

THE GAZETTE.

HEPPNER, THURSDAY, MAR. 6, 1884.

LAND NOTES.

In congress the sour dough of the land grant business is still working, and it looks as though the batch of biscuits might soon be ready to fire into the oven. The house committee has reported in favor of forfeiting the whole unearned Northern Pacific grant from Bismark west, but it is doubted if this bill ever can get through the senate. However, present appearances look very favorable for the grant from Wallula to Portland to be given back to settlers, and on this proposition it is a healthy sign to see the Portland Oregonian standing up for people's rights and justice. In all forfeiture bills introduced, the rights of settlers are amply protected. At a land meeting at Dayton, W. T., where the company has been charging settlers big prices for land, Paul Schulze, the railroad representative, had a circular pulled on him wherein the company some years ago told the settlers they could have the land at \$2.00 an acre, and was reminded of resolutions passed by the company to that effect. Schulze said the circular was "simply an advertisement," and resolutions could be easily annulled. Well, that is a slick little hole for a corporation to crawl out of while it is squealing for mercy and justice in the people's halls of congress. "Simply an advertisement" eh! Let the American people now make this monopoly and its hirelings stick to the bait they have thrown out to settlers as simply a lying advertisement. Public indignation has already seized them into deciding to sell lands near Dayton at \$2.00 an acre cash, or \$4 on time where settlement was made prior to July, 1880. In the senate the timber-culture act has been denounced as a failure, and a bill for its repeal has been laid over under the table for the present.

WORLDLY WEATHERCOCKS.

Along before the high water in '62 a Paris newspaper said: "That murderous monster, Louis Napoleon, has left his exile and dared to again set foot upon the coast of France." Two days later, when Napoleon had arrived in Paris, the same paper said: "That true friend of France, His Gracious Majesty, Louis Napoleon, has arrived in Paris, and is warmly welcomed by a grateful people."

The Pendleton East Oregonian of recent date said: "Over at Heppner there is talk of starting another 'paper.' But it can never be a 'newspaper.' It may be a little sheet supported for a few months by political patronage, but such a concern has no more right to the name of a newspaper than one of Aye's almanacs. It will tell either truth or falsehood, advocate right or wrong, publish or suppress important news,—just as best suits its clique's interest." A week later the same East Oregonian said: "Umatilla county contains a respectable Republican newspaper,—the Times, published at Heppner. There is no doubt that the Republicans at Pendleton will patronize it to a considerable extent. The East Oregonian welcomes the Times and cheerfully exchanges."

Alas! for the rarity of journalistic consistency at our neighboring towns of Paris and Pendleton.

SWINDLED SETTLERS.

It is a well-known fact that the Heppner ring of local land-sharks worked a swindling game on settlers last spring on that railroad land filing racket. One of the swindled settlers was recently told at Bishop's land office that he could get back the \$3 he paid to the Dalles land office, but—of course—could get back what he paid to Bishop. But the Dalles office says he will have to apply to Washington if he ever gets his money back, besides paying \$1 to have the railroad filing canceled. Settlers! you who paid for filings on railroad lands, you have been swindled. Why don't you pool your issues and prosecute the sharpers who took your money? If the government or its representatives took your hard-earned coin for filings which are no good, that government or its representatives ought to be made to disgorge. And if there is any law or justice in this country, you ought to at least get your money back. Settlers, are you running your own country, or are you letting a lot of swindling land sharks run it for you? Get up and cinch the swindlers who have cinched you.

England has presented the steamer Alert to the United States and she will be sent to the Arctic with some more men who want to do the freeze-to-death act.

SCHOOL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the tax-paying voters of Heppner school district took place last Monday at the schoolhouse, although but about 20 voters were present. The term of J. B. Sperry having expired, he was again elected as one of the directors, to serve three years. Julius Keithley was elected clerk, and an 8-mill tax was voted for the ensuing year.

The sense and sentiment of the tax-payers present seemed to be that the practice of paying out \$20 per month for sweeping the schoolhouse, was unwise and extravagant, and it was voted that hereafter that expense be dispensed with, and that janitor work be done by the teachers.

On hearing of this action, the three teachers decided not to do the janitor work, and concluded to quit. Not wishing to have the school broken up, the directors and some of the citizens offered to pay the next three months' janitor bill of \$60 out of their own pockets, but this offer failed to set the teachers to work again. They considered that the voters at the meeting had done them an injustice, and they did not want anything done apparently in their interest by subscription or at the expense of friends. So the school is stopped, though it is to be hoped only temporarily, as we understand the directors have sent to Pendleton for teachers.

