SAVING WATER WASTE

Movement to Conserve Supply o Natural Moisture.

WATERWAY CONTROL URGED

Professor McGee Says Co-operation o Congress and States In This Work Would Add to the Nation's Wealth Our Annual Rainfall Amazing.

"Two hundred trillion cubic feet of water on an average falls on the surface of the United States every year.' This startling statement was made by Dr. W. J. McGee, secretary of the inland waterways commission and an expert connected with the bureau of soils of the department of agriculture.

This is not a haphazard statement on the part of one whose original research has made his name familiar to scientists the whole world over, but was made in the course of an interview which had for its primary object a better knowledge of the conservation of water and its uses for the benefit of mankind.

"Two hundred trillion cubic feet of water," said Professor McGee, "is to the average mind but two and a lot of ciphers. To be more explicit, it equals about ten Mississippis, and that volume of water is the entire basis of our prosperity.

"The United States has an area of 3,000,000 square miles, but that area could be cut directly in twain, and with the same amount of rainfall we could sustain the same population that we have today, conduct the same enterprises and raise the same products, a condition which I do not believe most people appreciate. We know very well, if we stop to consider, that the market price of any commodity is dependent on the water supply. We buy land in the eastern half of the United States and say that there are so many acres in this parcel or in that, but in reality we buy water. This is fundamental. Water is the first of our resources. It is the natural resolvent. It is power, fertility, everything. And, being fundamental, values begin with the water supply.

"With the ten Mississippis falling upon the land of the United States every year, two Mississippis run off. Thus one-fifth of the waterfall from the heavens flows into the sea. Of the eight Mississippis remaining about five Mississippis are absorbed, passing off into the air, to be precipitated again and again. A fraction in part passes into the earth and slowly reaches the oceans, while another fraction is consumed, passing into chemical combinations, such as plant growth, etc.

"What we want to do is to minimize the waste of water and maximize the benefits which must accrue to the citizens and country by proper conservation of water supply. If we so control the water that the rivers shall flow in uniform stage we will solve the problem of inland navigation and make the United States richer by a thousand per cent than it is today. In order to do this we must equalize the run of the streams at the heads of the rivers, and this may be done by dams and reservoirs and scientific cultivation of the soil along the courses of both streams and rivers. The levees of the lower Mississippi have done a magnificent work, but the prevention of floods is better far than all the levees in the world.

"What we want to do is to get back to nature in dealing with water, first to prevent floods, and, second, to compel the water to run clear and pure. It is a fact that each year the rivers of the mainland of the United States pour into the sea a thousand million tons of richest soil matter in the form of suspended sediment, an impost greater than all our land taxes combined and a commensurate injury to commerce in the lower rivers, which are rendered capricious and difficult of control by the unstable load.

"The difference in the power value alone between controlled and uncontrolled streams would in ten years pay the entire cost of stream control in the United States. And this, coupled with the billion dollars' loss every year through soil erosion, due to floods, would construct a comprehensive system of water control in the United States.

"It seems to me, in view of these statements, that congress should authorize the control over the waters in order that this wealth might contribute a thousandfold to man's happiness and prosperity. Both the federal government and the states have shrunk from assuming control over inland waters becuause they have been fearful of invading each other's rights. What we should aim to do is to so coordinate the work on the principle of the greatest good to the greatest number for the longest time, and a comprehensive policy, such as is urged by the national rivers and harbors congress, toward the navigable waters of the nation would bring untold prosperity and add immeasurably to the nation's wealth."

Dream of Railroad Builders.

In South America the dream of financiers and railroad builders is that at some future time travelers may land at Pernambuco and be taken across the continent to Valparaiso in less than four days and without change of carriage.

Mere Man's Elevation Checked.

A man cannot make a balloon ascension in Austria without the written consent of his wife. It's getting so a man can't even get off the earth on his own responsibility.

A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL.

Cincinnati Girl's Automatic Device to Water Flowers In Cemetery.

Miss Carr[illegible] Jackson, 1361 Chapel street, Cin[illegible]i, who was born and reared in Dearborn county, Ind., prompted by her love for her late departed brother, George W. Jackson, and other members of her family now resting in the family lot in Greendale cemetery, at Lawrenceburg, Ind., desired to erect something new and beautiful to their memory. A happy idea came to her. She would have a large vase constructed, containing pots of flowers, and set it in the center of a flower bed. Within the vase there should be a tank of water, which by its own automatic force each day would water the flowers in the pots and also the flowers in the bed planted around the foot of the vase.

