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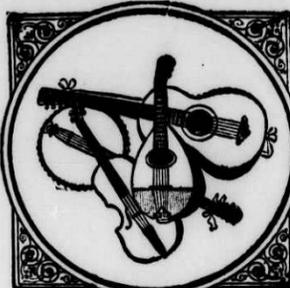
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**NEW HOMESTEAD RULING**  
But Eight Months Residence Now  
Required Before Com-  
mutation.

Land officials are in receipt of instructions from the general land office containing the new law recently passed reducing the period of actual residence necessary upon homesteads commuted prior to May 29, 1908. The letter reads as follows:

"Your attention is called to sections 9 and 10 of the act of congress approved May 29, 1908, (Public No. 100), which reads as follows:

"Section 9. That no final certificate issued upon proof offered under the commutation provisions of the homestead laws prior to the passage of this act shall be canceled solely upon the ground of insufficient residence in any case where such proof shows that the entryman had in good faith resided upon and improved the lands covered by his entry for at least eight months within the year immediately preceding the submission of such proof, and in all such cases where the final certificate has been canceled because of insufficient residence made therefor by the entryman, his heirs or assigns, within one year from the passage of this act, be reinstated and confirmed if no fraud was practiced by the entryman and no valid adverse rights have attached to the land affected thereby at the date of the filing of such application.

"Section 10. That no homestead entry heretofore made under the provisions of section 2 of the act of congress, entitled 'An act for the relief of the Colorado Cattle and Sheep Raisers, to permit homestead entries in certain cases, and for other purposes,' approved June 7, 1900, shall be canceled for the reason that the former entry made by the entryman was commuted under the provisions of an act entitled 'An act relating to the public lands of the United States,' approved June 15, 1880, (Twenty first statutes, page 237). And all entries heretofore canceled on the ground that an entryman who commuted under the provisions of said act of June 15, 1880, is not entitled to the benefits of the act of June 7, 1900, shall be reinstated upon a showing by the entryman or his heirs, within one year from the approval of this act that there were no valid grounds for the cancellation of such entries except that a former entry was perfected under the act of June 15, 1880, in all cases where valid adverse rights have not attached to the lands covered by such entries since the date of their cancellation.

2. Section 9 requires the acceptance and approval of all homestead commutation proofs, upon which final certificates issued prior to May 29, 1908, and have not been canceled, wherein it is shown that the entryman had, in good faith, actually resided upon and cultivated the land covered by their entries for at least eight months during the twelve months immediately preceding the date on which the proof was offered, if there are no other good reasons to the contrary, and directs the reinstatement of canceled final certificates based upon such proofs in all cases where no fraud was practiced and no valid adverse rights have attached at the date of the application for such reinstatement.

3. The residence referred to in this section need not have been continuous, and it is immaterial whether it began within six months after date of entry, but it must in all cases be bona fide and actual and of such duration as to amount in the aggregate to eight months during the preceding twelve months.

4. In all cases where contests or protests have been initiated or hearings or investigations ordered, under proofs and certificates affected by section 9, final action on such proof and certificate will await and be controlled by the result of such contest, hearing or investigation.

5. In all cases where certificates effected by section 9 have been canceled they will be considered and acted upon without further action by the entrymen, except in case where entrymen are called upon to furnish supplemental proof or to defend against protests or contests.

6. In cases where certificates affected by section 9 have been canceled because of insufficient residence the entrymen or his heirs or assigns must before May 29, 1909, file with the proper register and receiver his application for reinstatement, specifically setting forth the grounds thereof and showing that fraud was practiced in connection with such final certificate. As soon as an application of this kind has been filed the register and receiver will at once forward it to this office, with their report as to the sta-

tus of the land affected and their recommendation as to its allowance. This section does not authorize the reinstatement and approval of rejected final proof upon which no final certificate has issued.

7. Sec. 10 validates all uncanceled entries made prior to May 29, 1908, under section 2, act of June 7, 1900, (Stat. 267), by persons who had purchased under section 2 of the act of June 15, 1880, (21 Stat., 537), and authorizes the reinstatement of canceled entries of that kind in cases where valid adverse rights have not attached, but this act will not prevent the cancellation of such entries on any other grounds.

8. Entrymen or their heirs seeking the reinstatement of canceled entries effected by section 10 must, before May 29, 1909, file with the proper register and receiver a sworn application for such reinstatement, setting forth the fact that no valid adverse rights have attached prior to the presentation of their application of this kind has been filed, the register and receiver will at once forward it to this office, with their reports as to the status of the land affected and their recommendation as to its allowance.

**Notice of Election.**

Notice is hereby given to all citizens of School District Number 55 of election to be held at the school house at Roundup, Montana, Saturday, August 29th 1908. Polls open from 2 o'clock until 6 o'clock of the afternoon. Election is held for the purpose of voting the following question.

Shall bonds be issued and sold to the amount of \$1920 and bearing interest not to exceed 6 percent and for a period not to exceed five years, for the purpose of building and furnishing a new school house?"  
By the Trustees.

**Bank Charter.**  
No. 885  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
Office of Comptroller of the Currency  
Washington, D. C. June 11, 1908.  
WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Roundup," in the Town of Roundup, in the County of Fergus, and State of Montana, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking;  
Now therefore I, THOMAS P. KANE, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Roundup," in the Town of Roundup, in the County of Fergus, and State of Montana, is authorized to commence the business of banking as provided in Section Fifty-one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this Eleventh day of June, 1908.  
T. P. KANE,  
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