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Settlers Relieved of Expense by Ruling

ONLY ONE SURVEY NECESSARY NOW FOR NATIONAL FOREST LANDS ACCORDING TO DECISION.

Heads of Departments of Agriculture and of the Interior Agree on New Plan that Will Benefit Those Filing on Agricultural Claims in Government Reserves.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 16.—Settlers on national forests under the Act of June 11, 1906, will no longer have to pay for a survey, as they have had to in the past on unsurveyed lands, when the claim goes to patent. This relieves many settlers under the act, commonly known as the forest homestead law, from a burdensome expense. Relief from this burden has been brought about by an agreement between the Secretary of the interior and the secretary of agriculture, whereby surveys made by employees of the forest service will be under the supervision of the surveyor general so that they can be accepted by the general land office as final.

Only One Survey.
Hitherto it has been necessary to make two surveys. Under the terms of the forest homestead law, national forest land can not be opened to settlement unless the secretary of agriculture has recommended to the secretary of the interior that it be listed for settlement; and listing is not possible until a survey has been made. The secretary of agriculture has no authority to list any land unless an examination has shown that the land is more suitable for agriculture than for forest purposes. So when land is applied for, employees of the department of agriculture are sent to ascertain its character, and at the same time make a survey of it by notes and bounds if a survey is necessary.

Double Expense.
This survey could not be accepted by the land department as a basis for patent because only surveys under the supervision of the surveyor general can, under the law, be accepted as a basis for passing title. In consequence, under the procedure provided for when patent is sought to unsurveyed land, the settler on land within a national forest has had to pay for a second survey. This has been felt to be especially hard because it has subjected settlers on national forests to an expense which settlers on surveyed public lands do not have to bear. Since it merely duplicates the work of the first survey, there seemed no reason why this first survey might not answer both for listing the land and for patenting it.

Simplifies Procedure.
The survey for listing, made by forest officers, has always been without expense to the prospective homesteader. Under the new arrangement the field expenses of the survey will continue to be paid by the department of agriculture, so that the applicant will merely be called on to meet the cost of checking up and platting the surveys by the surveyor general. This will remove one of the greatest objections to the working of the forest homestead law. The officials of both the department of agriculture and the department of the interior are pleased that the way has been found through cooperation in the surveys, to simplify the procedure, cut out a duplication of the work, and lessen the cost of settling upon agricultural lands within national forests.

COLLEGE GLEE CLUB COMING
Singers From Corvallis Will Visit Dallas Later.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Oct. 16.—Among the points to be visited this winter on the tour of the Oregon Agricultural Glee club are Dallas, Monmouth and Independence where concerts will be given. The trip will occur sometime during the latter part of the first semester. The organization will number 24 voices.

J. H. Brown, of Salt Creek, was a Dallas visitor Saturday.

BAND SAW WILL BE INSTALLED IN LOCAL MILL

RETRENCHMENT REQUIRES ADOPTION OF NEW METHODS AND NEW MACHINERY AT BIG SAW MILL

SHUT DOWN NEXT JANUARY

Cry For "More Lumber and Less Sawdust" Induces Manager Gerlinger, of Dallas Lumber & Logging Company, to Remodel Plant and Put in New Machinery.

The dullness of the lumber market and the demand for greater economy in the manufacture of the product is being felt by the local mills. The cry for "more lumber and less sawdust" is bringing about continued improvements in machinery and methods, and in endeavoring to heed that demand, Manager George Gerlinger, of the Dallas Lumber & Logging Company, has arranged to make a number of changes in the local plant this winter. The work will be done during the month of January, and while it is in progress the operations of the mill will be suspended and the men will be given a layoff until the installation is complete.

To Use Bandsaw.
The present system of circular saws used first on the logs as they come direct from the pond, is to be discarded and the latest improvement in bandsaws is to be substituted, as it has many advantages, particularly that of saving in the loss of lumber, which amounts to an enormous sum in the course of a year.

Owing to the lateness of the season and the approach of fall rains it has been necessary to abandon the plan to construct an additional mill pond this year and the project has accordingly postponed until next summer sometime, when a large reservoir will be dredged from the swamp across the street and west of the present mill pond. The roadway is also to be raised.

The mill company has lately rebuilt the foot walk from their office south along Main street to the railroad track. The walk has been raised and otherwise improved.

PROLIFIC GROWTH OF TREES
Nursery Stock Shows Quality of Soil.

