

"FLOAT" LANDS.

The Case of Childs vs. The Southern Pacific.

FORMER DECISIONS SUSTAINED.

An Important Ruling by Secretary Noble Affecting Mexican Land Grants.

Associated Press Dispatches to the HERALD.

WASHINGTON, October 7.—Secretary Noble today rendered an important decision in the case of Samuel R. Childs vs. the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. Childs applied to make a homestead entry which was rejected by the local officers at the Los Angeles Land District in California, on the grounds that the tract was within the primary limits of the grant to the railroad company of July 27, 1866. The case came before the Secretary on appeal from a decision by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, which affirmed the action of the local office in rejecting the application, upon the ground that the tract was embraced, at the date when the company's rights were attached under its grant, within the exterior boundaries, or claimed limits, of certain Mexican private land grants, known as San Jacinto Viejo and San Jacinto Nuevo ranchos, and being upon the final survey and definite location of said grants subsequently made, extended from the limits thereof and thereby restored to the public domain, and was therefore subject to homestead entry at the date when appellant's application to enter the same was made.

The Secretary in his decision today holds that the grants named were "floats" embraced within the outside limits of a large area, and if such large areas within the limits of said land grant made in aid of the railroad, such land grant would take effect, except as to the quantity of land or "float" actually granted in the Mexican grant, and if that quantity, lying together was left to satisfy the Mexican grant, the railroad company would be entitled to patents for the odd sections of the remainder. The action of the General Land Office is therefore affirmed.

SNUBBED THE GRANGERS.

Did the President in the Appointment of Jerry Rusk.

WASHINGTON, October 7.—The twenty-third session of the National Grange, which is to be held at Sacramento, California, November 13th, promises to be the most important held for years. John Trimble, Secretary of the Grange, thinks the Grangers were snubbed when President Harrison appointed Governor Rusk Secretary of Agriculture. In an interview in the Post, Trimble says: "We do not hesitate to say that the Administration ignored the rights of the farmers and has done the farming community a gross injustice in placing a politician who never was a farmer at the head of the Department of Agriculture. That department was made a Cabinet office principally through the efforts of the Grange, and when the new administration came in we felt we had the right to suggest the name of some person to fill it. Colonel J. H. Brigham, our Master, ex-Governor Robey, of Maine, and Hon. J. J. Woodman, of Michigan, were suggested by our order and their appointment urged. Harrison deliberately ignored the entire order—snubbed it, in fact."

NAVAL NOTES.

Contractors' Penalty for Efficient Horse-Power in the Charleston.

WASHINGTON, October 7.—In a few days the Bureau of Construction, Repair and Engineering, will have completed calculating upon the official report of the trial of the Charleston, and when that is done the Navy Department will accept the vessel. The contractors, the Union Iron Works Company, of San Francisco, will suffer a penalty of \$30,000 for the lack of horse-power, the contract calling for 7,000, and but 6,700 being indicated, and there will be deducted from the payment the estimated cost of a possible extra propeller and other apparatus which cannot be accurately determined until a sea voyage has demonstrated the necessity for it.

Madame Albertine Dead.

New Bedford, Mass., October 7.—Madame Albertine, the blind actress, died yesterday after a lingering illness. She had a checked career. For a number of years she had a company of her own on the Pacific Coast. She was made blind by colonial fever in Australia.

Napa Taxes.

NAPA, October 7.—The Supervisors levied the State and county taxes at the rate of \$1.70 on the \$1, on an assessment of \$14,960,000. Last year's rate was \$1.45.

Dying in Texas.

WASHINGTON, October 7.—Information was received here today that ex-Governor Perry, of Florida, is believed to be dying at Bandera, Texas.

Neglected Wives.

The young husband at Ashbury Park, who has lost his wife through the old fault of leaving her entertainment to other men, deserves at least a part of his shame and misery.

Missionary Bishop Haddock, of Washington Territory, told of the work done during the past three years there, and the needs of the Diocese for financial assistance.

