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## HOMESTEADS DOUBLE SIZE

NOW POSSIBLE TO HOLD 32  
ACRES FOR HOMESTEAD

Secretary Ballinger Has Designated Lands Which Are Open to Entry Under Extended Homestead Law—Lands Lie in Oregon, Washington, Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado and Montana.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Secretary Ballinger today designated 157,176,800 acres of land in the United States to which the 320 acre homestead law applies as coming within provision of the law. The states affected are: Oregon, Washington, Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, Montana. Included in the land designation are 7,000,160 in Oregon and 3,576,960 in Washington. Diagrams showing the lands subject to entry are being sent to local land offices. It is believed that forty per cent of the area designated, except in Nevada, is held by individuals. If all the land were suitable it would make 492,000 homesteads.

### Join Stocking Fight.

SPOKANE, April 28.—Protesting against being forced to wear domestic stockings, which they declare are shapeless and inferior in grade, members of the Spokane Floral Association, headed by Mrs. John W. Gibson, joined the women of Chicago in a movement for reduced tariff on women's wearing apparel.

### Kills Lions Tomorrow.

NAIROBI, April 28.—Roosevelt's real hunt begins tomorrow, according to the official announcement made at the Pease ranch today.

### PREPARING FRENCH EXHIBITS.

Representative of French Exhibitors Busy Preparing at Seattle.

SEATTLE, April 28.—Representing three hundred exhibitors of France, Victor Laurelle, commissioner for the French section of the Seattle exposition is here today giving directions for the construction of booths in the space allotted to France. The exhibits will arrive May 20. It is estimated that the paintings alone are worth half a million.

### Wood And Hofer Visit School.

Col. C. E. S. Wood, of Portland, and Col. Hofer, of Salem, who are here attending the Development League, visited the high school this morning and gave the students instructive and interesting talks, which were enjoyed by both the faculty and student body.

## UNFAIR RATES COMPLAINED OF

ENTERPRISE COMMERCIAL CLUB  
PREFERS CHARGES

SALEM, April 28.—Formal complaint has been filed with the railroad commission by the Enterprise Commercial Club, charging unjust discrimination against Enterprise and Joseph on the part of the O. R. & N. The complaint alleges that the railroad favors Elgin and the other towns nearer the main line, and that continuous distance tariffs are applied to all towns on main or branch lines except those on the Willowa extension, and that the branch rate there is proportional to mileage added to continuous tariff on all business originating or destined to towns beyond Elgin. Wool is the principal commodity shipped in sacks and bales from these towns.

## MEADOWBROOK PROJECT ASSURED ORGANIZATION IS EFFECTED

STOCKHOLDERS INCREASED SUBSCRIPTIONS—RAISED  
\$5,000 IN TEN MINUTES

Organization is perfected. The irrigation project has passed beyond the uncertain point, as was evidenced this afternoon by the large gathering of intensely interested and determined subscribers who had assembled for the purpose of forming a permanent organization and to elect a board of managers. The time of oratory was passed. Everyone present realized the importance of the occasion, and when W. H. Bohnenkamp announced that he wished to increase his subscription from \$500 to \$1,000, others soon either doubled their subscriptions or added their names to the list and within ten minutes over \$5,000 was raised, bringing the total above the \$75,000 mark. This means the success of the greatest

undertaking that has ever been launched in the Grand Ronde valley. The bylaws provide for the election of nine directors who shall elect the president, vice-president and other necessary officers of the organization who shall all serve without salary excepting the secretary, whose salary is to be fixed by the directors.

As we go to press the stockholders are electing directors and the ballot being only one-half counted, the indications are the results will elect W. M. Pierce, W. H. Bohnenkamp, F. J. Holmes, J. E. Reynolds, J. D. McKennon, William Miller, F. L. Meyers, George Stoddard. There seems to be no doubt regarding the election of the above, but the vote is quite close between F. S. Bramwell and Duncan McDonald.

