

H. F. WHITE EXPLAINS

Claims He Has Been Simply Operating Under the Provisions of the Law Governing His Work

The Herald is in receipt of the following letter from Rev. Hiram F. White, who is engaged in allotting the Indian lands in the Klamath reservation:

Klamath Agency, Oct. 21, 1909.
Editor of Evening Herald:

Dear Sir—Some time ago an article appeared in the Klamath Falls Republican, making some severe comments on the work of the allotting agent on the Klamath reservation, and in your issue of October 21st you make some statements that are misleading.

I desire only that your readers may see the situation, and I am sure that if this is seen no one will charge me with delaying the work.

The last paragraph of the act of May 8, 1906, requires the secretary of the interior to "have an absolutely correct history of the family relationships of the Indians allotted."

The purpose of this was that the inheritance might at once be determined of any deceased allottee. For this purpose a large family history and a quantity of blanks were furnished.

This history required the grandfather and grandmother, the uncles and aunts, as well as the father and mother, brothers and sisters and children of each allottee. It is required that the date of each marriage and of each divorce be given, and the date of each birth and death.

This had to be done for each Indian already allotted as well as for those that I should allot.

You can readily see that this would be quite a task for 1,600 white people, and the task was much greater for that number of Indian people.

This has been the task which has occupied much of my time.

It was also found that quite a number of the old allotments were irregularly described, i. e., they were described by metes and bounds to give the Indian just the land he wanted, without regard to legal subdivisions. The general land office had refused to issue the patents for the descriptions as given, and I was directed to correct these allotments. These irregular descriptions were on Modoc Point, along Williamson river and toward old Fort Klamath, where all the land was soldly allotted, and where the allotments were quite generally improved.

As you can see, to arrange these allotments so as to give each Indian the same amount of land and as nearly as possible the same land, and yet make the allotment a legal subdivision, was not an easy task.

In each case the consent of the Indian must be obtained to any change and he must sign a relinquishment to any portion, however small, taken from the allotment as first made. The case was much complicated by the fact that several of the allottees were dead, so that relinquishments had to be obtained from the heirs, with affidavits that they were the legal heirs. I have corrected 110 of these old allotments.

Then at the outset I was instructed to grant exchanges to any allottee whenever it should appear to the "material advantage" to change his allotment, and I have granted some 95 changes. In each case the lieu land must be surveyed, a relinquishment obtained and a letter written explaining the reasons and showing how it was to the material advantage to grant the exchange.

I have made 391 allotments, and it must be remembered that these allotments were not together, but were scattered far and wide over a large reservation, so that to make these allotments was slow work, and required a great deal of traveling.

Another matter which accounts for the delay somewhat is that applicants for allotment must be placed on the agency roll. The superintendent has entire charge of that. Many of these applicants did not get their cases decided until recently. The cases of nine which were decided favorably did not reach me until September 18th.

None of the Modocs who are permitted by the act of May 2, 1909, to

return to this reservation and get allotments have as yet been allotted. I understand that there are some 66 of these. Just how many will comply with the law so as to get allotment here is uncertain.

Another matter which will cause still further delay is the completion of surveys on the reservation. There are some seven such pieces.

One is the remainder of the big marsh. There was also the platting of fractions along the boundary of the reservation and along the Williamson river.

These were ordered by the general land office last April. In some of these unsurveyed portions, allotments to Indians have been made. These cannot be described and patented until the surveys have been approved and recorded. I sympathize fully with the desire of the people of Klamath Falls for the completion of the allotment and the opening of the reservation, but the allotment must be completed. There is no one who desires that to be done speedily more than I—no one who will suffer more by any postponement of that end than I. I have other interests which now imperatively demand my attention.

Feeling that your readers have a right to these facts I have gone into them somewhat fully. Sincerely yours,

HIRAM F. WHITE.

CLEVER ADVERTISING SCHEME

Klamath Development Company Has Miniature Ranch on Display.

A novel window display is to be seen at the Klamath Development company's office. A complete miniature ranch, all under irrigation, such as may be seen anywhere in Klamath county, is shown, with ranch house, barn, garden, ditches and fields of grain. Just now irrigation is the most important matter before the country, and Mr. Campbell, always timely and up to date, shows his appreciation of this in his window. The real estate men are in a better position than any to show the glories of this county to the strangers within the gates, and the Development company has always been in the lead doing its best to let the outside world know what could be done with Klamath county land.

