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J. J. HILL AND THE LAND HOG.

The following article from the  
Portland Journal is too true and so  
applicable to conditions in many  
parts of Oregon that we cannot pass  
it, and so republish it for the solid  
common sense truths it carries:

"James J. Hill is right. If you  
put the price too high, you cannot  
get the people out on the land. It  
is a contention that The Journal has  
maintained ever since it was estab-  
lished.

"For the wild sage brush land of  
Eastern Oregon the \$15 to \$25 asked  
is too much. Such prices discourage  
settlement. It is more than home  
builders can pay.

"By such demands, land specu-  
lators are strangling development.  
They are holding back the progress,  
both of city and country.

"It is a criminal injustice to society.  
Occupied land makes markets for  
the products of city workers. It  
makes products and agricultural out-  
put with which they city workers are  
fed, clothed and sheltered.

"When these lands are held in idle-  
ness, the city workers' market is nar-  
rowed. The producing area of the  
state is correspondingly restricted.  
The feeding power of the state is to  
that extent reduced.

"In effect, the land speculator who  
is holding large areas out of use is  
a public enemy. He is undermining  
the welfare and prosperity of soci-  
ety. He is knowingly and for his  
own selfish purposes reducing the  
aggregate of the food stuffs on  
which cities must depend for sur-  
vival. He is knowingly and for his  
own greedy desires, forcing to re-  
main in the cities families who  
would otherwise become workers in  
the great army of agricultural pro-  
ducers. It is not only execrable, but  
it is well nigh an immoral act to  
thus hold land in idleness.

"Mr. Hill's assault on the land  
speculators is a conspicuous public  
service. It is an impressive guide  
to all observers in shaping their esti-  
mate of the abominable practice of  
holding land at impossible prices  
while thousands of the landless are  
clamoring for a home and a chance  
to survive on 's' soil.

"Down with land hog!"

Mr. Hill struck the right cord in  
his remarkable address when he stated  
that the backbone of this country,  
and especially of our part, was agri-  
culture, and his words are not more  
applicable to any other places than  
they are to Douglas county. It is  
not with tourist travel, it is not with  
manufacturers that we must expect  
to first build up a large city here in  
the county seat of this big rich county.  
While all these are factors that  
should and will be fostered, for the  
benefits they bring, the more perma-  
nent, the wider reaching and lasting  
results must come from the cultivation  
of the lands and the increasing  
population of the country districts.

One family of workers on a 40 acre  
tract of producing soil is worth more  
to the upbuilding of city and county,  
than are eight non-resident owners  
farming their five-acre lots by proxy,  
or holding their vast sections abso-  
lutely unimproved, and waiting for  
an exorbitant profit that can only  
be realized through actual settle-  
ment. It is time for the press of this  
state in each community to hammer  
this fact into unwilling ears, and  
when the awakening does come it  
will be followed with an influx of  
settlers who could not be driven  
away. A splendid slogan for com-  
mon use would be "down with the  
land hog".

It seemed selfish, but we could  
not help but feeling glad that our  
residence was in the Umpqua Valley.  
Just now, after reading the reports  
of the winter of ice and snow that  
is raging over the old dumping  
grounds back in Ohio in the old  
Maumee valley. How nice it is right

"And again at page 934:  
"The police power is frequently  
exercised for the purpose of protect-  
ing the public against fraud, imposi-  
tion, and deception."

"Power to ordain and publish  
such acts, laws and regulations, not  
inconsistent with the constitution  
and laws of the state as shall be  
authorized to the local government of  
the city to establish all  
suitable ordinances for administering  
the government of the city, the main-  
tenance of peace and order, the  
preservation of the health of the in-  
habitants, and the convenient trans-  
action of business within its limits,  
and for the performance of the gen-  
eral duties required by laws of  
municipal corporations. Reasonable  
ordinances for these purposes are  
necessary, and they are generally  
sustained by the courts though  
passed by virtue of general charter  
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general welfare clause."

"McQuillin, Mun. Ordinances, Sec  
434.

"And again at page 202:  
"Every regulation of trade is in  
some sense a restraint upon it; it is  
some clog or impediment, but it does  
not therefore, follow that it is to be  
vacated. If the regulation is un-  
reasonable, it is void; if it is neces-  
sary for the good government of so-  
ciety, it is good."

"I would also cite to 28 Cyc. 721  
and other authorities there cited.

"In summarizing I would advise  
you that it is my opinion the pro-  
posed ordinance is a legitimate  
exercise of police power of your city;  
that its regulations are reasonable;  
that it is not class or special legis-  
lation; that it does not require the ser-

NOTICE TO BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.

