

PRAIRIE FIRES

The Law Against Setting Prairie Fires Should be Strictly Enforced Here.

(By S. B. Palmer.)

The season for prairie fires is at hand. The law is very strict on firing the prairie, and no doubt any one guilty of such conduct can look for no leniency from the law, as there has been too much damage done in the vicinity of Culbertson to overlook anyone hereafter, be it by accident or otherwise.

Following are a few "don'ts" which will save many mistakes and avoid many fires.

Don't throw ashes out doors to blow around even though you know them to have no coals as they may go off like the gun that is not loaded.

Don't build fires in your prairie homes on very windy days when the surroundings are dry as two of our most disastrous fires were caused in Dawson and Valley counties the last two years by chimneys setting the country afire.

Don't leave the owners minus good houses and contents. Another fire was set by sparks from a stove pipe being carried about six rods and firing the prairie on a windy day.

Don't throw lighted or unlighted matches onto the prairie. Lighted matches may appear to be put out but in many instances they are not. The writer discovered a fire close after he had driven past a certain point. The man that was riding with him was smoking a cigarette and they traced the start of the fire and found the stump of cigarette. When accused of throwing it down the man said a cigarette could not set a fire; that he had tried several times to set fires with them but he could not. Don't fool yourself.

Another don't; many fires have been set in trying to protect buildings and stacks by burning fire guards, particularly on slightly windy days. Even though plowed to burn around the fire jumps and gets beyond control.

Don't set rubbish, brush, straw, or any combustible material afire at this dry season of the year, though you may think it is in a harmless place, as some of the most harmful fires have been caused by persons thinking they were perfectly safe.

The writer caused himself much damage one dry fall in the east and nearly burned his entire property by trying, on a calm day, to burn a straw pile from a green timothy field that had been mown

several years, but at noon day the dead grass on the ground made a runner for the fire to the buildings and only for timely aid everything would have been burned. No man with reason would have thought it possible but it was.

At this time of year fires are set by careless campers and hunters. All fires should be covered with dirt and all connections with grass shoveled away. Putting on water does not destroy the live coals in many cases.

The wise will say any fool knows these things but there are many wise people that do these things. There is not the least need of thousands of dollars worth of our hard work being destroyed by prairie fires each year through criminal carelessness.

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Keller Lake Items

From our Special Correspondent.

Threshing is the order of the day. These little rains are some.

Mr. Mow was threshing Tuesday.

Miss Fannie Steeples has gone to Culbertson to work in a restaurant.

J. E. Keller went to Culbertson for lumber to build a granary the first of the week.

J. H. McIlwain went to Culbertson Saturday for lumber for a granary.

Mrs. Cartwright and son were at the Keller ranch for vegetables.

HOMESTEAD RESIDENCE

Person Taking Homestead Must Live on the Land, Wife Cannot Do it for Him.

Acting Commissioner Proudfoot of the general land office, has handed down a decision in a case sent up from the Rapid City, S. D. office to the effect in brief that a man's wife cannot establish residence on a claim. It was brought out in the testimony that the wife had made the claim her continuous residence but that the husband had been absent two or three months at a time and on one occasion six months. Commissioner Proudfoot says:

"Residence under homestead laws must be established by the personal act of the entryman. Residence on a homestead must be in person and cannot be by proxy, even if by a member of the entryman's family. Residence under the homestead laws cannot be established by the acts of another."

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RAILROAD MATTERS

Rails Will Not be Laid this Winter on the Bainville Plentywood Branch.

For information of our readers in the northern part of Eastern Valley County, along the line of the Bainville-Plentywood branch, the Searchlight has been investigating the matter as to just what time the branch will be finished and opened for traffic.

We have done this not because we antagonize the building of the branch, as some people seem to believe, but simply to give the patrons of the paper information upon which they can rely as to about the time the branch will be available for the shipment of grain and other traffic.

During this investigation we interviewed Ambrose Olson, who is purchasing the right of way for the branch line and C. A. Walker, Chief Engineer in charge of the construction work of grading the branch line.

Chief Walker has his office in one of the rooms on the second floor of the Tanner & Best Opera Hall Block, and the office is open every day. While Chief Walker is out on the line one of his clerks is in charge in the office.

