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LAND OFFICE CASES.

An Important Decision by the Secretary of the Interior on the Northern Pacific Contest.

THE SETTLER HAS WON HIS CASE.

Other Contests Decided in Various Ways at Washington and in the Local Office Here.

A decision of the secretary of the interior, and one which contains some interesting remarks by that officer, has been received by the local land office. It involves a tract of 160 acres of land near Augusta. William A. Converse filed a pre-emption declaratory statement for 160 acres on April 28, 1873, which was cancelled on relinquishment Nov. 6, 1888. On Aug. 29, 1891, Converse filed application for reinstatement of his pre-emption right, and the local land office allowed it. Meantime the company filed an indemnity list embracing the tract covered by Converse's new entry. Converse was living on the land at the time and the application for his second pre-emption filing was pending. The railroad held that the local office should have ruled that Converse was not a qualified settler, having exhausted his pre-emption right by his previous filing. The company also held that Converse's application for restoration of his right was not filed till after the repeal of the pre-emption law, and that the department had no right to restore. The secretary in his decision says:

"These were matters wholly between the pre-emptor and the government, with which it is not competent for the company to interfere. It is not to be supposed that the United States government intended to raise up in antagonism to all the actual settlers on the soil whom it had invited to its occupation, this great corporation, with an interest to defeat their claims and to cause them to be settled on the government as to the performance of their obligations." It was held that Converse should not have been allowed to hold land reserved for indemnity purposes when he settled on it; also that selection by the company was not necessary to give it a right, because there were not enough lands available to satisfy the claims. The losses of the grant. The secretary says this contention has been frequently passed on, and makes no further comment. He affirms the decision of the local land office and orders that the company's entry be held for cancellation, and that Converse be allowed to perfect his claim.

In a decision in the case of Eli Risley versus the Northern Pacific, the secretary decides in favor of the company. Risley appealed from the decision of the local office cancelling his timber culture entry near Helena because it was within the primary limits of the grant. A valid pre-emption filing was made on the land by C. C. Winslow in 1870, but at the time of the definite location of the road Risley had possession. The land office held that he could not legally claim it under the settlement laws, as he was living on an adjoining tract, for which he had made homestead entry. The land office found that the tract was free from any claim at the time of the filing of the map, and that Winslow's entry had technically expired July 14, 1872. The land therefore passed to the company. The secretary sustains the local office. A tract of land adjoining the property of the Castner Coal company at Belt, where the Anaconda company is operating, was involved in the contest of George B. Seifred versus Lorenzo Minelli. The local office decided in favor of Seifred, holding that the land was more valuable for coal mining than for farming.

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A Novel Suggestion for the Helena Board of Trade.

To The Independent. I was greatly interested in an article published in a recent issue of The Independent which set me to running my thinking machine on the subject treated about in the article. Wherefore I desire to call the attention of our rejuvenated board of trade to the apparently great possibilities of a business which could be established here in our town by which every part of this state, as well as the world at large, could possibly, and from all accounts in a comparatively unobtrusive and technical manner, be supplied with a product of great value.

I refer to the article headed "Croup Conquered," also treating of diphtheria and recent advances in medical science about the treatment of these dread diseases, by means of the use of serum from the blood of healthy horses, properly inoculated. I am not a doctor, but we have many of that profession thoroughly educated in their vocation who can take up this suggestion (and it is merely a suggestion, nothing more), and, if possible, carry it out not only to our benefit financially, but to the benefit of all mankind.

As I understand it, the bacteria of these diseases are inoculated into the blood of healthy horses, from whose veins the blood is at the proper time drawn, to be settled or otherwise converted into serum, to be injected into the blood of the patient. The medical profession undoubtedly have studied the process, and know, but if the cure or remedy is at all what is reported, where on the face of the earth is a greater field for the cultivation or development of this equine modified bacterial remedy, than here in Montana, where there are now thousands upon thousands of wild and half wild, perfectly healthy and uncontaminated caribou or broncho horses running over our ranges, having now only nominal, if any value? Within the past year sales of bands of horses at forced sale have brought only from 60 cents to \$2 per head, and other healthy horses for \$5 per head on the ranges.

Since the advent of the bicycle and the trolley cars, horses, except thoroughbred racing, carriage horses for those who can afford to keep them, or for hacking purposes, and heavy draught horses for trucking, have lost almost all value. They are turned loose on our ranges and destroy the grazing for marketable animals.

Efforts have been made to start the industry of butchering and shipping these animals to European countries where horse meat is a regular article of marketable food, considered by many as a luxury. Such enterprise has not yet, however, obtained a business footing.

If, however, at this railroad center, where these animals could be easily gathered, an association could be formed to use the now valueless broncho and caribou, which are a detriment rather than a benefit to the state, in the cultivation of bacterial serum, such association to be under control or supervision of the state medical board, or other proper authority, as a guarantee of the quality and genuineness of the serum, I believe that it would add hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly to the wealth of the state, creating a market not only for our now useless semi-wild horses, but also furnishing a large market for hay, grain, shorts, bran and other forage for stock, and also employment for large numbers of working people as well as expert medical men. I believe the subject well worth investigating, and the board of trade the proper parties to do it.

G. B. F. Helena, Dec. 23.

Emigrant is All Right.

Mr. Oscar Van Tassel, of Roseman, is very much encouraged over the deal recently made by him with Helena parties for his properties in Emigrant gulch. He says a contractor will be built on the properties next spring and his confidence in the permanent value and richness of the claims is such that he feels it is only a question of time till hundreds of men will be employed there. Mr. Esler has had a great deal of experience in concentrating propositions and undoubtedly knows just what he is doing. Park county has large quantities of low grade ore and the success of Helena parties in saving money at Roseman and Bear is such as to encourage other investors, and the section of country around Emigrant gulch is certainly one of the most promising for future development of any in the state.

Notice.

All Odd Fellows are cordially invited to attend the second annual ball of Vera Rebekah lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F. (private prize masquerade), at the auditorium, New Year's eve, Dec. 31, and can procure invitations from any member of the undersigned committee. In order to gain admission, invitations must be presented at the door. The public are cordially invited to the gallery. Price, 25 cents. Prizes on exhibition at Mitchell & Schonborn's drug store.

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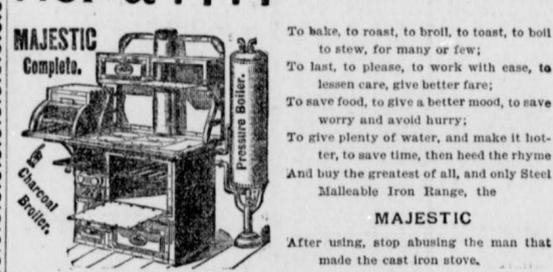
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