

## WILSON RECOGNIZES RIGHTS OF SQUATTERS

More Liberal Order Providing for Treatment of Squatters Upon Un-surveyed Land in Forests.

Secretary Wilson has just issued an order providing for a more liberal treatment of bonafide squatters upon unsurveyed land which has been included within national forests since the time of actual occupancy of the land by the squatter. Under the homestead law it is impossible for any one to secure legal title to unsurveyed public land, but occupancy pending survey is recognized as giving a prior claim to the land after survey, under what is known as "squatters' rights." A squatter who had, in good faith, taken possession of a piece of national forest land before the national forests were created is not dispossessed of his claim by the forest service, and if he lives upon it and cultivates it until the land has been surveyed he is able to get his homestead just as though he had settled on any part of the unsurveyed public domain. But since the passage of the act of June 11, 1906, which permits the secretary of agriculture to list for settlement land which he finds chiefly valuable for agriculture, it has been possible for squatters to apply for the listing of their lands under this act, and thus to obtain title prior to the government survey. The object of the new order of the secretary is to provide for the listing of the full amount of land which the occupant would receive if he exercised his option of awaiting the government survey, irrespective of whether or not the entire area is cultivable, provided the claim is bona fide and the land is not more valuable for its timber than for agriculture.

The Order.  
Secretary Wilson's order is as follows:

"A person who has settled upon and continuously occupied unsurveyed lands within a national forest before its creation and is at the present time occupying such lands in good faith and is in all respects complying with the homestead law, has the right to include within the lines of his homestead 160 acres after the land is surveyed. Therefore, if the land is occupied for agricultural purposes and is not more valuable for its timber than for such purposes, and there are no circumstances which would, in the opinion of the district forester, tend to discredit the bona fides of the claimant, he should be allowed to make application for the patenting of such lands under the act of June 11, 1906, and the examination for listing should be made with a view of listing 160 acres of land where possible. The tracts as listed should conform so far as practicable to the form of the public land surveys. The listing of lands as above should not in any way govern the determination of the total area or amount of non-cultivable land listed for applicants under the act of June 11, 1906, who were not residing upon the land before the creation of the forest. "In cases where less than 160 acres of land has been listed to a person who settled upon the land prior to the creation of the forest, an additional area sufficient to complete the homestead entry may be allowed upon proper application."

### TOOK TIPS FROM THE WIRE AND GOT RICH QUICK

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 23.—The foundation of a fortune of \$350,000 was laid from stock reports sent by telegraph, according to the testimony of Alfred Wood Wehe, whose examination in bankruptcy proceedings is pending today before Referee Green.

Wehe said that he and his wife had been operators on a stock wire for several years and that they made discreet investments on tips they received. Wehe did not explain how he worked.

The bankruptcy proceedings are to determine whether Wehe, who is a real estate man, transferred property to wife and friends to place it beyond the reach of creditors.

### FINGER PRINTS PROVE UNDOING OF BURGLARS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 23.—The authorities are scouring San Francisco today for two well-known eastern yeagmen who blew open the Guerneville postoffice Saturday night and escaped with \$700 of the government's money.

The men left no clew except finger-marks on the door of the safe. Copies were taken of the finger-prints and sent to Frank H. De Pue of the state bureau of identification.

A short time later De Pue gave the officials the name of one of the

burglars, and he expects soon to learn the identity of the other by comparing the prints with his record book of finger prints. During the last few weeks De Pue has been successful in landing three gangs of safe-crackers by his finger-print methods.

### CASH PRIZE IS OFFERED.

Nesmith County Committee Makes Liberal Proposition to Readers of the Mail Tribune.

The Nesmith county committee, in charge of the matter of creating a new county from portions of Lane and Douglas, offers a prize of \$25 in cash to the person suggesting in an article not exceeding 300 words the most logical reasons "Why the Smaller Counties of Oregon Are More Beneficial to the State Than the Larger Ones." Contestants are not limited to any given locality, but in each county shall be a subscriber to at least one of the county newspapers, all articles on the subject to be delivered to the editor of one of these newspapers, who will forward them to a committee selected from outside of the proposed Nesmith county for decision as to the winner.

No person within the proposed new county shall enter the contest, which will close on June 30.

All articles on the subject must be in the hands of the secretary on the date and the award will be made on July 20. One side of the paper only on which the article is written should be used; the writing must be legible and the name of the author and postoffice address should be appended. Any person desiring to compete for this prize may receive literature pertaining to the subject by addressing Lew A. Cates, Secretary, Cottage Grove, Or.

