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TORREN'S LAND TITLE.

Will be of Much Benefit to Farmers and Other Land Owners.

(Progressive Farmer.)

And now, perhaps, we had better explain once again just what is meant by the Torrens system of registered land titles. We have done so before, but the subject is so new to many readers that we must follow the policy of "lie upon line and precept upon precept." Let us repeat what we have said before.

Without the Torrens system, every time a piece of real estate is sold or offered as security for a loan, some lawyer must examine into the legality of the title. Old records—running back sometimes for hundreds of years—must be searched at great labor and expense; and the next time the property is sold or offered as collateral, and the next, and the next, the same work must be done over again, at the same expense as before.

Now, the Torrens system proposes that instead of this everlasting investigation of the same thing, this perpetual marching backward and forward over the same ground with no purpose save that of supporting lawyers who might better serve their fellows in some other way—instead of all this, we say, the Torrens system proposes that the State shall examine the title once for all, guarantee it, and register it—and henceforward it may be transferred about as easily as a share of stock in a corporation, or a bond issued by State or municipality. The original cost of getting a Torrens deed will be little more than the present cost of once investigating the title and with a Torrens deed once secured, land titles may be transferred at from one-fourth to one-tenth the present expense and with immeasurably less worry and uncertainty.

At present, moreover, a deed is only the registered certificate of a claim; the State does not guarantee your right to the land described, and even after the lawyers have pronounced the title sound, you cannot be absolutely sure. A deed under the Torrens system, on the other hand, is an absolute guarantee from the State of your right to the property mentioned against all comers until judgment day.

So a Torrens deed, unlike a regular deed, is easily negotiable—and right here we come upon the one supreme advantage of the Torrens system that ought to insure its adoption everywhere, even if it had no other attractions. As things are now, land (which should be the finest of all securities) by reason of the uncertainty of titles and the cost of investigations, is one of the most troublesome, expensive, and unprofitable of all forms of collateral for borrowing money—a fact which largely accounts for the present nationwide agitation for a better system of "rural credits." The farmer, in other words, although he has the better security of the two, is at a great disadvantage in borrowing money as compared with the city business man. And because he is at this disadvantage in borrowing, the farmer from time immemorial has been a prey to "time merchants" and Shylock moneylenders, bloodsuckers of agricultural prosperity. But with a Torrens system title, not even a registered Government bond

Have Gasoline But Not Brains.

(Raleigh Times.)

The idiots and boneheads are not all locked up yet. A few of them are running around loose in automobiles. You can spot them without any difficulty at all. For instance some of them were roaming around last night, at an hour when most respectable working people ought to be in bed; giving a very realistic imitation of a steam boat whistle without the boat. They did fine too. In a great many cities such things as steam boat whistles, siren horns, screech owls, braying jackasses, cannon crackers and the like are relegated to the has-been class. But in Raleigh—oh! no!!

All young men of Raleigh with more gasoline than brains are requested by a few gentle people who value their lives as well as their slumbers to kindly drive on the right hand side of the street always and to use just an ordinary old honk-honk horn when it is necessary to remind folks of their all-important presence. Remember that it is better for you to go through the streets and over the country roads unnoticed than for every body to say "There goes that d-dear f-fellow again!"

Much Beer Wasted.

(Greensboro Daily News.)

Durham, June 7.—Five hundred bottles of sizzling beer was wasted this afternoon in the jail yard when the police officers and other avowed prohibitionists, including two newspaper reporters smashed the confiscated property of J. W. Ferrell against the walls of the courthouse. J. W. Ferrell is proprietor of the "feed" store on Parrish street and the beer was seized in the general raid of all the joints in town two weeks ago. He was fined \$150 and costs. The police still have in their possession about 500 more bottles, the confiscated property of A. T. Fowler and others. This will be broken up during the next few days.

We received a poem yesterday entitled "Farewell." It is a good thing that the gifted authoress said goodbye to the little gem, for she will never see it again.

would be as attractive to the bank as land would be—because the Torrens deed would be as much guaranteed by the Government as the bond itself, while Nature, having made land far more indestructible than governments, would better guarantee the safety of the deed—and the farmer could, therefore, borrow easily and cheaply.

"Get a general adoption of the Torrens system of registering land titles," Dr. John Lee Coulter, of Washington, D. C., remarked to the writer a few weeks ago, "and your Southern farmers can borrow money at 5 per cent." And while the first cost of getting a Torrens title may seem a little large to some farmers, remember that as a rule, it costs no more to get a Torrens title, good for a thousand years, than it will cost to have your title examined two or three times under the common system.

Mr. Farmer, get a Torrens title for your land. It is the first and surest step toward getting free from the credit system, getting cheaper money, and toward establishing a better system of "rural credits."

