

The average homesteader has an idea that if he can evade the requirements of law as to residence and cultivation of the land he files upon, he has done something that he can tell with pride in his declining years, much the same as his forefathers told about beating the revenue cutter or custom house officer, "when they were young." This is a fatal mistake on the part of the person who files on a piece of land. Filing on land is simply a contract between the entryman and the government. The filing fees paid by the entryman are a pledge to bind the bargain on his part, and the receipt given by the land office for the money paid is the first act of the government toward fulfilling its part of the contract. The government agrees to sell 160 acres of land to the entryman at \$1.25 per acre on condition that he establishes and maintains a residence on the tract for fourteen months, or if the entryman chooses, he may live on the land for five years and get his deed for nothing. In either event the conditions of the contract requires residence and cultivation of the land entered by the claimant, and if the entryman does not comply with his part of the contract, then according to the fundamental principal of law, he has forfeited his right to demand of the government to comply with its part of the contract.

Supposing that the entryman does make proof and his residence has not been up to the requirements of law, his entry may be contested on charges of fraudulent proof for two years after a patent has been issued, and if the charges are proven he will lose his land, and if he has sold the same the purchaser is put to the expense and trouble of defending his title, secured through the original entryman. So it behoves homesteaders to be particular to maintain actual residence on their land, if they do not want to be known in common parlance as "title sharks" in the future.

If a man who understands abstracting and titles should take it into his head to look up many of the farm titles in this district there would be more than one man loose his all, if a reasonable percentage of all the talk about fraudulent final proofs is true.

Official notice has been received that the Soo Line and Great Northern will run emigrant trains two weeks earlier this year than they did last, beginning the 15th of February.

The trusts strike against the people when they control the product and the people must pay or perhaps starve. That is just what the highwayman does - your money or your life. The formula of robbery is different - but the thing is just the same. Both demand your money without an equivalent. For if either gave an equivalent neither would be richer than before the robbery.

Publicity is a great cure for trusts. They are having the widest publicity and seem to thrive on it. If the profits of the Standard Oil or the coal trust should be published as paying 500 per cent profit per year, what good would that do? Would that help the people they are robbing? Publicity is like the tariff and the money issues - smoke to blind the public who have to pay tribute. Great is bancombe.

The shortest story is this; the trusts eliminate unnecessary competition and labor. This increases the army of the unemployed. The army of the unemployed decreases the wages of all. As wages go down and trusts raise prices, (after killing competition) debts must take the place of savings. Ask your victim what the result will be and the cure. You know both. Tell him to think it over and to talk to his friends about it. Hand him the Independent and tell him to subscribe.

The trusts are doing business at the old stand. They are continually increasing prices while lowering the cost of manufacture. And their hirelings in congress are very busy attending to the peoples business! They are very much interested in banking laws and tariff schedules and private appropriations. They don't know there are any trusts. And the people don't seem to care. And the devil holds high carnival.

The greatest horde of gold ever piled together is in the United States treasury. Are you proud of it? Does it do you any good? If all the gold in the world were there would it add a cent to your wages or prevent the trusts from extorting from you? This is a part of the game the trusts are playing. They want it there because it helps them in their business. If it didn't it would soon be out of there. Can you think?

In Denver the Salvation Army gave two great Christmas spreads to the poor and hungry. I looked over the papers in vain to find where one of the so-called Christian churches gave anything to the poor. The modern churches are great on piety but short on doing the Master's work. They care nothing for the poor - they are looking for the richest pew holders, whose contributions will likely be more than the poor. The modern churches follow neither the example or precepts of the Christ. As Father Ducey of New York said, they are nothing but club houses where the rich go to show off their dress and cultivate their envy of each other.

ALIAS CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the interior, United States Land Office, Minot, North Dakota, Jan. 10 1903.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Jake Slager contestant, against Homestead entry No. 11886, made December 5, 1901, for the northeast quarter of sec. 3, twp. 180, r. 86, by Pat Tiohey, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned said tract for a period of more than six months last past, and that he has never improved or cultivated said land according to the homestead laws, nor ever established a residence thereon, and that said alleged absence was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as private soldier, officer, seaman or marine, during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged.
Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on March 4 1903 before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Minot, N. D.
The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed Nov. 18, 1902, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
R. C. SANBORN, Register.
Bird, Harris & Beede, Atty's. for contestant, Minot, N. D. First pub. Dec 10 last Dec 31