### RICHARD CROKER

#### LEAVES FOR IRELAND

NEW YORK, April 28.—Richard Croker sailed today in the Lusitania to his home in Ireland.

This puts an end to the rumor that the former Tammany boss will take an active part in the coming municipal campaign.

This greatly relieves the friends of the present boss, Charles F. Murphy, who looked upon Croker's presence here at this time with considerable apprehension. As one of Murphy's men said:

"No one wishes Croker a heartier bon voyage than Charley Murphy."

### MEN WANTED BY THE BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Exam-

inations are being held today to secure government employes. "Physiologist in poisonous plant investigations" is the title of the position for which the government will test applicants. Several places paying \$1500 to \$2000 in the Bureau of Plant Industry have been going begging, and to supply the demand for properly equipped men the government, through the Civil Service Commission, scattered broadcast an announcement of this examination to fill vacancies. Women are barred from the examinations held today.

### Fraud in Deed Recording.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 28.—Starting possibilities of wholesale recording of fraudulent deeds is a subject into which the grand jury has begun to delve. One case has been under investigation for several days and another came to light yesterday morning, the man who charges the swindle at once heading for the grand jury room.

## COLONEL WOOD IS TO SPEAK

WILL ADVOCATE OREGON AMENDMENT TONIGHT

Col. C. E. S. Wood, who speaks at the Opera House this evening, ranks easily as the greatest platform speaker in Oregon. His engagement with the Oregon and Idaho Development Congress at La Grande and Weiser marks the advance in the sentiment of progress in this state and Idaho, when the most advanced thinker in the city of Portland is invited to advocate district built railroads. The Oregon amendment which has been enacted into law in Idaho will be fully presented by Col. Wood, who is the author of the amendment. This matter has become the great overshadowing issue in the politics of Oregon, whether anyone likes it or not. The highest class of vocal and instrumental music will be furnished at the Opera House tonight. Col. Wood and Col. Hofer leave for Weiser tomorrow, and carry with them the good wishes of the people of La Grande in their development campaign for greater Oregon.

The full program for the evening follows below:  
Piano duet, Misses Oliver and Macdonald.  
Address, Col. C. E. S. Wood, of Portland.  
Vocal solo, Mrs. T. J. Scroggin.  
Address, T. H. Crawford.  
Vocal solo, C. S. Williams.  
Violin solo, Miss Young.

### WOMEN MEET IN SEATTLE.

Delegates From All parts of The World Will Convene During A. Y. P.

SEATTLE, April 28.—The National Council of Women of the United States will convene in Seattle July 13th to 16th, in the exposition auditorium to discuss questions of interest to all women. The Countess of Aberdeen, President of the International council will preside. Delegates will be present from all parts of the United States, Canada, Europe and South America.

### Beach Hargis Guilty.

IRVINE, April 28.—Beach Hargis was today found guilty of murdering his father, Judge Hargis, the famous feudist, and sentenced to life imprisonment.

## DEPENDS UPON IMPEACHMENT

CALHOUN'S LAWYERS TRY TO IMPEACH WITNESSES

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—That the defense in the trial of Calhoun is depending largely upon its ability to impeach the prosecution's witnesses was made evident today when Daniel G. Coleman, member of the boodling board of Supervisors replaced Jim Gallagher upon the stand. Heney questioned him regarding his alleged conversation with Gallagher during which the granting of the Parkside franchise was discussed.

Coleman said he could not recall the conversation, Attorney Rogers, for the defense, leaped to his feet and introduced transcript evidence of the first Ruef trial, claiming that the witness's testimony on that occasion was contradictory to the answer returned to Heney's question and demanded that Coleman be impeached. Heney objected. Rogers then declared the defense would prove that a conspiracy to hold up the defendant existed. The court sustained Heney's objection, stating that the matter will be gone into fully later.

## BRYAN HELPS PROHIBITION

AGAINST FEDERAL LICENSE IN A  
DRY TERRITORY

LINCOLN, Neb., April 28.—Today's issue of Bryan's Commoner urges upon Congress the advisability of enacting legislation forbidding the issuance of federal liquor licenses in prohibition states and communities. The plea is supported by the prohibition element of Lincoln.