Chicken Fighters Want Pardon.

(News & Observer.)

Former Lieutenant-Governor W. C. Newland, of Caldwell county; and Marshall Yount, of Catawba county, appeared before Governor Craig one day last week asking that the governor extend the pardoning power in behalf of Frank Propst, of Alexander county, who was convicted of second degree murder three years ago.

Propst is serving a seven years' sentence, along with a man by the name of Bowen, on the charge of conspiracy leading up to the killing of one Hoffer while in an altercation over a chicken fight.

The appearance of these gentlemen before Governor Craig on yesterday, is the second time since Propst has been serving his penitentiary sentence that mercy has been begged of the governor in his behalf. Propst was not accused of killing Hoffer but of conspiracy in connection with the killing.

Sentenced To Twelve Haircuts Every Year.

Clearfield, Pa., June 7.—One of the oddest sentences ever recorded in this state was imposed on Harry Lawson Drew, a young member of a prominent family of this city, by Judge Smith yesterday. Drew was charged with larceny and bail jumping. The judge was disposed to be lenient and intimated that he felt like suspending sentence.

Attorney Marshall, Drew's counsel, then whispered to Judge Smith, who turned to Drew and said:

"I sentence you to have your luxurious shock of black hair clipped once a month for the next year."

Drew, who is very vain of his hair, begged the court to send him to jail, but spare his hair. The judge refused and Drew sobbing, left the courtroom.

Mr. Thos. J. Curlee was found dead in bed yesterday morning at his home on Allison street. Mr. Curlee worked all day Wednesday at the Statesville furniture factory and was in his usual health when he retired Wednesday night. Members of the family heard him up in his room about midnight, but gave the matter little thought. Yesterday morning he failed to get up at the usual time and when his daughter went to his room she found him dead. His position was natural, there was no signs of a struggle and the physician who was called stated that death must have come very suddenly while he was asleep, probably due to some heart trouble.

(Mr. Curlee was known to many readers of The News as he lived here at one time several years ago.—News)

In the death of the venerable Dr. T. B. Kingsbury at Wilmington Wednesday North Carolina journalism loses a gifted and honored member. For a number of years he was the editor of the Wilmington Star and later the Messenger while during his later years he was a frequent contributor to the state and southern press. He was a man of strong convictions, a great student of political and historical matters and a pleasing and forceful writer.—Greensboro News.

The most difficult thing to acquire in the game of lawn tennis is the lawn.

Jack Johnson Given Jail Sentence; Fined.

Chicago, June 4.—Jack Johnson, negro heavyweight champion, today was sentenced to one year and one day in the state penitentiary at Joliet and fined \$1,000 for violation of the Mann "white slave" act.

Sentence was pronounced on Johnson after Federal Judge Carpenter had denied a motion for a new trial. Johnson obtained two weeks' time in which to prepare a writ of error and the bond of \$30,000 on which he has been at liberty since his conviction was allowed to stand.

Half a dozen deputy United States marshals, who had grouped themselves about Johnson in anticipation of resistance when the prison sentence was given, left the room when Judge Carpenter announced that the fighter would continue temporarily at liberty.

The sentence to the state penitentiary is owing to the crowded condition of the federal prison at Leavenworth. Johnson left the courtroom declaring he would not give up his fight for liberty.

The Williams Liquor Case Finally Settled.

Washington, June 5.—By modifying the action of former Commissioner of Internal Revenue Cabell in the famous N. Glenn Williams whisky case, Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborn has practically ended a controversy of eight years standing between the government and the claimants to 25,000 gallons of whisky stored at Williams, N. C.

The new commissioner has permitted Williams to give a bond for the internal revenue tax and extended until January 1, 1914 the time of going into effect of his predecessor's order for the removal of the whisky from Williams, N. C., to abandoned warehouse at Louisville, Ky.

Around the case raged a bitter controversy between United States Judge Boyd, of Greensboro, N. C., and former Commissioner Cabell, which was investigated by a committee of Congress at the last session. In a report to former Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, Mr. Cabell caustically criticised Judge Boyd for issuing injunctions first against the seizure of the whisky for taxes and then against removal to Louisville.

A master appointed by Judge Boyd to take testimony on the injunction against removal of the liquor recently reported in favor of Williams and severely criticised the former commissioner.

Commissioner Osborn's action will permit the withdrawal and sale of the whisky with the payment of taxes to the government aggregating \$25,000. He said he modified Mr. Cabell's order so that the government may receive the taxes and be spared the expense of \$12 a day in keeping a guard at the Williams distillery.

It is alright to see up the river folks in North Wilkesboro on week-ends. The train was loaded last Saturday and a number came from the edge of Caldwell. Contrary to some rumors Wilkes may want a slice off Caldwell. "We move that the line be carried around Grandin fust." Lenoir is asleep with its fathers—the colonels and the patriarchs.—North Wilkesboro Hustler.