Chief Walker informed the reporter that all the grading would be finished before the camps broke up this winter, but that the work was not going forward as rapidly as was at first expected owing to lack of men and teams. This, however, is being remedied as the season advances, and some of the sub-contractors are now running full crews.

No contracts have been let as yet for bridge constructions or track laying and Chief Walker could not state when this work would be done, but said that in all likelihood no tracks would be laid or bridges constructed this winter.

Asked as to how long it would take to lay the track, build the bridges, stations, side tracks, etc., after the contract for that work was let, Chief Walker said that he estimated that it would take 50 days from the time the contractors actually began the work.

From the remarks of Chief Walker the reporter drew the inference, that track laying and bridge building will not be commenced until next spring. So the completion of the branch and the opening of same for traffic cannot be looked forward to much before next June as the earliest date.

Ambrose Olson being questioned as to townsites on the branch line replied that only two townsites had been acquired by the railroad and in all probability no other townsites will be promoted by the Great Northern officials. However stations would be established along the branch line the usual distances apart and some of these would eventually develop into postoffices and towns in the usual manner of natural growth.

The two townsites which will be promoted are located at Plentywood and a short distance from the present postoffice at Medicine Lake. Mr. Olson asserted that the townsite of Plentywood would be platted in a short time, but could not state at just what date the town lots will be placed on sale. He said the townsite at Medicine Lake would not be platted at present and could not state when it would be done.

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Notice for Publication

Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office at Glasgow, Montana,
September 7, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that Antonio Catalano of Culbertson, Montana, who on July 29, 1908, made Homestead entry No. 2183 Serial No. 62223, for E 1/4 NE 1/4 and SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 26, Township 27 North, Range 24 East, Montana Meridian, and on Dec. 23, 1908, made H. E. No. 270, SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 28, said Township, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. Matthews, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Culbertson, Valley County, Mont., on the 23rd day of October, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses:
Conrad Gustafson of Culbertson, Montana, Paul Martin, George Martin and John Olson of Java, Montana.
Truman M. Patten, Register.
First Publication Sept. 17, 1909.

Notice for Publication

Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office at Glasgow, Montana,
September 7, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that Antonio Catalano of Culbertson, Montana, who on June 29, 1908, made Desert Land entry No. 1880, Serial No. 6284, for NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Township 27 N., Range 24 E. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. Matthews, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Culbertson, Valley County, Mont., on the 23rd day of October, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses:
Joseph Gustafson of Culbertson, Montana, Paul Martin of Java, Montana, and Joseph Oker of Helena, Montana.
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Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Glasgow, Montana,
September 1st, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that
BESSIE C. BUTLER,
of Poplar, Montana, who, on November 5th, 1908, made Desert entry, No. 1876, Serial No. 6284, for NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Township 24 N., Range 50 E. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. B. Randall, U. S. Commissioner, in his office at Wolf Point, Montana, on the 11th day of October, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses:
Edward Payne, William Butler, Joseph Robinson, all of Poplar, Montana, Milton S. Gunn and John M. Boardman, all of Helena, Montana.
Also:
Notice is hereby given that
WILLIAM BUTLER, of Poplar, Montana, who, on November 5th, 1908, made Desert Entry, No. 1875, Serial No. 6194, for SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Township 24 N., Range 50 E. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. B. Randall, U. S. Commissioner, in his office at Wolf Point, Montana, on the 11th day of October, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses:
Sussie C. Butler, Joseph Robinson, all of Poplar, Montana, Milton S. Gunn, Thomas A. Mages and John M. Boardman, all of Helena, Montana.
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Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Glasgow, Montana,
September 1st, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that
MILTON S. GUNN, Assignee of
Theodore Grantly
of Helena, Montana, who, on May 14th 1903, made Desert Entry No. 1208, Serial No. 6422 for lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

Notice is hereby given that
THOMAS A. MAPES
of Helena, Montana, who, on August 28th, 1907, made Desert Entry No. 2102, Serial No. 61283, for E 1/4 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 21, T. 24 N., R. 24 E. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. B. Randall, U. S. Commissioner in his office at Wolf Point, Montana, on the 11th day of October, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses:
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