HERR STEINHARDT'S NEMESIS

BY J. MACLAREN COBBAN.

CHAPTER XIV—Continued.

I had much ado to keep quiet, but I did manage to hold my tongue. I had my eyes fixed on him, however; as he again turned to go, his eyes encountered mine, and, I thought, fell before them. In a moment we heard the door slam behind him, and Louise sank sobbing into a chair. It took all Birley's efforts and mine to calm her. I think I must have become very much engrossed with my own efforts, for when at length Louise sat composed and I turned to Birley, Birley was gone.

"You will not leave me," she said, laying her hand on mine, "till he comes back?"

That touch precipitated feeling in me, and the confession which I had not intended I should make for some time yet. Considering the highly wrought condition of the nerves of both of us, I do not think it is surprising that we should then have opened our hearts to each other.

"I wish," I said, "that I need never leave your side again."

On an impulse of shyness she tried to withdraw her hand, butI kept it and she let it stay.

"Louise," I said, "do you know what that man meant when he accused me of seeking to marry an heiress?"

"Yes," said she, with hanging head (the beautiful head), "I think I do. He said something of the same to me at Blackpool."

"And do you think," I urged, 'that if I told that heiress how I loved her, how I had loved her and thought of her from the first moment I had seen her, before I guessed that she might be an heiress—do you think if I said that, it would only be because I expected she would be rich one day?"

"Oh, I do not think that at all! But," she said, looking up with a bright, uncertain smile,(which was so winning!—so ravishing!) "but I am not an heiress."

"You guess, then, it is you I would say this to?—that it is you I love and have ever thought of?"

She trembled violently (dear fluttered heart!) but I still held her hand.

"I did not guess," she murmured, "until he made me think of it at Blackpool. Then I understood why you had been so very good to me, and I —"

"What, Louise? What, dear?" I urged.

"Then I—I think," she faltered, "I began to— Do not make me say it!"

"To love me a little?" I asked.

"Do, do say it."

"Yes," she whispered. Her face was hid against my shoulder, and my arms were about her before she added —"but not little—very much!"

It was some moments before either of us spoke again.

"Do you think," she said at length, 'it is right that we should have said these things at such a time?—when we do not yet know anything certain about my dear, dear father?"

"Louise," I answered, "darling, I would, you know, save you the smallest pang of pain. But I think I ought to say at once, dear, that you must give up the hope that you have clung to, I know, in secret, that you might after all find your father alive. He does not live, I am sure now—indeed I may say I as good as know where he lies buried, though I must not tell you more at present. All we can hope to do then, darling, is to give him a decent resting place. Then we shall go away out of this terrible region of money grubbing, of horrible toiling and moiling in smoke and steam and poisonous vapors, where the eye cannot rest upon one single spot of nature unabused—we shall go away to a place where the people are poorer and milder, where we may see clear skies and pure water, and trees and flowers bright and wholesome. Won't that be a welcome change?—and to get away from the constant talk of 'brass.' "

"Oh, yes," she exclaimed "that will be sweet. Let us go—do let us go as soon as ever all things are settled, and we have done somet ing for our dear uncle Birley! We shall do something for him—shall we not?"

We were thus talking when "dear Uncle Birley" came in. He probably suspected the understanding we had come to, but, like a kind and discreet old gentleman as he is, he said nothing then.

"Wondered where I've been, have you? Well, lad, I've just walked down to thy lodgings to tell th' old woman she may go to bed, for thou'rt to stay here the rest of this night—the last night but one, very likely, that I shall be here myself!"

A tear glistened in his eye, and a lump rose into his throat; but, after a momentary pause, he talked on, and these signs of emotion disappeared.

We soon went to bed, but I think no one of the three slept much.

