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WANTS HIS PATENT.

A correspondent writes us from Wallowa complaining of hardship inflicted on him by the general land office. His style is somewhat diffuse, but we give his statement as follows:

On May 12th, 1884, I made final proof and payment in the land office at La Grande, on a pre-emption claim. I have improved this place till it is worth considerable money. But my health has failed me of late and I want to sell in order to seek another location. But after waiting four years our government gives me no title, and I can't sell. There is no dispute or contest and never has been. What is the matter? What shall I do to be saved?

Again. Just one year ago I made final proof and payment in the same land office on a desert claim of 320 acres. I have fully complied with the law in every respect. There is no dispute or contest and never has been. I could sell this land for a fair price, but buyers hold back because I have no title. What steps shall I take to procure patents to my land?

The general land office, like all the other bureaux in Washington, is hopelessly in arrears with its work, and we see no other course for our correspondent to pursue than to wait till his turn comes round. If he has a trustworthy land attorney in Washington he might expedite the work; if not, application to Mr. Hermann, or one of our senators, might help him. The papers in his case may be buried in some pigeon-hole in the land department; if so, it will require some little stir to resurrect them. But if he has a good farm it would be a wise thing for him to hold on to it.

Woodburn Schools.

The public schools of this place close on the 1st inst., having been in session for nine months. Much of the time there has been work enough for two teachers, but not having room facilities the work has been done by one, but there will be a wing built on the present room, so that the coming year we presume to have a live school and we understand the present incumbent, is affected somewhat as our president is, that is wants it another term, and being a protectionist, it is very likely he will succeed. Grover's free trade policy, or some other unknown factor, has worked very much against the school, as it has been broken into, the third time—measles—mumps and now it is scarlet fever, just to break up all exercises for the last day, consequently those visiting us at the close will see the regular work. We are in hopes to inaugurate teachers' meetings at least once a month the coming year, unless the time tables of the railroad change so it will be impracticable, and we hope to find in our new superintendent man that will come out and aid us, not finding any fault with our present officials for we have no right to do so until he has been asked. It is in small things so many of our teachers are deficient, and if all judicious are put aside much knowledge can be gained at our little gatherings, and the work of our mixed schools greatly improved. Will some one answer this conundrum? Why can't our "teachers' institutes" be held so that it will not take an entire month's earnings of our teachers to attend a session? Many of our teachers complain about the expense and we believe justly too, as but very few of them are millionaires.

Twenty-five Bars in His Breast.

A prisoner at the penitentiary named Crump, aged 32 years, sentenced from Morrow county in March, for 15 years, for murdering his brother-in-law, cut his throat today. He made twenty-one gashes in his throat and wind pipe. Dr. Rynd sewed them up, and said he might live.

"AS OTHERS SEE US."

Some Things About Salem, as Noted by a Visitor—"Fortunate Salem."

"Oh, isn't some power the left give us, To see our subjects like us?"

given, advising as many teachers who intend to attend the National Association at San Francisco, as can conveniently, to attend the Oregon Association, when on the way.

The article treats this section of Oregon very fairly, and will likely bring us many inquiries from the frozen regions of Dakota and Minnesota.

The Great Strike.

Hello! Hello, there! Mr. Digestion! What's the matter with you down there?

Hello! Mr. Tongue, is that you? Oh, everything is wrong down here. The hands in the Gastric Works have "struck." The Food Assimilation Company have "shut down," and the Lite Supply Pipe Line can't handle their product, and has overflowed the whole region. Yes, all stock on hand in my apartments has "heated" and "soared." I have stopped work altogether. Can't move without assistance. Say, Mr. Tongue, can't you send down to me a bottle or two of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery? Yes. That Buffalo man's remedy. If you do, I can start up at once. When the liver, stomach or bowels are deranged or the digestive "forces" are "on a strike," it is the best "agent" to set the wheels of nature in motion. Drugists have it.

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