Accordingly she went to work, employed a mechanic, superintended the construction herself, and in a few weeks her ideals were realized. The original vase may be seen in Greendale cemetery. The tank has a capacity of about one-half barrel of water and must be filled every two weeks. During the heat of the day the water slowly drips from the large tank into a smaller one. By evening the small tank is filled, and by its weight it closes the valves of the large tank and opens the valves below, thus allowing the water to flow from it and refresh the flowers during the cool hours of night. By morning the small tank is empty, and the weights lift it into position again, the lower valves close, the upper ones open, and the tank fills as on the previous day.

When Miss Jackson completes the ornamental design of her vase and perfects the mechanism as she has planned it will be a thing of beauty.

DEVERY'S POLICE FORCE.

Retired Chief Expects to Enroll Men to Look After Crimes Only.

William S. Devery, the same "Big Bill" who was once chief of police of New York city, is about to return to his former activities, but not on the city's payroll. He is building up a police department of his own, of which, of course, he will be the head and front.

This action, he said the other day, has been inspired by countless requests from business men and others to establish a system of protection which shall, as he put it, supply the deficiencies of the department presided over by General Bingham. His private policemen, so to speak, will number nearly a thousand before a year has passed, and they will be men who know the crooks on sight.

"I haven't any criticism to make of Commissioner Bingham," said "Big Bill," "but the present police department is wholly inadequate, incompetent and inefficient. My men will look after nothing but crimes. They will not be engaged in chasing saloon keepers or shooting dogs, and I'm not going to import any police dogs for my force either."

PLEASANTER COUNTRY LIFE.

Playground Association to Discuss Problem at Special Conference.

In line with President Roosevelt's appointment of a committee to aid in making farm life more pleasant is the special conference on country playgrounds to be held by the Playground Association of America in connection with its second play congress in New York city on Sept. 8 to 12. Dr. Luther Halsey Gulick, president of the association, has invited every country superintendent of schools in the United States to attend this conference.

Professor L. H. Bailey, who has been asked by President Roosevelt to serve on his commission on country life, will take part in the discussion. The conference grew out of the investigation and experiments of Dr. Myron T. Scudder when principal of the New Paltz Normal school.

Dr. Scudder believes that young men leave the country and the farms in such large numbers because there is a lack of legitimate natural social amusements. The remedy he suggests is the establishment of country playgrounds and athletic fields and the formation of country school athletic leagues.

Wood Production In Germany.

Among all the nations of the world Germany receives the credit of being the most thoroughly scientific. She does with her limited natural resources what younger nations will soon be compelled to do in self protection—she conserves them. When our wood supplies, stored up from 100 to 500 years, are within sight of their end and sawmills that have been moved from the white pine belt of the north to the yellow pine belt of the south have been moved to the Pacific coast for their last stand, then Germany's scientific forestry policy will receive better recognition. We do not think of moving a gristmill about from one wheatfield to another as the fields in turn become exhausted. After one crop is harvested another is coming on. So it must be with the sawmill and the crop of trees. If it takes fifty years to raise a tree of a given species then one-fiftieth of the forest may be cut each year, provided it reseeds or is replanted, and the sawmill stays at the same place, and the workmen live in their permanent snug homes near by; the "lumber shanty" will be a thing of the past, raising trees a business like raising wheat.

Visiting Card Fad.

The newest visiting card fad is to have a little plan showing the residence and the adjacent streets printed on the back.

Her Sunday Knitting.

"Years ago," said an Auburn woman eighty years young, "it was counted a sin among the good wives of the little Maine town where I was born to waste a single moment of time. I have heard my grandmother tell the story of one dame who much scandalized the church people on one never to be forgotten occasion. People who went early to church were surprised one Sabbath morning to see Aunt Betsy sitting away up in front, gray yarn stockings in her hands and her knitting needles clicking merrily away as she worked. The minister stopped in surprise as he passed her on his way to the pulpit, but the old lady was not one whit disturbed by his disapproving air. Smiling serenely, she said complacently: 'Thought I'd knit a stitch while the people are gathering. I never was one to waste a minute, elder.' And the good dame continued to click her needles, while the horrified minister hastened to his desk. Not till he began his sermon did Aunt Betsy lay aside her Sunday knitting work."—Kennebec Journal.

Carlyle Was a Terror.

