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The bill repealing the pre-emption and timber culture law has passed the senate, and bids fair to become a law. This movement has been brought about by the frauds in the Duluth and other wooded districts, in regard to pre-emption; and while it is a desirable movement as to such districts, and should have been entered upon years ago, it is not a good thing for the prairie country. It is true that in the heart of Dakota, in Nebraska and Kansas, the land subject to both of these claims is mostly taken up, and the act will not particularly effect these sections; yet we have an empire west of us, the very barrenness of which is the best argument for large farms and a premium on timber culture.

The Steele Ozone says: We see it stated that the Hon. Johnson Niekus has withdrawn from the legislative race, and that W. E. Dodge is now the favorite in Stutsman county. From our knowledge of Mr. D. we deem him eminently fitted for the position; and if a republican is to be elected anyhow, why—go it, W. E.

Mr. Wells, of the same county, has also been mentioned by the Jamestown papers. Whatever the qualifications of Messrs. Wells, Niekus, and Dodge, it is apparent that Jamestown is not backward in coming forward, nor troubled with an excess of modesty.

At a meeting of the legislative committee of the Seventeenth legislative district, held in Valley City on the 23d of June, B. W. Benson, of Barnes county, C. S. Deisem, Jr., of LaMoure, C. E. Johnson, of Ransom, were present. The apportionment of delegates was fixed as follows: Barnes, 11; Ransom, 6; LaMoure, 5; Logan, 3. The convention will be held at Valley City Wednesday, October 6th.

There are no new candidates for the delegateship, and no great amount of taffy lavished on those already mentioned. General Allen's boom has not attained an avalanche-like impetus, although Major Edwards is carefully advocating it. The Major doesn't seem to care a— for his own lively little boomlet.

"What's the matter with that man with the long jaw, that's groaning there in front of the postoffice," said the tender foot, picking his teeth.

The old pioneer cast his eye on the individual referred to: "I ruther guess he's been struck by the hail."

"Ah!" said the tender foot, pricking up his ears. "Is the hail so bad as that? He must be hurt very badly. Where did the hail strike him; on the head?"

"Naw, you dum fool, it hit him in the crop."

The COURIER has received numerous inquiries as to whether the indemnity limit is yet open to settlement. It is not, and Sparks has made so many bad breaks in his official career that it is questionable whether or not he will be sustained in his rulings in the Northern Pacific land grant question. In case it is finally opened to settlement, squatters will be enabled to get government title, while the purchasers from the Northern Pacific will have their action against the company.

The Fitz John Porter relief bill has passed the senate by a vote of 30 to 17. Gen. Logan fought like a tiger against the bill.

Capt. W. G. Dunn is now piloting the New Rockford Transcript through the chopped seas of county journalism. To judge by the gentleman's salutatory, he is well prepared for the work.

Fargo Argus: If newspaper reports are reliable, Honorable Johnson Niekus, the sage of Jamestown, is in favor of division.

Division seems to be Niekus' best hold. A year ago last winter he tried his hand on the splitting of McHenry county, and had his fingers in several

other splits which hampered that session of the legislature.—Villard Leader.

Col. Pat Donan has evidently gone back on Dakota. Just hear him in the New York Tribune. The Col. is the most versatile thinker that ever thunk: "The defeats of all the attempts to divide Dakota" said Col. Pat Donan, "is a triumph for me, as well as a realization of the prophecies I have made for the last five years in regard to it in the Tribune and other papers. There never has been any good reasons for the division of the territory. It never will support the population of Ohio or Illinois, much less that of New York or Pennsylvania; and it will never have the wealth of Massachusetts or Connecticut. The attempt to give such a wilderness four United States senators, balancing New York and Pennsylvania, has been and is a piece of impudence and ignorance that only a lot of territorial bushwhackers could be guilty of. The only thing on God's earth to be accomplished by it is to give a few more offices to an additional gang of bummers. United Dakota will make a good state. Divided, neither half would amount to anything. Instead of dividing big territories, I think we ought to consolidate some of our little seven-by-nine states. The democrats, wrong in ninety-nine out of every hundred national questions, are right in their opposition to the Dakota dividing job."