This question has several sides. One is, that when the voters of the district elect directors, the entire charge of the school ought to be in the directors' hands, and if they saw fit to hire somebody to wash the windows, sweep out and make fires, they ought to have the privilege of exercising their judgment in the matter. In a small country schoolhouse the janitor work amounts to nothing. But Heppner has outgrown that, and when it comes to sweeping out and firing up three large rooms like those in the Heppner schoolhouse, the average American citizen is opposed to doing the work for nothing. And to a man up a sagebrush, it doesn't look exactly right to require a person hired as a teacher to do a large amount of janitor work, for the laborer is worthy of his hire. This is the view taken by the GAZETTE. But it is a sad fact that the GAZETTE has never paid a dollar's tax to run the school. Many of Heppner's citizens, particularly the merchants, have paid hundreds of dollars toward the school, and many of them think that the teachers or larger scholars ought to do the janitor work without spending the funds of the district for such work. Being all American citizens, we have a right to our different opinions, you bet! But the fact remains that Heppner has a big school building here, and a school ought to be run in it if we have to sell our jewelry to pay the sweeping bills.

COUNTY LINE.

Mr. J. W. Salisbury, the county commissioner who recently represented Umatilla in the commission to define the line between this county and Wasco, was in Heppner last Saturday, and pronounces the long rigmarole about him in Bishop's Hard Times to be simply the ravings of a little office-seeking shyster ignorant. Instead of Mr. Salisbury going to the Dairy Ridge country, to work against division, as Paine puts it, we are reliably informed that he has not been in that section for 14 years. The commission was appointed to merely define the old line according to the statute, not to make a new line, as school districts in Wasco county had been drawing money from Umatilla county. As to the typographical error in the matter of the 42d instead of the 45th parallel, common sense told everybody but the Hard Times that the record and the commissioner's report read the 45th. However, it is a great pity we can't take in the whole of Grant county and part of Nevada, for we need lots of country to furnish offices for the little corrupt Heppner ring.

A Walla Walla man contested another's timber culture entry because there was some brush and a few cottonwoods on the claim. The general land office has fired out the contest and justly refused to disturb the entry, and now perhaps the contestant will hunt a claim for himself after spending time and money in trying to steal another man's land.

Good and bad reports continue coming from the Coeur d'Alene mines. About the only way to find out the true business is for a man to go and see for himself.

Near Helix last Saturday, R. W. Leopold was killed by having a windfall fall on him while down in a 90-foot well.

NEWS NOTES.

Big battle in Trinitat last Friday between English soldiers and Arabs; latter licked.

A national convention of wool growers will be held at Chicago commencing May 7.

Near Echo, 40 acres of land were sold to J. H. Kooztz for \$1005, and 80 acres to Joel Halstead for \$1000.

A fiend at Pendleton tried to blow up a bakery by putting a powder-laden stick of wood into a pile.

The Examiner says that a load of apples were eagerly snatched up at six cents a pound in Centerville the other day.

At Missoula, Montana, the firm of Eddy, Hammond & Co. had not had a day's sales last month of less than \$1,500, ranging from that to as high as \$2,500.

Over on Camas Prairie last Thursday a boy named Gibbs received a terrible cut on the head by falling under his father's wheel while the latter was splitting rails.

The Columbia Chronicle says: The Mendocino Dispatch published at Ukiah, Cal., contains ten columns of delinquent taxes. Talk about hard times. We don't know what they are here.

The grand jury at Eureka, Cal., has indicted several prominent citizens for forming a blind pool to corral all the government timber land by getting other men to sell them their rights.

That was a sickening affair on the Northern Pacific last week. John Harrigan, a returned Coeur d'Alene miner, while riding on a brake-beam, fell off, and was dragged 1 1/2 miles, scattering his brains all along the track.

A rolling stock engine on the Pacific coast was thrown from the track near Blacklock last Wednesday. The passengers escaped injury, but the engineer and fireman were considerably hurt.

Points Well Taken.

In writing to the Portland Oregonian on the Northern Pacific Land Grant question, Mr. R. W. Crandall, of the Dalles says: Believing that there should be no difference in the business transactions of corporations and private individuals, I wish to ask why is a corporation entitled to receive full pay for services not rendered, when you would "look" a private individual and maniac him in damages to boot, under the same circumstances. To illustrate, let me ask a question of Donald Macleay, president of the board of trade: Suppose you charter a ship to come to Portland to load, with wheat at sixty shillings, to arrive on or before the 1st of November, or before that date. From stress of weather, shipwreck, sickness and other unavoidable circumstances, the ship fails to arrive till the 1st of March. In the meantime freights have fallen to 40 shillings, thereby saving you \$10,000. Would you, as a business man reason in this way: "Whereas, the good ship Dashing Wave has used great energy and shown much pluck in overcoming obstacles in its efforts to save her charter, and is even now diligently engaged in unloading her cargo, and the ship fails to arrive till the 1st of March, and whereas, the loss of her charter and work not only a great injury to her stockholders, but prove detrimental to the wheat growing interests of Oregon and Washington, therefore I believe the Dashing Wave is justly entitled to receive not only the amount she would have received, but also the difference between 40 shillings and 60 shillings."

