

CLAIM JUMPER BUILDS; PLANTS CROP; LOSES LAND

Notice has just been received from the commissioner of the general land office that the Roseburg office, wherein the latter approved the filing of R. F. Leuman to lands in the Applegate valley, has been reversed. J. T. Layton, the founder of the Layton mining property on the Applegate river, purchased lot 1 of section 17, township 38, containing 30 acres, from the railroad company. This land, which lies in a narrow strip across the river, was used by the Layton mining interests as dumping ground for the tailings from the placer mine above. Leuman later discovered that there was a defect to the railroad company's title to the property, and that a valid patent had never been issued. He therefore made cash entry before the Roseburg land office, which entry was accepted. The Layton heirs appealed the case, and the general land office has canceled the Leuman entry, and gives the heirs of J. T. Layton 30 days' preference in making a new cash entry, which they will proceed to take advantage of. A portion of the tract in question is choice Applegate river bottom land, and Leuman had developed it, planting it to alfalfa and had built a house upon the property.

MERCHANTS ATTENTION.

In accordance with the vote of the Association all stores will close at noon on Medford Day, Thursday, September 19th, remained closed during the afternoon and keep open during the evening of the carnival and street parade.

E. N. WARNER,
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Secretary.

The Daily Hint from Paris.



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BRYAN TO STUMP STATE OF IDAHO

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 17.—Announcement that William J. Bryan would devote next Saturday in Idaho to the interests of Governor Wilson, the democratic candidate for president, was made here today at the Commoner office. It was said that Bryan would speak at Idaho Falls in the morning on Saturday, and in the afternoon at Pocatello. Under these arrangements, it was announced, Bryan will reach Los Angeles next Monday morning, beginning a three days' tour of California.

\$150,000 Blaze at Seattle

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 17.—Spontaneous combustion is believed today to have caused the spectacular fire at the Bryant Lumber and Shingle Mill company at Fremont last night, which resulted in about \$150,000 damage. The loss is covered by \$50,000 insurance.

PIONEER EDITOR OF JACKSONVILLE KILLS HIMSELF

Captain Thomas B. Merry, 77 years old, a steamboat captain and veteran newspaperman, shot himself through the heart Monday morning in the washroom under the grandstand at the Country Club race track at Portland after a policeman who had been sent to find him and return him to his friends, had asked him to go to the police station. He died instantly. Captain Merry is well known among the pioneers of Southern Oregon and Northern California, having edited papers at Jacksonville and Yreka in the '70's.

The suicide, a climax to days of despondency over his growing age and inability to secure work, was evidently premeditated, and the appearance of the officer served only as the final event to hasten the determination to his resolution. He had evidently chosen to seek the end at the race track, in remembrance probably of other days when, as a sporting writer, he had "covered" brilliantly many a race meet of great importance.

Few men in the newspaper "game" along the Pacific coast have been better known and better loved than Merry. His friends were numbered by the scores, not only in this city but in California, and when he disappeared they sought to find him and make some arrangement by which he might be set on his feet financially. The news of his death brought deep grief to in the circles where he was known.

Captain Merry was one of the greatest race track reporters that ever covered races on the Pacific coast. For years he was race track writer for the Los Angeles Times. Scarcely a pioneer the length of the Pacific coast from Mexico to Alaska, but knew Tom B. Merry.

Frederick V. Holman and John Lewis say that he had been known at Portland 40 years. His life was largely given up to newspaper work and horses. He published the "Inland Empire" at The Dalles and from this paper the name "Inland Empire" for all the interior portion of Idaho, Oregon and Washington was taken. His residence had been various towns of the coast.

In 1871 Captain Merry edited the Jacksonville Times when Charles Nickell, the pioneer newspaper man, was a "devil" on the same paper.

DISORDER MARKS OPENING OF HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT

BUDA PEST, Sept. 17.—Wild disorder marked the opening of the Hungarian parliament today which almost culminated in a bloody riot. "Have your revolver with you," a member of the opposition cried when Count Stephen Tisza, president of the lower house entered the cham-

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