The domestic infelicity of the Carlyles is common knowledge, but it is not inappropriate to give Mrs. Carlyle's view of her husband. "If he would only be satisfied!" she used to sometimes complain of Carlyle. "But I have had to learn that when he does not find fault he is pleased, and that has to content me."

On one occasion when Carlyle was away from home Mrs. Carlyle busied herself to get all in perfect order for her husband's arrival, and when all was complete—his dinner ready, his armchair in its usual position, his pipe and tobacco prepared, all looking as comfortable as possible—Mrs. C. sat down at last to rest and to expect him with a quiet mind. He arrived, and "after he had greeted me, what do you think he did? He walked to the window and shook it and asked, 'Where's the wedge of the window?' And until we had found that blessed wedge nothing would content him. He said the window would rattle and spoil all."

Hard and Soft.

"What," asked the teacher, "does anthracite mean?"

"That's a kind of coal," said little Willie.

"Yes. Anthracite coal is what we call hard coal. So 'anthracite' must mean 'hard.' Now, can you tell me what 'bituminous' means?"

"That's coal, too," Willie replied.

"But it isn't the same kind of coal that anthracite is, is it? Bituminous coal is what we commonly refer to as soft coal. Now, Willie, let us see if you can form a sentence containing the words anthracite and bituminous."

Willie thought the matter over for a minute and then said:

"Here's one: 'This morning before pa started downtown ma wanted $5 for groceries and things, and she tried to get it by saying bituminous words, but pa gave her an anthracite look, and when he disappeared around the corner she was weeping bituminously.'"

She Investigated.

What Elsie's sister wanted to know was where Elsie got that beautiful silver mounted walking stick. But Elsie didn't want Elsie's sister to know, so Elsie's sister got Elsie's father to ask Elsie.

"I found it," Elsie poutingly informed her father, "floating like a schooner on the waves one day when I was bathing."

But two days later Elsie's sister said to Elsie:

"Come—tell me! What is his name?"

"Name!" repeated Elsie blankly. "What do you mean?"

"I mean, dear," said Elsie's sister, "that last night I tried to make that stick of yours float in the bath, and—well, darling, it sank!" — Pearson's Weekly.

A Metaphor With a History.

To "know a hawk from a hernshaw" is a metaphor with a curious history. It is a comparison drawn from falconry. "Hernshaw" is a corruption of "heronshaw," or young heron, a bird which was a common prey of the falcons. To know a hawk from a hernshaw is therefore to be able to distinguish the falcon from its prey. A further colloquial corruption crept into the phrase—"to know a hawk from a handsaw," a form used by Hamlet in one place. Possibly the distinction between a hawk and a hernshaw was found not to be strong enough for the purposes of the proverb.—Manchester Guardian.

Agreed With the Lecturer.

During a lecture at one of the schools on the subject of "Ventilation and Architecture," the temperature of the room rose to a very high pitch.

"And now we will turn to Greece," said the lecturer.

"So we will," said one of the audience, wiping his brow, "unless you open some of the windows."—Pathfinder.

Out of It.

"Yes, he makes a big hit with her. He has a green automobile, and it matches her dress."

"Well, why don't you take her driving?"

"I ain't got no green horse."—St. Louis Republic.

It Is Odd.

Gyer—Isn't it queer that the bump of benevolence is located exactly at the top of a man's head? Myer—What's queer about it? Gyer—Why, it's as far from the pocketbook as possible.—Chicago News.

Happiness consists of thinking so and sticking to it.—Manchester Union.

NOTICE OF ELECTION, CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

HOUSE BILL NO 257.

An act for the submitting to the qualified electors of the state of Montana, an amendment to article 12 of the constitution of the state of Montana, relating to the revenue and taxation, and providing for an increase in the tax levy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Section 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state of Montana, at the next general election, the following amendment to section 9, article XII of the Constitution of the State of Montana: That Section 9, Article XII of the Constitution be, and the same is, hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 9. The rate of taxation of real and personal property for state purposes, in any one year, shall never exceed Three (3) mills on each dollar of valuation, and whenever the taxable property in this state shall amount to five hundred million dollars ($500,000,000.00), the rate shall not exceed two and one-half mills (2½) on each dollar of valuation, and whenever the taxable property in this state shall amount to eight hundred million dollars ($800,000,000.00) the rate shall never exced two (2) mills on each dollar of valuation, unless the proposition to increase such rate, specifying the rate proposed at the time during which the rate shall be levied, shall have been submitted to the people at the general election and shall have received a majority of all the votes cast for and against it at such election."

