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LAND SUIT DEAL

Titles to Reelfoot Lake Lands Established and Vested In

WEST TENNESSEE LAND CO.

Incorporated Under the Laws of Tennessee, Pending Confirmation by Chancery Court.

Grants and titles which have descended from the Dougherty heirs and others, numbering forty or more different claims, have at last been acquired by the West Tennessee Land Company, incorporated at Union City by the following named gentlemen: Deason & Rankin, R. Z. Taylor, F. W. Moore, John Shaw, Walter Pleasant, Seid Waddell, Judge Harris.

A number of injunction suits have been filed and dissolved, having reference to the rights of parties interested in hunting and fishing on the lake for profit. These disposed of it remained for the courts to adjust the property rights in the land. Litigation has been in progress for about six years, in which the lands covered by the lake and portions of land adjacent are involved, ending in a settlement made any mutual agreement a few weeks ago, subject to ratification by Chancery Court.

In pursuance of the agreement a company was organized in Union City last Friday, known as the West Tennessee Land Company, with the following officers: Judge Harris, president; F. W. Moore, vice-president; Seid Waddell, secretary and treasurer; Deason, Rankin, and Elder, general counsel. The capital stock is $125,000, with 5,000 shares at one dollar per share, Judge Harris being the largest stockholder with 65,000 shares.

Included in this agreement are the fishing and hunting privileges which have been leased for a term of 10 years to the Reelfoot Fish Company, otherwise J. C. Burdick, J. S. Shaw and Walter Pleasant, who have the exclusive rights of fishing and hunting for profit on Reelfoot Lake. The agreement also embraces a contract to deliver all the fish and game to J. C. Burdick at Union City, Tenn. There is also a clause which provides that fishing or hunting for sport shall not be interfered with, leaving these matters practically the same as they were before the agreement.

Surveys, maps, titles and exhibits are all complete and conclusive, and everything has been done to comply with legal requirements. The transaction is therefore ready for judicial sanction, which will complete and forever set at rest the long, tedious and tiresome suits which have been instituted over the possession of Reelfoot Lake lands almost as far back as the time when the lake was sunk by an earthquake in 1811-12, historical sketches and stories of which have been published from time to time in the newspapers all over this and other States.

As we stated before there are about 65,000 acres of land, nearly all of which has been covered from time to time with water and overflow from Reelfoot Lake. In medium water the lake is approximately 25 miles in length and in width varies from one to eight miles. It is full of islands, cypress knees and deadenings. The channel of Reelfoot Creek courses through the main body of the lake, and for as many years it has been noted as a hunting and fishing resort, abounding in all kinds of game. It is estimated that 10,000,000 pounds of fish are taken from the lake every year for sale and shipment, and ducks have been known there in flocks covering the face of the water for hundreds of yards.

Fish and game are still abundant, and we are informed that it is the purpose of the West Tennessee Land Company to build a modern, luxurious and commodious clubhouse at Shaw's park, plans of which are now being formulated, and later on to make it a summer resort, with shoot the chutes, roller coasters, tunnel railways, merry-go-rounds, music and other like attractions. The subject of gravel or suburban roads has also been mentioned, but it remains to be seen what the future will bring forth. It may be said, however, that some great improvements will be made, and that there is no question that the property surrounding Reelfoot Lake will be greatly developed at no distant day.

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READ AND REFLECT.

My fellow countrymen, it has been said, and it is strictly true, that "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." The golden rule still lives—"Do to everyone as you would that they should do to you." "Thou shalt not kill," and it is also said by the Master of all that it is far better that ninety-nine guilty ones escape than that one innocent one should perish.

I am making this appeal to the public in behalf of Lee Holder, said Holder having been sentenced to die by the courts. The verdict was sustained entirely on circumstantial evidence. I do desire that those who read this will reflect and take it home to themselves. He is a youth. We have all been youths and are aware that youth does things that mature manhood would not think of doing. You may say it's clear that he is guilty of the crime. So thought the jury that hanged the innocent young man in California for the supposed killing of the two young women in a church steeple. Time and confession proved him innocent. The victims were slain by their preacher, so the papers say. Give a criminal a life sentence in prison in case of circumstantial evidence, but for the sake of humanity and your own conscience don't kill, for you can't tell what may at an early date develop.

It is not the wish or desire of any of the signers of these petitions that the said Holder should be released. But place him where he can't harm humanity, and there let him remain the balance of his natural life. It's really a greater punishment than death, but gives time and opportunity for him to prepare for an after life.

Friends, just think for a moment what his mother has undergone and is undergoing. Husband murdered, one son in State's prison and another condemned to the gallows. Take the matter home to yourself and think, think!

Now to persons who have petitions in different parts of the county, be up and doing, and know when you are working in behalf of humanity that you are in the service of the Master. He said that charity is the greatest gift bestowed on man and outweighs them all. W. ASKINS.

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WEST TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church Met Here.

The West Tennessee Synod of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in Milan with the local congregation last Tuesday night, October the 15.

The West Tennessee Synod of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is composed of four Presbyteries, the Hopewell, the Obion, the Madison and the Memphis. There are within the bonds of the Synod 192 congregations, 82 of these being represented by ministers and elders and the remainder of them were reported in an organic and working order. In addition to the regular representatives composing the Synod there were a large number of visitors in attendance.

The Synod was organized by the election of Rev. Allen Foust, of McKenzie, as moderator, Rev. P. F. Johnson, of Dyer, as clerk and treasurer, and Rev. A. S. Johnson, of Trenton, as assistant clerk. The opening sermon was preached on Tuesday night by Rev. J. H. Thomas, of Rives.

The reports on the several departments of work fostered by Synod showed much interest and enthusiam throughout its bounds.

Much loyality to the Cumberland Presbyterian Articles of Faith is being manifested in every local congregation of the Synod. The work of missions was emphasized in the deliberations of the body and advanced steps were taken for the next year's work.

The report on temperance was emphatic and strong against the liquor traffic and heartily endorsed the work of the W. C. T. U. and of the Anti-Saloon League of the State. The Synod pledged itself to the support of all temperance legislation, both State and National.

In the report on Education the interest centered around Bethel College of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church located at McKenzie.

The Board of Trustees of this College reported that at the present they are maintaining a splendid school in a rented hall. The faculty of this school is said to be unsurpassed by no school of similar class, while the work being done is the very best. A collection of $540 was raised for the school. Several members of the Board of Trustees and the President of the school were present and gave splendid addresses.

The Synod adjourned Thursday afternoon with an old-time handshake and prayer.—Milan Exchange

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Marriages.

Avery Clayton and Myrtle May Overall.
W. S. Phipps and Carrie Purvis.
Lee Featherston and Maymie Haynes.
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