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LAND ALLOTMENT

Colorado Plan May be Adopted in Oregon

OPENING OF 500,000 ACRES

By the Company Controlling the Immense Oregon Military Road Land Grant

(By Charles Hyskell.)
FORT GARLAND, Colo., Aug. 28.—An estate nearly as large as the state of Rhode Island is to be added to the inhabited portion of Oregon by the opening and colonization of the historic Oregon Military Road Land Grant, comprising 500,000 acres in a strip 12 miles wide extending through southern Oregon. The company controlling the grant has adopted the auction allotment plan, this week successfully tried out in the allotment of 65,000 acres here in the San Luis valley of Colorado. I came here to see what is in store for Oregon in the way of a new method of land opening.

It was amazing to see the facility and harmony with which 6752 farms and the same number of town lots were distributed among 6752 men, entire strangers to each other, who hailed from 21 states and were representative of the best class of middle west farmers and land seekers. The lands are irrigable. The company has on deposit \$250,000, for a reservoir and canals, and now has the plant about two-thirds completed.

The homeseekers pitched a tent city among the cottonwoods along Ute Creek, and put up a large tent in which the business of the land opening was to be transacted. They elected three trustees: Robert M. Rabkin, of Aurora, Neb.; George McNair, of San Angelo, Texas, and F. A. Hilberger, of Wichita, Kansas, to conduct the allotment. The farms and lots had been sold by the San Luis Valley Land company and each man held a clearance receipt, nominally a contract for a deed to a farm and town lot. These contracts provided for a distribution by the auction plan but the holders had become uneasy, because the lands looked good and there was a possibility of lively bidding in excess of \$150, the amount each had bid for his farm contract.

After conferences with the postal authorities and R. J. Martin, president of the San Luis Valley Land company, the plan of the company became more fully understood by the homeseekers, who then endorsed and presented it to the general meeting, where it was unanimously accepted. Thereafter not a moment's hitch occurred. The partitioning went through with remarkable rapidity, and in six days the 6752 farms and 6752 lots were distributed. Briefly the plan is as follows:

An auctioneer who understands the proceeding comes upon the scene with two boxes, a correct list of all contract holders, and lists of the farms and lots. He writes the names of the contract holders on a slip of paper and puts them in one box. Similar slips, each containing number and acreage of a farm, and number and block of a lot, are placed in the other box. After being well shaken the names are then drawn out and written on "club sheets" each containing spaces

for 10 names. Each club selects a captain, or has one appointed. The auctioneer now draws from the other box slips containing the farm lot numbers and as they come they are written in the spaces opposite the names of the club members. The partitioning is then conducted from the club sheets.

Plats of the farms and lots having been distributed to each contract holder, he is enabled to know what he is getting. As each number is called out by the auctioneer the club captain having that number on his list responds with a bid of \$150 for the person whose name is opposite. If the person desires a farm other than the one drawn for him he can get it by bidding a premium above the \$150. The plan thus gives him power to make his own selection of a farm and lot. The auction feature is the thread from which hangs the whole proceeding, and the bidding is the test by which it is made valid under the postal laws, although sentiment against bidding premiums was so strong that the bidding was kept down to a low minimum. There were but few premiums bid and the highest was \$250.

The plan has been hailed with joy by land men the country over. It offers the solution of the problems of carrying on large operations in selling and colonizing remote western lands under the double handicap of interstate commerce commission passenger restrictions and the government's prohibition of land allotments by lottery. There will be some minor changes made for the Oregon opening.

COOS PEOPLE TO BLAME.
Eugene Guard: The people of Coos Bay themselves are largely responsible for their isolation from the world, having defeated every attempt of Roseburg to build a railroad over the mountain, when united effort might have been successful.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Critser were in from Warrenton today.

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Special to the Evening Review.
NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—New York city today began extension of America's formal welcome to the starward athletes who carried the stars and stripes to victory in the Olympic games in London. Practically the whole city was given over to the reception of the athletes, who arrived from Europe today. An immense parade of soldiers, sailors, athletic clubs, decorated automobiles, brass bands and pupils of parochial schools passed down Broadway through a tremendous throng of people, who cheered the returning Americans vociferously. This afternoon at Madison Square Garden, welcome on behalf of the city was extended by a committee headed by Alfred Gwynn Vanderbilt and comprised of 500 New Yorkers. The great crowd sang the national anthem to the accompaniment of ten massed bands. John Hayes, the winner of the Marathon race, was given a silver cup while all of the other athletes received gold medals.

This Welcome Warm, Too.
MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug. 29.—The American battleship fleet arrived here this afternoon and was given the warmest kind of a welcome. From Port Phillip head to the anchorage in the bay, a distance of 30 miles, there was one continuous ovation. Official landing will be made Monday. The fleet will remain here seven days, and will be royally entertained by both official and civil bodies. A large fund has been subscribed toward entertainment.

