

**Land Office Department Circular.**  
 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
 GENERAL LAND OFFICE,  
 Washington, D. C., July 17, 1878.  
 To Registers and Receivers, United States Land Offices.

GENTLEMEN: Under the instructions of the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, dated January 28, 1878, new forms have been prepared for taking pre-emption and final homestead proof. The principal change from the old method of taking the proof, directed by the Secretary, is, that hereafter the testimony of the witnesses must be taken separately by question and answer, and the claimant will be required to testify, as a witness, in his own behalf in the same manner.

The printed forms, ten in number, which will be mailed to you, are named below, with such directions as are deemed necessary for your guidance, to-wit:

**PRE-EMPTION PROOF.**  
 Affidavit of claimant, required by section 2272 of the Revised Statutes. Testimony of claimant, as a witness in his own behalf, by questions and answers. Testimony of witness by questions and answers. The testimony of two witnesses, taken separately, should be required in each case.

**Certificate of the local land officers as to the status of the land by their records.**  
**FINAL HOMESTEAD PROOF.**  
 Final affidavit of claimant, required by section 2291, Revised Statutes. Final affidavit required of "adjoining farm homestead" claimants by section 2291, Revised Statutes.

Testimony of claimant, as a witness in his own behalf, by questions and answers.

Testimony of witnesses by questions and answers. The law requires the proof of two witnesses in each case, and you will require that the witnesses testify separately, as indicated by the forms.

**Affidavit required of claimant who commutes his homestead entry under section 2301 of the Revised Statutes.**  
 In commutation cases, besides this affidavit, the same forms are required to be used for taking the testimony of the claimant and his witnesses as are prescribed for taking ordinary final homestead proof.

**Pre-emption-Homestead affidavit.**  
 In cases where pre-emption filings have been changed to homestead entries and the parties come to make final proof, claiming credit under the acts of March 3, 1877, and May 27, 1878, for the period of pre-emption settlement, this form of affidavit is required, stating their qualifications as pre-emptors, covering the period from date of pre-emption settlement to date of change to homestead entry. In these cases of final proof you will require, in addition to this affidavit, a final homestead affidavit and the final homestead testimony of the claimant and his witnesses, covering the entire period of settlement and cultivation from date of pre-emption settlement.

The forms named above for taking the testimony are intended for ordinary proof; but in case of final proof in support of adjoining farm homestead entries, or final proof by the widow, heirs or devisee of a deceased homestead party, or in case of proof by the heirs of a deceased pre-emptor, the printed forms for taking the testimony by questions and answers should be changed to suit the particular case; or, if found necessary, the questions and answers may be written out entirely, following the printed forms as guides in respect to the proof required to be made.

You will circulate copies of these forms, except the pre-emption affidavit required to be made before you, and copies of this circular, among such officers in your district as are authorized by law or instructions to take final proof, and thereafter, upon application, furnish a limited number of the forms to such officers or the attorneys of parties, to be used in lieu of the old forms superseded by these.

In accordance with the instructions of the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, you are directed to exercise great care and diligence in each case, and should it come to your knowledge, or should you have reasonable grounds to believe that fraud or perjury has been committed in any case, make due report to this Office without delay. Although knowledge of bad faith in cases may be obtained by you subsequent to the issue of certificate as the basis of patent, by promptly reporting as directed, the successful consummation of fraud, in some instances, may be prevented.

You will observe that the forms for taking the testimony contain a notice, which should be brought to the attention of each witness, stating that if he testifies falsely he will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Very respectfully,  
 J. A. WILLIAMSON,  
 Commissioner.

CHEAP fares are bringing the scum of the Golden State to Oregon. Notice the increase of crime in criminal quarters. If this keeps on, it will pay some bloated land owner to put in about a hundred acres of hemp.—*Ex.*

**The Inquest Closed.**

The coroner's jury in the inquest held over the remains of Louis Joseph, closed their labors last evening, and returned the following verdict:

Inquisition taken at Portland, Oregon, on the 20th, 21st and 23d days of August, before Horatio Crooke, coroner of said county. Upon view of the body of Louis Joseph, then and there lying dead; upon the oath of six good and lawful men of said county, who being duly summoned and sworn to inquire into all the circumstances attending the death of the said Louis Joseph, and by whom the same was produced, and on what manner, and when, and where, the said Louis Joseph came to his death, do say upon their oaths aforesaid, that the said Louis Joseph came to his death from a gunshot wound in the hand of one Archie Brown, now at liberty; he being aided and abetted in said crime by one James Johnson, now at liberty, and Joseph Swards now in custody; and we, the jury, do charge the parties aforesaid with the crime of murder. The jury takes this opportunity of expressing its astonishment at the fact that murder can be committed in the very heart of the city, in broad daylight, within two blocks of police headquarters, and without any policemen being within reach or hearing distance for some time; and we earnestly recommend the increase of the force.

WM. A. DAILY, Foreman.  
 ISAAC KAUFMAN,  
 A. SMITH,  
 M. HEXTER,  
 L. LEMLINE,  
 S. FRUCHTWANGER.

The above reflects upon the police force of Portland, and the suggestion of its increase is a wise one. The large emigration of roughs to the State consequent upon cheap fares, renders necessary a strong force of the ministers of the law.