FLEEING NEGROES CROSS INTO CALIFORNIA

Deputy Sheriff John Schallock returned Friday night from his hunt for the negroes who assaulted and robbed Ciesc Viandeburg Thursday night. He has been down as far as Dorris, and says that he thinks the coons must have crossed into California, as there is no one round Dorris who has heard of them. The only trace is at Erickson & Peterson's Camp No. 2, where two negroes came down to get a drink at about 9 o'clock. Deputy Schallock was just twenty minutes behind, but was unable to find any further trace of them, and believes they must have turned back into the hills and crossed the line. The sheriffs of Modoc and Siskiyou counties and their deputies are watching for them across the line.

BRIDGEMAN SERIOUSLY INJURED

William Connor Struck on the Head by Sledge Hammer.

While working on the Southern Pacific bridge last Friday, William Connor was struck on the head by a heavy sledge hammer. Connor was standing below the heavy iron girders with his head up between two of them. One of the hammer men who was pounding the rivets, missed one stroke, the heavy hammer slipped and struck Connor on the top of the head. He was seriously injured, and immediately taken to Dr. Hamilton's office, where he was attended.

Dr. Hamilton has bound his head and intends sending him to Sacramento to the hospital, fearing serious complications.

"A New York trolley car jumped the track and ran into a saloon," says the Baltimore News. That Fulton-Hudson jam got on its nerves, probably.

Step in and get your \$15 suits marked up by the Payne tariff to \$25.

PANAMA CANAL FAIR AT SAN FRANCISCO

California Commissioner Announces at Closing Banquet of A.-Y.-P.

The following dispatch from Seattle gives us a line on San Francisco's ambitions for the future in the way of an exposition for 1915:

Speaking at a farewell banquet given at the Washington hotel by the executive commissioners' association of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition in honor of President Chilberg and other officers of the fair, Colonel J. A. Filcher, executive commissioner for California, announced that San Francisco had waited until the close of the local exposition to announce that it would commemorate the completion of the Panama canal by holding a national exposition.

"In accordance with the broad spirit of the West," said Colonel Filcher, "San Francisco did not announce to the world that she would, like Seattle, hold an exposition for the reason that it would in a small measure divert interest. It is said that the completion of the canal will double the world's commerce to the Orient.

"If it does this the United States government should add \$1,000,000 or \$2,000,000 to celebrate the event. San Francisco thinks she should have the honor.

Preliminary plans provide that the United States government shall provide a cruiser which shall carry a delegation appointed by the president, the governors of the Western states and the mayors of its great cities, and that it shall visit every island and country washed by the Pacific to invite the people to participate. If this is carried out we shall not have to look out for the participation of European countries."

ANNIVERSARY AND HALLOWE'EN CELEBRATION

The local tribe of Red Men and the members of the Degree of Pocahontas are planning to leave a large red mark on the social calendar of 1909. Their anniversary and hallowe'en coming on nearly the same date has given them an excuse to paint things the aforesaid color, and they are going to do it. People who own chickens are warned to keep the lock on the henhouse door, for a chicken supper is one of the things planned, and the Indians are noted foragers.

That the affair will be a tremendous success goes without saying, for this hustling tribe of Red Men have had nothing but success since it was organized, one year ago the 28th of this month. Tickets, including supper, will cost \$1. October 28th is the date.

J. T. McCullom of Fresno is in town. He has purchased the Hill property and will make his residence here permanently. He expects his family here Monday.

MAKING RAPID PROGRESS

Trains Expected to Run Up the Deschutes by June.

The completion of the Deschutes railway into Madras by next June is the present hope of the Harriman construction forces, and the prediction is made in the offices of the company that trains will be running regularly to that point by the middle of the coming summer.

The promise is not definitely made, as unlooked for obstacles are frequently encountered in railroad work, but progress so far has been so satisfactory that such a time limit for the completion of that portion of the road is now indicated.

The completion of the remaining thirty miles of the railroad to Redmond, as now projected, will come later in the year. If these hopes are fulfilled the original time fixed for completion of the railroad through the Deschutes canyon will have been shortened from eight months to one year. As previously outlined the work was to require nearly two years.

