

HOW TO REGISTER.

Who May Register and How to Register For Land Drawing.

Any person desiring to make homestead entry on any of these lands must go in person to one of the registration points named by the government, there appearing between October 2nd and 21st, to swear to and present their application for registration if they are not entitled to registration through an agent on account of service in the Civil War or the war with Spain. Dallas, Gregory and Rapid City, South Dakota, have been designated as registration points.

An applicant must swear to his application before a notary public at the registration point. Judge Jas. W. Witten, the superintendent of the drawing, furnishes a certificate of authority to these notary publics and no applicant should swear to his application before any notary who does not exhibit a certificate of this kind. No payment will be required for the privilege of registering, but a fee of twenty-five cents must be paid to the notary public for each oath administered.

No person can present more than one application in his own behalf, and one as an agent for a soldier, sailor or his widow or minor orphan children.

Soldiers and Sailors.
Soldiers and sailors honorably discharged after ninety days' service during the War of the Rebellion, the Spanish-American War or the Philippine Insurrection, or their widows or minor orphan children, need not go to either of the registration points for the purpose of registering, but may register through agents appointed for them for that purpose.

A soldier's widow cannot register if she has remarried, and a minor child cannot register if its mother is still living and unmarried. Persons who have served in the army or navy in time of peace or served less than ninety days who are over twenty-one years of age, must register in person and cannot register by agent.

Blank powers of attorney for the appointment of agent can be obtained by addressing Judge Jas. W. Witten, at Washington, D. C., prior to September 25, 1911, or by addressing him at Gregory, South Dakota, after that date.

Any person over sixteen years of age, regardless of his qualifications to make homestead entry, may act as agent for any soldier, sailor or widow, or their minor orphan children, but no such person can act as agent for more than one such.

The Drawing.
All application for registration must reach the registration points not later than 12:00 o'clock midnight, October 21, 1911, and the drawing will take place at Gregory, South Dakota, beginning at 10:00 a. m. October 24, 1911.

All envelopes containing applications will be thoroughly mixed and envelopes will be selected therefrom indiscriminately one at a time, the applications therein to be numbered as selected. The numbers first assigned will control the order in which the entries will be made. The first application drawn will be number one and be given choice of all lands subject to entry. The person to whom number two is assigned will be given second choice and so on. By this method every person who registers will have an equal chance, the man who registers last having the same opportunity as the man who registers first, to secure a selection of the lands. The Interior Department has taken

particular care to see that all the details in connection with this drawing will be cared for in such a manner as to absolutely prevent fraud, collusion, or the depriving of any individual of his full rights and privileges in the allotment, so it will be unnecessary for anyone, either for his own protection or any other purpose to attend the drawings.

As fast as the numbers are assigned, postal card notices thereof will be mailed to each applicant to whom a number is assigned, and a few days later there will also be mailed to each person to whom a number is assigned a large envelope with his number printed on the outside and with copies of the proclamation and regulations governing the opening, and a copy of the homestead laws and regulations contained therein. Persons who register should be careful to see that the postoffice address to which they desire notices mailed is correct. Lists giving names and addresses of all persons to whom numbers are assigned will also be publicly posted at each of the registration points, and the result of each day's drawings will be given to newspapers to be printed as a matter of news.

Final Entry.

Having selected the land he desires, the next step for the successful applicant is the final entry of the tract in his name as a homestead.

No entries will be made before 9:00 o'clock a. m., April 1, 1912. All persons given the privilege of making entry will be notified and if they fail to appear and enter, they will lose all rights under the numbers assigned them. These rights cannot be sold or transferred to another person, but the widow or heirs of the applicant may make entry in their own right on that day.

On the date of entry each applicant must personally present certificate of registration and make the first payment on the land, being one-fifth of the appraised value.

The remainder of the purchase money may be paid in five equal annual installments. Notice of the time and place where applicants may make their entries will be mailed to them at the address given in their applications for registration. Any change in address should be sent to Judge Jas. W. Witten at General Land Office, Washington, D. C.

Residence on the Land.

Residence upon the land must be begun within six months after the date of entry, and must be continued with cultivation, and to the exclusion of a home elsewhere, until a patent has been earned, either by five years' residence and cultivation and the payment of the installments of purchase money annually, or by fourteen months' actual and continuous residence and cultivation and the payment of all the unpaid purchase money. Soldiers, sailors, their widows or minor orphan children, who have actually resided on the land for twelve months, can claim credit on the remaining four years' residence required by the law for the period of the soldier's military service.

Persons Not Qualified to Make Homestead Entry.

- The following persons are not qualified to make homestead entry.
1. A married woman, unless she has been deserted or abandoned by her husband, or unless her husband is incapacitated by disease or otherwise from earning a support for his family, and she is the head and main support of the family.
 2. One not a citizen of the United

States and who has not declared his intention of becoming such.

3. One under twenty-one years of age, not the head of a family.

4. One who is the proprietor of more than 160 acres of land in any state or territory. The ownership of a town lot or any other amount of land in excess of 100 acres, disqualifies the owner from making entry.

Homesteads Not Saleable.

Do not attempt to buy out a homesteader without keeping in view the fact that he can give you no title as against the United States. If you purchase a relinquishment of his claim it must run to the United States.

Entries and filings for the purpose of holding the land for speculation are illegal and fraudulent and the sale of relinquishments is also illegal.

Slate River Valley.

