HERR STEINHARDT'S NEMESIS

BY J. MACLAREN COBBAN.

CHAPTER XVI—Continued.

There was no suspicion, then, that the remains were those of their own master! What could I do? Had I broken my promise to Fraulein Haas? Was I helping even now to make public Steinhardt's crime? Was I not standing assenting by while a terrible vengeance was threatened on the foreigner in the deep, slow Lancashire speech? I felt helpless in the crisis; I permitted myself to be borne along whither it might carry me.

In a very few minutes the canvas packages, dropping almost to pieces, were out of the ground and laid in silence on a hand barrow. In silence the improvised bier was taken up between two men, and as it was carried away attended by the lanterns the crowd, as by instinct, formed in procession behind. I was surprised to find myself in front of this strange funeral procession and close to the bier. Thus in silence we marched away from the ruined mill through the tortuous and treacherous ways which led to the village.

"He's got an experiment on hand tonight, they say," remarked one in a low voice.

"Ay," said another; "and there's a night shift on of five or six."

As we entered upon the paved main street of the village, the regular clank of the clogs of our procession was sufficient of itself to attract attention. But though it was very late, the streets were alive with people, not noisy, as might have been expected on a wake night, but earnest and occupied. It was a novel, but true, "Timperley Wakes," for the whole population seemed astir. Our procession created little or no surprise; it appeared to have been expected. We were greeted with no speech or cries. I but heard now and then fearful whispers of "Who is it?" and "They cannot tell yet." Many of the crowd fell into the procession as it slowly passed up the street. There was no tavern open at that late hour to which the bier could be taken for examination, so it was carried to the door of the public hall—which was soon opened, lit up, and full of people, as it had been earlier in the evening.

I have no clear recollection of what followed. I appealed to them not to open the packages; I knew who it was. But I got only the obstinate, but respectful answer, "Yea, parson, but we mun." The packages were opened; but I know only I had a horrible vision of a ghastly head with black hair and beard.

"Good L—d!" I heard more than one exclaim. "It's th' master!?"

His men had recognized Mr. Lacroix. Hurried and fierce consultations were held, to which I was not invited, and upon which I did not force myself. In a few minutes the whole crowd, except a few who remained to watch over the ghastly remains, marched out of the hall as if with settled purpose. I accompanied them with no purpose at all of my own; my will seemed absorbed in that of the crowd. We were on our way down the village street, when I was startled by the church bell beginning to toll: some venturesome spirit had forced his way into the tower.

To explain what followed I must mention here that for some weeks many of the work people, the younger folk especially, had been under the influence of those hysterical, revivalistic teachings which have always taken such hold of the ignorant and the half educated. A contingent of the Salvation Army had held the village for some time, preaching fire and sword, the terrible justice of God, and the pains of everlasting torment to the unbelieving. This kind of doctrine accorded well with the grim, tenacious Lancashire character, and the army had won a good many recruits among the villagers. These were well represented in the crowd I accompanied.

Before I quite knew where we were we had halted at the gates of the chemical works. Without a word the foremost of the crowd knocked. There was, of course, no answer, and they knocked again. While we waited I listened mechanically to the talk which those about me began in their slow fashion to indulge in.

"God Almighty," said one, "is terrible to a wicked man like him!"

"Yea," said another, "and wicked he is! You mind what Muster Freeman told us that time; it's the likes of Steenhardt has made us such sinners as we are, and has made our place what it is! An' he connot do wi'out murdering his partner, poor man!"

"He'll ha' his proper death for it, sure as God's true!" said a third.

"Yea," said the first, "and God's wrath will not wait for a terrible sinner like him!"

In a little while there was the sound of bolts being drawn, and the watchman appeared at the side gate. When he saw the crowd he would have shut it again, but he was prevented. Several entered that way and opened wide the great gates. The crowd entered without commotion, and marched ahead as if it knew its destination. From a shed filled with glowing vapors, came half a dozen workmen—the night shift, I supposed. They met their comrades and demanded what was to do. They were answered by the man who had insisted to me that the packages must be examined.

"What's to do?" he said. "Yo' do not know? We mun ha' that murdering villain, Steenhardt, out; yea, but we mun What's he done? He's been and murdered horribly poor Master Lacroiks—yo' shall hear a' about it. And now, by the vengeance of God Almighty on the wicked which cannot wait, he mun be done for this night as he did for his partner!"

"For God's sake!" I exclaimed. "Don't think of such a thing! It will be murder, as certainly as his crime was!"