The company has been rushing construction this fall, however, and now has a force of 2,300 men in the field. In addition, five steam shovels and 800 teams are working.

Preparations are being made to use a steam shovel in the construction of the 800-foot tunnel at Horseshoe bend. The character of the preliminary work shows that a shovel may be used to advantage, and one is now being taken down Mack's canyon to begin work at the south portal. When the shovel is in operation the tunnel will go ahead at the rate of thirty to forty feet a day.

Beyond Madras there is some heavy viaduct work to be done, and this can be accomplished to best advantage after rail transportation is given to that point.

Near the mouth of the canyon fifteen miles of grade have been practically completed. The grade, however, has not all been connected up, owing to the heavy work in getting over the Moody dam. The entire field is covered with construction crews to and beyond Madras, with the exception of one point of conflict with the Oregon Trunk line.

The tariff experts are to receive \$7,500 a year each, with clerks, allowances, and the etceteras which go with soft snaps. And they aren't very expert, either, to tell the truth.

Everyone seems to know all about "Artist" Earle's affinities, but has anyone ever heard anything about his achievement as an artist?

Suggestions that "Uncle Joe" Cannon be sent to the north pole with infinite leave of absence are out of order. From latest reports we gather that the north pole is anything but a stand-patter.

LAND OWNERS ACT WISELY

No Foundation for the Rumor That Directors Decided Legal Meeting Could Not Be Held Nov. 8.

Nothing that has occurred in this county in recent years has had such a good effect in the business and realty interests of the city and county as did the result of Friday's meeting of the stockholders of the Water Users' association. Had there been a strong faction present opposed to the increasing of the capital stock of the corporation there is no doubt what-ever but that there would have been a big tumble in values, for it would have resulted in certain stoppage of the construction of the Klamath project until such time as the legal requirements had been complied with.

There were many who attended the meeting who were opposed to the increase at the start, but when they ascertained that it entailed no further obligations and was simply the meeting of the demands of legal technicalities, changed their vote and supported the motion favoring the increase.

The necessity for the securing of proxies did not dawn on the supporters of the increase until they saw that there was not a sufficient number of stockholders present to pass the amendment to the by-laws. When the next meeting is called to order on November 8th, it is safe to predict that there will be a sufficient number of shares represented to make a quorum for the transaction of business.

There was a rumor on the street this afternoon to the effect that the board of directors had met and decided that there could be no legal meeting held on November 8th, rumor stating that this action was based on the advice of the association's counsel, R. S. Smith. When Mr. Smith was asked as to the truth of the rumor he said:

"There is absolutely nothing to it. The directors have held no meeting that I know of. Some people have raised the question as to the legality of the adjourned meeting, but I do not believe there are grounds for their point. I have not looked the matter up, but will do so. If the same rules that govern other bodies will govern the meeting of yesterday then it is my belief that there can be no doubt as to the legality of the meeting of November 8th."

"When Dr. Cook sighted land," says a contemporary, "his heart bulged with emotions." And when Peary sighted the headlines, his vocabulary bulged with invective.

We have all the different kinds of vegetables now; white and blue cabbage, sweet potatoes, carrots and squash. Fine crisp celery, too. The Monarch Mercantile company.

So far, all the circumstances have confirmed and corroborated Cook.

WELL, DOESN'T THIS SOUND STRANGE, CONSIDERING?

Former President of Trust Company Gets Five Years in State Prison

A dispatch from Salem gives the following bit of news, which may be termed startling:

The judgment and sentence of the lower court in the Ross case was modified in an opinion handed down by the Supreme Court this morning, by reversing that part of the sentence directing that Ross "be imprisoned in the county jail of Multnomah county, Oregon, until such fine is paid, not exceeding 288,426 days." In all other respects the judgment is affirmed, the opinion being written by Justice Eakin. The court was unanimous.

"The effect of the modification is to reduce Ross' jail sentence. He will be compelled, however, to serve out a sentence of five years in the penitentiary. According to the statute under which he was convicted Ross must pay a fine twice the amount he was found guilty of converting. As the sum was \$288,425, he would have had to serve that many days in jail if he were unable to pay the fine, as the law provides that persons fined must serve one day in jail for each \$2 of the fine when the fine cannot be paid.

Now that John L. Sullivan has gone in for chicken raising, he will have to be more careful than ever to sit steady on the water wagon.

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