We want bids for the con-  
struction of our new buildings  
at Green. Phone 37F12 or write  
THE HEAVENS CO.

now not to have any slush to wade  
through and no snow drifts to shovel  
off the walks, instead we can go out  
and pick off some roses instead. Our  
one regret is that climate is not cap-  
able of being put in packages, then  
we might do up some and send it  
back to our shivering friends.

MEASURE VALID

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with this provision.

"Section 18 of Art. 1, provides:  
"Private property shall not be  
taken for public use, nor the partic-  
ular services of any man be de-  
manded, without just compensation;  
nor except in the case of the state,  
without such compensation first as-  
sessed and tendered."

"The requirement that the team-  
ster shall file with the city recorder  
a list of transactions done by him  
during the day does not require his  
services without compensation, inas-  
much as this is a mere regulation  
imposed under the police power.

"Section 23 of Art. 4 prohibits the  
passage of certain local and special  
laws but this section does not touch  
the matter contained in your ordi-  
nance; neither is this ordinance illegal  
as being class legislation inasmuch as  
it relates to all persons engaged in  
a particular occupation and imposes  
a reasonable regulation thereon.

"The legislature may prescribe  
different laws of police, allow the  
right of eminent domain to be exer-  
cised in different cases, and through  
different agencies, and prescribe pec-  
uliar restrictions upon taxation in  
each distinct municipality, provided  
the state constitution does not for-  
bid. These discriminations are made  
constantly, and the fact that the  
laws are of local or special operation  
only is not supposed to render them  
obnoxious in principle. The legisla-  
ture may also deem it desirable to  
prescribe peculiar rules for the sev-  
eral occupations, and to establish  
distinctions in the rights, obligations,  
duties and capacities of citizens."

"Cooley's Con. Lim., p 555.

"Relative to authority which may  
be exercised under police power,  
would cite you to 22 A. & E., p  
931-4, which reads as follows:

"It is within the province of the  
police power to regulate such occu-  
pations or business enterprises as are  
of a quasi-public nature, or as may,  
if unrestricted in their exercise, be  
injurious to the public health, safety,  
morals or general welfare, even  
though they may be perfectly lawful  
and their exercise not a nuisance  
per se."

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CITY NEWS

New crop walnuts, the first in  
town, at the Bee Hive (of course).  
Who do you love? Well, send  
them a photograph made by Clarks  
for Xmas.

E. W. Page went to Drain this  
afternoon to spend a few days on  
business.

J. J. Baker, of Winstons, was a  
business visitor in Roseburg for a  
few hours today.

Bring the family to the Antlers  
tonight. They will appreciate it.

George Stearns, of Oakland, was  
a business visitor in Roseburg for a  
few hours today.

John Arzner, of Riddle transacted  
business matters in the city for a  
few hours today.

Mrs. R. C. Herron left for Port-  
land this afternoon after a few days  
spent in Roseburg.

Dr. George E. Houck was called to  
Looking Glass this morning on pro-  
fessional business.

C. H. Arundel, of Myrtle Creek,  
was a visitor in Roseburg for a few  
hours today.

Rev. J. W. Bowers, of Myrtle  
Creek, was a business visitor in  
Roseburg for a few hours today.

Edward Weaver, of Myrtle Creek,  
spent the day in Roseburg looking  
after business matters.

John Hall and wife, of Myrtle  
Creek, were visitors in Roseburg  
for a few hours today.

Rev. Charles Wilson Baker spent  
the afternoon at Sutherland looking  
after business matters.

Mrs. Charles White, of Myrtle  
Creek, spent the afternoon in Rose-  
burg visiting with friends.

Muriel Staley left for Eugene and  
Portland this afternoon. She expects  
to locate at the latter city.

Luly Haight left for Portland this  
afternoon after a few days spent in  
Roseburg visiting with friends.

J. W. Baker, of Portland, left for  
his home this afternoon after a  
few days spent in Roseburg.

M. J. Beaman left for Portland  
this afternoon after a few days spent  
in Roseburg visiting with friends.

Mira Stephens, of Santa Cruz, Cal.,  
arrived here this afternoon for a  
visit with friends and relatives.

Irvine Gardner, of Myrtle Creek,  
came up this afternoon to visit with  
friends and look after business mat-  
ters.

A marriage license was issued this  
afternoon to Harry Courtney and  
Bertha Wang, both residents of  
Douglas county.

Minnie Loomis left for Willbur  
this afternoon when she will spend  
a few days visiting with her grand-  
parents.

J. W. Parker left for Eugene and  
Portland this afternoon after a few  
days spent in Roseburg looking after  
property interests.

Deputy Sheriff Daugherty returned  
to his home at Yoncalla this af-  
ternoon after a few days spent in  
Roseburg attending the regular term  
of the circuit court.

