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EDITORIALS

HORSES ON OREGON FARMS.

Coryvallis, Ore. Jan. 18.—Governor Withycombe considers that permanent injury is likely to result from a movement to supplant the farm horse with tractors on Oregon farms. He so expressed himself on the occasion of his recent visit to the College, and gave the following reasons for his belief: Tractors used continuously in farming operations over a period of years, will change the condition of the soil.

The cheapest power on small farms and for short hauls is good draft teams. Farmers need horses and receive real benefit from them and from their association and fellowship.

"In the development of a horse that better meets the need of the farmer," said he "we must secure an active type that has the draft power of the present type combined with action and soundness. This type is also popular for city draft purposes, and during my visit to San Francisco I made investigation to ascertain something of the number of draft horses used in that city. In one stable I found 400 head. It seems to me that the draft horses and American saddle horses have the brightest future of any of the breeds. Keep your eyes on good horses in the future."

"The speech of Senator Newlands, Democrat, of Nevada, in the United States Senate a few days ago, in which he virtually predicted disaster to his party in the elections of November next, simply illustrates what are the views of many members of Congress of his own party and which they in private conversation freely express," said a prominent Republican Representative in the lobby of the House. "Senator Newlands was right when he states that Democracy has only one well worn asset left and that in the oft used expression: 'The President has kept us out of war'. Even this Democratic slogan has ceased to be music to the people. The idea in itself is

too absurd, for the dilly dallying and hesitating policy of the present administration has only tended to widen the breach and to destroy confidence in American diplomacy. We have really been much nearer war by this constant backing and filling by the Wilson administration, than we would have been had we adopted a definite, firm, positive and patriotic American policy. With a financial policy that has curtailed and crippled industry, it is little wonder our political opponents are getting somewhat nervous as election approaches."

PESTS OF THE TROPICS.

Insects Whose Bite is Like the Touch of Redhot Iron.
The pestiferous insects that infest the region tributary to the headwaters of the Amazon make life miserable for any one who may venture into the region. Commander H. A. Edwards of the Bolivia-Brazil boundary commission declares that there is no escaping them and that you are always scratching or slapping your body, except when you are under your mosquito net—and even then if you are not asleep.

In camp ants are a continual nuisance. They eat your clothes, gnaw the softer parts of your boots and ravage the food. Many kinds bite savagely. One kind, which the natives call *Atashi*, lives in palm-trees or banyan-trees that they hollow out themselves. Their bite is like the touch of a redhot iron, and if any one inadvertently leans against a palm-tree the little red demons swarm out upon him instantly, and so bite him that for an hour afterward his life is almost unbearable.

Most dreaded of all are the *tucandera*—black ants with bodies one and a half inches long that live in the forks of trees, but that often invade your tent. They bite very hard and probably inject some sort of poison into their victims, for the part bitten swells and pains excruciatingly. The *sauba* or leaf carrying ants, black ants that make broad, straight roads of their own and move about in armies with scouts and flanking parties; gray ants that live in mounds of red earth six feet high, yellow ants that dwell in rotten wood—all make the traveler unwelcome, either by damaging his belongings or by inflicting pain on his person.

Mosquitoes, the bite of which is not only painful and irritating, but imparts malaria and yellow fever; various phlebotomous flies that inject the germs of what is called three day fever; wasps of all kinds; bees of all sizes; hornets as large as the smaller humming birds; the *matouca* and the *tabana*, a sort of mangrove fly with a taste for bloodsucking—each and every one of them does its share toward making the life of the explorer in those regions almost unbearable. There are flies that lay their eggs in your flesh or in your clothes.

Where there is any sort of grass you cannot guard against the attack of the mite, a microscopic tick whose sojourn on your body causes a most tantalizing itch that you can alleviate only by sponging your body night and morning with alcohol. And in many places the plan, a small black fly that looks like a speck of dust, drives you half crazy by its bite. Although those regions are a paradise for the entomologist, the ordinary traveler will hardly regard them in that light—Youth's Companion.

Both Are Good.

We are asked, "What is the best conundrum and answer you ever heard?"
That which was answered by a minister who was asked by a vain woman which hand he regarded as the most beautiful. And he replied, "Ask the poor, and they will tell you that most beautiful hand is the hand that gives."

Next to it is the reply of a banker who was asked, "Why is a promissory note like a rosebud?" He answered, "Because it matures on falling dew."
—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Not Settled Yet.

"Is the head of the house at home?" asked the agent as the master of the family answered the doorbell. Making no effort to answer the question, the mister person said, "I don't know what line of goods you are introducing or whether they would fit in our establishment or not, that phase of the matter being neither here nor there, but let me tell you something—if you can establish once for all just who is to be recognized as the head of this house I'll buy a gross of whatever you've got and pay the catalogue price."
—Pittsburgh Press.

Quickness of Mind.

Quickness is among the least of the mind's properties and belongs to her in almost her lowest state. Nay, it doth not abandon her when she is driven from her home, when she is wandering and insane. The mad often retain it, the liar has it, the cheat has it, education does not give it, and reflection takes away from it.—Laudor.

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 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 \$7000 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
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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 NW¼ sec. 19, T. 19 N., R. 14 W., 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 26th day of Feb. 1916. Claimant names as witnesses: Fred A. Hale, Frank Robinson, W. H. Reed, Daniel A. Hawes, all of Spray, Oregon, Frank H. Woodcock, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

isolated tract.
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 K. 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. 014694 to purchase the NE¼ 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.

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