Fitzsimmons, the new St. Paul pitcher, is evidently a terror, and with Cleveland and Wilnot, will bring the St. Paul club to second place in the Northwestern league. The Pioneer Press says of him: He is unquestionable an A No. 1 pitcher. He has great curves, and a most wonderful drop ball. His command of the ball is also good, while he is daily recovering the speed he lost early in the season, when pitching for Detroit.

The Manitoba has opened the following stations on its Devil's Lake extension: Grand Harbor, seven and one-half miles, and Church's Ferry, eighteen and three-fourths, west of Devil's Lake.

Knut Nelson has been renominated for congress in the "bloody fifth" Minnesota congressional district, by acclamation.

Stillwater Races.

Mike Wilkes beat Phillips, the 2:15 mare, with ease, and will now be matched against the great pacer, Johnson.

Prince Arthur won the 2:20 trot, with ease.

In the 2:45 pace, Lillian S. won in three straight heats, in 2:24.

The Confederacy in the Saddle.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The following letter from Gen. Black, commissioner of pensions, to the agent of the mother of Arnold Shaw, a colored soldier, has just come to light:

The claim for a pension has been rejected on the ground that, as the claimant was a slave at the time of the soldier's death, she was not dependent for support upon him at that time.

Shaw enlisted in August, 1863. At that period there were no slaves in the United States, as the emancipation proclamation had been issued. The old colored woman had four sons in the Union army. This one was shot to death in battle, and she received her son's bounty, \$100.

Dog Meat.

The chief cook at the St. James hotel, New York, tells an experience: "I like to try a new edible myself, sometimes. A little while ago I had a nice young dog. Somehow or other the dog broke his leg, and so I killed it. It was so fat and nice I thought I would see how it would taste cooked, so I prepared the dog like any one would prepare a joint of pork, roasted it, and served it with the same kind of dressing one would put with pork, and it tasted delicious."

Same Here.

The probable scarcity of hay the coming season has caused many of our farmers to secure hay rights from non-resident property owners, and many who have cut indiscriminately are likely to find themselves cut off entirely, if they do not look sharp.—Enterprise.

The Pease bond case in Barnes county will be decided by Judge Francis at the sitting of the district court at Valley City, next month. This is the case against the bondsmen of A. M. Pease, who let the county down for about \$30,000 a few years ago, and is now a fugitive from the consequences. He is supposed to be in British Columbia.—Jamestown Capital.

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Notice to Creditors.

Territory of Dakota, County of Griggs, ss. In Probate court. In the matter of the estate of Platt S. Buell, deceased. Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Platt S. Buell, deceased, has been duly qualified as such. All persons having claims against the estate of said Platt S. Buell are hereby notified and required to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned, at the office of the judge of probate, of the county of Griggs, aforesaid, within four months from the first publication of this notice, which is made on the 2d day of July, A. D. 1886. Dated June 18th, 1886. WALLACE P. BUELL, Sole Executor.

Contest—U. S. Land office, Fargo, D. T., June 29, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Thorbjorn Aadson, against Perez B. Grow, for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 6373, dated March 11, 1882, upon the n-w 1/4 section 14, township 138n, range 58w, in Griggs county, Dakota Territory, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said Perez B. Grow has failed to comply with the requirements of the timber culture law; that he has wholly failed to plant the second five acres to trees, tree seeds, nuts, or cuttings, since making said entry, and up to the present time; that the present condition of said tract is wild, uncultivated prairie. The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 4th day of August 1886, at 10 a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. 24-25 E. C. GEAREY, Receiver.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., June 29, 1886. 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 secure final entry thereof, viz: Knud Anderson, D. S. No. 15542, for the n-w 1/4 sec. 3, n-w 1/4 sec. 4, and w 1/2 n-w 1/4 sec. 2, tp 148n, r. 60w, in Griggs county, Dakota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said Knud Anderson has wholly failed to break, cultivate, or plant to trees, tree seeds, nuts, or cuttings, any part of said tract since making said entry, and up to the present time; and that the condition of said land at the present time is wild, uncultivated prairie, in its natural state, except five acres, which were broken in the year 1882, and never cultivated. The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 6th day of July, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. 24-25 HORACE AUSTIN, Register. J. N. Jorgensen, atty.