In the course of an intimate talk with Louise which I had that Sunday I learned how near I had been to losing her while she was at Blackpool, where her vigilant duenna had been a hard, faithful old German servant of Steinhardt's. It was only gradually that I got to know all the anxiety, and even terror, of those days of detention and surveillance, but that day I heard to my horror that the poor girl had been so wrought upon by Steinhardt's representations of her duty to her father, of the heinousness of refusing to fulfil what (Steinhardt declared) had been his frequently expressed wish, that she was on the point of accepting Frank for a husband, when he and his father were called away, the one home and the other to London.

CHAPTER XV.

As I recall the final episodes of my story so far as they concern the arch-villain Steinhardt, I am so affected with a shuddering horror that I scarce write legibly. Yet they have such a fascination that I am drawn to the description of them, to the risk of omitting one or two matters of quieter interest, which are yet vital to my story. These I must dispose of. Wednesday and Thursday passed away, and the Friday arrived, which to think of even now makes me tremble. It was a daring experiment we were about to attempt, and so very little would make it ridiculous! I had taken partly to my confidence the big son of the landlady (a staunch Lancashire lad of the old breed). With him I went through the slides of my story several times, and showed him how to manage them with effect.

The evening came and I was almost sinking under excitement. The place of entertainment was that public hall in which Freeman had delivered his famous lecture The kind of thing was rather new in the village, and there was a crowded attendance of work people, especially of Steinhardt's own. Steinhardt, with his wife and son, sat right in front, where the reflectioon from the sheet fell full upon him. When the lights were turned, some out and others low, Freeman and I crept up behind the sheet, where I waited with trembling pulse and sudden creeping chills till the, to me, uninteresting part of the entertainment came to an end. The curate acted as lecturer, and explained with fluency what the views meant, or told something about the places represented. I cannot tell what it was about. At length his series of views and his lecture were finished. There was a moment's pause—to me a wild throb of anxiety—and then the bass voice of the manager of the lantern boomed forth the annoucement: "A Lacashire Mystery." Without another word the first picture came upon the sheet (I crept to its corner to watch Steinhardt). It was two men in an attitude of quarrel, surrounded by colored vapors. The second followed quickly without a word of explanation; the same two men—the one half suffocated, struggling to get out of a vat or bath of vapors, while the other, with mouth muffled, held him down. Still no word of explanation. Rapidly came the third picture—the man one lying dead and dyed before the other, and beside an open box. Awful whispers began to stir among the spectators, who were the more impressed no doubt by the silence amid which the pictures appeared. I ventured to peep at Steinhard; he was gazing fixedly, with parted lips. The fourth picture called forth an instantaneous cry of horror; it was, perhaps, too realistic. The dead body lay stripped and quartered before the living man, who stooped over it. I fancied that at this sight I heard a low moan from the front bench, but on glancing at Steinhardt I saw him sitting as before, as if fixed as much by utter astonishment as by horror. The next picture rapidly blotted out the gruesomeness of the other; the portions of the body lay wrapped in three canvas packages, and the man stood by as if pondering. Quickly came the next; the man digging near a ruined building, with the three packages by him. "Th' owd spinning mill!" some one exclaimed aloud; I had not thought the resemblance was so recognizable. That was almost immediately succeeded by the same view of the mill, with the packages gone, the hole covered in, and the man standing as if pulling a rope which passed over the top of the wall.

"The devil!" exclaimed Steinhardt, starting suddenly to his feet. But he recollected himself, and sat down again.

At once the last picture of all flashed upon the sheet; the wall lay flat on the ground, and the man stood by with the loose rope in his hand!

Up started Steinhardt, and strode down the room, amid an ominous silence, to where the big Dick stood by his apparatus.

"Where the devil," I heard him exclaim, "d d those horrible pictures come from? They were not among the lot I bought! Come, no d—d nonsense! You must tell me where you got them. Who gave them to you?

There was now a wild hubbub of talk. Dick, I was sure, had refused to tell him anything about them. In the midst of this the lights flashed forth again, and the people began slowly to disperse, with hushed but earnest speech. Freeman and I slipped out by a side door.