Convincing examples of the productivity of Polk county soil are on exhibition at the office of McBee & Castle in this city and astonished everybody who have seen them. They consist of two young trees taken from the nursery of Louis Fosnot, at Riekreall, both of which were grafted this last spring. One of them is a prune tree that shows a growth of ten feet from the point of graft to the tip of the shoot. The other is a peach tree which has grown to a height of six feet two and a half inches and has a spread of branches of over four feet. Many other young trees in the nursery rows show almost an equal result.

Picture Published
Friday evening's issue of the Portland Telegram contained a portrait of Rev. George F. Hopkins, until recently pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of this city, who was transferred by the conference to the church at Gresham, Oregon.

Buildings Tossed Like Chips In Raging Torrent at Austin, Pa.



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WHAT a torrent of water will do when released from a reservoir is shown in the above pictures made immediately after the disaster that wiped out the little town of Austin, Pa. When the dam broke above the town and released the water that was held to furnish power for the Bayless paper mills the stream rushed down the valley with a force well nigh irresistible. The water took many tons of paper pulp with it and used it as a battering ram to demolish houses. Some large buildings were turned into splinters, others were swept away, but without being demolished, while a few that did not receive the full force of the flood were only slightly damaged. One of the pictures above shows a scene in the main street of Austin, where frame buildings were thrown pell-mell against a brick block housing the local bank. The other picture shows debris piled many feet high at the railroad station. The bodies of the victims were in many instances buried under these tons of debris, and recovering them was thereby made slow and difficult.

HUNTING PERMITS ROGUE'S GALLERY IN DEMAND FOR BOSS

POLK SPORTSMEN HEAR CALL TO THE WILD.

Large Number of Permits Granted By County Clerk to Devotees of Rod and Gun.

With the falling of the leaves and the approach of winter, the longing that surges in the breast of the sportsmen and drives him from the rest and peace of his own fireside to the hills and streams and water-soaked brush and half-cooked food and overtime appetite is once more apparent, and the gunstores and ammunition supply houses are doing a good business in Polk county. During the past week, the demand for permits at the office of County Clerk E. M. Smith has been greater than for sometime previous. The largest number was called for last Friday, when ten licenses to hunt were granted by the clerk. The totals since the first of the year are as follows: Hunters and anglers, 93; hunters, 379; anglers, 673.

The names of the applicants of recent date are given herewith:
Hunters and Anglers.
Dallas, J. M. Brown.
Anglers.
Dallas—Ben Frissen, Henry Unger, G. F. Harder, J. J. McBee.

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SCHEME TO PREVENT SALE OF DISEASED MEAT.

Oregon State Veterinarian By New System Will Make Easy the Identification of Consumptive Animals.

Oregon is to have a rogue's gallery for cows. Whenever hereafter a cow is seen with a brass tag in her left ear it may be known that her description is on file for ready reference. The cow with the brass tag is the cow that has been found consumptive by means of the tuberculin test. She is tagged by government or city inspectors when found to be diseased. But recently many complaints have been made that tags were removed from bossy's ear and she was then sold to the butcher as wholesome beef. Some of the authorities say that tuberculous meat is nearly as dangerous as tuberculous milk.

Identification System.
To make it certain that the diseased cow, tagged or not, cannot be sold by unscrupulous owners, Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, has established a cow Bertillon system that serves for immediate identification of any animal brought to the market, says the Portland Journal. The report of the inspection is in form of a card. On the card is the

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Club President Gives Out Appointments

CHANGES NOTED IN BUSINESS FIRMS OF THE CITY

BROWN BROTHERS WILL PUT IN MODERN STORE FRONT ON MAIN STREET PROPERTY.

BUILDING TO BE REMODELED

Hugh Black Buys Out L. H. Schultz—Frank Kerslake Sells to Emerson & Nash—J. H. Shepherd to Remove to Main Street—Other Transfers Made.

The past few days have been noteworthy in the commercial life of the city owing to the fact that more business changes have been made in that short length of time than has probably ever occurred before in a similar period in the life of the city. Several of the leading houses have sold but and numerous changes of location have been announced. The Brown building, on Main street opposite the court house, owned by J. G. and Henry Brown is to be remodeled and supplied with a modern glass front, and as a result Hugh Black will leave the store he has occupied as a grocery and will remove his business to the L. H. Schultz grocery, on Court street, next to the Postoffice, having bought out Mr. Schultz.

