

THE LAND SQUABBLE

BY AN EXAMINER STAFF WRITER.

[Continued from last week.]

When John had anything of importance on his mind he was accustomed to give vent to his mental energy by whittling. He was doing that now.

When the first of December came and with it the three hundred head of ewes, John and Walter were fully occupied feeding them hay. John had bought eight bucks and in the spring he looked forward to at least ninety per cent of lambs. One day he went to the store leaving his brother the task of feeding the sheep. On his return he found the skulker who had addressed him in such a threatening manner at the store, talking with his brother. Forgetting all the good advice he had received he at once ordered him from the ranch, and in no gentle manner, either.

"John you have made a fatal mistake—you have made an enemy of that man," said Walter, as the form of the skulker disappeared in the clump of willows not far distant. It was about this time that there was great rejoicing among the settlers, for a decision in their favor was rendered by the General Land Office. The stock corporation lost no time in appealing it to the Secretary of the Interior, and the contest went on. It was now midwinter, and snow on the ground. One day John went to the store; there were two or three of the skulkers there, who left as soon as he entered. As he was about to return home a blizzard sprang up which was of such a boisterous nature that he concluded to wait until it had spent its fury somewhat. As he reached the barn an hour or so later than he had intended, he rapidly came to the conclusion that something was burning. Fortunately he lost no time and went to the right spot—the haystack. It had been set on fire in two different places, and was just beginning to ignite. Owing to the snow it had been slow in getting under way. He succeeded in extinguishing the flames before any damage had been done. He could see foot prints around the stack, although the fast falling snow was rapidly covering them. It was a narrow escape, and well he knew it. An hour later his poor sheep would have been obliged to buy more—if he could get it. "Why John what is the matter? You look ill," said his wife, as he entered the house for supper. He affected surprise but gave as a reason his ride from the store in the blizzard. Mrs. Vinton shook her head doubtfully at the answer. John was unusually silent that evening, his brother once or twice rallied him from his pre-occupied man-

ner. John made no answer. For once he was totally unlike his ordinary self. The people of the community in general were in favor of the settlers, for with them were family, home, children, schools and churches—all the adjuncts of civilization.

With the corporation were skulkers, and even "settler" spies, who declared friendship for their own kind, but who were known to be traitors, and tale-bearers, under cover, whom the settlers despised and feared to converse with, even dispersing when one of these traitors (one in particular) approached them while they talked about the subject nearest their hearts. The corporation was of absentee owners who spent their big profits abroad, and who had vast tracts of land used for range only. Everybody and everything was helped by the settler. The corporation even had its own store, while the skulkers could hardly be classed among the promoters of social and religious life. They were too apt to be lawless and irresponsible members of society. Yet the skulker had his good points. At the dance, if he didn't succeed in "getting full" too early in the program, he was useful. Generous to a fault with his scanty pay, to get which he had undergone many hard knocks, especially in inclement weather—a good friend, but a bad enemy. He was too anxious to get the best of a fight to strictly weigh the consequences of hasty and ill-advised actions.

A week later Walter and Mrs. Vinton waited supper a full hour for John, but strange to say for he was always prompt to his meals—he did not appear. They finally ate in silence without him after arriving at the conclusion that he must have made up his mind to stop at some neighbor's house, although this was not a habit of his. Both Mrs. Vinton and Walter passed a sleepless night. Early the next morning before breakfast Walter went to the barn and there, to his surprise, found the horse which John generally rode. He was now more puzzled than ever. There was a path leading to the haystack which passed through a clump of willows. It was not the one his brother and himself usually took, but by a strange intuition he took it now. In the midst of the willows lay the body of John Vinton. He had been shot in the back of the head and to his back had been pinned a slip of paper with these words: "Adventures come to the adventuresome."

The land question was still unsettled at last accounts.

WOOL AND MUTTON.

Portland Telegram

More woolbuyers are in Eastern Oregon than ever before at this season of the year. Wool, like almost everything else, is up, in price, as compared with some former times. The sheepmen are prosperous, because not only is wool-growing on a large scale fairly profitable, but the price of sheep has advanced within a few years to figures that make the sheepraiser, properly located, sure of large profits. More people, in proportion to population, eat mutton than formerly. It is the very healthiest of meats, and about, if not quite, even yet, the cheapest. The meat trust may have made mutton chops a little dearer than they ought to be, but considering the good prices said farmers and sheepraisers for mutton sheep, there is little reason to complain on the part of those who desire to eat mutton. All parties to the sheep transaction appear to be happy.

How to Avoid Trouble.

Now is the time to provide yourself and family with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over, and if procured now may save you a trip to town in the night or in your busiest season. It is everywhere admitted to be the most successful medicine in use for bowel complaints, both for children and adults. No family can afford to be without it. For sale by Lee Beall, druggist.

Probably Bought Some Votes.

The Lakeview Examiner takes off its hat to Dr. Daly this week, while the Rustler claims some of the honor of the change in election, but asks its subscribers to come to the center with \$100, which sum the paper ran behind during the weeks of campaign.—Alturas New Era.

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Notice of Special Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special meeting of the stockholders of the Oregon Potash Company held at the Riverside hotel, Reno, Nevada, Wednesday, July 23, 1902, at 2 p. m. Said meeting is called to increase the capital stock to one hundred million dollars, on a basis of four dollars per ton of the potash and soda salts in the company's property at Summer and Abert lakes, Oregon, to authorize an issue of bonds for ten millions of dollars; to receive for the company the personal contract held by Mr. Sain with the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway Company for development of the property; and to increase the membership of the board of directors to seven. At the same meeting will be held the first annual election of a board of directors.

The board directs that this notice be published in the Reno Journal for a period of eight weeks.

Dated at a meeting of the board held at San Francisco, May 24, 1902.

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JOHN T. REID,
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Notice For Publication

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, June 15, 1902. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Lakeview, Oregon, on July 25, 1902, viz: Laura E. Fisher, formerly Laura E. Syron, H. E. 1909 for the Lots 1-2-3-4 and 5-6-7-8, Sec. 17, T. 28 N., R. 25 E. W. M. She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles Tomlinson, of Lakeview, Oregon; Oliver W. Jacobs, of Plush, W. Va.; English of Astoria, and Peter Lorenzen of Warner, Lake, Oregon.

E. M. BRATTAIN, Register.

TIMBER LAND NOTICE

United States Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon, 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, Sarah L. Jones, of Silver Lake, county of Lake, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement, No. 554, for the purchase of the S 4 N E 1/4 of Section No. 18 in Township No. 8, Range No. 21 E. 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 Lakeview, Oregon, on Saturday, the 9th day of August, 1902. She names as witnesses: Edw. Hartog, Rufus K. Funk, A. L. Smith, George Vincent, all of Lakeview, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 9th day of August, 1902.

E. M. BRATTAIN, Register.

TIMBER LAND NOTICE

United States Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon, May 28th, 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," John Puskett of Klamath County, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 555, for the purchase of the S. W. 1/4 of Section No. 17, in Township No. 38S, Range No. 15E, 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 County Clerk of Klamath County at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on Saturday, the 9th day of August, 1902. He names as witnesses: James Ryan of Pockema, Oregon; Nels Erick of Pockema, Oregon; Mrs. Nellie Verrill of Klamath Falls, Oregon; W. A. Verrill of Klamath Falls, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 9th day of August, 1902.

E. M. BRATTAIN, Register.

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E. M. BRATTAIN, Register.

Timber Land Notice.

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