

THE OMAHA BEE.

COUNCIL BLUFFS. OFFICE - NO. 12 FEARL STREET. Delivered by Carrier in any part of the City...

MINOR MENTION. N. Y. Plumbing Co. C. B. Water Works Co. Received to 30 Pearl street.

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NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS.

They Failed to Cause the Much-Talked-of Separation. NO FORMAL CHARGES PREFERRED.

Dell McDonald Will Not Be Permitted, However, to Return to His Position With the Fire Department.

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THE INDIAN CLAIMS.

The Bee Bureau of Claims, in dealing with the claims arising under the Indian Depredation Act, has been successful in procuring a large number of other depositions from tortion and loss. From complaints that have come to it, however, it appears that many of the claimants do not understand their position under the act. At a time when there appeared to be little chance that congress would take up the claims or make any provision for them, they signed contracts with the Washington agents, promising from one-quarter to one-half the amount to the agent in case the money should be collected. In view of this extortion, congress, in providing for the annulment of all contracts and limiting the agent's commission to 15 or 20 per cent.

The claimants all probably understand that the agent's commission is fixed by the law, but many of them, according to their own statements, do not understand that they are free to do as they please about employing the agent they had first chosen. They consider that they are still bound to employ the agent with whom they signed the contract, and that when they are satisfied with him or not.

It was the intention of congress to protect them all more by the act of 1891, and to give the agent and employer whom they pleased. Section 9 of the act states that the agent shall be assigned to any such claimants, hereafter made, except such as have occurred in the due administration of decedents' estates, and all contracts and assignments of fees and allowances to claimants' attorneys are hereby declared void.

There could be no mistake about the meaning of this. All claimants had to make new contracts with agents after the passage of the act of 1891. If they were pleased with the agent and acts of their first agent they might make their new contract with him. If they were not pleased they might choose any other agent that they pleased.

Those who have not signed new contracts since the passage of the act are not bound to do so. The bare expense involved has had a good effect in moderating the charges of all agents to those who know how to protect themselves. For the future, it is recommended to cope with the claim agents on their own ground. The Bee Bureau is always open.

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HOW TO SECURE A PATENT.

Directions to Inventors Issued by The Bee Bureau of Claims.

Methods of the Patent Office. The Course Followed by the Author of an Invention to Protect His Rights—Costs of Obtaining a Patent.

To the inventor the all important question presents itself, "How can I secure a patent?" and to this The Bee Bureau offers the following explanation:

Inventors as a class are not familiar with the legal and technical details of patent law, and the forms and practice in the patent office at Washington and the technical methods of casting specifications and claims to properly protect their inventions against infringers, yet the value of their patent and even its validity depend largely upon the care and skill with which these details are handled.

Specifications must be drawn to fully disclose the invention, to distinguish between what is new and what is old, and claims, upon which the value and validity of the patent depend, must be cast to fully cover the invention, yet not to encroach upon patents already granted, or to render the patent vulnerable to other inventors. The inventor should therefore be provided with a patent lawyer, one of the skillful and experienced patent attorneys who are employed in the patent office at Washington.

For What Granted. Under the laws of the United States letters patent are granted to any person who has invented or discovered any new and useful art, machine, manufacture or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereon.

Term of Patent. A patent is granted for seventeen years, during which time the owner has sole and exclusive right to make, use and sell the patented invention.

How to Proceed. For economic reasons before making application to the patent office for a patent, the novelty and patentability of the invention should be ascertained, because, if the invention is not new, or is not an improvement, unnecessary expense is incurred by filing an application on which a patent can never be granted.

The first thing to be done is to find out whether or not the invention is new and patentable.

For advice on the point it is necessary to send to the bureau a rough or complete sketch or a photograph of the invention, together with a brief description thereof, setting forth the object of the improvement, the arrangement of the parts and the advantages attained. While a model is not necessary, it is highly desirable, especially in cases of mechanical inventions, and a great advantage. The latter can be made of any cheap material, and will be returned if a request is made to that effect.

Upon receipt of the data mentioned sufficient attention will be given to the invention, and will advise without charge what is the best course to pursue, and will express an opinion, from their knowledge of the arts and patents already granted, as to the patentability of the invention.

Consistent with the spirit with which this bureau was formed, it is not intended to conduct any branch of the business on a profit-making basis, but it is proposed to work as near the actual cost as will protect the business from loss. Although counsel will be given free of charge, the inventor will yet it is the wish to charge in ordinary cases only the minimum fee of \$5. However, in cases requiring extra care, time and labor will be charged at a reasonable rate. Inventors will always be advised in advance should such increase of fee be found necessary.

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One thing should be clearly stated at this time. This is the last month of the \$5 treatment to give an opportunity to availing themselves of this offer most available to themselves at once. There will be no further extension of time. Drs. Copeland and Mansfield have already extended the time, and December is the last month in which the offer holds good. All patients under treatment before January 1st, will be treated at a rate of \$5 a month until cured.

The cure of catarrh requires—first, a patient who has had previous treatment, and patience to place himself under a regular systematic and scientific course of treatment.

Second, a physician who understands the treatment of the disease, has special skill, knowledge, experience, and sympathy, and attention to the disease, which, in fact, a very small number of physicians possess. The cure of catarrh is incurable comes from the fact that it has not been rightly treated. The skillful physicians gave their whole time and attention to this disease. Catarrh is both a local and constitutional disease, requires both local treatment and constitutional remedies. Catarrh, if not cured, never did and never will cure it.

Labels of all kinds, designed to be attached to manufactured articles or to bottles, boxes, etc., containing them, have heretofore been received for registration in the patent office and a certificate issued accordingly. Under a very recent decision of the supreme court, however, it is held that there is no authority in law for granting certificates of registration of labels which have no value separated therefrom. A label is not a trademark, and therefore cannot be used as a trademark, at least as serving some purpose or other than as a mere designation or advertisement. Many who hold certificates of registration of labels are totally without any protection whatever. Many registered labels comprise subject-matter not patentable, and therefore wherever this is so, or where by a subsequent change of the law governing trademarks, registration should be sought under this head. The government fee in a label case is \$5 and the bureau charge is \$25.

Copyrights. One can be had in designs, maps, engravings, photographs, paintings, etc., etc. The total cost thereof is about \$5, including all fees.

Interference. An interference is a judicial proceeding instituted under the direction of the commissioner of patents to enable him to determine the priority of an invention between rival claimants. The bureau, recognizing the fact that extrajudicial cases are often decided by the action of an attorney in charge of a case in interference, has at its command counsel prepared to conduct a case in interference from the inception down to a final determination of the merits of the case. Testimony will also be taken under our direction in any case of interference. While no special sum can be set down as applicable to all interference cases alike, yet the charges will always be as reasonable as possible.

Infringements. The question whether or not a patent infringer is another is the very soul of all patent litigation. The questions involved are many, and of the most intricate nature. It is always a matter of great importance that no one should ever claim that another is infringer of his rights, or, likewise, no attention should be paid to the claims of infringement by others until the questions involved are carefully passed upon by a reliable attorney. For such services, the charges are always fair and reasonable.

Foreign Patents. In addition to the bureau's facilities for attending to the interests of its inventor-patrons before the United States patent office and courts, it is also enabled to procure foreign patents in all countries of the world, in many of the foreign countries, notably Canada, England and Germany, patents for inventions previously made in this country are also available with great favor, and inventors are there very frequently more likely to realize profits from their inventions in foreign countries than in this country. The cost of foreign patents varies with different cases, but as a general rule it would not be more than \$100 per country, including all charges, such as those of: