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Idaho Forests Attractive

PURPOSE BEING TO MAKE PROOF, AND THEN SELL.

Much Activity Shown in Other States—Many Entries Suspended—to Prevent Fraud.

(Special to Salt Lake Tribune.)

Washington, Dec. 25.—The forests of Idaho have proven to be highly attractive the last year to entrymen under the stone and timber act. Men from the states of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and others have gone into Idaho in large numbers and filed upon timber lands, their purpose being to make the final proofs and then sell their claims to large lumber companies whose managers are willing to pay more for the stumpage than anyone else. Some of these timber claims are said to be worth \$2,000.

ENTRIES SUSPENDED.

In other western states, notably Oregon, Washington and California, the same activity for the possession of timber claims is manifested. Suspecting that many of these entries were not made in good faith and that the entrymen were but stool pigeons of the big corporations the department of the interior called a halt and suspended many of these entries, made in California, which action has thrown doubt upon the validity of timber claims filed elsewhere. The attitude of the interior department on this subject is reflected by a clause in the President's message, as follows:

"The timber and stone and the commutation clause of the homestead law have been so perverted from the intention with which they were enacted as to permit the acquisition of large areas of the public domain for other than actual settlers and the consequent prevention of settlement."

TO PREVENT FRAUDS.

Pursuant to this declaration Chairman Lacy of the house committee on public lands introduced a series of bills aimed to prevent frauds against the desert land law, the timber and stone law, and the homestead law. The Tribune correspondent is informed, however, that a recent polling of the house committee on public lands reveals a majority opposed to the repeal of the timber, stone and homestead law as recommended by the secretary of the interior in his report to congress. This fact may be taken by the hundreds of entrymen in Idaho and other western states that the present law on the subject will not be changed and therefore they may rest in the assurance that competent proof of good faith in the entry must bring them a government patent to the land.

Program.

Program for the Fremont County Teachers' Association to be held in Rexburg, Idaho, Jan. 3, 1903.

The Educator's Ideal, Miss Althouse
Discussion led by Lorenzo Waldman
Nature Study, Augusta Fletcher
Discussion led by Maud Waiker
Drawing, Mr. Hammond
Discussion led by Rebecca Watson
School Room Discipline, Miss Griffiths
Discussion led by Prof. Fuller
Number Work in Lower Grades—
—Tabitha Turman
Discussion led by Florence Yarnell
School Libraries, Prof. Cole
Discussion led by Mrs. Roskelley
Child Study, Mrs. G. M. Taylor
Discussion led by Miss Marler
State Reading Circle Work—
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Telewriting Machines Done

MANAGER OF COMPANY, F. B. SOMERS, RETURNS HOME.

The Printing Telegraph Machines are all That the Inventor Expected.

Some months ago a company was organized in St. Anthony for the purpose of financially aiding F. B. Somers to go to Chicago and have constructed two Telewriting machines which he had invented and the models for which he had roughly constructed and given an exhibition upon to several members of the company. Those who saw the demonstration were convinced that if two good instruments were constructed, the world would soon become revolutionized in printing telegraphy, and the money was raised to build the models.

Mr. F. B. Somers returned from Chicago last Wednesday and reported that the Telewriting machines would be finished in a few days. The mechanical construction was completed Monday of this week. The machines will be in St. Anthony as soon as they can be gotten through by freight, when a private test will be made to the members of the company, after which a public demonstration will be made.

The machine is constructed with a typewriter key board, an electric sounding key board and an electric dial. The speed developed at present is 80 characters per minute, or an average of about 20 words per minute, the message being printed at both ends of the line, and no possible chance for an error unless the operator makes a mistake in sending the message.

Plano.

The Plano school under the auspices of Mr. Bramwell gave an entertainment Christmas eve which seemed to be enjoyed by all who attended. The hall was well crowded. All congratulate Mr. Bramwell on his success with his entertainment.

Miss Pearl Fisher left Thursday for Caldwell, Idaho, where she intends to spend a week with her friends and relatives.

Mr. E. C. White who lives on the lower end of Plano, has sold his ranch to Doctor Hinnie, of Butte, Montana.

