

POSTPONING PROCEEDINGS.

"I came to tell you this morning that you might as well stop them proceedings in chancery for a bill of divorce," said a soft-eyed thing about twenty-seven years old, as she came into a Laramie lawyer's office.

"Decided to live together as man and wife again, hey?"

"No, not that—not that! You see, Obadiah strolled away to Leadville two years ago, and kind of give me and the kids the grand shake. Since then I've been rustling in my gentle, unobtrusive manner to make a stake. I've wrote to him occasionally whenever I had leisure, and kind of rounded him up for not clipping in with his assessment, but he never represented. That kind of irritated me, and I asked you last week to get me a divorce. If I paid all the assessments myself I thought 'twould be no more than square to get all the dividends. But this morning I got news from Leadville that has changed my notion a little about the divorce.

"Sent you some money, did he?"

"No, not that. He didn't even write to me; but I got a paper with a big blue mark around a piece in it, which conveys the intelligence that Obadiah was hung there on the 10th by request! It seems that he got to jumping lots and stealing horses between meals, and people got down on him. Then he salted a claim over on Backskin, and sold it for \$40,000 to a tenderfoot from away down East. He made several flowery breaks like that, and the popular feeling seemed more or less turned against him. Several weeks ago Obadiah stole a pair of mules from a man who belonged to Kokoma, and next night went back to get a neck-yoke and monkey-wrench that belonged to the same man, and happened to run into a posse of vigilantes looking for a job. They took Obadiah over to a tall, limber tree, and let him stand on a bronco pony, and under the lowest limb, while they tied a clothesline around his windpipe. Obadiah told them that he was not much of a bare-back rider, and he didn't know whether he could do the trick or not. They slid the clothesline over the limb, and hit the bronco a lick with a quirt. The bronco was a high-life plug, and had been raised in luxury, so he got mad when they hit him, and lit out some. That left Obadiah in a good deal of suspense. He wiggled around a little and gotten-barrassed, and didn't seem to know what to do with his hands for a while. Then he became more calm and composed in his manner, and the crowd made a present of him to the coroner. I wrote to the authorities to send me his check-book and a statement of Obadiah's bank account, and whatever you're out on this divorce hogwar will be all right; understand, I'd rather let the vigilantes fix up my law business than to die of old age waiting for chancery anyhow. That's the kind of a grief-stricken relief I am!"

A duke captured last November by brigands in the neighborhood of Trapani, Sicily, was released after 73 days' captivity on payment of a ransom of \$5,000. His family never expected to see him again, as he was advanced in years, very obese and afflicted with a nervous malady. The treatment which he received from the brigands, though by no means pleasant, has effectually cured him. The Duke relates that on the night when he was taken he was put in a horseback and made to ride until next morning, when the brigands stopped at a warehouse. There he remained the first day, and wrote, at his captors' dictation, a letter to his family asking them to send the above-named ransom. In the evening the journey was resumed, and as the rain was falling in torrents, the Duke was clad in some tarpaulin and a sack was placed over his head to protect him. The second night the party reached an abandoned shed, where the Duke was left, with a guard outside the door. The third night the journey was continued and ended at the place destined beforehand for the Duke's concealment. He had to enter this retreat on hands and knees, through a narrow opening, into a cave, and then through a second hole into a subterranean grotto. Here he remained for 30 days without any light, lying on a bundle of straw, which was never changed. His food consisted of bread and cheese and water. The brigands left him alone only returning to bring food. By the light of a lamp, which was lowered from above, they forced him to write other pressing letters to his family and dictated what he should say. His family, to obtain his release, used their utmost influence to prevent the military authorities from pursuing the brigands until the ransom had been safely paid and received.

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Land Office at The Dalles, Or., Dec. 28, '83. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before G. W. Bishop, Notary at Heppner, Or., on Feb. 8, 1884, viz:

W. W. Dickerson, Pre-emption No. 278, for the SW 1/4, Sec. 11, Tp 18, R 25 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Henry Frisco, McAlister, H. Perkins, M. Perkins, all of Pettysville, Umatilla Co., Or.

E. L. SMITH, Register.

NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at The Dalles, Or., Jan. 4, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before A. Mallory, Notary at Heppner, Or., on Feb. 23, 1884, viz:

Oscar H. Borden, Pre-emption No. 241, for the SE 1/4, Sec. 30, Tp 1 N, R 25 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Chas. Wallace, Elshu Winslow, T. Armstrong, R. Henderson, all of Heppner, Umatilla Co., Or.

E. L. SMITH, Register.

NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at La Grande, Or., Dec. 31, '83. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before A. Mallory, Notary Public at Heppner, Or., on Feb. 15, 1884, viz:

John Geherrity, D. S. No. 423, for the NE 1/4, Sec. 13, and S 1/2, NE 1/4, Sec. 21, Tp 7 S, R 21 E, SW 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec. 24, Tp 8 S, R 21 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Samuel Hall, H. J. Mill, Edgeway Penn, James L. Morris, Heppner, Or.

H. W. DWIGHT, Register.

NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at The Dalles, Or., Jan. 10, '84. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before A. Mallory, Notary at Heppner, Or., on Feb. 23, 1884, viz:

Ed. B. Smith, Pre-emption No. 258, for the NW 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 3 N, NE 1/4, Sec. 4, Tp 7 S, R 21 E, SW 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec. 24, Tp 8 S, R 21 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Sam'l Lamberson, Mallory Hall, Chas. Ames, R. T. Ben, all of Fossil, Wasco Co., Or.

E. L. SMITH, Register.

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Land Office at The Dalles, Or., Jan. 8, '84. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before W. Bishop, Notary at Heppner, Or., on Feb. 23, 1884, viz:

E. R. Strohman, Pre-emption No. 267, for the E 1/2, SW 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 29, Tp 1 N, R 25 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: John Langley, T. S. Johnston, F. Greene, J. S. Beard, Heppner, Umatilla Co., Or.

E. L. SMITH, Register.

NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at The Dalles, Or., Jan. 21, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Philip L. Bishop, Notary at Heppner, Or., on March 5, 1884, viz:

W. R. Newman, Pre-emption No. 1822, for the NE 1/4, Sec. 25, Tp 8, R 24 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Geo. Male, Ed. Chaff, Pettysville, M. S. Montz, all of Heppner, J. C. Cannon, of Ella, Umatilla county, Or.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at La Grande, Or., Jan. 22, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before E. W. Farrow, Notary Public at Pendleton, Or., on March 10, 1884, viz:

Evra H. Vinson, D. S. No. 224, for the SW 1/4, SE 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 11, NW 1/4, NE 1/4, and NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec. 22, Tp 7 S, R 31 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: W. B. Bolip, James Huston, Walter Boynton, A. A. Boynton, all of Alba, Or.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION. Land Office at La Grande Oregon, Jan. 23, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before E. W. Farrow, Notary Public at Pendleton, Or., on March 10, 1884, viz: Charles Vinson, D. S. No. 225, for the N 1/2, Sec. 22, and W 1/2, NW 1/4, Sec. 23, Tp 8 S, R 31 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: W. B. Bolip, James Huston, Walter Boynton, A. A. Boynton, all of Alba, Or.