A. F. Judd is busy making hay and hauling melons.

Mr. Wilson filled his regular appointment here, Sunday.

Robert Duncan, of Corning, Iowa, is visiting in this neighborhood.

Vio Bales, wife and son, were visitors at the A. F. Judd ranch, Sunday.

Mesdames R. Bachman, Hamelstrom and daughter, Duncan and daughter and Ben Bachman were visitors at Germany, Sunday.

THE WRONG BOOK

By ESTHER VANDEVEER

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It was in the olden time, when travelers westward from the Missouri river went by wagon train system. I was a young man then and had some money which I had invested in the stock of a mining company on Clear Creek, about twenty miles west of Denver. News came that those operating the mine had struck a rich vein of ore, and I concluded to go out and look after my interests.

So I joined a wagon train at Kansas City consisting of two wagons. The owner, John Scarsdale, was taking his family out to Denver to settle there. They consisted of his wife, his son, Henry, twenty years old, and his daughter, Amelia. Henry had taken a course of medicine at an eastern university and was going to put out his shingle in Denver.

There is nothing like being thrown with a girl constantly and not seeing other girls to make a man fall in love. And I suppose it's the same with a girl in reference to the man. At any rate, we had been on the road but a few days when I began to consider Amelia attractive.

Dr. Henry Scarsdale had a whole library of medical books with him and studied whenever we were in camp. He was an enthusiast in his profession. He became a celebrated physician afterward, but at that time he was simply at the beginning of his career and always yearning for some one to fall ill that he might apply his knowledge.

Unfortunately I was destined to need his attention. My heart would get to beating rapidly at the slightest provocation. The young doctor on hearing of my trouble unpacked a box of books that he had intended not to open till he reached Denver, got out a volume on heart disease, ran his eye over the index till he came to "palpitation" and familiarized himself with my case. Then he improvised a stethoscope, placed it against my chest over my heart, listened and looked serious. I knew by that look that I was doomed. He told me that I must not consider my case hopeless, which I understood to mean that it was hopeless, especially since he told me that I might live quite awhile. But the next morning, feeling more hopeful, I told the doctor that I thought he might have been mistaken, whereupon he said very decidedly that I would find out. If I lived to reach Denver it would be more than he expected.

This broke me all up again, and I continued to decline during the rest of the journey. I couldn't make the slightest motion without my heart beating like a trip hammer. I lost flesh and was so near run down that by the time we were approaching Denver a reclining place was made for me in one of the wagons.

I conceived a great respect for the medical diagnosing power of the young doctor. He had told me that if I reached Denver alive I would do well, and the nearer we got to the town the more rapidly my heart beat. It occurred to me that he didn't really expect me to live even so long as that. At any rate I made up my mind I would not.

When within ten miles of Denver in camp one evening I sent for Amelia Scarsdale and told her that, being at the point of death, I would have no further use for worldly wealth and handed her my mining shares that I had transferred to her. I refrained from telling her that I loved her, thinking that, being doomed, it would be better for her that I should keep my secret. Amelia was certainly very grateful, tried to comfort me and declared that if I lived she would re-transfer the shares to me. To this I replied that I had given up all hope; that when her brother told me it was not likely I would live to enter Denver I had doubted his power of diagnosis, but I had been getting worse ever since, and I knew now that he was right.

While we were talking Dr. Scarsdale came to the wagon and said to me:

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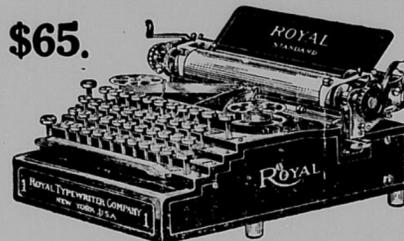
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reading one on indigestion, and I shouldn't be surprised if your heart trouble is due to that cause."

"You say you fear you have made a mistake," I remarked.

"Yes."

"Well, I fear you haven't."

"Diet for a few days, and I have some peptic pills I'll give you."

I took the doctor's pills, and the fact that he had got hold of the wrong book concerning my case convinced me that he was not infallible. My mind drifted in another channel, my heart stopped beating so rapidly, and I was a new man.

Amelia insisted on returning the mining shares, which made me feel very cheap. I went up in the mountains to the mine and returned a few weeks later a very rich man. I was much surprised that Amelia did not look so beautiful among other women as she had seemed on the alkali plains. Indeed, I thought her anything but beautiful. She imparted to me the fact that for two years she had had a lover in Denver and that she was to be married in a few days.

Here was my chance. I gave her a wedding present consisting of enough of the mining shares I owned to make her independent for life.

My medical experience convinced me of the power of mind over matter.

A Real One.

"Is this a problem play?" asked the one night stand critic of the manager.

"It is," replied that worthy.

"And what," asked the critic, "is the special problem presented?"

"How to get money enough into the box office for railroad fares to our next date," said the manager, with pointed brevity.—Baltimore American.

The Other Side.

"It's all very well for the minister to preach from the text, 'Remember Lot's wife,'" said an overworked, discouraged matron, "but I wish he would now give us an encouraging sermon upon the wife's lot."

The Puzzle.

A Boston girl who was watching a farmer milk a cow adjusted her glasses and said, "It is all very plain except that I don't understand how you turn it off."

They Get It.

Nell—Men are such helpless things.
Belle—Yes; they can't even fall in love without a good bit of assistance.—Philadelphia Record.

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