

THUMB TO BE USED ALASKAN CLAIMS FOR SIGNATURES **HEARING BEGINS**

with Indians, who are subjects of time, the Cunningham-Alaska coal Uncle Sam, and the transferring of land claims, which brought about the legal papers, such as checks, etc., is Ballinger-Pinchot Congressional invesa new ruling which requires a print of tigation today approached their deterthe thumb with marks for signatures mination. Attorneys for the Cunningwhere the Indian can not write his own ham claimants appeared to place their name. Following is the requirement claims before Secretary of Interior made by the United States Indian Fisher, Land Commissioner Dennett Service :

"Hereatfer every Indian who can not write his name will be required to expected the hearing will conclude sign all checks, receipts on annuity or other rolls, and all other official papers, and to endorse all checks or war. are representing the claimants. Comrants covering Indian money by making an imprint of the ball of the right thumb, or the left in case of the loss of the right. The imprint must be clear and distinct, showing the central whorl and striations, and such thumb mark signature must be witnessed by an employe of the office or by one of the leading men of the tribe who can write. If an Indian is not living with his tribe his thumb mark signature must be witnessed by the posmtaster of the place where he resides. These thumb marks are to be used as evidence in cases where question arises as to the genuineness of signatures, and this requirement is to be strictly enforced. Any one who cashes an Indian's check or warrant, or a superintendent who accepts a receipt of any kind, signed by mark without imprint, does so at his own risk,. All endorsements, signatures and marks of payee and witnesses must be in ink.

You will find that almost invariably the party will try to make an impression of the extreme end of the thumb and thumb nail. This will not do. The ball center or whole of the thumb must be perfectly impressed on the paper. I believe in case of aged persons it will often be impossible to get a clear and distinct impression of the striations, but in younger persons it is easily possible, if the pad is too wet or too dry. When the pad becomes somewhat dry, sometimes a few drops of water will produce good results. In case of a new pad, care should be taken not to press the thumb too hard on the pad. On a somewhat dry pad, the thumb should be pressed on the pad sereval times to get enough ink.

In case of endorsement of a check or warrant, the usaul requirement of two witnesses with their post office addresses should be adhered to, and, further, that nothing in this circular shall be considered as dispensing with the usual requirements in such cases not inconisstent with said circular.

WHAT HAPPEN

Something that is not generally Washington, May 8. After having known regarding any official dealing been out of the pubic eye for some and members of the Board of Law Review of the General Land Office. It is tomorrow, E. C. Hughes, of Seattle, and John P. Gray, of Wallace, Idaho, missioner Dennett is charged with handing down the [decision. Secretary Fisher determined to sit at the hearing, however, so that if an appeal is

> be saved. The Cunningham coal land claims, 33 in number, take their name from Clarence Cunningham, of Washington, who, in 1907, discovered the coal later filed upon by himself and 32 others. Opposition to the final granting of the claims was due to the charge that there was a conspiracy to defraud the Government.

made to him, time and expense may

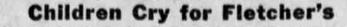
Mr. Hughes, arguing for the claimants, asserted that as they had paid the purchsae price of the land and held receipts from the Government for the money, this was equivalent to the actual delivery of patent rights. According to the Alaska coal land law of 1904, which he declared was complete in itself, as soon as a claimant had staked off his land and had entered it in the register's office, he had a right to make contracts to sell such lands, provided the claimant was not legally

disqualified. Asked by Secretary Fisher whether he had read the brief presented in behalf of Gifford Pinchot in connection with the charges in the case, Mr. Hughes declared that this brief was only partly correct. He did not believe there had been intentional deceit, but asserted the facts had been "shuffled." He did not explain in what particular the brief was only partly correct.



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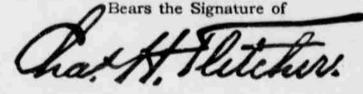
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it will be found on close observance The natural inference is that we im- that the metal is a trifle light. The mediately get a flood of light when we ring is almost as good as in the legititurn the electric switch. While this is mate coins, though to the experienced true enough in a sense, many things ear it will seem a trifle "brassy." really happen before we get the light. Around the design and inscription a And the light is not instantaneous at slightly blurred appearance is evident, all, even if it does look so.

convincing the authorities that the The first thing accomplished in turn- coin has been cast. A considerable ing the switch is to close the circuit so amount of copper is used in making that the electric current can flow read- the bogus coin, and much gold has ily through the wires. The electrical been employed in completing it. energy rushes along the surface of the So well executed are the pieces that insulated copper wires at the terrific Postmaster Arthur Fisk has issued a speed of 186,000 miles a second. If warning to all the employes and clerks

these wires were not properly insulat- of the local postoffices to examine ed the electricity would tend to leak carefully every \$20 gold piece that off the wire to some good conductor at comes undetr their eye. the first opportunity, as it is ever seek-

ing the shortest path through its cir- culated the ouput in several western cuit. When this energy, rushing at a states and will soon be run to cover by terrific pace reaches the electric lamp Chief Operative Moffitt and his operait passes readily enough through the tives, who are noted for their success small iron and platinum wires into the in this line. In the meantime all merbuilt where it meets with its first re- chants of San Francisco are especially

sistance. In its paths stand tiny loops cautioned by the authorities to be on of a fine metallic wire which is not a the lookout for bogus gold pieces. good conductor of electricity. With all the pressure behind it the electrical energy tries to surmount this obstacle in its path. It pushes and forces its asked why he did not employ men over way through the obstruction and this fifty he replied :"Although a man may requires a tremendous amount of work, do just as much work after this age, just the same as it would take a tre- 'he takes himself too seriously.'' He mendous amount of work for a man to did not like to have people around him climb the face of a cliff. This work from whom the youthful spirit had

consumes the electrical energy, just as evaporated. He wanted optimism it would consume mechanical energy men in whom hope was large. He or human energy, and the energy thus wanted the exuberance, the enthusiasm consumed is not really consumed or and the zest which usually belongs to destroyed-for nature never totally de- younger men. stroys anything but changes it into

heat.

It is not so much the question of years as it is a question of the "loss of

The Man of 50

As the current forces its way buoyancy, of hopefulness, of that exthrough the fine wire the electrical en- uberance which is characteristic of ergy is rapidly changed into heat and young life. If a man has been good this heat quickly brings the wire to a to himself in his earlier years, if he white glow, when by a strange coinci- has taken good care of himself, and dence, it is a fairly good conductor. has not squeezed out all the juices of While the light seems instantaneous his youthful nature, if he has not sappit is only because it is too quick for ed his vitality by unscientific living, if the eye. In reality the wire first gets he has practiced plain living and high warm, then hot, then a dull cherry red thinking, has conserved his energy, and finally this red fades, as it gets his life force, has not over strained his hotter, to a white hot glow which is resources, he is young at almost any maintained as long as the current is age.

turned on. The heat resultant from It is the burned out, the spent man this process is rapidly dissipated into that is not wanted.-Orison Swett Marden in "Success Magazine." the air.

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