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CAN RELINQUISH LAND

Important Ruling Received From Secretary of Interior.

The state land department today received a decision of importance from the secretary of the interior relative to the state relinquishing school land upon which settlers had filed desert claims prior to survey and taking lieu land therefor. The department had held all along that where settlers filed upon school land prior to survey they could not hold it unless they made a homestead entry desert entries not being recognized.

Mrs. Ann Tovey, who has a desert claim in the Big Hole country, Beaverhead county, that when the land was surveyed proved to be school land asked the state to relinquish the land so that she would not lose her desert claim. The state agreed to do so providing the government would allow it to make a selection of other or lieu land for that relinquished. The matter was referred to the secretary of the interior, who today replied that if the state desired to relinquish the section of school land involved it might select other land. The ruling is of importance as there are a number of similar cases pending.

Law Knocked Out.

Fort Scott, July 8.—A jury of the most prominent business men of Fort Scott was just four minutes in finding one of the state's new liquor laws, passed as a result of Mrs. Nation's crusade, unconstitutional. It was the injunction law which authorized county attorneys to summon and examine witnesses touching their knowledge of the violation of the law. Dan A. Campbell, an attorney who was summoned, refused and was then arrested. The jury acquitted him though he admitted the charge.

Bought Lots of Wool.

E. Porter May, of the firm of Jeremiah Williams & Co. of Boston, who is in Helena, says that his firm is buying Montana wool every day. He said today that so far this year the firm has purchased 3,200,000 pounds of the fleecy article in the state of Montana and expects to buy considerable more.

"What were the prices?" Mr. May was asked. "I don't care to talk about prices," he replied.

He intimated, however, nothing had been bought at less than 10½ cts, while the top price might be a shade better than 13.

Mr. May expects to leave for Boston Wednesday of this week, having a number of men in the field to look after his purchases.

Died of His Injuries.

Butte, July 8.—Smith Davis died last night, as a result of injuries received in falling to the bottom of the shaft of the Ada mine near Basin last Tuesday. Davis was widely known as a mining man and had lived in Butte a number of years.

A Big Conflagration at Forsyth.

Billings, July 8.—The town of Forsyth was visited by a terrible fire at 6:30 o'clock this morning by which two lives were lost and 11 persons badly injured. The fire started in the Occidental hotel run by a Mrs. McGuire as a section house. The building was a large three story frame house situated about 300 feet from the Northern Pacific depot and was patronized chiefly by railroad employes. When the alarm of fire was sounded the building was enveloped in flames and in less than an hour the building was entirely destroyed, together with the Northern Pacific oil house and coal docks, the latter blocking the tracks and delaying all trains several hours. The fire started in the stairway of the second story shutting off all exit from the two upper floors. Some of the occupants jumped to the ground from both stories and of the number about 11 were seriously injured, arms being broken, backs terribly wrenched and otherwise hurt.

Two men, names unknown were suffocated and their bodies burned to a crisp. One was a section employe and the other a young man about 17 years of age who had come to the town only a short time ago.

Says it is Not True.

Helena, June 29.—In an issue of the 5th inst., there appeared an article entitled "State to Feed Dogs," which stated that a Philadelphia widow by the name Mrs. Julia K. Birdsall kept a large number of pet dogs and had to steal to support them and, furthermore, she was a Christian Scientist. To obtain the facts in the case I wrote to Mr. White the Christian Science publication committee at Philadelphia, who sent me the following statement: "It is said Mrs. Birdsall has been attending the Christian Scientist church in the Fuller building, on Eighteenth and Market streets. This is entirely incorrect. Mrs. Birdsall is not a Christian Scientist, has not been attending the services meeting in the Fuller building, and is not known to its members."

—T. R. Hinsdale.

Treasure From Klondike.

Seattle, Wash., July 8.—The steamer City of Seattle arrived from Lynn canal yesterday with a Klondike treasure cargo of \$600,000, all save \$100,000 consigned by the Canadian Bank of Commerce to the United States assay office in this city. Wm. Waechter a cattle trader, and a Mr. Leo a miner, had \$50,000 in dust. The Klondike crowd left Dawson on June 29.

At that time nearly every producing claim in the district was being worked and the government had 500 men employed in the construction of roads to the greatest gold producing streams in the district. About 1,100 people are said to have left the Klondike for Nome since the river opened.

The Philippine Tariff.