A shadow of darkness was brought to the home of Mr. John Layman, of Rexburg, when he was called at the cold hand of death, to lay his loving wife in the lonely cell known as the grave. The loving wife was 24 years of age. She leaves a baby three years old, a mother and many brothers and sisters. The deceased was a sister to Mr. James Fogg. She was called to her grave by typhoid pneumonia. She was a loving and good woman, loved by all who knew her. She has lived in Rexburg all her life and it was said of her that there was no one in that town but had a good word for Mrs. John Layman. Some of the most eloquent speaking and singing was rendered at her funeral. Ezra Christiansen, of the stake academy, and Elder Bramwell, of Rexburg, were the speakers, and I can say as a writer of this paper, we need to congratulate those gentlemen on their eloquent speaking as being one of the nicest conducted funerals I have ever attended. After the services which were held in the Woodvine hall, the remains were taken to the Rexburg cemetery and laid peacefully to rest. Mr. John Layman is a brother of Mrs. T. R. White, of Plano. Some of their brothers and sisters came up from Ogden to attend the funeral and they came over and took a look at Plano.

Teton.

Born to the wife of Forest Gillett, on Christmas day, a fine big baby girl. Mother and baby are doing excellently, but the father has been under the care of the boys ever since the eventful occasion.

The question is being agitated here of taking out a large canal from Fall River which will flume the Teton to the elbo.

A very pleasant "high five party" was given at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Siddoway the other evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. John Driggs, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Siddoway, B. F. Gillett, Miss Fanny Clark and Mr. Wm. Naylor. A. J. Siddoway won the prize, and Wm. Naylor took first prize as "joker." At 11 o'clock a sumptuous repast was placed before the guests "and they did eat." Each returned home with praise for the host and hostess, declaring they never enjoyed themselves better.

Wreck on Grand Trunk Line

THIRTY PEOPLE KILLED IN AWFUL WRECK.

Pacific Express Crashes Into a Heavy Freight—Passenger Coaches Telescope Each Other.

The Pacific express which crashed into a heavy freight train last Saturday near Waukegan, Ontario, was late and endeavoring to make up time. It was made up of two Pullman cars, two first class day coaches and two baggage cars. The engineer opened wide his throttle as he pulled out of Watford at 9:58 o'clock. A blizzard was raging and the air was thick with swirling snow. The train was crowded with people returning from holiday trips. The express train was running at a speed of fifty miles an hour through the blizzard, when, at the Waukegan siding, the headlight of the freight engine loomed up through the snow. It was impossible to see a hundred feet ahead because of the snow, and the trains crashed together almost before the engine crews realized that a collision was imminent.

The impact threw the two engines clear off the track, on the right hand side. The two day coaches of the express were between the heavily loaded baggage cars and the weighty Pullmans. A terrific grinding crash and the rear baggage car was driven into the coach for three-fourths of its length, killing a core of the occupants and pinning down two score more in the wreckage, crushed and mangled. The horror of fire was mercifully spared the suffering persons buried in the wreck. A little flame broke out, but the uninjured extinguished it with snow, before it could gain headway.

RESCUING THE WOUNDED.

The occupants of the two Pullmans and the second day coach swarmed out of their cars to the rescue. A perfect bedlam of noises greeted them. The hiss of escaping steam from the wrecked engines did not drown the piteous cries of the unfortunates pinned in the ruins. The bitter cold added to their sufferings. Volunteer rescuing parties were immediately formed, and did heroic work. Meanwhile a brakeman had rushed through the storm to the telegraph office and notified both London and Sarnia officials of the collision. Relief trains with surgeons and wrecking cars were on their way to the scene from both ends of the division in the shortest possible time.

While they were steaming along at top speed the work of rescue was carried on by the uninjured passengers. They delved into the heap of debris, and guided by the moans and cries, found the sufferers and pried and chopped them out and carried them to the Pullman cars, where they were given such attention as was possible before the surgeons arrived.

The wreck brought death to over thirty persons and pain and suffering to about forty more. The collision occurred at 10:10 o'clock last Saturday night.

Parker.

Our Christmas passed off very nicely. A nice program and Santa Claus for the children in the morning and a dance for them in the afternoon and for the adults in the evening, filled up the day.

There is some sickness here, Frank and J. T. Mason are sick with scarletina. Doctor Blevins has quarantined them.

Mr. Samuel Rigby and W. M. Hill each have a very sick child.