But my remonstrance was not heeded; I was put aside respectfully, but firmly. The crowd pressed on toward the laboratory. They had not advanced far in that direction, when an explosion burst upon the air, stunned us all, and threw the foremost to the ground. Many ran away, others went forward—I with these last. It did not take long to discover that the explosion had come from the laboratory, from the broken roof of which rose strange vapors. A little work, and removal of debris, and Steinhardt was discovered stretched on the floor, a discolored and blasted wreck! It was an awful sight! Here, in his own cherished sanctuary, had the vengeance of God leaped forth at him from beneath his own hands; for a smashed iron retort, which he had been manipulating, lay close by him! His strong nerves had been shaken by the approach of the crowd.

"I came to tell him," said the watchman in a hushed voice, "that th' crowd was in. He said, 'Go to th' devil, and leave me alone!' and I was just gone away when th' explosion came."

My story is in effect finished. But for the satisfaction of those who would like to see the loose ends of its web taken up and tied I must add a page or two.

After legal process of identification and inquest, the ghastly remains of the two partners, Lacroix and Steinhardt, the victim and his murderer, were buried, the one with his uncle in the family tomb, the other in the obscure unconsecrated ground of the church yard. This done, the affairs of the firm were wound up.

In the necessary examination of all papers some letters and documents were found in a small safe in Steinhardt's "study" at Timperley Hall, which sufficiently explain what still needs explanation in the Lacroix mystery—the substantial ground of offense on which the partners met on that fatal night, and the unwavering resolution of Steinhardt to get Louise married to his son. The letter which came first in order of date made clear one side at least of the quarrel. It was from Lacroix to Steinhardt, and was dated "Paris, March 3rd, 1882." It was evidently in reply to one from Steinhardt, containing a proposal affecting Louise—what proposal will readily be guessed. This Mr. Lacroix warmly declined to entertain, and begged it would not again be mentioned.

"My daughter," he wrote, "is promised to her cousin, the Count De Lacroix. As for the 20,000 pounds damages, that must be reckoned a joint business loss; there can surely be no doubt about that. I hope we have done for the future with playing tricks with that patent."

The next letter, of date several days later, was of great interest, at least to Louise and me. It was stained and blurred as with some liquid dye; it had doubtless been taken by Steinhardt from Lacroix's person after death. It was addressed to "Mmlle De Lacroix;" it was written on fine "foreign" paper with crest and motto, and contained many gallant and polite expressions of the Count De Lacroix's devotion to his lovely cousin—whom, he said, he hoped to come and see in the summer. How was it he had never come?—never even been heard of?

These questions were answered by a second letter from the count, dated in May, 1882, and addressed to Mr. Lacroix, and by the postscript of a letter of about the same date, written in German though from Paris, and addressed to Steinhardt. The count's letter excused him to his "dear uncle" from paying his proposed visit; he was too ill to think of leaving France. The letter to Steinhardt was evidently from a compatriot. It was mainly about business affairs; its matter of interest for us was squeezed into a corner: "You ask me about the Count De Lacroix. I learn he is still busy killing himself with absinthe."

Lastly came the astonishing communication of all. It was dated several months later, in the November, I think, of 1882. It was from a Paris lawyer, who evidently had the management of the De Lacroix affairs. In a few words, it informed Mr. Lacroix that the young Count Honore was dead, and saluted Count Paul, his successor! ("Le roi est mort;—vive le roi." And the congratulated count was dead too! With this letter were tied up two or three legal documents, of which I cannot attempt much account, though they are now in my possession. They were a copy of certificate of the death of Honore Marie Antoinette, Count De Lacroix, and certain papers showing of what the De Lacroix property consisted—chateau, estates and rents—and with them, finally, a later note from the lawyer to Steinhardt, who had evidently apprised him of Mr. Lacroix's "disappearance," and of the half-fact that in the meanwhile he was guardian of Paul's heiress.

"By George!" exclamed Birley, when we had made this discovery, "but 'Manuel was a tough schemer! He was determined to set his lad up as a French count, with a chateau and all the rest o't!"

I ventured to doubt whether Louise's husband would be Count De Lacroix, though Louise certainly was the inheritrix of the chateau and the rest.

"Do you mean to tell me, then, the lass is not a countess?" he exclaimed.

That I could not declare, though I was certain no handsomer or sweeter countess could be found in the whole wide world.

"True for you, my lad," said he; "and you're in the luck of it."

