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EDITORIALS

THE PRESIDENT'S MISTAKE.

An excuse of good taste has never been charged to the President—and, if it were, the charge could be disproved by a reference to some of the significant dates in the chronology of his career Therefore, it is by no means surprising that he should have chosen to fire what his friends are pleased to call "the first gun" in his campaign for re-election at a time when he was journeying to North Carolina to help celebrate an anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration

The occasion was purely historic. It was in commemoration of one of the first organized attempts on the part of the Colonies to throw off the British yoke. As an historian, President Wilson should have fitted into the programme with exactness. As chief magistrate of the Nation which has resulted from that and other patriotic acts, he was fittingly welcome. Yet he chose that time to make a speech in which he attacked the Republican party and its leaders, whom he characterized as men who are looking backward and not forward.

The President herein made an error not only of taste but of fact. The Republican party and its leaders, the Progressive party and its leaders and a great number of one-time Democrats are now joined together in looking forward to a single event in the near future. This event will bring great joy to all these men, to the whole people. It will mean a deliverance from humiliation and irritation, and to the world it will proclaim that the United States is once more a Nation such as the farmers of the Mecklenburg Decleration wished to be, such as it was for a long time, and such as it will be again when its executive is a man who will emulate the Mecklenburg patriots and back up his declaration with deeds. The event to which we refer is the election of a Republican President.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Wheeler County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at Fossil as follows: Commencing Wednesday, June 28, 1916, at 9:00 o'clock a. m and continuing until Saturday, July 1, 1916, at 4:00 p. m.

Wednesday Forenoon.

Writing (Penmanship), Music, U. S. History, Drawing.

Wednesday Afternoon

Reading, Physiology, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday Forenoon

Arithmetic, History of Education Psychology, Methods in Geography MECHANICAL DRAWING, DOMESTIC ART, COURSE OF STUDY FOR DOMESTIC ART.

Thursday Afternoon

Grammar, Geography, STENOGRAPHY, American Literature, Physics, TYPEWRITING, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate, *Education—Science of.*

Friday Forenoon

Theory and Practice, Orthography, Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry, *Education—History of.* PHYSICAL CULTURE.

Friday Afternoon

School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government, *Education—Childhood and Adolescence.*

Saturday Forenoon

Geometry, Botany, *Education—School Administration.*

Saturdry Afternoon

General History, Bookkeeping, *Education—Methods.*

H. J. SIMMONS
County School Superintendent

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, May 20th 1916.

Notice is hereby given that George E. Gilbert, of Winlock, Oregon, who on Sept. 19th 1912, made Homestead Entry No. 010737 and on June 4th 1914, made additional Homestead Entry No. 013358, for SE¼, Section 24, E½NE¼, SW¼NE¼, SE¼ NW¼, Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 23 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 8th day of July, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses:

Burr Frutchey, Wesley Rowley, Archie Boyce and James S. Hunt all of Winlock, Oregon.

H. Frank Woodcock, Register.

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NOTICE OF CONTEST

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Ore.
June 2, 1916.

To Francis Eleanor Kyle of Spray Oregon, Contestee:

You are hereby notified that Eli G. Phillips who gives Spray, Oregon as his post-office address, did on April 20, 1916, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead Entry No. —, Serial No. 011516 made April 5, 1913, for NE¼ SW¼, NW¼SE¼, Section 28, Township 9, South, Range 25, East, Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said entrywoman has not established residence upon said land.

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.

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By W. BOB HOLLAND.

"A bill to protect the public against dishonest advertising and false pretenses in advertising."

This is the comprehensive title of a measure introduced in the present congress by Representative Dan V. Stephens of Nebraska. A similar bill has been introduced in the senate by Senator Ashurst of Arizona. No one can find fault with legislation that will achieve the objects stated in the titles of the Stephens-Ashurst bill. The public certainly needs protection "against dishonest advertising and false pretenses in merchandising."