Rev. Robert Shaw Locks, who for the past fifteen years has been a missionary in China, said the only hope of converting the Chinese, Japanese or natives of India was by having native missionaries.

Missionary Bishop Talbot, of Wyoming, and Idaho, spoke of the work in his Diocese, and of its needs both in money and men.

The Navassa Sisters.

WASHINGTON, October 7.—The State Department is in receipt of a partial report by W. G. Allen, United States Consul to Kingston, Jamaica, of the recent

riot at Navassa. It agrees with the press accounts already published, and has in addition a letter from Mr. Hensin, spiritual adviser of the laborers, giving their version of the trouble. The letter is addressed to the American Consul at Kingston, Jamaica. They declare that the whites fired on them without provocation, and it was in the defense of their lives that they killed some of their white bosses. They say that they are American citizens, 136 in number, and want the Consul to arrange for their transportation back to the United States.

SINGLE TAX.

Judge Maguire Expounding Henry George's Doctrine in Chicago.

CHICAGO, October 7.—Judge James G. Maguire, of San Francisco, Henry George's chief lieutenant on the Pacific Coast, is in the city as the guest of the Chicago Single Tax Club. He delivered an address tonight on "Single Tax."

In an interview he reaffirmed his position in opposition to Papal interference in politics, and declared that the protective tariff should be abolished.

INFLUX OF MORMONS.

The Saints Flecking Into the British Northwest.

OTTAWA, Ont., October 7.—Advices from the Canadian Northwest, near Lees Creek, report a great influx of Mormons from Utah Territory. They are bringing their plural wives as sisters, cousins and aunts, and are being closely watched by the Dominion authorities, who will prosecute them to the full extent of the law if they can get proof of polygamy.

A Bloody Feud.

ST. ALBANS, Vt., October 7.—A bloody feud is raging in Lincoln county between the Bromfield and Hall families. Floyd Dingess, a prominent man, married one of the Hall girls, quarreled with his wife, they separated and the next day Dingess and his wife's brother met and the former was shot dead. Alfred Bromfield, Dingess' brother-in-law fatally wounded one of the Hall brothers. Ten days later Bromfield and his wife were waylaid, and Mrs. Bromfield was killed and Bromfield terribly wounded. Two days later Purvis Bromfield was shot. On Saturday George Dingess, brother of Bromfield's wife, was shot through the leg in a fight with one of the opposing party.

New Director of the Mint.

WASHINGTON, October 7.—President Harrison has appointed Edward C. Leach, of the District of Columbia, Director of the Mint. His appointment meets with general favor in the Treasury Department, being regarded as in the true line of Civil Service Reform—promotion for merit—and in general is one of the best appointments made by the present Administration. Leach was recommended for the position by the entire Pacific Coast delegation, by the Senators and leading Republicans of New York State, and a host of other distinguished public men, familiar with his services and ability.

Highbinders in Gotham.

New York, October 7.—Lee Wing, Lee Ging and Lee Hi, who robbed, bound and gagged Lee Hing, and who are said to be Chinese highbinders, were held for examination today. Their counsel said they were young men in comfortable circumstances. It is vaguely stated that Lee Hing offered himself to be gagged in order to fasten the crime on the prisoners, as an effort to rid the Chinese quarter of highbinders. The better class of Chinamen scout the idea that the three merchants would do any such thing.

The Gage Thrown Down.

BOSTON, October 7.—The Democratic State Committee has invited the Republican State Committee to join in holding one or more public meetings at which the Republican and Democratic candidates for Governor, Brackett and Russell, shall jointly discuss the issues as defined in the platforms.

Poisoned Candy.

ST. JOHN, N. B., October 7.—Intense excitement was caused here yesterday by the arrest of William McDonald, a wholesale drug clerk, charged with being the person who sent poisoned candy through the mail, which caused the death of Mrs. McRea, a clergyman's wife. McDonald is connected with a prominent firm.

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