

Sparks v. The People.

A citizen of Oregon, an old democrat, has sent the following letter to President Cleveland, and he asks us to publish it, omitting his name, though his full name is appended to the original sent to the president:

ST. HELENS, Feb. 21, 1887.

Grover Cleveland, President, U. S. A., Washington, D. C.—My dear sir: Beiliving as I do with a large number of the citizens of Oregon that you may not be fully informed as to the manner in which Commissioner Sparks is doing his duty on this coast, especially in the state of Oregon and Washington territory, I write this letter.

No honest man denies there having been enormous frauds committed against the government, and no honest man object to men being punished who have obtained lands therein through fraud, but this does not argue that we have no honest men in Oregon.

Yet Commissioner Sparks seems to be treating us as though we had none. His special agents appear not to discriminate between honesty and dishonesty; between men that have acted in good faith and bad faith. All are treated to be as frauds and criminals.

The poor homesteader who is laboring hard and living poor in hope of having a little home for himself and family by and by is not exempt. He, too, is made to feel the withering hand of the special agent.

Widows, who were thus so unfortunate as to be left without a home, have endeavored to homestead a piece of land, that they might have a little home to call their own. Yet I understand that such claims have been canceled for want of money on the part of defendents to defend their right. Poor men suffer alike.

I was summoned a short time ago to appear and testify in the U. S. court in behalf of a homesteader. I never in my life saw a case where a homesteader had acted in better faith. And yet he was subjected to an expense of \$1000 to defend his honor and maintain his civil rights; not one dollar of which can he ever recover, and the case is not done with.

On the third of June, 1878, as you are aware, congress passed an act granting to citizens of Oregon the right to purchase of this government 160 acres of land, chiefly valuable for the timber thereon. I purchased 160 acres, and in due time proved its unfitness for cultivation, and paid \$2.50 per acre for the same.

Now I am notified by commissioner Sparks that my claim is held for cancellation for reasons alleged by his special agent, Mr. Shields, I believe. I have no hesitancy in asserting that the reasons are demonstrably false. Though I do not possess the funds to defend my right or maintain my honor, I could not fail abundantly to prove the truth of my assertion. But it is not every man in Oregon that has \$1000 to spend in law suit; and unfortunately I am one of that number.

Then what shall I do? I ask in all candor. Shall I stand still and see my honor assailed and my rights taken away without a murmur? Or will this government consider the rights of citizens, as well as its rights, and allow them to possess and enjoy what they have honestly bought and paid for? I sometimes am almost ready to think I have been dreaming. It is so hard to realize that such a high-handed robbery can be carried on in this blessed land of liberty, as many of commissioner Sparks's special land agents are doing just at this time.

They have no interest in the welfare of the good people of the state of Oregon or the prosperity of our state.

They seem to be sent here by Commissioner Sparks, as carpet-baggers were sent south in the days of reconstruction, and are robbing the people of their little homes, passing them back to the government and making a big noise that they have restored so much land to the public domain.

I write this letter, not only on my behalf, but on behalf of thousands of poor immigrants who have been induced to seek the genial climes of the Pacific coast to make themselves homes.

Hoping that you will give the matter some attention, that the people of this coast may be protected in their just rights, I remain, my dear sir, your obedient servant, C.

The man who places a ten dollar notice in his local paper and flatters himself that he is a liberal advertiser will be surprised to learn that a yearly advertisement, one column in length, in the Chicago Tribune cost the advertiser \$26,000. The New York Herald receives for its lowest priced column \$39,000 and for its highest \$48,000; the New York Tribune for its lowest \$28,753; and those papers, it is stated, are never at a loss for advertising to fill their columns. The fact is that careful, liberal advertising pays. Nothing better illustrates this great truth than the rush now to California. Two years ago the southern section of the state organized to advertise, and they managed it well. The northern section soon took their cue. To-day the hotels of southern California will not accommodate the visitors, and San Francisco hotels registered last week over 15,000 guests.

The Christian Herald says: Bro. Smith has removed to McMinnville and will preach for the church there, giving all his time to the work. We regret to have him leave Portland, but the work at McMinnville is a very important one and we are pleased that the brethren there have been able to secure the services of so able a man as Bro. Smith.

Bah. It is rumored that affidavits have been secured implicating a representative in congress as being connected in some swamp land frauds in company with an old bilk named Ankeny. Bosh.

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