Words Of Praise.

(News and Observer.)

If the man who scrubs your windows, for a little dough, toils like forty-seven Hindoos till they're clean as snow, when you go down in your raiment for the coin that pays, give him more than money payment, give him words of praise. If the dame who does your washing washes passing well, all day long in soapsuds sloshing, till the evening bell, show her you've been keeping cases on her winning ways, and before she homeward chases hand her words of praise. Nothing stimulates the shirker in this mundane mart; but some praise for willing worker cheers his honest heart; he who toils in weather sunny and on gloomy days, needs a little more than money—needs some words of praise. We're so stingy with this guerdon we might freely give! Sighing 'neath a heavy burden scores around us live; and that burden we might lighten as we go our ways, and so many pathways brighten, with some words of praise! If the man who shines your brogans shines the best he can, humming cheerily the slogans of the bootblack clan, show him that his course will tickle all right-minded jays: hand him, with your pewter nickel, sundry words of praise. Walt Mason.

Scholarship to be Given Away.

Several worthy boys and girls in this section will be given free scholarships in a number of the leading educational institutions of this State by the Greater Western North Carolina Fair Association.

The management of the Fair, which will be held in Asheville on October 7 to 10, inclusive, is working out the details of a scholarship contest whereby a little work at spare moments will enable a number of deserving young men and women to enter college and enjoy educational advantages which they perhaps would not otherwise receive.

Those in charge of the Fair work are laying great stress on the Educational and Boys and Girls Department and in order to insure earnest co-operation and provide adequate reward for same, boys and girls will be awarded free scholarships for making or securing entries in these departments.

A basis on which points will be scored by the contestants is being worked out and the contest will be waged in August, as a result of which each of several contestants will be given choice of a scholarship in a number of business and literary colleges in North Carolina. A plan will be effected whereby a contestant in a remote rural district will have the same opportunity of winning a scholarship as a contestant in or near Asheville.

The work to be done by the contests will consist wholly of making, and securing entries and the selling of season tickets to the Fair, full instructions concerning which can be obtained from the Western North Carolina Fair Association at Asheville.

A recent article condemns the use of chichory. Don't touch that word. It's the only one we can find that rhymes with Terschichore.

It's natural that when a girl finds a beau that she should be all as quiver.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

The United Commercial Travelers of North and South Carolina convened in annual convention at Salisbury Friday.

By a recent police census of Greensboro, it is shown that there are twice as many dogs in the city of Greensboro as cows.

The sixth annual session of the North Carolina conference Epworth League convened in Front Street Methodist church, Burlington, Thursday.

The annual convention of the Elks Association of North Carolina convened at Wrightsville Beach Thursday night. There were 300 delegates in attendance.

Dispatched say that Maj. E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville, and Mr. Whitehead Klutz, of Salisbury, have both been given \$10,000 appointments in the diplomatic service.

Major E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville, N. C., has been offered the post as minister to Costa Rica, by President Wilson, and it is quite likely that he will accept the position.

Hugh Long, a member of the South Carolina Legislature from Aiken county was acquitted Thursday of the charge of having murdered Picken N. Gunter, a banker of Wagner, S. C. last fall.

An electric car line is to be built between Canton and Waynesville. The line will pass the White Sulphur Springs Hotel, Hazelwood and the Methodist Assembly Grounds at Lake Junaluska.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of Catawba college on Thursday, President Buchheit tendered his resignation and Rev. James David Andrews of Burlington was elected president in his place.

Becoming suddenly enraged at Mrs. Sallie Goldsmith, Helen Miller, her neighbor, slashed her neck with a razor, cutting a five-inch gash and wounding the jugular vein, Friday morning at Asheville.

In a recent interview in Washington, Ex-Congressman Charles H. Cowles of Wilkesboro gave out the statement that the Republicans, Progressives and other factions would get together and sweep the country in 1916.

F. C. Thompson, a student in the Princeton Theological seminary made a new world's record as an athlete on last Thursday by scoring 7,499 points in ten events. This surpasses the record of the Indian, James Thorpe by more than 20 points.

A severe electrical and rain storm visited a section of Robeson county surrounding Lumberton Thursday night. One house was struck and the end torn out, and a clock on the mantel was knocked into the center of the room and completely demolished.

Eckie Baukus and Robert Hayes, two white men of Wilkes county, were convicted in the Federal Court at Greensboro on Friday of the charge of conspiracy to injure Charles Shattley because he had gone with deputy marshals and pointed these two men out for arrest.

Small injuries viewed through the microscope of borrowed trouble become great calamities.