### TACOMA DOG SHOW.

Hundreds of Fashionable Beasts are Entered.

TACOMA, April 28.—Three hundred high class dogs wagged a welcome to the guests at Tacoma's Dog show, which opened in the State Armory to-day. Aristocratic canines from Seattle, Portland and other coast cities are entered. Judge John Bradshaw, of San Francisco, is here to award the cups. The show will last all week.

### Feed Store Sold.

Black and Bramwell yesterday sold the feed store on Adams avenue to Mr. W. H. Stanchfield, of Portland. Mr. Stanchfield is a recent arrival, and left his family in Portland until the schools have closed. He will continue the business in the same location and along the same lines.

## JUDGE LOWELL HAS RESIGNED

NOT IN SYMPATHY WITH  
COURSE TAKEN BY CONGRESS

President of Oregon-Idaho Development League, Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, Sends Resignation This Morning. Says Not in Entire Sympathy With Course Taken Regarding State Building Railroads.

Aside from the organization of the Meadowbrook project this afternoon, probably the most interesting incident of today's session of the Development Congress was the receipt of President Stephen A. Lowell's resignation. The letter is self explanatory, and for that reason, and in order that no misconception of President Lowell's action may be possible, we print the communication below, leaving out all but the body of the letter.

To the Secretary of the Oregon-Idaho Development Congress, La Grande, Oregon.

Dear Sir—  
I beg hereby to tender my resignation as president of your organization. It is not my purpose to sever connection with the association, but I find myself unable to attend with regularity its meetings, and I am not in entire sympathy with the movement which the congress has come to represent in the matter of railroad construction.

Therefore, while I propose to do what I can in the future as in the past to further the development of the country, and to encourage the construction of a line of transportation from Coos Bay to Southern Idaho and the east, it seems to me that I can best do the work as a private in the ranks, and that some other man can be of greater service in the present purposes of the organization than I can be.

Probably new England birth and training has made me too conservative, but I cannot believe that the time has come for state construction or operation of railroads, and I am impressed that both Oregon and Idaho will ultimately be better off if organizations such as this confine their efforts to the arousing of public sentiment and the assembling of data disclosing to capital and settlers the matchless resources of the undeveloped area of these states.

I have no quarrel with the opinions of other men, and speak only for myself and as a reason for my action in the premises.

Respectfully,  
(signed) STEPHEN A. LOWELL.

### MURDERER MUST HANG.

Idaho Board of Pardons Refuse to Commute Sentence of Seward.

BOISE, Idaho, April 28.—"All right, let them shoot their wad. When is the big thing coming off?" remarked Fred Seward today when informed that the State Board of Pardons had refused to interfere with the death sentence imposed by the Moscow court in which Seward was convicted of murdering a woman of the under world. Seward will be hanged Friday at the State penitentiary. He was twice granted a reprieve on the ground that new evidence would be produced.

### LUMBERMEN CONFER.

Oregon And Washington Millmen Plan For Decreased Output.

SEATTLE, April 28.—A delegation of prominent Oregon lumbermen is today conferring with leading Washington millmen discussing ways and means of improving the condition of the Pacific Northwest lumber market. A plan for a further curtailment of the output from Washington and Oregon mills until conditions improve will be taken up in detail. Many lumbermen of both states are openly advocating the closing of all mills until the demand is more brisk.

## House Cleaning Time is Here

Will You Need New Curtains?

### 3 DAYS SPECIAL.

A beautiful line of 3 yd and 3 1/2 yd white lace curtains for 85c per pair.

### 3 DAYS SPECIAL.

Another line of all 3 1/2 yd lengths in elegant patterns and materials for \$1.19.

### 3 DAYS SPECIAL.

A special price on every curtain in the store this week, that will save you money.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

## Today We sold

TURKISH TOWELS IN 25C AND 30C GRADES FOR - - 18c

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A NEW SPECIAL TOMORROW

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