Section 2. Separate official ballots shall be used at the general election to be used in November, 1908, which shall have thereon the words, "For the amendment to the Constitution providing for an increase in the tax levy," and the words, "against the amendment to the constitution providing for an incease in tax levy."

Section 3. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 7, 1907.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
State of Montana, ss.

I, A. N. Yoder, secretary of state of the state of Montana, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of

"An act for the submitting to the qualified electors of the state of Montana, an amendment to article 12 of the constitution of the state of Montana, relating to the revenue and taxation, and providing for an increase in the tax levy."

Enacted by the tenth legislative assembly of the state of Montana and approved March 7, 1907.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of said state.

Done at Helena, the capital of said state, this 13th day of July, A. D. 1908.

A. N. YODER,
Secretary of State.

Order to Show Cause.

In the district court of the twelfth judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Chouteau.

In the matter of the estate of Peter J. Tasdall, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Chas. H. Boyle, administrator of the estate of Peter J. Tasdall, deceased, and praying, among other things, for an order of distribution of the residue of said estate among the persons thereto entitled:

It is ordered that all persons interested in the estate of the said Peter J. Tasdall, deceased, be and appear before the district court of Chouteau county, at the court room of said court, in the city of Fort Benton, in said Chouteau county, on Saturday, the 31st day of October, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., then and there to show cause why an order of distribution should not be made of the residue of said estate among the heirs of the deceased, according to law.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published for two successive weeks before the said 31st day of October, 1908, in the River Press, a newspaper printed and published in said Chouteau county, and that notice be given by the clerk by posting in three public places in said county.

CHAS. H. BOYLE,
Clerk of the District Court.

Signed in absence of the Judge of said district from the county of Chouteau.

Dated September 26, 1908.

First publication, September 26, 1908.

Notice of Hearing.

In the district court of the Twelfth judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Chouteau.

In the matter of the estate of Louis S. Laroche, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the will of Louis S. Laroche, deceased has been produced and filed herein; that the petition of Israel Gagnon, of Hill, Montana, for the probate of said will has been filed herein; that Thursday, the 8th day of October, A. D. 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., be, and the same is hereby, set by the Clerk of said Court as the time for hearing said petition by the said court or Judge, at the court room of said court, in the court house at Fort Benton, Montana.

That said notice of said hearing is given by said clerk by publication of the same in the River Press, a weekly newspaper printed and published at Fort Benton, in said county and state, for at least three different days of publication consecutively.

Dated September 9th, A. D. 1908.

CHAS. H. BOYLE,
[SEAL.] Clerk of the District Court.

Notice of Hearing.

In the district court of the twelfth judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Chouteau.

In the matter of the estate of Catarina Becker, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the will of Cartarina Becker, deceased, has been produced and filed herein; that the petition of John Becker, of Warrick, Montana, for the probate of said will has been filed herein; that Wednesday, the 21st day of October, A. D. 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., be, and the same is, hereby set by the clerk of said court as the time for hearing said petition by the said court or judge, at the court room of said court, in the court house at Fort Benton, Montana.

That said notice of said hearing is given by said clerk by publication of the same in the River Press, a weekly newspaper printed and published at Fort Benton, in said county and state, for at least three different days of publication consecutively.

Dated September 25th, 1908.

CHAS. H. BOYLE,
[SEAL.] Clerk of the District Court.

ALIAS SUMMONS.

In the district court of the Twelfth judicial district of the State of Montana, in and for the county of Chouteau.

Annabelle Olivo Furlong, plaintiff, vs. John W. Furlong, defendant.

The State of Montana sends greetings to the above-named defendant.

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action which is filed in the office of the clerk of this court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you in the county wherein you reside, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This action is brought for the purpose of securing a decree of this court granting a divorce, upon the grounds that on or about the 28th day of September, A. D. 1905, in the city of Havre, state of Montana, the said defendant, disregarding the marriage vows, deserted and abandoned said plaintiff, and ever since has, and still continues to, wilfully and without cause desert and abandon said plaintiff and to live separate and apart from her, against her will and without her consent; that they have not cohabited in any manner since the 28th day of September, A. D. 1905, and that plaintiff be permitted to resume her maiden name of Annabelle Olivo Brockman, and for such other relief as to the court may seem just.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 24th day of September, A. D. 1908.

[SEAL.] CHAS. H. BOYLE,
Clerk.