Suppose, further, said ship should not come to Portland, at all, but stop at Astoria, lie there a few months, then sail away to Seattle, and then demand of you her full charter of 60 shillings. Would you make the foregoing whereas and resolves applicable to her and pay the charter, or would you say, "No, a contract is a contract; you have failed to comply on your part with the terms thereof, consequently you have no equity of demand."

The Oregonian is right, when it says "the people of Eastern Oregon on the line of road do not agree with the Portland board of trade." From my residence of 20 years here I can say I do not believe that one person in fifty could be found from Wallula to Portland who believes the N. P. R. R. has any equitable right to an acre of land on any portion of the road yet unbuild.

There is comprised within the limits of the company's grant, between Wallula and Portland, a section of country 30 miles long and 60 miles wide—12,000 square miles—of which was granted (conditionally) to the company 6,000 square miles, a total of 3,840,000 acres of land. There is withdrawn for the benefit of the company land lying under the auspices of this monster grant, upon which men hesitate to make a settlement, for fear that when in the far future the company obtain title, they would have to pay more than the land and improvements are worth on all their long years of toil and speculation.

Over this large scope of country, an empire of itself, the company has no title nor can they set one until they build their road from Wallula to Portland, a thing they do not now contemplate and of which there is no necessity, because of the occupancy of the same ground by the O. R. & N. Co.'s road, which is capable of doing all the business that will insure its long years.

Narrow Escape. At the Junction House, seven miles from Alkali, last Wednesday, a six-year-old daughter of J. C. Baird fell down a forty-foot well, into six feet of water. A dog with whom the child was playing ran barking into the house, and brought the women folks rushing to the aid of the girl. She was drawn up unharmed, but the women went into the house and forgot all about Nathan down the well, and he had to yell pretty loud to remind them that he wanted the rope lowered to get out.

OUTSIDE OPINIONS.

Col. Frank J. Parker, in the Walla Walla Statesman, very truly says: We have received the first copy of the new paper called the Times, prettily published at Heppner. It is a home-made interesting, with a patent hide printed by Palmer & Roy, at Portland, and bears ear marks of being one of the fly-away rackets gotten up on the eve of a political campaign in the name of the "dear people" for personal aggrandizement. We have heard of the publishers many a time and oft, but before their organ appeared, and we read it in their columns, we never before knew that the interests of the people were any more to them than they could squeeze from their purses. Over at Heppner it has been about 60 fathoms below zero, but it will have to go down forty more before Bishop's Hard Times gets Redington froze out.

The Dayton Chronicle says: The Heppner Times, the paper which is to run the Gazette out of the field, is on our table. It has a patent outside printed in Portland, and we fail to see where it will find room in which to answer Redington's stinging articles. We fail to see what advantage two papers will be to a small place like Heppner. Better one good paper well supported than two poster sheets obliged to eke out a miserable existence on a bread and water diet.

Rotten King.

There is in Heppner a little corrupt ring of petty politicians and land sharks. Under the cloak of religion, politics and law they have been robbing the people and swindling settlers for 10 these many years. They have taken advantage of the saying "in union there is strength," and by standing in together they have successfully carried to completion several schemes to plunder the people. Many an honest man has had his tail feathers plucked out by one of this ring and in endeavoring to avoid Rogue Rocks the second time, he would run against another ringster ready to pick out his pin-feathers. This thing has been going on so long that the ringsters have come to think that the Creator gave them a quit-claim deed to this country, and that the people are as so many scrub sheep to be shorn. It may be that the ring has forged the signature of God Almighty to a warranty deed to the Heppner Hills. But the Gazette will see if it can't pick a flaw in their title and have the whole thing set aside.

Stabbed.