The bill now under consideration is the successor of the Stevens bill, a measure introduced in the last congress by Representative Stevens of New Hampshire. It was widely discussed and died in committee after several public hearings, at which its merits and demerits were considered. The Stephens bill embodies the changes that seemed advisable after these hearings and discussions, and it is believed that in its present form it safeguards the producer, the merchant and the consumer.

For many years the right of a producer to contract with merchants for the resale of his products at standard, uniform prices was generally recognized and its legality was not questioned. Then the supreme court of the United States held that such a contract was "in restraint of trade" and "against public policy." The court divided on the question, 5 to 4, and the majority found no specific law forbidding the practice that had long been common, but held that congress had intended the Sherman law to prohibit such business methods.

Agency System Is Legal.

This court made law upset long established custom, but it does not prevent the end sought from being reached by other means. Producers who wish to have no discrimination shown to favored individuals can insure uniform prices for their goods by establishing branch establishments or by appointing agents. This is the method followed by manufacturers of automobiles. Bakers who sell their products within a restricted area can also regulate their prices by making grocers their agents and thereby retaining title to their bread and rolls until they reach the consumer.

Producers of other articles, goods sold in small quantities and which must depend on established merchants for their distribution, are denied the right that men in other lines have. The Stephens-Ashurst bill is designed to restore to these producers a protection they had before it was taken away from them by the supreme court.

Cut rate department stores, so called "chain" drug and grocery stores in the large cities, and mail order houses use cut prices on standard, well known articles to draw trade away from small stores and small towns. The loss they may suffer on these standard articles is more than made up by the high profits on anonymous goods or goods put up under their own brands. In this way the producer is injured because the reputation of his product is ruined; the retail merchant is damaged because he cannot afford to advertise widely a special bargain "bait" to attract customers to whom other goods may be sold at a profit; the consumer is damaged because producers are not encouraged to maintain quality and because inferior articles are substituted.

Ample Protection Afforded.

The Stephens-Ashurst bill is not compulsory. To take advantage of its provisions the producer must register his trademark or special brand with the bureau of corporations in Washington and must pay a fee of $10. He must not have a monopoly of articles belonging to the same general class of merchandise, and he must not agree with any competitor to control prices.

The producer must also file a schedule giving the prices at which his listed article is sold to wholesalers, to retailers and to the consumer. This schedule of prices becomes a public document. The prices scheduled must be uniform to buyers under similar circumstances. This permits reduction in prices for quantity purchases and allowances to equalize freight rates.

A merchant who decides to quit business, who wishes to discontinue any line of listed goods or who becomes bankrupt must first offer such listed articles to the manufacturers for redemption at the full price paid. Should the manufacturers neglect or refuse to redeem the goods then the dealer can sell them at any price he desires or can get. Damaged goods must also be offered for exchange or redemption, and if later offered for sale at reduced prices the reason for the reduction must be made known to purchasers. There is also a clause permitting seasonable sales.

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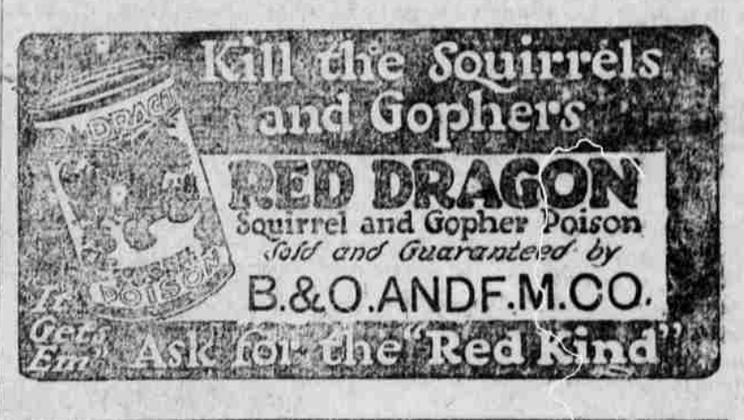

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