F. A. Carnal, attorney for plaintiff.

First publication, September 22, 1908.

Desert Land--Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Aug. 29, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

IDA MAY MURRAY,

of Gold Butte, Montana, who, on December 4th, 1903, made desert land entry No. 1236 (serial No. 0813), for the SW¼, E½ NW¼, SW¼ NW¼ section 2, NE¼ SE¼ section 3, township 36 north, range 3 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before John McDowell, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Gold Butte, Montana, on the 8th day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Forest M. Mack, Murray Johnson, George Murray and Samuel J. Ross, all of Gold Butte, Montana.

J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Desert Land--Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Aug. 29, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

ELIZABETH WILLIAMS,

of Great Falls, Montana, who, on November 11th, 1904, made desert land entry No. 1742 (serial No. 0820), for lot 7, NW¼ SW¼, S½ SW¼ section 25, township 24 north, range 13 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on the 29th day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Nels T. Carlberg and Andrew Larson, of Big Sandy, Montana; Gage D. Clark and George E. Barkley, of Fort Benton, Montana.

C. E. McKOIN, Register.

Desert Land--Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Aug. 29, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

ERNEST JOHNSON,

of Gold Butte, Montana, who, on August 26, 1904, made desert land entry No. 1675 (serial No. 0821), for the SE¼ SW¼, S½ SE¼ section 7, NE¼ NE¼ section 18, township 36 north, range 2 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before John McDowell, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Gold Butte, Montana, on the 8th day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Louis Berthelote, John Cameron, Patrick R. MacHale and Joseph T. Berthelote, all of Gold Butte, Mont.

J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Stone Land--Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Aug. 8, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

MARY A. BRIGHT,

of Highwood, Montana, who, on August 6, 1908, made stone entry, serial No. 0576, for the S½ SE¼ section 7, township 20 north, range 9 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on the 13th day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Joseph Braithwaite, Henry J. Thaxter, Frank Glab and John Reynolds, all of Highwood, Montana.

J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Stone Land--Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Aug. 8, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

JESSE A. BRIGHT,

of Highwood, Montana, who, on August 6, 1908, made stone entry serial No. 0576, for the NE¼ section 18, township 20 north, range 9 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on the 13th day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Joseph Braithwaite, Henry J. Thaxter, Frank Glab and John Reynolds, all of Highwood, Montana.

J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 5, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

JOHN PECK,

of Gold Butte, Montana, who, on September 15, 1905, made homestead entry No. 2714 (serial No. 0883), for the SW¼ NW¼, W½ SW¼ section 33, NE¼ SE¼ section 32, township 36 north, range 3 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before John McDowell, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Gold Butte, Montana, on the 13th day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Christian Stark, Albert C. Wolfe, John Cameron and Leon B. Stark, all of Gold Butte, Montana.

J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Desert Land--Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 5, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

JAMES M. DAKE,

of Gold Butte, Montana, who, on September 15, 1905, made desert land entry No. 1974 (serial No. 0888), for lots 1 and 2, section 6, township 34 north, range 3 east; E½ SE¼ section 31, township 35 north, range 3 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before John McDowell, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Gold Butte, Montana, on the 13th day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Christian Stark, Albert C. Wolfe, John Cameron and John M. Ellis, all of Gold Butte, Montana.

J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Desert Land--Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 5, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

FANNIE A. MEYER,

of Great Falls, Montana, who, on December 19th, 1904, made desert land entry No. 1773 (serial No. 0856), for the E½ SE¼, E½ NE¼ section 11, SW¼ SW¼ section 1, W½ NW¼, NW¼ SW¼ section 12, township 37 north, range 2 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before John McDowell, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Gold Butte, Montana, on the 13th day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: William Pritchard, Richard Roscoe, Oliver J. Jones and Anthony H. Fey, all of Gold Butte, Montana.

J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Desert Land--Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 12, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

EMMA THORSTAD,

of Great Falls, Montana, who, on January 21st, 1905, made desert land entry No. 1798 (serial No. 0908), for lots 1 and 2, NW¼ SE¼, NE¼ SW¼ section 5, township 37 north, range 1 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before John McDowell, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Gold Butte, Mont., on the 13th day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Thomas O'Laughlin, Cornelius E. Price, Isaac Evans and Christopher Cummings, all of West Butte, Mont.