New York, July 8.—The new Philippine tariff has received its finishing touches at the war department, the Washington correspondents reports, and it will be sent by mail to Gov. Taft in a few days. It is understood it will be promulgated early next month, to go into effect immediately. An important provision affecting goods in transit has been made, including the permitting of consignees to declare all imports which shall arrive in the Philippines within 60 days after the tariff is put into operation, either under the old schedules now in use or under the new duties. After that period the old military customs revenue law, founded on Spanish law, will forever cease. The new law is expected to produce annually \$15,000,000 revenue for the support of the insular government and to reduce materially imports from all countries except the United States and Spain, particular attention being given to the protection of Philippine industries against rivals in the western Pacific and the Indian ocean. The government at Washington and the commission at Manila have been working over the tariff since last August, and now that full agreement has been reached it is expected that congress at its next session will approve the schedules without modification and put them into the statutes.

Death of a Station Agent.

Craig, Mont., July 8 James Smith Montana Central station agent at Craig, died yesterday morning. Undertaker E. L. Flaherty, of Helena, received a telegram to that effect at 5 o'clock yesterday, which also requested him to come down as soon as possible. Mr. Flaherty left on the midnight train.

Mr. Smith had been in poor health for some time, but until lately nothing serious was apprehended. He was formerly station agent at Silver. It is not yet known what disposition will be made of the body.

He Paid His Fine.

Helena, July 8.—H. W. Norton, superintendent of the East Helena smelter, yesterday paid \$116 85 for his refusal to make a return to the county assessor of his personal property, that being the penalty and costs provided by law.

Mr. Norton in vain pleaded for clemency and finally his lawyer appeared before Justice of the Peace John Steinmetz and stated that he was prepared to pay the amount for which Assessor Charles H. Martien was suing him in the name of the state.

This is in addition to the \$93 taxes paid by him and the lawyer's fee will bring close to \$250 the expense of his bout with the assessor.

To Bury His Young Son.

Great Falls, July 8.—Attorney General James Donovan will arrive in Great Falls today with the body of his son, Dennis, who was drowned in Maine, and the funeral will probably be held tomorrow morning. This is the purport of a telegram he sent yesterday to his first assistant, H. D. Moore, from Michigan City, Ind., while on his way west.

The attorney general's office will be closed the day of the funeral and all the state offices will be closed the morning of that day. His second assistant, F. W. Mettler, went to the Falls yesterday to attend the funeral and State Auditor Calderhead or one of his assistants, and Assistant Secretary of State David Marks will go also.

His Father is Dead.

Butte, July 7.—Daniel J. Walsh, sporting editor of the Inter Mountain, received the sad intelligence last night of the death of his father, which occurred in Washington, D. C. yesterday morning.

The elder Walsh is a well known politician in the capital city and for a number of years held the position of chief of the fire department of the pension bureau, an important post in the war department.

Captain Ahern Home.

Billings, July 8.—Captain George P. Ahern of the Ninth infantry, superintendent of the bureau of forestry of the Philippines, was here today enroute east on a two months sick leave.

He was stationed here as muster officer of Troop M two years ago, being at that time professor of forestry and military tactics in the Montana agricultural college.

The captain speaks eloquently of the forestry interests of the Philippines and has more than 100 specimens of wood of the islands with him which he will place on exhibition at the Buffalo exposition.

Glacier Bay a Cake of Ice.

Fort Townsend, Wash., July 6.—The excursion steamer Queen arrived from the north today and her officers report Glacier bay one mass of ice and that no nearer than 11 miles of Mur glacier can be reached, an ice jam from 30 to 40 feet high extending clear across the bay. According to Pilot Thompson such a jam has not been known to exist since excursion steamers started on the northern run 15 years ago, and he accounts for it now by reason of several very severe shocks of earthquake last winter which shattered the immense glacier and ice cakes are shuffling off faster than the tides can carry them out of the bay. The ice flows in the channels are greater than ever known before.

Montana Far Ahead.

The report of Collector of Internal Revenue Charles M. Webster for the year ending June 30, shows the total receipts from all sources during the year of \$755,673.70, an increase of \$37,308.37. The receipts of the year were thus divided as to the states comprising the district:

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| Montana | \$486,173.03 |
| Utah | 227,541.71 |
| Idaho | 141,956.96 |
| Total | \$755,673.70 |

The business was thus distributed with reference to the several sources from which the revenue is derived.