Mrs. James H. Mason has gone to Amon to visit with her sister, Mrs. Jos. Smith, for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Joseph Brower, who has been working on the railroad in Utah the past year, is home to spend the holidays with his family.

Mr. Mathews, of Butte, Montana, is spending the holidays with his brother-in-law, Mr. C. V. Browning.

The Parker choir are getting up a musical concert. The proceeds are for the benefit of the missionaries. J. T.

The Prize Winners.

The prize winners at the masquerade ball, given at the opera house Christmas evening, were Walt Lewis and Miss Nordquist.

Mr. Lewis won the first prize, a gentleman's dressing case, on the character of a wooden shoe Dutchman.

Miss Nordquist represented a lady of the sixteenth century, and was awarded the first prize, a handsome ladies' dressing case.

See The Thompson Mercantile Co.'s big Dollar saving add on another page.

Problems to Face Congress

UPON REASSEMBLING

Reciprocity With Cuba and Admitting Territories.

Upon the assembling of congress after the holiday recess it must grapple with three important subjects, viz: trust legislation, ratification of the reciprocal treaty with the republic of Cuba, and the question of admission of one or more territories into the sisterhood of states.

It is probable that the senate will ratify the commercial reciprocal treaty with Cuba, that there is little likelihood of any territory being admitted as a state, and it is improbable that any trust legislation will be accomplished beyond the appropriation of a large sum of money to be placed at the disposal of the attorney general, with which to defray the expenses incident to the most searching efforts to procure testimony against monopolies which are alleged to have formed combinations in restraint of trade. Republicans assert that the Sherman anti-trust law, if enforced, will satisfy the people that the present administration is in earnest in its desire to curb the rapacity of the so-called trusts.

MAY AMEND SHERMAN ACT.

It is possible, also, that an amendment to the Sherman act may be made, calling for the strictest publicity relating to the affairs of large corporations in order to reveal the amount of stock issue and bonded indebtedness and to ascertain beyond question the real and legitimate assets as distinguished from fictitious values or watered stock. This amendment providing publicity will not be widely at variance with a resolution introduced by Senator Dubois of Idaho last winter, when the census bill was under discussion in the senate.

CUBAN RECIPROCITY.

Since the opening of the short session of congress there has been a gradual change of sentiment with respect to Cuban reciprocity among Western senators. Those who last winter opposed Cuban reciprocity in the shape of a law, did so because it would open up before both branches of congress a radical revision of tariff duties, which they regarded as highly impolitic from a partisan standpoint, and wholly unnecessary from the view point of the business man and manufacturer. Bowing however to the will of President Roosevelt and his advisers, these recalcitrant senators are willing to vote for the ratification of a treaty which must be approved or rejected by the senate as it stands, and its ratification could not in any way involve the senate in a discussion of the tariff question generally speaking.

MICHIGAN FALLS IN LOVE.

The latest news is that the congressional delegations of Michigan and Minnesota have decided to vote for the ratification of the treaty with Cuba, and if this be true, the backbone of the opposition to a reduction of tariff duties on importations of raw sugar from Cuba will soon be broken by the force of the tremendous pressure brought to bear by eastern manufacturers upon members of congress. Michigan has nearly twenty millions of dollars invested in the beet-sugar industry, and when the representatives of that great state capitulate it is only fair to presume that all western beet-sugar states must soon follow suit. Already the market quotations show an advance in the price of the stock of the American Sugar and Refining company, popularly known as the American sugar trust.

Charged With Murder.

John and Leu Douglas, of Star, Idaho, were bound over last Saturday on a charge of murder in the first degree, for the killing of Rufus Ayers at a dance given at the home of J. R. Potter on the night of Saturday, December 20th.

Wilford.

Mr. Geo. Bigler, of Collinston, Utah, is visiting his brother, Mr. Mark Bigler, of this place.

Miss Eliza Robb is up from Rexburg spending her vacation with her parents. A very pleasant party was given at the home of Mrs. J. E. Rotnell Monday night. The evening was spent in playing various games, also music and singing until a late hour when refreshments were served, after which all departed to their homes, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

Xmas was spent very pleasantly in our little village. A program and tree at the church were well attended. The dances Xmas eve and Xmas night were crowded, all coming out to have a merry Xmas.

Mrs. S. W. Orme was visiting in Rexburg the last of the week. J. R. M.