Mr. Hearst describes "our so-called war-taxes" as a matter of fact to be "not war taxes at all. They are free trade taxes."

Mr. Hearst's language is exact and penetrating. But it will fail to reach the center of Democratic intelligence. The "free-trade policy" of the Democratic party, "disastrous failure" though it is, as Mr. Hearst says, is dear to the heart of the doctrinaire who now rule Democracy; and it will not be abandoned. If Mr. Hearst really wishes to witness a change in the economic policies of the government, he will join in the effort to place the government in the hands of Republicans. The Republican party is the proper field for Mr. Hearst's activities if he really means business. Come on in Mr. Hearst! The water's fine!

Chickens come home to roost and so do unpaid political debts. Some of these have been due some time and will be delinquent next November.—Condon Times.

Notice For Publication.
 Department of the Interior,
 U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Ore.
 Dec. 28, 1915
 Notice is hereby given that Leu 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 E½ SE¼ Section 8, Township 11 South, Range 19 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 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, that 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 FOR PUBLICATION
 Department of the Interior,
 U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Ore.
 January 13, 1916.
 Notice is hereby given that Roy B. Shoun of Spray, Oregon, who on February 18th 1911 made Homestead Entry No. 08150 and on March 12th 1914 made additional Homestead Entry No. 012954 for NE¼ SW¼ section 19, NW¼, N¼ SW¼, SE¼ SW¼ Section 20, Township 8 South Range 25 East Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before David E. Baxter, U. S. Commissioner at Spray, Oregon, on the 28th day of Feb. 1916. Claimant names as witnesses; Fred A. Hale, Frank Robison, Ira F. Reed, Daniel A. Hawes all of Spray, Oregon. Frank H. Woodcock, Register.

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 R. Donnelly, Serial No. 014450, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but 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: W½ SE¼ 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 or before the time designated for sale.
 L. A. Booth, Receiver.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
 Department of the Interior
 United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, January 14th 1916.
 Notice is hereby given that Eula Wills, whose post-office address is Richmond, Oregon, did on the 5th day of April 1915 file in this office Sworn Statement and Application No. 014696 to purchase the N¼ NE¼, SE¼ NE¼, NE¼ SE¼ Section 17, Township 9 South, Range 22 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 appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised \$400.00, the timber estimated 195 000 \$195.00 board feet at \$1.00 per M, 600 posts 5 cts at \$30, and the land \$175.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 25th day of March 1916, before Scott Sasser, County Clerk, at Fossil, 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.
 1-20-3-23

SMITHSON'S FORTUNE.
 The Gift Which Founded a Great Scientific Institution.
 The Smithsonian Institution at Washington was created by act of congress in 1846 to carry out the conditions of the will of James Smithson, an English chemist and mineralogist, who bequeathed his fortune to the United States of America to found at Washington under the name of the Smithsonian Institution an establishment for "the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men."
 The will became operative at the death of its maker, which occurred at Genoa in 1829, and the income of the estate went to Smithson's nephew, Henry James Hungerford, until the death of the latter on June 5, 1835. The bequest of the property to the United States thereupon became operative, and in September, 1835, the state department received notification thereof.
 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 entrusted 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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PERSIAN PAINTINGS.
 Oriental Art That Embodies the Essence of Romance.
 No dramatic, no passionate motive ever so grips and possesses a Persian artist as to absorb his whole imagination. His sensuous love of beauty cannot resist filling in the accessories of the scene with just as much care and intention in every detail as he devotes to the central figures.
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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 Rosssetti 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.

Forestalled.
 One day Jones was rambling along the boulevard when he was halted 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!" though fully 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 NW¼ 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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