Birley was eager to go home at once to tell Louise all about it (she was again established in his house, with Mrs. Steinhardt). He wished me to go with him to assist in the explanation; I endeavored to excuse myself, but in vain.

"Come, lad," said he, "I can see what you're thinking. Keep a stiffer back, man; do not you be so shy yourself. See—tha—I saw a duke once—a great Scotch duke—and he was the crabbedest-looking tailor-body ever you saw in all your life. If you cannot mak' a better count, once you get used to it, than he made a duke, I'll eat my hat. lad!"

"Ah, ha!" cried Birley, in his cheery voice, "I have a word to say unto thee, my lady!"

"Which of us do you mean, Mr. Birley?" she asked.

"Which of you? Well, Sally might have had to do with it, but as it happens she hasn't. I mean thee, my lady countess."

"Countess?" she exclaimed. "Why, what has amused you, Mr. Birley?"

"I do not quite know," said I, wishing to get the explanation over, "that Mr. Birley is right to call you countess, but we have found evidence that your cousin the count is dead, and that you, being next in succession, inherit the De Laroix chateau and other property. You are a great French heiress, Louise, whether you are countess or not."

"Me?" she cried. "Oh, what strange thing is this?"

Birley sat down and entered into explanation, while I withdrew to the window.

"So, my lady," concluded Birley, "there you are, and we are all thy humble, obedient servants."

I was astonished to see her hide her face in her hands, and burst into tears.

"I do not wish at all," she cried, "to be countess, or to be anything but what I am! And you want all to put me far away from you! I do not wish to have their chateau and their rents"

"Louise," I said, "let me confess to you that I have been thinking I ought to give you up—to give you back the promise you gave me, before either you or I guessed you were the great lady we now know you are! It was terrible, terrible to think I ought to do it, but—but—ah, Louise, what must I do?"

"You still love me, then, as much as you did? But why should you not? Am I not the same Louise? I do not feel that chateau and rents make it unnecessary that you should love me!"

"Then you do not—"

"Ah, hush!" she cried, stopping my mouth with her hand. "You must not say such things! It is wicked! But I know you did not doubt me! I know! I know!"

Shall I go on? What need is there? Surely every reader may guess the rest—that Louise De Lacroix is now known to the world as Mrs. Gerald Unwin—to me as the dear partner of all life's joys, and cares, and duties, the tender and faithful heart who has put away all the terrors and shadows of the past and cherishes only the lessons of humility, faith, patience and duty which it has taught.

"What," some may ask in conclusion "about Frank Steinhardt, and his little sweet-voiced school-mistress?"

Frank was more of a musician than a chemical dye manufacturer. The chemical works were, therefore, sold, and Frank and Mrs. Frank are now known in musical circles, he as a pianist, and she as a singer of repute.

I cannot end without a word concerning the strange woman whose visions played so great a part in the elucidation of the Lacroix mystery—poor Fraulein Haas. I put off as long as I could the unwelcome task of informing her of Steinhardt's death. When at length I did write I told her in few words that a retort had burst upon him while he was engaged upon an experiment, and had killed him at once. Soon after I had written I was surprised to receive a note from her, containing only these words:—

"I knew it. It was God's doing."

THE END.

A PLEA FOR THE HOME.

It Is Necessary for Character-Building, Says Bishop Potter.

In an article in the Woman's Home Companion Bishop Potter discusses the passing of the home in our large cities, and dwells on the fact that in many cases children are brought up by servants rather than by parents. Here is his conclusion:

"If there is no longer to be any home life, any home circle and home sacrifices for the dear home's sake, then we need not be in any uncertainty as to what we shall have to anticipate. You cannot make character by means of a governess, a tutor and a groom.

"And meantime let the young founders of homes make a resolute beginning. You are looking forward to marriage and the founding of a family, my young brother, or you, my dear girl, whom may God bless and guide always! Resolve to have some law for the home, and to give some regular and sufficient time in it to your children. If we are to recover out of its well-nigh lost estate the beautiful and gracious institution of the home, we must make the business of doing so something of set purpose and of definite plan. All the way from the top to the bottom of our vast and complex social structure—in the life of the wage-earner and in that of the capitalist, the clerk, the professional man, the mechanic—that ancient and divine institution must be lifted to its true place and held in its rightful honor. Schools, gymnasia, bathing-houses, recreation-piers, libraries, model tenements, better food, ventilation, improved sanitary conditions, and the like, are all of value in their place; but that which makes men and women for God and humanity, and the better service of their land and age, is first of all the personal touch of some strong and tender hand in the home. 'God setteth the solitary in families,' wrote the Psalmist long ago. Let us respect His order and follow His way. 'Home, Sweet Home' is said to have been written by a lifelong wanderer who never had one. It is an immortal witness to the deep and inextinguishable hunger of the human heart."