A dance was given last Friday night at the residence of Squire Gibson, on Little River creek, 14 miles below Lena, in connection with which a rather unpleasant circumstance transpired. From reports brought over it seems that a young man named Louis Crow had made threats against another young man named A. L. Smith, on account of some former fuss between them. Approaching Smith outside of the house, Crow struck at him. Smith ordered him to stop away or he would cut him, and as Crow would not keep away, Smith went ahead with the cutting and jabbed a six-inch hole into Crow near the navel. The dance went on until 3 A. M., when it was brought to a close on account of annoying the wounded man's head. Latest advices say that Crow has good chances to recover. A warrant has been issued for Smith, and Constable Tom Morgan went out to interview him, but was unable to find him. [LATER.—Smith came in and gave himself up, and will have an examination Monday.]

Wool Agency.

Christy & Wise, the well-known wool house of San Francisco, have established an agency in the East for the sale of wool. This will be a great benefit to the patrons of this firm, as shippers will have the option of sending to San Francisco or by the Northern Pacific Railroad direct to Boston whenever the highest prices rule. Christy & Wise have written their agents at Alkali, Coffin, McFarland & Co., to make cash advances on this year's wool to anyone wishing it at the regular rate of interest, ten percent per annum. Address: Christy & Wise, McFarland & Co., Alkali, Ogn.

In New Quarters.

Our old friend, Uncle Joe Creedon, has moved into more roomy quarters, and now has his furniture store in the old Frank Mallock store, which is one of the best business stands in town. Uncle Joe has a well-selected stock now on hand, with lots more on the way from below, and you will find him at all times ready to make furniture or mattresses to order, or to do repairing.

New Subscribers.

The following-named gentlemen, who, we hope, are opposed to ring rule and believe in a little paper owning its own soul, have freely and voluntarily added their names to the GAZETTE subscription list, to offset two relatives who have stopped: Martin Anderson, Wan, Barton, G. W. Cornett, W. B. Daugherty, Buck Florence, Jeff. French, Ben French, Geo. Gray, Harrison Hale, Wm. Hosseson, Chas. E. Kirk, J. T. Kirk, Junction City; Uncle Billie Mitchell, W. B. Newman, Richardson & Patton, L. S. Stone, Jas. O. Williams, Coffin, McFarland & Co., Alkali; Yorky Bohann, Amos, Missilline, Willis Baker, Felix Johnson, Columbus Hamlet.

A Card.

The shysters who happen to have control of a hatful of type and a bucket of tar, with which they are running a mop-rag they call a paper, try to throw out the speaking inscription that because a new brewer has arrived, Heppner beer is getting better every day. The beer these shysters have been drinking was made by me two months ago. They know as much about beer as they do about law. So does a hog or cowardly dog dog.

Seed Rye.

We now have on hand and for sale a large quantity of first-class Seed Rye, which we will sell in lots to suit customers at three cents per pound.

J. L. MORROW & SOX.

To Merchants.

Merchants who buy their flour at the Heppner Mills can obtain it at a discount of five per cent. This discount applies only to the trade.

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HORSES FEEL ON SHORT NOTICE.

Democratic State Convention. The State Democratic convention, in which Umatilla county will have nine delegates, will meet at The Dalles on Thursday, April 17, to nominate candidates for the following offices: Judge of the Supreme Court, three Presidential Electors, Representative in the Lower House of Congress and District officers for the several judicial districts and to select six delegates to the National Democratic Convention.

Logger Wanted. We want a logger right away to take a contract to haul to our mill from 500,000 to 800,000 feet of logs which are already cut. Logger to furnish his own team and tools, and find himself.

Kirk & Houston, Successors to S. P. Garrigues. Timber Seed, Etc. I now have on hand and ready for sale Timber Culture Seed of several varieties, also Fruit Trees, Plants, Etc. C. E. FELL.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OR., Feb. 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 Geo. H. Rissner, Clerk of Court at Fossil, Or., on March 21, 1884, viz: Amos B. Slack, Pre-emption No. 3047, for the W 1/4 SW 1/4 and S 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 14, Tp 8 S, R 23 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Joseph F. Ezzell, Harry Hubble, John Maloney, John Moore, all of Wasco, Grant county, Or. E. L. SUGRUE Register.

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LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OR., Jan. 22, '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 County Judge at Heppner, Or., in this particular case, on March 3, 1884, viz: Hannah M. Yerkes, Homestead No. 1931, for the W 1/4 NW 1/4 and W 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 2, Tp 18 S, R 27 E, W. M. She names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Wm. Mallory, Wm. Warren, Chas. Wallace, J. C. Hall, all of Heppner, Umatilla county, Or. H. W. DWIGHT, Register.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that we, the undersigned, have been appointed administrators of the estate of George Gieseler, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same in writing to us, or to F. L. Paine, attorney at law, at his office in Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. ELIZABETH GIESER, JOHN W. GILMORE, Administrators. HEPPNER, Feb. 1, 1884.