GRANDSTAND COLLAPSE?

At Marshfield Fair, But No One is Seriously Hurt.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 28.—Crowded to its capacity this afternoon a section of the grandstand at the Southern Oregon District Fair gave way and 500 persons were precipitated to the ground.

It was feared at first that many had been hurt, but when the excited crowd was quieted it was found that minor injuries and bruises constituted the extent of the damage. The accident did not mar the pleasure of the biggest holiday Marshfield has ever known. Over 2000 persons attended the races in the afternoon and never before has there been as many visitors in the city from out of town.

The judging of the exhibits has been completed. In the livestock classes Roseburg was particularly fortunate in carrying off prizes. A big cheese, which won a prize in the dairy exhibit, has been purchased by J. L. Bowman, of Portland, and will be taken to that city to show what Coos county produces in that line. Business houses will be closed generally in the city tomorrow, which is the last day of the fair, and when the best race program will be given.

The races today in connection with the Southern Oregon District Fair furnished fine sport. W. W. Cardwell, of Roseburg, was starter, and A. E. Powers, John Flanagan and G. E. Clayton, of Roseburg, were the judges.

The 1/4-mile running race for best two in three heats was the best race ever seen at a Southern Oregon District Fair. There were five starters and The Counsellor, owned by Heavener, and Creserton, owned by J. R. Herron, started the race off with a dead heat, coming in neck and neck. The next two heats were won by The Counsellor, but the contest was so close each time that the crowd went wild.

Joe Rose's Horse Wins.
(Only one Roseburg horse was entered in Friday's races at Marshfield. It was "Blue Diamond," owned by Joe Rose, an S. P. fireman. After finishing a bad fifth in the 3-8 dash on Thursday, "Blue Diamond" on Friday captured first money of a \$100 purse in a half-mile event. His time was 0:25 1/2. Three horses in all started.

John R. Herron's "Teddy," which raced on the District Fair track here last year, won the half-mile dash for 4-year-olds, in the time of 0:51.

The Coos County Derby, one mile and an eighth, was not run Friday, as scheduled, but will be pulled off today, if the condition of the track permits. If the race is run, the result will be bulletined on The Review windows.)

Religion For the Living, Not Only For the Dying.

By the Rev. Dr. CHARLES F. AKED of New York.

THE question of the decreasing membership and waning influence of religion—the churches—is not a denominational question. It is not a national question. It is a question as wide as Christianity itself. Conditions in America are, broadly speaking, the same as in England and in England as in the rest of Europe. I can see the difference in this country since I first visited the United States fifteen years ago.

THE DANGER IS NOT FROM DIRECT ATTACK ON RELIGION. THIS DENIAL OF BELIEF—THAT IS, ATHEISM—HAS SPENT ITS FORCE. WHAT THE CHURCHES HAVE TO FEAR IS A MORE INSIDIOUS DANGER—INDIFFERENCE.

The man in the street says, "The church is a back number." He feels that he can do without it. If you ask him whether he believes in God, in the existence of an infinite power superior to man, the chances are that he will say "Yes." But questions of dogma, distinctions of creed, do not interest him, and he refuses to concern himself about them. He has made up his mind that he can get along without religion—that is, religion as it has been expounded to him. But this DOES NOT MEAN NECESSARILY THAT HE IS IRRELIGIOUS.

It seems to me that this indifference is more pronounced in America than in England, just as orthodoxy is more strictly defined and more unyielding over here. And where there is indifference to the church I can form no other conclusion than that the church itself is to blame. Yet the need of religion never has been greater in any age or country than in this country and in the day we live in. Churches exist and preachers are maintained to remind men and nations of the eternal laws they must obey and the eternal love in which they may rest. And in the United States they may yet be needed as the mainstay of social order.

EITHER THE CHURCHES HAVE GOT TO LIVE UP TO THE TASK OF KEEPING THE SOUL OF THE NATION ALIVE OR THEY WILL PERISH.

Statistics gathered by Dr. Josiah Strong show that the gain of the churches in membership in proportion to the gain in population is steadily and rapidly falling off. In the past twenty years it is less than half what it was in the preceding twenty. The trouble is that TOO MUCH OF OUR RELIGION, BOTH AS IT IS PREACHED AND AS IT IS PRACTICED, LACKS LIFE. The attitude of a vast number of persons toward it is like that of the New York banker who said to a certain preacher at the conclusion of his sermon: "This is the first time I ever knew that religion had anything to do with living. I thought it had to do only with dying and going to hell."

KNOCKS FOR KNOCKERS.