A Green Blackboard.

A "blackboard" of green artificial slate, which, it is claimed, is more restful to the eye than the old boards, has been invented by A. W. Parshall and was first adopted by the public schools in Little Rock, Ark. In fact, many large cities have utilized this new invention and oculists give it the highest recommendation. It is believed that children with weak eyes are often subjected to serious personal injury through the constant use of blackboards, which are known to be injurious to the eyes. Green is nature's color and is naturally restful to the eyes. So far the invention has met with favor among those who have experimented with it.

The Scepter.

The scepter was the emblem of power. As the silver wand, so familiar in cathedrals, was once hollow, containing the "virge," or rod with which chastisement was inflicted upon the choristers and younger members of the foundation, so the royal scepter represented the right to inflict punishment. Hence the expression, "to sway the scepter," implied the holding of regal dignity. The scepter with the dove possessed the additional signification of the Holy Ghost, as controlling the actions of the sovereign. The same idea was conveyed by Rheims by the beautiful ceremony of letting loose a number of doves at the coronation of the French kings. —Good Words.

Precedent Established.

A beginner in newspaper work in a southern town who occasionally "sent stuff" to one of the New York dailies, picked up last summer what seemed to him a "big story." Hurrying to the telegraph office he "queried" the telegraph editor: "Column story so and so. Shall I send?" The reply was brief and prompt, but to the enthusiast unsatisfactory. "Send 600 words" was all it said. "Can't be told in less than 1,200," he wired back. Before long the reply came: "Story of creation of world told in 600. Try it."—New York Post.

A Cave of Tortures.

An interesting discovery has been made at the island of Capri, in the shape of an underground vault in which the Emperor Tiberius used to confine the victims of his displeasure prior to their being thrown into the sea. The walls are covered with inscriptions, some of which go to show that among those immured subsequently in the prison were the sister and wife of the Emperor Commodus.

Alabama Agriculture.

The total number of farms in Alabama is given at 223,220, of which 129,137 are operated by white farmers and 94,083 by colored farmers.

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. 2542, for the purchase of the w½ nw¼, se¼ nw¼, and nw¼ sw¼ of Section No. 33, 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 20th 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 20th 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. 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: 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. 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: 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. 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: John W. Barger, of Colfax, Wash.; Frank Hull, of Colfax, Wash.; George W. Palmer, of Colfax Wash.; Alexander L. Steward, of Colfax, Wash.

Emsie 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: 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. 2523, for the purchase of the se¼ of Section No. 14, Township 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. 2524, for the purchase of the ne¼ 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: 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. 2525, 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, Wash., on Friday, the 22nd 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.

Nazaire E. Yelle,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2527, 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. 2528 for the purchase of the se¼ of Section No. 11, 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 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. 2529, 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, 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. 2530, for the purchase of the se¼ 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: 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. 2531, 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: 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. 2532, 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, Wash., on Friday, the 22nd 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.

Frederick A. Schrieber,
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 se¼ 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: 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. 2534, for the purchase of the se¼ of Section No. 22, 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, Wash., on Thursday, the 21st 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. 2535, 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, Wash., on Thursday, the 21st 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.

Frederick A. Schrieber,
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. 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, Wash., on Thursday, the 21st day of August, 1902.

He 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. 2537, 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 M. Dumdi, Grant Ellis, James A. Steward, James E. Ewart, all of Colfax, Wash.

Herman F. Schreiber,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Wash., has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2538, for the purchase of the w½ 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 his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Monday, the 21st 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. 2539, for the purchase of the sw¼ 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. 2540, 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. Schreiber,
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 w½ 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 his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Monday, the 21st 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. 2536, for the purchase of the sw¼ 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. 2537, 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. Schreiber,
of Colfax, county of Whitman, State of Wash., has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2538, for the purchase of the w½ 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. 2539, for the purchase of the e½ nw¼ and lots 1 and 2 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: 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. 2540, for the purchase of the sw¼ of Section No. 16, 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 26th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Ivan Chase, Adam Stoneberger, James A. Steward, Elizabeth C. Morgan, 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. 2541, 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 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. 2542, for the purchase of the e½ sw¼ and 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. Hun