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, land office at Minot, N. D., Dec. 11, 1902.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before George A. McGee, United States Commissioner, District of North Dakota, at Sawyer, N. Dak., on Jan. 21st 1903, viz:
FRANK OSCAR BJORK, H. E. No. 906, for the e 1/2 of sec. 4, and w 1/2, sec. 2, twp. 153, r. 81.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Lars Larson, Jacob Schwab, Fred Hockspier, Fred Hartlip, all of Sawyer, N. Dak.
R. C. SANBORN, Register.
J J Coyle atty for claimant d17321

Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, North Dakota December 11th, 1902.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Matt Lannen, contestant, against Homestead Entry No. 10763 made November 7th, 1901, for the southwest one quarter (s. w. 1/4) section 24, township 150, n. range 84 w. by Edwin S. Davis, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned said tract and changed his residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry and next prior to the date hereof; that he has not established a residence thereon; that said tract remains in its natural state, wholly abandoned and unimproved and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine, during the war with Spain, or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged, and said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on Feb. 2, 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Minot, North Dakota.
The said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed December 8th, 1902, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
R. C. SANBORN, Register.
W. N. Crane, Atty. for contestant, Minot N. D. d17177

Notice for Publication.
Land Office at Minot, N. D., Dec 19th 1902.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office at Minot, N. D., on Feb. 9th, 1903, viz:
Lizzie D. Hagler, H. E. No. 11932, for the nw 1/4 sec 21 Twp. 153, N Range 83 W.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: C. Funderhild, P. F. Vandenoever, O. L. Toffner, W. B. Hawley, all of Minot, N. D.
R. C. SANBORN, Register.
C Aurland atty for claimant d24-128

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Minot, N. D. Dec. 23, 1902.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by John H. Macy, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 7859 made June 12th, 1901, for the south east quarter (se 1/4) section 15, township 153, north, range 82 west by William Doney contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned said tract and changed his residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry and next prior to the date hereof; that he has not established a residence thereon; that said tract remains in its natural state, wholly abandoned and unimproved and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer or marine during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged, and said parties are hereby notified to appear and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on Feb. 18th 1903 before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office at Minot, North Dakota.
The said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed December 2nd, 1902, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
R. C. SANBORN, Register.
W. N. Crane atty for contestant d24121

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D. Dec. 15, 1902.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by King H. Kaylor, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 10430, made Oct. 31st, 1901, for the S. W. 1/4 of Sec. 4, in Twp. 158, N. of R. 83, W. by Hirman Grouws, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned the said tract for a period of more than six months last past and has never established a residence thereon; and has never improved or cultivated said tract according to the homestead laws and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, or navy of the United States in time of war said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegations at 10 o'clock a. m. Feb. 9th, 1903, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office in Minot, N. D.
The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed Dec. 19th, 1902, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be made by due and proper publication.
R. C. SANBORN, Register.
d24121

NOTICE OF CONTEST.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D., Dec. 13th, 1902.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Cetha Williams contestant, against Homestead Entry No. 8518 made August 15, 1901, for Lots 2 and 5 sec 14 and ne 1/4 sec 4, sec 3, twp 150, range 87, by Mabel C. Moseley contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned the same for more than six months last past and has never improved or cultivated said tract of and according to the homestead laws and that said alleged abandonment still exists and is not due to her employment in the army, or navy of the United States in time of war. Said parties are hereby notified to appear and respond and offer evidence touching said allegations at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 2, 1903, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office in Minot, N. D.
The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed Dec. 12, 1902, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
35-39 R. C. SANBORN, Register.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D., Dec. 5, 1902.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Susan Owens, contestant, against homestead entry No. 12453, made Jan. 13, 1902, for the ne 1/4 sec 14, sec 7 twp 155 r 84, by Frank B. Mills, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has never established his residence on said tract; that he has been absent therefrom for more than six months last past; that he has never built a habitable dwelling thereon; that said abandonment still exists; that said alleged absence from said land is not due to his employment in the army, navy, or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged.
Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 22nd day of January 1903, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office in Minot, N. D.
The contestant herein having in a proper affidavit filed in this office on the 4th day of December 1902, set forth evidence which shows that after diligent search personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that service of the said notice be made by due and proper publication.
R. C. SANBORN, Register.
LeSueur & Bradford atty for Piff. d17177