I went straight to Jaques's cottage. There I found Birley. In low, anxious voices we began to discuss what would he (meaning Steinhardt) do now. Louise wished she had been there, and Birley had just said it was as well she had not, when a heavy foot rapidly approached, the latch was noisily raised, the door was dashed open, and Steinhard stood before us.

"Soh!" he exclaimed, glaring at Birley and me, "I have found you, sneaks and cowards! You think with your fool's tricks and your pictures you will annoy me, and spoil me! Piff! You are nothing!—you are beggars!—you are dirt! I will have you, Sir Parson, arrested for making calumnious charges against me!" How in his fury had he committed himself!

"Herr Steinhardt," said I, at once, "the pictures, so far as I heard, were unaccompanied by a single word of comment, except what they drew from the people, and no one could say that the figures represented were likenesses. But your guilty, black heart has charged you. As it says, I say: "You are the murderer of your partner, Mr. Lacroix, and his remains will now be found securely locked, whence you can't remove them, under that fallen wall!"

His jaw dropped, and his great body trembled for a moment, then as with a sudden impulse of fury he made as if he would crunch me with a bearish hug, when Birley came between us.

"Come, 'Manuel, none of that. As I told you, you'e not yet done with law and Lancashire. You'd better go home, or go to our experiments."

"Fool!" he cried, still glaring at me. "Idiot! What scrap of proof have you of the ridiculous charge you make?"

"For one thing I have proof that Mr. Lacroix, before he went to you at the works, called here to see his old uncle."

"Soh! Has the old idiot found his tongue at last then?"

We we all amazed, Steinhardt as much as any, at the electrical effect of this upon the old man. I had casually noticed throughout the scene that he had eagerly though painfully listened I was smitten with fright, as if I saw a dead man rise to his feet, when he now rose at once to his full towering height—a height which I could not have conceived he possessed as he reclined huddled in his chair—and, quivering with excitement, strove to give utterance. This he could not do, but with lightning gesture be pointed with outstretched arm to the door. Steinhardt stood and stared open-eyed, when he made as if he would himself compel him to go.

"Go, "Manuel; go, man!" urged Birley, holding the door open.

Steinhardt went without a word, and the old man fell back in his chair—and was soon rigid in death.

CHAPTER XVI.

Birley remained that night at the cottage. When I left to return to my lodgings I was surprised, even for the moment terrified, to see lights across the stream, hovering about the spot which I knew was the temporary grave of Mr. Lacroix. In the moving lights I presently saw figures; I heard sounds, too—the sounds of a pickaxe.

"They are breaking into the grave!" I exclaimed to myself, and resolved I would go and see.

I hurriedly picked my way round to the place. About the fallen wall—the gigantic tomb-slab of Lacroix, which a brawny pickman, naked to the waist, was hewing at—there stood, in silent, stolid expectation, a crowd of thirty or forty men and lads, with two or three women with shawls over their heads. Many of the men were in the colored garb of the chemical works.

"Pick on that spot where you see the green," I called to the hewer; I had hastily come to the conclusion that since I could not hinder the operations I ought to help.

When I said this they all turned and looked at me.

"You know summat about this, do not yo', parson?" asked one.

"Something," said I.

"I'm thinking, Mr. Unwin," said an old man, whom I recognized as the father of the man to whose death bed I had been summoned months before; "I'm thinking this that you've shown tonight in th' pictures is th' same business as my lad raved about.

So my connection with the pictures had been discovered.

In silence the hewer picked the bricks loose, pausing now and then to let a comrade throw the debris aside. Soon a space was cleared, and he began carefully to pick into and loosen the soil. A shovel was brought into requisition, and the earth and rubbish were thrown aside: And the old ventilating cowl overhead kept grinding stiffly and slowly about, with painful, long-drawn moans, as if it were oppressed with the spirit of the scene.

"I've struck on summat!" exclaimed the hewer, pausing abruptly and speaking in a hurried whi-per.

Several hands were now tearing at the soil, and fearfully sounding it.