Mrs. L. G. Williams passed  
through here this afternoon enroute  
from points in California to Port-  
land. Mrs. Williams is a cousin  
of Mrs. George Ritter of this city.

The two children of J. W. Wolford  
in the southern part of the city who  
have been seriously sick with ty-  
phoid fever for some weeks, are now  
convalescent. Dr. Shoemaker was  
the attending physician.

Ben Bullwinkle and wife, of Riddle,  
were visitors in Roseburg this  
afternoon. They were accompanied  
here by Mrs. Bales, who spent a few  
days at Riddle with her daughter,  
Mrs. Bullwinkle.

The Mental Culture Club held a  
very interesting meeting at their  
rooms in the First Presbyterian  
church this afternoon. Mrs. Trumble,  
state secretary of the Child Labor  
Commission was present and deliv-  
ered an excellent address.

Mrs. S. W. Starmer returned here  
this afternoon after several weeks  
spent in the East. While away she  
attended the national meeting of the  
Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood  
of Railway Trainmen as a delegate  
from the local lodge. She was ac-  
companied home by her aunt, Mrs.  
J. Kennedy, of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burrows, of  
Indianapolis, Ind., arrived here last  
evening and are at present visiting  
at the home of their daughter, Mrs.  
G. W. Kinne, near Melrose. Mr. and  
Mrs. Burrows have come here for  
the express purpose of making their  
permanent home in the Umpqua Val-  
ley, and will doubtless reside near  
Eldorado farm.

James A. Pitts was today ap-  
pointed administrator of the estate  
of Nellie Pitts, deceased. The estate  
is valued at approximately \$1,500,  
with the following heirs: James  
Pitts, widow; James Pitts, Jr., son,  
and Ruby Pitts, daughter, all of  
Yoncalla; J. O. Watson, S. J. Jones  
and C. H. Johnson were named as ap-  
praisers.

F. B. Harrington, of Riddle, tran-  
sacted business matters in the city

Class of any man without compensa-  
tion and that it is not an unreason-  
able restriction as made within the  
meaning of the authorities above  
quoted and cited. This rule seems to  
be that if the exercise of police pow-  
er is reasonable, the ordinance is  
valid.

Yours very truly,  
"A. M. CRAWFORD,  
"Attorney General."

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class board, at very reasonable  
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housekeeping apartment of two  
rooms with another. References  
exchanged. Call 304 E. Douglas  
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for a few hours today.

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things cheaper—caused by Roseburg  
Trading Checks, Millidge & Pick-  
ens.

J. F. W. Bender, of Elkton, is spend-  
ing a few days in the city attending  
the regular November term of the  
circuit court.

Save a big, round dollar out of  
every ten by buying your fall sup-  
plies here during our 10 per cent  
reduction sale. Until November 20  
only. Josephson's.

Gohler! Investigate your flock  
by breeding from Virginia's half  
wild Tombs at \$20.00, or quarter  
wild at \$10.00. For sale by A. C.  
Selle, Umpqua, Or. Reference, E. G.  
Young & Co., Oakland, Or.

2050-1109

Mrs. Trumble, state secretary of  
the Child Labor Commission, this  
morning made a careful inspection  
of the county jail.

Our regular prices are always low.  
We offer you a straight reduction of  
10 per cent from these prices during  
our 10 per cent reduction sale. Until  
November 20 only, Josephson's.

Buy Agge yesterday disposed of  
his residence property, situated on  
North Winchester street, to John  
Davis, local agent for the Lone Star  
washing machine. The deal was con-  
summated through the Perrine Real  
Estate agency, of this city. The Agge  
property is very desirable for resi-  
dence purposes and we are advised  
that it brought a good price.

A quiet wedding was solemnized  
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Mc-

Kinney, at Oakland, on November 8,  
when E. Rice and Mary E. McCord  
were united in marriage. The wed-  
ding ceremony was performed by  
Rev. L. W. Emerson, pastor of the  
Albany Christian church, and was  
witnessed by members of the im-  
mediate family and a few intimate  
friends of the contracting parties.

For the next 60 days Dr. R. E.  
Hunt will give a premium with each  
case of horse dentistry which will  
entire the holder of the first choice  
to \$25 in merchandise at Pearce's  
harness shop. The holders of the  
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unless it happens to be out of our stock—in our complete stocks a  
very rare occurrence.  
So carefully do we conserve your best interests that frequently  
our clerks may suggest something which they know or believe to  
be better for the purpose than the one called for.  
Transactions of this kind in our stores occur every day and invari-  
ably our customers have thanked us for taking such a keen in-  
terest in their personal needs and purchases.  
Such frank, honest advice will be cheerfully given regarding any-  
thing we sell.  
You owe it to yourself and your family to patronize a store which  
serves its customers with such care and such honest merchandise as  
does the

The Rexall Store

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