NOTICE OF CONTEST.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., May 26, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Elizabeth Brown, against Jessie Berch, for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 7948, dated Jan. 23, 1883, upon the s-w 1/4 of section 8, twp. 146n, range 53w, in Griggs county, Dakota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said Jessie Berch has wholly failed to break, cultivate, or plant to trees, tree seeds, nuts, or cuttings, any part of said tract since making said entry, and up to the present time; and that the condition of said land at the present time is wild, uncultivated prairie, in its natural state, except five acres, which were broken in the year 1882, and never cultivated. The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 6th day of July, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. 24-25 E. C. GEAREY, Receiver.

Contest—Fargo, D. T., May 26, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Peter P. Mousing against John P. Cornell for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 7412, dated September 25, 1882, upon the n-w 1/4 of section 22, township 144n, range 59w, in Griggs county, Dak., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said John P. Cornell failed to break or cause to be broken five acres of said tract during the first year of his said entry ending September 25, 1883, that he failed to break or cause to be broken a second five acres, and also to cultivate to crop or otherwise five acres as required by law during the second year of said entry ending Sept. 25, 1884, that he has never performed any act of improvement upon said tract since making said entry, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 6th day of July, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment. 24-25 E. C. GEAREY, Receiver.

CONTEST—Fargo, Dak., May 19, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Peter P. Mousing against John P. Cornell for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 7412, dated September 25, 1882, upon the n-w 1/4 of section 22, township 144n, range 59w, in Griggs county, Dak., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said John P. Cornell failed to break or cause to be broken five acres of said tract during the first year of his said entry ending September 25, 1883, that he failed to break or cause to be broken a second five acres, and also to cultivate to crop or otherwise five acres as required by law during the second year of said entry ending Sept. 25, 1884, that he has never performed any act of improvement upon said tract since making said entry, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 15th day of July, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. 24-25 HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., June 11, 1886. 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 judge of the probate court, at Sherbrooke, D. T., on July 30th, 1886, viz: John P. Pease, H. E. No. 11,352, for the n-w 1/4 sec. 18, twp. 146, r. 56. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: H. B. Randall, James Sweetland, James H. MacLean, Wilbur Sweetland, all of Pickert P. O., Steele county, D. T. 23-28 HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., June 22, 1886. 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, at Fargo, D. T., on August 6, 1886, viz: Ole S. Moe, for the n-w 1/4 sec. 10, twp. 147, r. 59. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: John Fosholdt, Andrew Mikkelsen, Edward Ikeland, Torleiv Fosholdt, all of Cooperstown, D. T. 23-28 HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Iver Jacobson atty.

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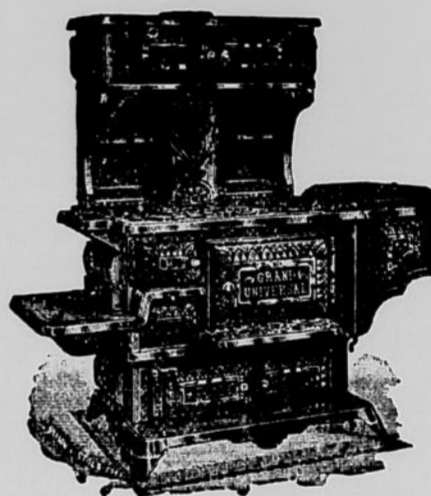
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