"I feel a clout," whispered one man, and he began to tug at it.

"Ah," I exclaimed in alarm, "you mustn't disturb them—not tonight, at least!"

"Yea, parson," said the man, "but we mun. We mun see which on us it is he's done for like this. There's Jim Riley gone missing, and Job Kershaw."

(To be continued)

WANTED TO CLIMB THE GATE,

Story of Secretary Moody and Haughty Boston Woman.

They are telling a story in Washington about the new secretary of the navy. Mr. Moody was riding on one of the Boston surface cars, and was standing on the platform on the side next the gate that protected passengers from cars coming on the other track. A lady—a Boston lady—came to the door of the car, and, as it stopped, started to move toward the gate, which was hidden from her by the man standing before it.

"Other side, please, lady," said the conductor. He was ignored as only a born and bred Bostonian can ignore a man. The lady took another step toward the gate.

"You must get off the other side," said the conductor.

"I wish to get off on this side," came the answer, in tones that congealed the official into momentary silence. Before he could either explain or expostulate, Mr. Moody came to his assistance.

"Stand to one side, gentlemen," he remarked quietly. "The lady wants to climb over the gate."—New York Times.

Sent to Conference Committee.

Gen. Grosvenor had just been telling a story. When he reached the climax he paused expectantly, but nobody laughed. They looked at him in a reproachful manner, and the general, with some irritation, tartly explained the point of the joke. They then laughed, but it was an effort, and Senator Payre said:

"Grosvenor, you are deteriorating. Formerly anyone could see your jokes after one application."

"Yes," replied the crestfallen Grosvenor, abjectly, "and now they have to be sent to a conference committee.—New York Times.

England's Mint.

Some striking details of the operations of the mint are given in the estimate for the coming financial year. The profit on silver and bronze coinage is estimated to be the same as last year, namely, 800,000 pounds, while the loss on worn coins withdrawn from circulation, is expected to amount to 52,000 pounds, as against 60,000 pounds last year. The gold coinage represents a loss of 5,000 pounds. The costs of preparing and engraving the king's seals is put at 2,000 pounds.—London Daily News.

Where Bronze Is Weak.

An astonishing decrease in the tensile strength and ductility of bronze at temperatures above 400 degrees Fahrenheit has been reported by Prof. C. Bach of Stuttgart. With an alloy of 91 per cent copper, 4 of zinc and 5 of tin, these properties were reduced above 6 per cent at 400 degrees, but about 50 per cent at 600 dergees. This discovery suggests caution in the use of bronze for engine parts in contact with superheated steam.

Got His Share.

"I am sorry, doctor, you were not able to attend the church supper last night. It would have done you good to be there."

"It has already done me good, madam. I have just prescribed for three of the participants."

Spread of Civilization.

The first Tagalog-English and English-Tagalog dictionary has just been completed. It is the work of Dr. Stomple of New York, who worked on the Tagalog grammar before our war with Spain.

Max O'Rell's Philosophy.

Life is not worth living unless you can, when the winter of life approaches, still thoroughly enjoy a game of marbles with little boys and telling long fairy stories to little girls.—Max O'Rell.

Diamonds at Cape Nome.

Genuine diamonds, varying in weight from one-half carat to a carat, have been found in placer deposits on Golovin bay, 40 miles east of Cape Nome. Miners found the diamonds while washing out gold.

Fine Bust of McKinley.

Mrs. Emma Cadwalader Guild has just completed a fine bust of the late President McKinley. It is pronounced one of the most life-like productions yet seen.

The Skylark.

The skylark sometimes sings during winter, and there is a Scotch proverb which runs to the effect that if it be heard before Candlemas there will be bad weather after that period.