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| Liquor | \$ 39,670.66 |
| Beer stamps | 129,089.82 |
| Spirit stamps | 2,936.57 |
| Cigar and cigarette stamps | 29,373.30 |
| Tobacco stamps | 1,765.60 |
| Special tax stamps | 96,791.78 |
| Mixed flour stamps | 7.00 |
| Documentary and imprinted stamps | 118,187.68 |
| Proprietary stamps | 8,352.19 |
| Total | \$755,673.70 |

Caterpillars by the Million.

Ed. Chapple of the Marias informs us that his ranch is suffering from a visit of caterpillars, says the River Press of Fort Benton. They are green in color and about an inch in length and first appeared in his alfalfa, but when he cut that crop they moved into his garden by the million and are cleaning it out. There are no other large colonies of these pests reported in this vicinity.

On a Federal Charge.

Missoula, July 6.—Louis Clairmont, Jr., was arrested this week by Deputy United States Marshal Wall of Helena, accused of furnishing Indians with whisky. Young Clairmont runs a boat on the Flathead lake, and in this way, it is claimed, he has taken the red liquor to the reservation. He was taken before United States Commissioner Wallace P. Smith, who allowed him to go on bonds until next Tuesday, when he will be arraigned.

What Celebration Cost.

Butte, July 8.—The finance committee of the Fourth of July celebration has submitted its report of receipts and disbursements. Receipts amounted to \$3,105.25, and expenditures to \$2,449.07.

A number of bills have not been presented but the committee expects to have a surplus of several hundred dollars in excess of disbursements.

Opening Date Kiowa Lands.

Washington, July 7.—The proclamation of President McKinley opening to settlement the land ceded by Indians in the territory of Oklahoma was given to the public today. The proclamation covers the cessions.

Wichita and affiliated bands of Indians in accordance with the act of March 2, 1895, and those made by the Comanche, Kiowa and Apache tribes in pursuance of the act of June 6, 1900. The proclamation provides for the opening of the lands in those reservations which are not reserved at 9 o'clock a. m., on the 6th day of August next, the lands to be open to settlement under the homestead and townsite laws of the United States. The proclamation says that beginning on the 10th inst., and ending on the 26th, those who wish to make entry of land under the homestead law shall be registered. Registration will take place at the land offices at Reno and Lawton. The registration at each office will be for both land districts.

To obtain registration the applicant will be required to show himself duly qualified to make homestead entry of these lands under existing laws and to give the registering officers such appropriate matters of description and identity as will prohibit the applicant and the government against any attempted impersonation. Registrations cannot be effected through the United States mails for the employment of an agent excepting that honorably discharged soldiers and sailors may present their applications through an agent, no agent being allowed to represent more than one soldier. No person will be allowed to register more than once. After being registered applicants will be given certificates, allowing them to go upon the ceded lands and examine them in order to aid them in making an intelligent selection.

It is explicitly stated that "no one will be permitted to make settlement upon any of the lands in advance of the opening signal, and the statement is made that for the first 60 days following said opening no one but registered applicants will be permitted to make homestead settlement upon any of said lands and then only in pursuance of a homestead entry duly allowed by the local land officers or of a soldier's declaratory statement duly accepted by such officers."

The order of the applications is to be determined by drawing.

President McKinley at Home.

Canton, O., July 6.—President and Mrs. McKinley are much pleased with the appearance of their home and with the provisions made for their comfort in the changes ordered since they last occupied their home. It was said by members of the party that Mrs. McKinley stood the journey remarkably well.

It is the hope of the president that he and Mrs. McKinley shall secure the largest possible measure of quiet and rest while in their Canton home. It is not thought there will be many official visitors to see the president. So far as possible official work will be transacted in Washington. Direct communication with the executive offices will be maintained by the use of the telephone.

After resting this afternoon Mrs. McKinley felt so well that she received a number of relatives and close friends who called during the evening to pay their respects. She and the president sat on the porch for several hours chatting with the friends who called.

Still in the Ring.

New York, July 7.—John L. Sullivan, the greatest warrior that ever hit a punch, is going to box four rounds with Charley Mitchell, boxing champion of England. Manager Bob Adams of New London, Conn., made the match. He has gone to Buffalo to hire the biggest hall in town and in it the old warriors will meet within three weeks.