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## LARGE THINGS TOLD IN A BRIEF MANNER

Indian Eliza, the last survivor of the Clatsop tribe, and totally blind, visited Albany recently.

Myra Swallow, a 10-year-old girl, received first prize for jelly at the recent Clackamas county fair.

Eugene has placed a cement floor in its jail, since the wooden one proved an easy exit for prisoners.

A muskrat that weighs 111 pounds is on exhibition at Monroe. Beside it is a beaver that weighs 25 pounds.

John Seavey, a hop grower near Albany, has just realized \$4,225 on hops grown on 30 acres of land.

A blacksmith shop built forty years ago has just been moved out of the way of modern progress at Monroe.

In Coos county Archie Hughes received a gunshot wound from a companion who mistook him for a deer.

A man was arrested and sentenced to serve twenty-five days in the county jail at Oregon City for giving liquor to another on Sunday.

One hundred thousand carloads of apples will soon be shipped by growers of the Northwest in the near future.

A charge of manslaughter has been preferred against Paul Thompson, the man whose careless driving was responsible for the death of Peter Herbert at Eugene.

K. Giesler, who went to Stayton 12 years ago a poor man, recently added to his real estate holdings two farms for which he paid \$13,000 and \$2,900 respectively.

On December 5 the people of Marshfield will vote on an amendment to the city charter providing for the changing of the name of that municipality from Marshfield to Coos Bay.

Four runaway teams in one wild procession enlivened the public highway near Thatchers recently. Fortunately all were brought under control without the occurrences of casualties.

### Desert Land

The law requires merely an annual expenditure to the requisite amount in good faith for purposes of reclamation. It does not require the first or any other annual proof shall effect reclamation, but the expenditure must be necessarily intended to effect it, and the reclamation must be effected within the time allowed. Citing Stevenson vs. Scharrv (34 L. D. 675).

More expenditure of a required sum cannot be accepted as compliance with the law, but the reasonable value of the work done is the criterion, not the amount the entryman claims to have expended for it. Citing Bradley vs. Vasold (36 L. D. 106).

When land is withdrawn of record under provision of law, in anticipation of an irrigation project, a prior entry thereof may be allowed when it appears that the land embraced in the entry is subject to irrigation and to a large extent irrigated from a private irrigation ditch, and is so situated as not to be irritable from any Government project in course of construction or even in contemplation.

### TIMBER AND STONE

When an entryman under the timber and stone acts fails to submit final proof on the day fixed therefor in the public notice, or within ten days thereafter, his timber and stone sworn statement ceases to have any effect to reserve the land from other disposition.

Subsequent application to readvertise, made after the withdrawal of the land, must be held subject to the conditions of that withdrawal. Citing Edith Curtis (33 L. D. 285).

No rights are acquired by the new filing of a timber and stone sworn statement as will, upon the death of the applicant prior to proof and payment, descend to his heirs. Citing Burns vs. Bergh's Heirs (37 L. D. 161).

### Big Bank Deposits

Salem, Oct. 2.—Total deposits in the banks of Oregon aggregate \$117,166,315, an increase of \$3,256,434, for September 1 this year, as compared with September 1 last year, according to a statement which was issued this morning by Will Wright, state bank examiner.

The number of state banks in Oregon is 169, an increase of 14, and the number of national banks is 89, three more than last year. A reserve of 35.7 per cent is shown by this statement.

The only decrease shown is that of \$10,384,57 in bonds and securities. The savings deposits in the state, amount to \$11,843,737, while the postal savings deposits is incomplete, however, in the failure of some reports. Orders have been sent out for a complete report hereafter on all postal deposits.

A herd of elk from Yellowstone Park may be brought to Oregon and liberated in the forest reserves of Wallowa County. Arrangements are now being made by State Game Warden Finley with the Government authorities. Steps will be taken to protect the animals in their new home.

## RECENT DECISIONS IN LAND MATTERS

Monthly Digest of important land decisions. The following important law points have recently been decided by the Secretary of the Interior.

### HOMESTEADS

Settlement upon land while it is covered by the entry of another confers no right on cancellation of the entry as against the Government.

The Government's right under any valid withdrawal at once attach to the exclusion of any settlement or other right initiated while such entry was of record.

The homestead law is a donation of public lands conditional upon the performance of certain acts. Its purpose is to establish agricultural homes on the public domain, and, in case of the death of the entryman, the widow or heirs should proceed at once to cultivate during the proper season of each year and improve the land, and continue such cultivation and improvement for such period of time, as when added to the time during which the entryman had complied with the law, would make compliance for the full period required by the statute. Citing School-eyvs. Heirs of Varum (33 L. D. 45).

Where final proof on a desert land entry has been rejected by the Commissioner of the General Land Office and appeal is taken to the Secretary of the Interior, accompanied by affidavits submitting new proof, which had not been considered by the Commissioner, the case will be remanded again to the Commissioner for adjudication upon the new record.

### Relief For Settlers

Settlers on National Forests under the act of June 11, 1906, will no longer have to pay for a survey, as they have had to in the past on unsurveyed lands, when the claim goes to patent. This relieves many settlers under the act, commonly known as the Forest Homestead Law, from a burdensome expense. Relief from this burden has been brought about by an agreement between the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, whereby surveys made by employees of the Forest Service will be under the supervision of the Surveyor General so that they can be accepted by the General Land Office as final.

The survey for listing, made by forest officers, has always been without expense to the prospective homesteader. Under the new arrangement the field expenses of the survey will continue to be paid by the Department of Agriculture, so that the applicant will merely be called on to meet the cost of checking up and platting the surveys by the Surveyor General. This will move one of the greatest objections to the working of the Forest Homestead law. The officials of both the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior are pleased that the way has been found, through co-operation in the surveys, to simplify the procedure, cut out a duplication of work, and lessen the cost of settling upon agricultural lands within National Forests.

### First Aid Packages

In an effort to minimize fatal results from what first appear to be only minor injuries through train accidents, the Southern Pacific Company, through its chief surgeon, Dr. F. K. Ainsworth, has ordered installed on its baggage cars, combination cars and cabooses, what are known universally as "first aid" packages. Ever since the railroads of the country became interested in first aid work, the Southern Pacific trains have been equipped with "first aid" kits, but these were so large that when one was opened only one or two were used and several were left to become dirty and unfit for medical use.

The "first aid" packages contain only sufficient bandages and dressings for one wound and a sufficient number of packages are placed in each car to take care of a large number of wounds should it happen that any great number of persons incur injuries at the same time. Danger from train accidents, which has been minimized to such an extent during the last few years by modern equipment and safety devices, is further diminished by having these "first aid" packages at hand at all times, and practically all train crews have become skilled in rendering the first aid work.

Portland will raise money to aid in the operation of two demonstration farms in Central Oregon. The railroads have pledged \$5,000, Portland business men will give \$2,000 and Crook County will raise by taxation \$3,000. One farm will be established in dry farming country and the other in an agricultural district. A local committee has been named to secure the funds and a dinner will be held at the Commercial Club October 18, when plans will be made. On the train returning from the golden spike driving at Bend during the past week, a considerable sum was subscribed by Portland excursionists.

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