### LARGE AVIATION MEET IS PLANNED FOR RHEIMS

RHEIMS, France, March 23.—According to those promoting the second aviation meet at Rheims, which is scheduled for July, the meeting will be on a larger scale than any which has been held thus far. Forty thousand dollars in prizes will be offered. In consequence it is expected that the foremost bird men of the world will participate in the exhibitions.

The meeting is to be held on Betheny field, the site on which the great meet of last year was staged.

The great feature this year will be the elimination trials for the international aviation trophy.

The meet will begin July 3 and conclude July 10.

### Probate Court.

Estate of Silas J. Day—Inventory and appraisal showing property to the value of \$352.92 filed and approved.

Estate of Annabel McKinnon, a minor—Caroline Louise McKinnon appointed guardian and order made for sale of real property.

Guardianship of Maude, Claude and Minnie Gaines—Order confirming sale of real property.

### CURED WITHOUT A KNIFE.

About eight years ago, after having consulted several physicians who failed to cure my wife, I called in Dr. Hing, Chinese Physician, 725 J street, Sacramento. After making an examination he pronounced it a case of abscess of the bowels, for which he successfully accomplished a cure without a knife. About a year ago he also treated her for heart trouble, with which he had the same success. Some time back he cured me of a case of kidney trouble. Anybody wanting any references can address me at 528 Oak avenue, or Antelope, Sacramento county.

### T. J. ATWOOD.

January 8th, 1910.

### SUMMER EXCURSIONS EAST.

The Southern Pacific company will sell excursion tickets to eastern points at reduced rates on the following dates: May 2d and 9th, June 2d and 17th and 24th, July 5th and 22d, August 3d and September 8th, going limit ten days, total limits 90 days. Rates to Missouri River points and return \$69.90; to Chicago and return, \$82.40. For further information call at local ticket office or address A. S. Rosenbaum, Local Agent Southern Pacific Co.

### Grand Opening.

To Whom It May Concern:

The former famous chef at the Nash Grill, Mr. Sam Lock, will open a first-class restaurant next Thursday morning, above Kennedy's saloon, No. 33 South Front street. Entrance at both sides. Only first-class meals will be served, and just the name of the proprietor is the best guarantee. This is the only place where will be served chop suey and China noodles next month. Come and see me and I and you are both sure you will come back. Remember, I am willing and I preach what I promise. Yours truly,  
SAM LOCK. 4

Haskins for Health.

## FIRE DOES MUCH DAMAGE TO FORESTS

Damage, However, Is Much Less Than It Was in 1908, Although 410 Fires More During the Year.

Fire played less havoc in the woodlands of the national forest states last year than it did in 1908, although the number of fires was 410 greater. The department of agriculture has just completed the statistics. The protective value of the work of the department is shown in that (1) almost 80 per cent of the fires were extinguished before as much as five acres had been damaged; (2) less than one and one-half acres to the square mile of national forest land was burned over; (3) and the amount of damage done to the burned-over area averaged but \$1.26 per acre.

For the twelvemonth ended December 31 last, there were 3138 fires on the forests, 1186 caused by locomotives, 431 by campers, 294 by lightning, 181 by brush burning, 97 by incendiaries, 38 by sawmills and donkey engines, 153 by miscellaneous and 758 by unknown agencies. The area burned over was, in round figures, 360,000 acres, of which about 82,000 were private lands in national forests, as against some 400,000 acres in 1908. Some 170,000,000 board feet of timber was consumed, of which 33,000,000 feet was privately owned, as against 230,000,000 in the previous year. The loss in value of timber destroyed was less than \$500,000, of which close to \$50,000 was privately owned. The loss of the year before was about \$450,000. Damage done to reproduction and forage shows a remarkable decrease, less than \$160,000 being the record for 1909 and over \$700,000 that for 1908.

The largest number of fires occurred in Idaho—991; but the great increase over 1908 in that state, namely, 573, is entirely attributable to fires in the Coeur d'Alene, which were extinguished without material damage. Locomotive sparks were accountable for 611 of the blazes in this forest last year. The explanation of the increase in the total for all forests is to be found in this Coeur d'Alene increase.

The report of the forester for 1909 said of the fire record of 1908: "That year was one of prolonged drought during the summer and fall and of disastrous forest fires throughout the country. The national forests suffered relatively little. About 232,191,000 board feet of timber, or 0.06 per cent of the stand, was destroyed. A total of 2728 fires was reported, of which 2089 were small fires confined as a rule to an area of five acres or less. The cost of fire fighting, exclusive of the salaries of forest officers, was \$73,283.33. This sum, added to the proportion of the total salaries of rangers and guards, properly chargeable to patrol and fire-fighting, was less than one-twentieth of 1 per cent of the value of the timber protected, estimated at an average stumpage value of \$2 per 1000."

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