Cost of a Pair of Shoes

The wholesale price of a pair of shoes represents about 22 per cent in wages, 65 per cent material and 13 per cent minor expenses and profit

Timber Land Act June 3, 1878.
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
U. S. Land Office.
Vancouver, Wash., May, 29, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the Sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

Alexander E. Sparks,
of Portland, County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2512, for the purchase of the w½ nw¼, se¼ nw¼, and nw¼ sw¼ of Section No. 23, Township No. 6 north, Range 10 east, WM., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Washington, on Wednesday, the 30th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Wilhelm F. Stadelman, of Trout Lake, Wash; George O. Reynolds, of Trout Lake, Wash.; Edmund R. Gurney, of Trout Lake, Wash.; James F. Cox, of Trout Lake, Wash.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before the said 30th day of August, 1902.

W. R. DUNBAR, Register.

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Alexander L. Steward,
of Colfax, County of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 2516, for the purchase of the n½ ne¼, n½ nw¼ of Section No. 27, Township No. 5 north, Range 11 east WM., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Washington, on Tuesday, the 12th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: John W. Barger, of Colfax, Wash.; Frank Hull, of Colfax, Wash.; George W. Palmer, of Colfax, Wash.; Fred H. Schrieber, of Colfax, Wash.

Frank Hull,
of Colfax, County of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 2517, for the purchase of the sw¼ of Section No. 22, Township No. 5 north, Range 11 east WM., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Washington, on Tuesday, the 12th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: George W. Palmer, of Colfax, Wash.; Alexander L. Steward, of Colfax, Wash.; John W. Barger, of Colfax, Wash.; Fred A. Schrieber, of Colfax, Wash.

John W. Barger,
of Colfax, County of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 2518, for the purchase of the nw¼ of Section No. 23, Township No. 5 north, Range 11 east WM., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Washington, on Tuesday, the 12th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Frank Hull, of Colfax, Wash.; George W. Palmer, of Colfax, Wash.; Fred H. Schrieber, of Colfax, Wash.; Timothy Brownhill, of Colfax, Wash.

Frederick A. Schrieber,
of Colfax, County of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 2519, for the purchase of the se¼ of Section No. 22, Township No. 5 north, Range 11 east WM., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Washington, on Tuesday, the 12th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: John W. Barger, of Colfax, Wash.; Frank Hull, of Colfax, Wash.; George W. Palmer, of Colfax Wash.; Alexander L. Steward, of Colfax, Wash.

Emsle F. Canutt,
of Colfax, County of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 2520, for the purchase of the w½ ne¼, e½ nw¼ of Section No. 35, Township No. 5 north, Range 11 east WM., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Washington, on Tuesday, the 12th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses John W. Barger, of Colfax, Wash.; Frank Hull, of Colfax, Wash.; George W. Palmer, of Colfax, Wash.; Alexander L. Steward, of Colfax, Wash.

Edward B. Miller,
of Colfax, County of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 2521, for the purchase of the ne¼ of Section No. 23, Township No. 5 north, Range 11 east WM., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Washington, on Tuesday, the 12th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Fred A. Schrieber, of Colfax, Wash.; George W. Palmer, of Colfax, Wash.; Timothy, Brownhill, of The Dalles, Ore.; Frank Hull, of Colfax, Wash.

George W. Palmer,
of Colfax, County of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 2522, for the purchase of the se¼ of Section No. 26, Township No. 5 north, Range 11 east WM., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Washington, on Tuesday, the 12th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Alexander L. Steward, of Colfax, Wash.; John W. Barger, of Colfax, Wash.; Frank Hull, of Colfax, Wash.; Fred A. Schrieber, of Colfax, Wash.

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W. R. DUNBAR, Register.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
U. S. Land Office.
Vancouver, Wash., June 2, 1902.

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Richard H. Schreiber,
of Colfax, County of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2541, for the purchase of the w½ se¼ and s½ ne¼ of Section No. 14, Township No. 5 north, Range 11 east WM., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Washington, on Friday, the 22nd day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: James A. Steward, James H. Ewart, Grant Ellis, Nazaire E. Yelle, all of Colfax, Wash.