**Sticking to Newspapers.**

There is a practical sense in the following paragraph, clipped from an exchange: "The strong attachment of subscribers to well conducted newspapers is fully confirmed by publishers. 'Stop my paper,' words of dread to beginners in business, lose their terror after a paper has been established for a term of years. So long as a paper pursues a just and honorable and judicious course, meeting the wants of its customers in all respects, the ties of friendship between the subscribers and the paper are as hard to break by an outside third party as the link which binds old friends in business or social life. Occasionally defects and errors in a newspaper are overlooked by those who have become attached to it, through its pursuit for years. They sometime become dissatisfied with it on account of something which has slipped into its columns, and may stop taking it; but the absence of the familiar sheet at their homes and offices for a few weeks becomes an insupportable privation and they hasten to take it again, and possibly apologize for having it stopped. No friendship on earth is more constant than that contracted by the reader for a journal which makes an honest, an earnest effort to merit its continued support. Hence a conscientiously conducted paper becomes a favorite in the family."

**The Big Hole Route.**

The editor of the *Missoulian* last month made a tour of observation through the Bitter Root valley and the Big Hole to Bannock, and writes the following account of the Big Hole pass, which is evidently a good railroad pass for the Northern Pacific to reach the Skalkaho from the east:

The road from Bannock to Missoula leads up Grasshopper creek and across a low divide into Big Hole; thence down Big Hole river to the battle ground and up Trail creek to the summit of the Bokey mountains, to the grade that has been constructed this Summer by Jos. Pardee. The distance from Bannock to the summit does not exceed fifty seven miles, making the entire distance from Bannock to Missoula 147 miles. The Bitter Root end of the route has been described in a former issue; the Bannock end is a natural wagon road to the battle ground; the road up Grasshopper is as level and hard as a floor; the divide from there to Big Hole is very low, and a little drainage to cut off some springy, soft ground, will make this divide so easy that a trail need not be dropped by freighters; the route down the east side of Big Hole river is on hand, solid ground. The route up Trail creek from the battle ground to the summit, seventeen miles, is the only difficult portion of the Bannock end. The ascent is very gradual the entire distance, but the road runs over a good deal of soft ground. Some \$800 have been expended by the Bannock people in making grades along this creek. The road is passable in the dry season; but it is important that we should have a road for all seasons.

**Choosing a Husband.**

A Turkish slave ship was captured the other day by an English vessel, and the slaves it contained, consisting of 70 women, and 10 men, were liberated.

The men volunteered into the Egyptian army, but it was more difficult to dispose of the women. Under the treaty concluded between the English government and the Khedive, the importation and exportation of slaves are forbidden; but the detention and sale of slaves in the country are permitted for about six years longer in Egypt and Soudan. Several officers accordingly came to the Pasha of the district with offers to buy some of the female slaves, but the Pasha declared he would not part with them unless they got married. He then announced that any other soldier or civilian wishing to marry one of the slaves would have to pay six thalers for her dowry, but that the women would be allowed to choose their husband from among those who should present themselves for the purpose. A great number of men, chiefly soldiers, assembled on the day appointed for the selection. The women were so shy that they "huddled together like a flock of sheep," and could not be induced to move. At last one of them, taking courage, advanced slowly to a black Egyptian sergeant, who was anything but young or handsome, and put her hand on his shoulder as a sign that he was the man she wished to marry. Her example was followed by the other women, who rushed forward to choose their husbands as if they feared to be too late. It was now the men's turn to say whether they accepted the selection. All were satisfied but five, and even the five women who were consequently obliged to choose again were ultimately provided with husbands.—*Ex.*

**NORTHERN PACIFIC LANDS.**

Return of an Exploring Party from the Country Between the Missouri and Yellowstone.

[Bismark (Dakota) Special, Aug 14.]  
 Hon. D. Morrison, John Ross, Gen. Rosser and party, under military escort, returned recently by the Northern Pacific Railroad to inspect their lands for the first time between the Missouri and the Yellowstone, returned this afternoon. They were all surprised, and reported the country a great deal better than that between Bismark and Fargo. The so-called "bad lands" they found covered with the richest pasture, and the whole stretch of a hundred miles well watered, with plenty of good coal and considerable timber. The coal fields are apparently inexhaustible.

Mr. Morrison, who will make up a detailed report to the officers of the Northern Pacific, will advise the company not to give up their lands to a syndicate who will build to the Yellowstone, but hold them, building the road as best they can. President Wright has had in contemplation a scheme for extending the road to the Yellowstone, and pledging the five million acres land grant between the Missouri and the Yellowstone to builders of the road.

**"A Britisher's" Just Criticism.**

PORTLAND, Aug 27th, 1878.

To the Editor of the *Oregonian*:  
 A stranger from "over the border" coming direct from the land over which waves the Union Jack of Old England, where life and property are held sacred, and the law is a terror to evil-doers, is naturally struck with the great indifference that is manifested in this country towards the taking of human life. What is the cause of it? Is the United States government unable to enforce its laws, or are the laws inadequate? Surely there is a screw loose somewhere. There is certainly no great inducements for foreigners to become citizens of a country that is not able to afford them a reasonable amount of protection; or whose laws are framed, apparently, not with the object of punishing the wrong-doer but so as to give him a loophole through which to escape. It is a notorious fact that money, combined with political influence, will procure the discharge of almost any criminal in the civil courts of the United States, or at least an amelioration of his sentence. Is this your boasted freedom? On British soil it is different. The law is administered with the strictest impartiality, and if a man does wrong he knows what the consequence will be. No amount of money or influence will have the slightest weight with the judge, who is not dependent on any party for his position, and can therefore mete out justice to all, without fear or favor. But while life is held so cheaply as it is here, and while murderers are permitted either to escape altogether, or get off with a light sentence, just so long will crime be rampant. Such are the impressions and sentiments of one who is and always will be  
 A BRITISHER.

Scowls captured from the hostiles say that there are known to be three white men among the Indians. They should be hung with the squaws.—*Watchman*, Amec.

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