J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 12, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

MARCUS EVANS,

of West Butte, Montana, who, on January 12th, 1905, made homestead entry No. 2139 (serial No. 0969), for the W½ NE¼, N½ SE¼ section 8, township 37 north, range 1 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before John McDowell, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Gold Butte Montana, on the 13th day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Thomas O'Laughlin, Cornelius E. Price, Isaac Evans and Christopher Cummings, all of West Butte, Mont.

J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Isolated Tract—Public Land Sale.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 12, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the commissioner of the general land office, under the provisions of the act of congress approved June 27, 1906, (34 Stats., 517,) we will offer at public sale to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 20th day of October, next, at this office the following tract of land: SW¼ section 27, township 23 north, range 3 east, Montana meridian (serial No. 0792).

Any persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims or objections on or before the time designated for sale.

J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.
C. A. WILSON, Receiver.

Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 19, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

CHESTER PARSELL,

of Gold Butte Montana, who, on October 8, 1903, made homestead entry No. 1129, for lot 4, SW¼ NW¼ section 4, township 36 north, range 3 east, and additional homestead entry No. 3995, March 27, 1907, (serial No. 0697), for the W½ SW¼ section 35, township 37 north, range 3 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof to establish claim to the land above described, before John McDowell, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Gold Butte, Montana, on the 26th day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Roy W. Parsell, Fred R. Parsell, Samuel J. Ross and George Murray, all of Gold Butte, Montana.

J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

For Sale or Exchange.

Fifty-two copies of the WEEKLY RIVER PRESS for $2.00 spot cash, or its equivalent in bankable paper. Goods will be delivered in regular weekly installments during the twelve months following receipt of remittance. Satisfaction guaranteed. Address THE RIVER PRESS, Fort Benton, Mont.

Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
LEWISTOWN, Mont., Sept. 15, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

GEORGE HOFFMAN,

of Fort Benton, Montana, who, on September 11, 1901, made homestead entry No. 1261, serial No. 01029, for lot 7, NW¼ SW¼, S½ SW¼ section 25, township 24 north, range 13 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on the 29th day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Nels T. Carlberg and Andrew Larson, of Big Sandy, Montana; Gage D. Clark and George E. Barkley, of Fort Benton, Montana.

C. E. McKOIN, Register.

Desert Land--Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 26, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

JANIE M. SCHILT,

(formerly McGowan), of West Butte, Montana, who, on November 2, 1904, made desert land entry No. 1732 (serial No. 01033), for the NW¼ NW¼ section 29, NW¼ SE¼, SW¼ NE¼, SE¼ NW¼ and SW¼ section 20, township 37 north, range 1 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before John McDowell, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Gold Butte, Montana, on the 31st day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: James F. McLoughlin, Daniel J. McGowan, Jacob Karlen and Christopher Cummings, all of West Butte, Mont.

J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 28, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

CHARLES W. WARNER,

of West Butte, Montana, who, on May 24th, 1902, made homestead entry No. 13,431 (serial No. 01054), for the SW¼ section 2, township 36 north, range 1 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before John McDowell, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Gold Butte, Montana, on the 2d day of November, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: John S. Odell, Fred Schilt, Jacob Karlen and John McNamara, all of West Butte, Montana.

J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 28, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

JEANNETTE B. MORROW,

of Fort Benton, Montana, who, on April 25, 1903, made homestead entry No. 713 (serial No. 01058), for the SE¼ section 21, township 23 north, range 9 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on the 5th day of November, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: James Lineberger, Charles H. Green, Malcolm C. Morrow and Louise N. E. Frields, all of Fort Benton, Montana.

J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 28, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

ERNEST H. PENNDORF,

of Fort Benton, Montana, who, on October 6, 1903, made homestead entry No. 1123 (serial No. 01056), for the SW¼ NW¼, NW¼ SW¼ section 17, NE¼ SE¼, SE¼ NE¼ section 18, township 21 north, range 10 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on the 7th day of November, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Benjamin H. Mandeville, of Steele, Montana; Isaac Postill, Theodore Seibel and Charles W. Morrison, of Fort Benton, Montana.

J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 28, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

REGINALD O. BUCK,

of Fort Benton, Montana, who on April 7th, 1907, made homestead entry No. 4055 (serial No. 01057), for the E½ NE¼, SE¼ NE¼, NE¼ SE¼ section 24, township 22 north, range 9 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on the 7th day of November, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Charles H. Ragland, William J. Brown, Margaret G. Buck and Cyrus W. Buck, all of Fort Benton, Mont.

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