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D., Dec. 16, 1902.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Frederick W. Nurnberger, contestant, against timber culture entry No. 4204, made April 27th, 1888, for the SW 1/4 of section 17, of township 156, N of R 85, by Richard Betts, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned the said land; that he has never at any time sown, grown or planted or caused to be sown, grown or planted any trees, tree seeds or cuttings and none of said land has ever been cultivated at any time whatever; that said abandonment and default on the part of said entryman still continues; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 10, 1903, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office in Minot, North Dakota.
The said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed Nov. 11, 1902, set forth facts which show that after due diligence, personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
R. C. SANBORN, Register.
Le Sueur & Bradford, Attorneys for Contestant.
1-7-24

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Minot, N. D. January 7, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before John Lynch, Clerk of the District Court of Ward County, N. D., at Minot, N. D., on February 12, 1903, viz:
Robert J. Chamberlin, H. E. No. 2798 for the S. E. 1/4, Sec. 6, Twp. 157, R. 82.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Charles Deam, of Markkille, N. D., M. S. Chamberlin, John Devereaux, Will Jennyjohn, of Minot, N. D.
R. C. SANBORN, Register.
1-7-21.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., Dec. 30th, 1902.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before John Lynch, clerk of the District Court for Ward County, N. D. at Minot, N. D. on Feb. 7th, 1903, viz:
ALFRED STEEN, H. E. No. 7973, for the se 1/4, sec 11, twp 157, r 82.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Ole Opeeson Peter Opeeson, Andrew Anderson, Ole Lens, all of Minot, N. D.
R. C. SANBORN, Register.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Minot, N. D., Dec. 16, 1902.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commutation proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before John Lynch, clerk of the district court of Ward county, N. D., at Minot, N. D., on January 24, 1903, viz:
JONATHAN OKLY, H. E. No. 8197, for the se 1/4, sec 11, twp 158, r 82.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Wilson Walter, Freeman Priskey, Williams Grams, Edward Walter, all of Walter, N. D.
R. C. SANBORN, Register.
d1731

Notice for Publication.

Land office at Minot, N. Dak., Dec. 23 1902.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commutation proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before John Lynch, Clerk of the District Court, of Ward County, North Dakota, at Minot, North Dakota, on February 7th, 1903, viz:
Theodore Skoglund, H. E. No. 10489, for the nw 1/4, of sec. 33, twp 155, r 84.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
G. W. Johnson, Nick Torgesen, John L. Skoglund, Peter Erickson, all of Des Laes, N. D.
R. C. SANBORN, Register.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

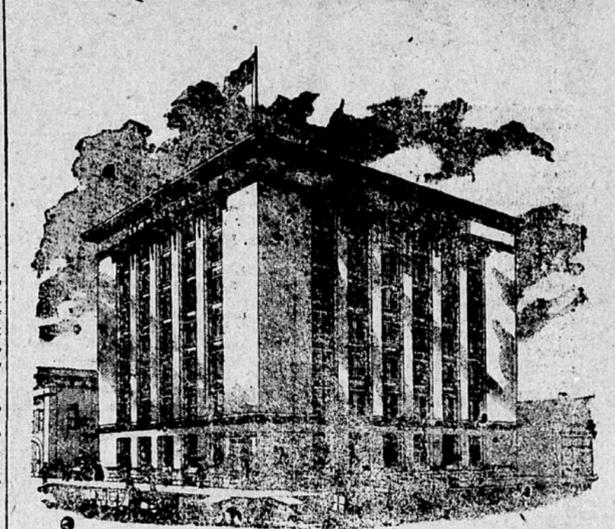
Department of the Interior, land office at Minot, N. D., Dec. 17, 1902.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office at Minot, N. D., on Jan 22nd, 1903, viz:
Perry L. Cline, H. E. No. 9295, for the southeast 1/4, sec. 20, twp. 157, r 81.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Charles Wetmur, Francis B. Wood, Francis M. Watson, Joshua B. Otsey, all Surrey, N. D.
R. C. SANBORN, Register.
J J Coyle atty for claimant d17321

Notice for Publication.

Department of the interior, land office at Minot, N. D., January 14, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Minot, N. D., on February 21, 1903, viz:
LOUIS WAGNER, H. E. No. 8907 for the se 1/4, sec. 33, twp. 158, r. 83.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Claus Staffens, William Rouse, T. B. Caldwell, Dominick Hanser, all of Markkille, N. D.
J. J. Coyle, atty. for claimant. 31421

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