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LAKEVIEW, OREGON, JULY 16, 1903.

Here's more trouble for the good liver. A German scientist claims to have discovered 2,000,000 microbes in a quart of strawberries.

Having done all that could be expected of him in the matter of kissing babies, our heroic young president is continuing his campaign by declaring that all women are heroes. How can a man who kisses the babies and lauds the ladies lose?

There is something of grim humor in a recent reply made by Clark Howell of Atlanta to a northern man who asked if it were true that a negro in the south abstains from voting because he fears bodily harm. "Not exactly," said Howell. "It is rather because he knows that on the whole his life will be longer and freer from care if he refrains from the ballot box habit entirely."

The initiative and referendum amendment to the Oregon constitution was pronounced invalid last Friday by the Circuit Court of Multnomah county. The opinion was rendered by Judge Cleland and was concurred in by Judges Frazer, Sears and George. The decision is of far-reaching importance, inasmuch as it upheld by the Supreme Court it will restore all legislative power to the legislative Assembly.

The dowager czarina is a great favorite in Russia. Among other stories illustrating her character is this: She saw on her husband's table a document regarding a political prisoner. On the margin Alexander III had written: "Pardon impossible; to be sent to Siberia." The czarina took up the pen and, striking out the semicolon after "impossible," put it before the word. Then the indorsement read: "Pardon; impossible to be sent to Siberia." The czar let it stand.

An old Florida colonel recently met Booker T. Washington and in a sibilious burst of confidence said to the negro educator: "Suh, I'm glad to meet you. Always wanted to shake your hand, suh. I think, suh, you're the greatest man in America." "Oh, no," said Mr. Washington. "You are, suh," said the colonel, and then, pugnaciously: "Who's greater?" "Well," said the founder of Tuskegee, "there's President Roosevelt." "No, suh," roared the colonel. "Not by a jugful; I used to think so, but since he invited you to dinner I think he's a blank scoundrel."

That target for adverse criticism, the army department, has done one thing, at least, that will call down on its head praise instead of blame. Its recent order compelling those members of the Army organization who married Filipino women while in the Philippines to recognize them as their legal wives under pain of forfeiting their commissions will commend itself to those who have at heart the moral welfare of the nation. Incidentally, the order may lessen the popularity of that familiar army air, "The Girl I Left Behind Me." And it's a safe wager that hereafter "My Filipino Lady" will not be the most applauded two step at an army post dance.

WILL THE RIGHT EVER PREVAIL?

The Warner valley settlers, who for eighteen years have fought for their lands which are claimed as swamp by a great Corporation, is again before the public. Under Secretary Hoke Smith they won, and their lands were ordered patented. The corporation appealed to the courts and were again defeated, and again the lands were ordered patented. Then the attorneys, without the consent of the Settlers stipulated to bring the matter all back and try the case over again. The settlers again won before the local Land Office, and again before the Commissioner of the General Land Office, (Commissioner Hermann), but Secretary Hitchcock reversed the Commissioner and gave the lands to the Corporation, and they at once moved for patents.

Many legal questions are involved in the matter, but the law and equity of the case seem to be entirely with the settlers, for there seems to be little doubt that the lands were never swamp within the memory of man. And the Supreme Court has frequently decided that lands not intended to be conveyed by a patent, are not conveyed. The swamp land act never intended to convey anything but swamp lands to the State, and if this land was never swamp the title under these decisions could not pass, even if a patent did issue.

The Settlers have presented the matter to the State Land Board and petitioned them to withdraw the states' claim to the land and let the Settlers have their homes in peace. Governor Chamberlain, who is an able lawyer himself, has asked the Commissioner to withhold issuing the patents until he can give the matter his personal attention, and he has been asked to come in person and examine the lands for himself.

It is to be hoped that the State Board will make a personal examination of the tract, and that they will withdraw the claim of the state to it, as it is beneath the dignity of the State of Oregon to allow its name to be used by a soulless corporation to defraud settlers of their homes, simply because they happened to settle in a locality that a corporation wanted.

The gobbling up of the lands of Lake County in tracts of from ten to forty thousand acres, of the best agricultural lands by Corporations under the swamp land act has been a curse to Lake County, and is the one thing that retards its growth and development at this day, and will continue to do so as long as those tracts remain intact, and the water is also controlled to irrigate those so called swamp lands, so that the desert lands can not be utilized for any other than range purposes by the great Corporations.

In this fight by the Warner settlers many other so called swamp land tracts which were not swamp, may be attacked, at least it leaves a doubt as to the title, for if they were not swamp the title never passed with the patent. And it may be that this is the reason why there is such a determined fight being made for the Warner lands. The result may destroy the titles of many thousands of acres of the best lands in the County, and if they are not swamp they ought to be destroyed. Settlers have to tell the truth when attempting to perfect a title to a homestead, and there is no reason why an applicant for swamp lands should not be required to do the same.

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TIMBER LAND NOTICE.

United States Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon, May 9, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act 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, the following persons have this day filed in this office their sworn statements, to-wit:

Carrie V. Lundy of Bly, county of Klamath, state of Ore., sworn statement No 1664 for the purchase of the SW 1/4 Sec 13 NE 1/4 and NE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 14 T 34 S, R 17 E.

Irvin W. Anderson of Bly, county of Klamath, state of Oregon, sworn statement No 1675 for the purchase of the W 1/2 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 - NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 21 T 35 S, R 15 E.

Oscar T. Anderson, of Bly, county of Klamath, state of Oregon, sworn statement No 1679 for the purchase of the N 1/2 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 23 T 35 S, Range 15 E.

Quinton N. Anderson of Bly, county of Klamath, state of Oregon, sworn statement No 1712 for the purchase of the N 1/2 NE 1/4 - SW 1/4 NE 1/4 - SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec 21 T 35 S, R 15 E.

That they will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes and to establish their claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Lakeview, Oregon on Thursday, the 15th day of August, 1903.

They name as witnesses: Charles W. Embury, Harry E. Bradley, Carrie V. Lundy, Oscar T. Anderson, and Irvin W. Anderson, of Oregon; John Ritter, of Gold Hill, Ore.; Oliver Siler of a Ill, Washington.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 15th day of August, 1903.

May 14 1903 E. M. BRATTAIN, Register.

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Walter S. Hense of Ostrander, county of Cowitz, state of Wash., sworn statement No. 2165, for the purchase of the W 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec 26 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 - E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec 27, T 40 S, R 16 E.

Rhoda A. Hense of Ostrander, county of Cowitz, state of Wash., sworn statement No. 2166, for the purchase of the NE 1/4 Sec 34 T 40 S, R 16 E.

Clarence C. Howard of Castle Rock, county of Cowitz, state of Wash., sworn statement No. 2167 for the purchase of the NW 1/4 Sec 34 T 40 S, R 16 E.

Ed. P. Murray of Castle Rock, county of Cowitz, state of Wash., sworn statement No 2168 for the purchase of the NW 1/4 Sec 34 T 40 S, R 16 E.

That they will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes and to establish their claim to said land before J. H. Driscoll, County Clerk of Klamath Falls, Ore. on Saturday, the 15th day of July, 1903.

They name as witnesses: Walter S. Hense, and Rhoda A. Hense, of Ostrander, Wash.; Clarence C. Howard and Ed. P. Murray, of Castle Rock, Wash., and E. W. Merritt of Portland, Ore.

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He names as witnesses: W. A. Wilshire, William Childers, Otis Follet and Manuel Swasey, all of Lakeview, Oregon.

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