James Manson,
of Colfax, County of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 2535, for the purchase of the ne¼ of Section No. 15, Township No. 5 north, Range 11 east, W.M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Washington, on Friday, the 22d day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Nazaire E. Yelle, Ivan Chase, James Manson, James A. Steward, all of Colfax, Wash.

Nazaire E. Yelle,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 2537, for the purchase of the nw¼ of Section No. 14, Township 5 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Friday, the 22nd day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: James H. Ewart, Ivan Chase, Herman F. Schreiber, Richard H. Schreiber, all of Colfax, Wash.

Grant Ellis,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2539 for the purchase of the se¼ of Section No. 17, Township 5 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Friday, the 22nd day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Nazaire E. Yelle, Ivan Chase, James H. Ewart, Adam Stoneberger, all of Colfax, Wash.

James H. Ewart,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2536, for the purchase of the se¼ of Section No. 15, Township 5 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Friday, the 22d day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Nazaire E. Yelle, Ivan Chase, James Manson, James A. Steward, all of Colfax, Wash.

Nazaire E. Yelle,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 2538, for the purchase of the ne¼ of Section No. 24, Township 5 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Tuesday, the 12th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Ivan Chase, Adam Stoneberger, James A. Steward, Elizabeth C. Morgan, all of Colfax, Wash.

Elizabeth C. Morgan,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 2530, for the purchase of the ne¼ of Section No. 24, Township 5 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Thursday, the 21st day of August, 1902.

She names as witnesses: Ivan Chase, Adam Stoneberger, James A. Steward, Jessie E. Fretz, all of Colfax, Wash.

Marion Leinbach,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2529 for the purchase of the e½ nw¼ and sw¼ nw¼, and nw¼ ne¼ of Section No. 28, Township 5 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Thursday, the 21st day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: William Dumdi, Grant Ellis, James A. Steward, James E. Ewart, all of Colfax, Wash.

Herman F. Schrefber,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Wash., has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2528, for the purchase of the w¼ sw¼ of Section No. 13; the e½ se¼ of Section No. 14, Township 5 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Thursday, the 21st day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Ivan Chase, James H. Ewart, Nazaire E. Yelle, James A. Steward, all of Colfax, Wash.

Edward C. Moys,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2533, for the purchase of the nw¼ nw¼ of Section No. 28, w½ sw¼ and se¼ sw¼ of Section No. 21, Township 5 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Thursday, the 21st day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: William M. Dumdi, Grant Ellis, Marion Leinbach, James A. Carey, all of Colfax, Wash.

Ivan Chase,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2534, for the purchase of the nw¼ of Section No. 22, Township 5 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Thursday, the 21st day of August, 1902.

She names as witnesses: Ivan Chase, Adam Stoneberger, James A. Steward, Elizabeth C. Morgan, all of Colfax, Wash.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 21st day of August, 1902.

W. R. DUNBAR, Register

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
U. S. Land Office.
Vancouver, Wash., June 4, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of Jun 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

Andrew Johnson,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2555, for the purchase of the lots 3 4 and the e½ sw¼ of Section No. 30, Township 6 north, Range 12 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Tuesday, the 26th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: James A. Carey, George M. Carey, Milton B. Carey, James B. Hunter, all of Colfax, Wash.

Milton B. Carey,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2561 for the purchase of the lots 3 and 4 of Section No. 19, Township 6 north, Range 12 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Tuesday, the 26th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Andrew Johnson, James B. Hunter, Nicholas Codd, Emerson M. Warner, of Colfax, Wash.

Ulysses S. Pelton,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2560, for the purchase of the e½ nw¼ and lots 1 and 2 of Section No. 31, Township 6 north, Range 12 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Tuesday, the 26th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Emerson W. Warner, Andrew Johnson, James A. Carey, George M. Carey, of Colfax, Wash.

Nicholas Codd,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2558, for the purchase of the ne¼ of Section No. 25, Township 6 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Tuesday, the 26th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Ulysses S. Pelton, Emerson M. Warner, Andrew Johnson, James A. Carey, all of Colfax, Wash.