In this day of progress and activity the knocker gets no consideration anywhere. Along this line an exchange says:

The knocker is an offspring of failure and envy. He is an only child, and like most only children, generally spoiled. He never reaches maturity. Success in others hurts him like a tight shoe. He cannot even bear to see others strive to make an honest living, remarks the Sacramento Union.

He has no peculiar habits. You will find him everywhere. Frequently he has no property of his own, and, being too poor to rent, becomes a poacher, making his headquarters on other people's preserves. There he stretches himself out and works his little hammer without interruption until you give him a polite invitation to get off your premises.

The knocker always gets business for the firm that doesn't pay his salary. As soon as his own people find this out he is retired. His employment is a dangerous policy. His words are without fruit. No one places any confidence in even the good things he says, for they are attributed to sinister motives. He is a business vandal—continually tearing down without replacing anything good—an unwholesome creature with a bad heart.

In the quadruped kingdom he would be either a hyena or a mongrel. Among the birds in the air he would be a cuckoo in disposition, with a crow's complexion, while as a reptile he would be a fat-headed adder.

He does everybody—friends included. His best friends are usually his first victims, because they are decent enough to place some confidence in him.

The knocker is the only person who can perform that wonderful contortionist feat of getting beneath himself. He is dangerous as a leper at large.

When you meet a knocker, don't patronize him. Don't listen to him. Shun him as you would the plague if you are at all scrupulous about your reputation. He may fawn about you to your face, but the moment your back is turned he'll get busy with the ever-ready hammer.

J. F. Strader was among the Oak Creek people in town today.

Joe Cobb has sold his blooded trotting mare, Lorella, to an Oregon City man, for \$250. This is one of the steeds purchased by Dr. A. C. Seely at the Portland horse sale last spring, and then bought by Mr. Cobb.

ROBBERS' BOLD JOB

Two Hold Citizens at Bay, 3 Others Loot Bank

RIDE AWAY WITH \$12,000

"Black Hand" Claims Another Victim in Chicago—Canadian Pacific Strike Unbroken

Special to the Evening Review.
MONTREAL, Quebec, Aug. 29.—Five masked men robbed the Provincial bank at Stenstache, 10 miles distant, in broad daylight today. While two armed robbers held a posse at bay with revolvers, three others rifled the bank vaults, securing \$12,000 in gold. Just before the hour of opening the bank this morning, the bandits overpowered the night watchman and gained entrance to the building. In forcing open the vault they simultaneously set off an alarm in the sheriff's office, but when officers arrived at the scene they were quickly held up by the two robbers on the outside of the bank and threatened with instant death if they made an attempt to interfere. The three men on the inside worked calmly, and when they had gathered in the booty the entire five left town on horseback. Posses are in hot pursuit. The entire country is greatly excited, and there is strong probability that the robbers will be run down.

A "Black Hand" Victim.
CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—The terrible "Black Hand" society, which was standing in his shop, when a stranger opened the door and without a word fired the fatal shot. The murderer is still at large.

Strike Still Deadlocked.
WINNIPEG, Can., Aug. 29.—Canadian Pacific strikers are being paid today with funds sent from the International headquarters of the Machinists' Union. \$100,000 was distributed in this city alone. Many newspapers are urging the railroad company to retreat in view of the necessity of moving grain. The officials of the road, however, refuse to make any statement as to their future attitude.

FORMER ROSEBURG GIRLS.
MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 28.—Mrs. William Ward and her sister, Miss Grille, were injured in an automobile accident today. Mrs. Ward was running a large automobile in which were three other women. In the south part of the city. The automobile ran off the elevated board street, and Mrs. Ward and her sister were both thrown out and badly bruised.

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Number of Known Dead Increased to 23, and Nearly as Many More are Still Missing

Special to the Evening Review.
EL PASO, Texas, Aug. 29.—The bodies of eight more victims of the cloudburst at Folsom, N. M., were recovered today, bringing the total of known dead up to 23. About 20 persons are missing and these may swell the death list. Among them are five traveling men, who were asleep in a hotel when the flood struck the city, destroying the hotel and a number of other structures and carrying them away. The clothing of the five men was swept all over the valley and it is believed they perished. Searching parties are now hunting for their bodies.

The catastrophe is being intensified today by the prevalence of a driving hailstorm that is sweeping the valley, beating down upon hundreds of homeless people, who are huddled on the hill tops, scantily clad and suffering from hunger. Crops are being ruined and sheep are being killed by the thousands. Wires are prostrated.

Lawyer Delegate Dies.
SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 29.—Fabian Bushee, a prominent attorney of Raleigh, N. C., who came here as a delegate to the annual meeting of the National Bar Association, died here last night of Bright's disease. Bushee was stricken Sunday and was unable to attend any of the sessions.

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