To Retire.
Mr. Schultz will remain in Dallas for a time and will then leave for California to spend the winter. The name of the tenant who is to occupy the place by Black's grocery has not been made public.

The other store room in the Brown building, now occupied by the Gaylor shoe store, is to be divided lengthwise. Mrs. J. C. Gaylor will use the north half as a shoe store, and the south half will be taken by J. H. Shepherd's jewelry store. The place is expected to be ready for the change within 30 days.

Will Be Farmer.
Frank Kerslake has sold his furniture business and his skating rink to Emerson & Nash, two Polk county men, who will take charge Friday or Saturday of this week. In the deal, Mr. Kerslake became the owner of a fine 120 acre grain farm between Buena Vista and Airlee which he expects to manage.
E. W. Hinshaw, of the firm of Hinshaw & Hinshaw, owners of the secondhand store on Court street, has sold his interest to his partner, George Hinshaw, and will hereafter devote his attention to the Watkins' remedy wagon.

IS CHOSEN FOR SECRETARY
Class of Agricultural College Honors Independence Girl.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., (Special)—In the recent election held by the junior class of the Agricultural College, Miss Grace Wallace, of Independence, was elected to the position of secretary, for which she is well qualified. Polk county students are noted for their ability and strict attention to duty.

The Eugene Register describes sunflowers raised by W. E. Wilmer, that were 23 and 26 inches in diameter. One stalk was more than 10 inches in circumference.

Mrs. M. I. Hamilton returned to her home in Salem last Friday, after visiting her cousin, Mrs. H. P. Shriver. The latter accompanied her home and will remain there for a few days.

AFFILIATE WITH STATE FEDERATION, MRS. B. CASEY AND MRS. C. L. BARNES DELEGATES.

News of Local Body that is Beginning Winter's Work With Bright Prospects—Extensive Plans for Civic Improvement Will Be Announced at Later Date.

Mrs. George Gerlinger, president of the Woman's Club of Dallas, has announced the appointment of the following committees:
Program—Mrs. D. P. Patterson, Mrs. Kugel, Mrs. W. Wynn Johnson.
Social—Mrs. J. G. VanOrsdel, Mrs. J. L. Castle, Mrs. Edgar W. Miles.
Auditing—Mrs. Tracy Staats, Mrs. Oscar Hayter, Mrs. R. Y. Morrison.

The club is being represented at the State Federation of Women's clubs, which is in annual session in Roseburg today. A decision to affiliate with the state organization was made at the recent meeting of the local club, and Mrs. C. L. Barnes and Mrs. B. Casey were then appointed delegates to attend from here. They left for Roseburg Monday, and will be away five days.

Musical Section Meeting.
Mrs. Gilbert MacGregor, leader of the Musical section of the club, announces a meeting to be held at her house next Thursday, October 19, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of beginning the work of that department. All women wishing to enroll are requested to be in attendance or to send their application. The first paper, on the "History of Music," will be read by Mrs. MacGregor at that time.

Young Women's Section.
Miss May Shelton, chairman of the Young Women's section, has been actively engaged in enrolling the members in her department, and there are rumors of a gay Halloween party next week.

Mrs. Barnes, the club treasurer, will be glad to receive as promptly as possible all unpaid dues. For the greater convenience of the members, she has arranged so that the amounts may be left with Miss Jennie Museott, at the Dallas Public library.

The club, which has only been in existence a short time, already has over 50 members. Great plans are in contemplation for civic improvement and will be announced later.

MANY MARION HOPS ARE SOLD
One Thousand Bales Changed Hands There Lately.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 16.—It is estimated that 1000 bales of hops have changed hands this week in Salem. The prevailing price has been 35 cents. Some sales have been made, however, at 33 cents. The sales range about 100 bales each.

TO DISPLAY NEEDWORK

Local Guild Will Hold Annual Exhibition of Garments that are to be Given to Poor.

The directors of the local branch of the Needlework Guild of America are busy collecting the garments from the members in their respective groups. It is fully expected that there will be as large and varied a collection of articles to be given to the needy this year as was so generously bestowed last year. The annual tea and exhibition of garments is to be held at the home of Mrs. George Gerlinger, 1018 Main street, Friday afternoon, October 20, from 3 to 5 o'clock. It is hoped that every member of the Guild will call sometime between the hours mentioned.

The directors should bear in mind that their complete bundles must be sent in by Thursday, October 19, and as far as possible, it is requested that they may be enclosed in strong boxes to be used later when the garments are distributed.