George M. Carey,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. ....., for the purchase of the e½ nw¼ and lots 1 and 2 of Section No. 30, Township 6 north, Range 12 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Tuesday, the 26th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Andrew Johnson, James B. Hunter, Nicholas Codd, Emerson M. Warner, all of Colfax, Wash.

James A. Carey,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2557, for the purchase of the ne¼ of Section No. 34, Township 6 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Tuesday, the 26th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Andrew Johnson, James B. Hunter, Nicholas Codd, Emerson M. Warner, all of Colfax, Wash.

Emerson M. Warner,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2556, for the purchase of the se¼ of Section No. 35, Township 6 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Tuesday, the 26th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Andrew Johnson, James A. Carey, George M. Carey, Milton B. Carey, all of Colfax, Wash.

James B. Hunter,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2554 for the purchase of the se¼ of Section No. 24, Township 6 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Thursday, the 18th day of September, 1902.

She names as witnesses: Andrew J. Derby, of Portland, Or.; Frank C. Young, of Portland, Or.; Jonathan J. Duck, of Portland, Or.; James F. Cox, of Troutlake, Wash.

Sarah E. Brawer,
of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 2553, for the purchase of the w½ sw¼, se¼ sw¼ of Section No. 12 and nw¼ nw¼ of Section No. 13, Township 6 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Thursday, the 18th day of September, 1902.

She names as witnesses: Jesse W. Holt, Jesse A. Shields, Frank C. Young, Robert F. Cox, all of Portland, Or.

Lulu M. Peets,
of Troutlake, county of Klickitat, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement, No. 2550, for the purchase of the nw¼ of Section No. 12, Township 6 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Thursday, the 18th day of September, 1902.

She names as witnesses: Jesse W. Holt, Jonathan K. Duck, Jesse A. Shields, Robert F. Cox, all of Portland, Oregon.

Mary M. Shields,
of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 2581, for the purchase of the se¼ of Section No. 2, Township 6 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Tuesday, the 16th day of September, 1902.

She names as witnesses: Jesse W. Holl, of Portland, Oregon; Frank C. Young, of Portland, Oregon; Robert F. Cox, of Portland, Oregon; Elbert C. Peets, of Troutlake, Wash.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 16th day of September, 1902.

W. R. DUNBAR, Register

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
U. S. Land Office.
Vancouver, Wash., June 12, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

Floyd S. Green,
of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2582, for the purchase of the nw¼ of Section No. 14, Township 6 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Wednesday, the 17th day of September, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Andrew J. Derby of Portland, Oregon; Frank C. Young, of Portland, Oregon; Jonathan J. Duck, of Portland, Oregon; James F. Cox, of Troutlake, Wash.

Jonathan K. Duck,
of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2583, for the purchase of the n½ nw¼ and the w½ ne¼ of Section No. 11, Township 6 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Wednesday, the 17th day of September, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Frank C. Young, of Portland, Or.; Floyd S. Green, of Portland, Or.; Andrew J. Derby, of Portland, Or.; James F. Cox, of Troutlake, Wash.

Mary Ellen Duck,
of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 2584, for the purchase of the ne¼ of Section No. 11, Township 6 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Wednesday, the 17th day of September, 1902.

She names as witnesses: Frank C. Young, of Portland, Or.; Floyd S. Green, of Portland, Or.; Andrew J. Derby, of Portland, Or.; James F. Cox, of Troutlake, Wash.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 17th day of September, 1902.

W. R. DUNBAR, Register

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
U. S. Land Office.
Vancouver, Wash., June 13, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

Elsie Mae Dolan,
of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 2586, for the purchase of the s½ ne¼ and lots 1 and 2 of Section No. 2, Township 6 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Tuesday, the 9th day of September, 1902.

She names as witnesses: Ernest I. Darr, Kate Stampher, Laura Smith, Willis A. Smith, all of Portland, Or.

Laura Smith,
of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No