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RECORD PRICES FOR NAKED LAND

VALLEY LANDS SET MARK

LAND ALONE WORTH BIG SUM

CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN \$100 PER ACRE PAID.

TRACT WAS OWNED BY J. MCCOY

Allinson and Chandler Buy 160 Acres For Big Price.

It leaked out from an authoritative source this afternoon, that the sum involved in this transaction was an even \$125 per acre.

Stupendous increase in Grande Ronde valley realty values is reflected in a deal consummated yesterday evening in this city, when naked land brought such a price as has never been equalled. The land in question lies in Fruitdale, and comprises 160 acres. It is known as the McCoy "160" and the purchasers are William Allinson and J. W. Chandler, both well known here. Some idea of the exact price can be gained from the knowledge that J. D. McKennon recently purchased a tract adjoining this, paying \$100 per acre, but this sale price is considerable better.

Merely Naked Land.

When naked land without orchards, houses or crops can bring considerably over \$100 per acre, land values

are necessarily high. In this instance, there are a few Jap quarters on the tract, one acre of orchard land, and the beet crop now growing on it, not included in the sale. It is, according to realty men who have followed the advance of land, the highest price ever realized in Union county.

This deal was consummated through C. J. Black agency.

While there are no improvements of any kind with the land, there does go with it, excellent water rights which is the root of the enormous price, for, naturally fertile soil, water has made it so productive that it can command the highest known price in the history of the country. In a few years the Observer ventures, there will be sales innumerable of this sort, for land now selling at the \$50 mark will not be on market for anything less than \$100 and running above that often, as this piece has done.

TAGGART CALLED TO THE STAND

KNOWS NOTHING OF GINGLES WHITE SLAVE SCANDAL.

Was Excused Immediately After Giving Brief Evidence.

CHICAGO, July 9.—Tom Taggart, a former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, took the witness stand this morning in the trial of Ella Gingles, the Irish lace maker, accused of stealing lace from Miss Agnes Barrette, her employer. In previous testimony given by Miss Gingles it was stated Miss Barrette

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ANTI-CIGARETTE LAW IS ANNULLED

PILL SMOKERS HAPPY

WASHINGTON LAW IS KILLED

DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL IN SUPERIOR COURT.

PASSED AFTER HARD SKIRMISH

Great Rejoicing Among Smokers of Washington Today.

TACOMA, July 9.—The anti-cigarette law passed by the last legislature is unconstitutional, according to a decision by Judge Miles Clifford, rendered in the Superior court this morning in the case of the State against T. E. Snook and J. R. Murphy. The court said the law is in restraint of interstate commerce, and therefore contrary to the constitution. The defendants were released.

The case decided today was taken up from the police court to the higher tribunal for a test.

"Pill Fiends" from all over Washington have awaited with deep anxiety the opinion of the higher court in this matter, and among them, there has been great rejoicing this afternoon. The law was passed after the most sensational warfare in the legislature, where the reformers were spurred on by thousands of constituents.

BANK SUITS ARE IN COURT TODAY

BANK FILED DEMURRERS

TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT

WANT CASES TRIED BEFORE A JURY NOT COURT.

IS PART OF ASSURED LITIGATION

Only Two of Four Demurrers Are Argued by Ramsey.

Demurrers to suits recently filed against Walter Niedner as receiver of the defunct Farmers & Traders National bank by the Grande Ronde Electric company, in two instances, the Hot Lake Sanatorium, and Frank Phyl as trustee for the J. W. Scriber estate, were in circuit court this morning when two of these demurrers were argued by counsel for the parties interested, T.H. Crawford appearing for the plaintiffs. Attorney Ramsey, counsel for the receivership, filed demurrers in each of these four cases, which cases had been brought in equity. During the course of the arguments, however, only two demurrers were argued, namely the Grande Ronde Electric suit of \$1470 which the light company wants cancelled from the bank books alleging previous settlement, and the other was the sanatorium suit for \$3000, which the receiver will attempt to collect on a note said by the company to be an accommodation with out consideration. The company asks for surrender and cancellation of the amount. The court took the matter under advisement.

The purpose of the demurrers is to compel the plaintiffs to try the cases before a jury, rather than before the jury, rather than before the court alone.

These cases form a portion of the approximate \$50,000 of alleged bank assets which are tied up in litigation and cannot be touched until the courts pass on the merits of the cases. Until then the depositors will receive no additional dividends.

fore appointing conferees. Aldrich claimed his course was adopted to save time.

Mrs. Russell Improving.

Word was received here this morning from the Russell camp that Mrs. James Russell, who met with an accident while riding in the hills recently, was considerably better today, taking the first nourishment since the accident. It will possibly be several days, however, before she can be brought home.

HAS TEN WIVES.

"Go Geter" in Trouble at 'Frisco Over Wives Question.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 9.—Twenty-four women are involved today in the strange case of Christian C. Johnson, the alleged bigamist, whom the police believe is John Madson, with wives in most of the large cities. Ten wives were found who believe they were all married to Madson in the past four years. Others think he handled them through promises of marriage.

The pursuer is a puzzle to the police. He is 62 years old and is a professed woman hater.

Lane County Wins.

SALEM, July 9.—Lane county was awarded the sweepstakes trophy today.

OREGON DAY AT THE FAIR TODAY

TWENTY-FIVE OREGON COUNTIES REPRESENTED TODAY.

Great Bustling in Oregon Building at A-Y-P. Today.

SEATTLE, July 9.—This is Oregon day at the fair, and the Oregon building is bustling with activity. Women who made it possible to entertain the thousands who passed through the building, predominate.

Exercises began at 11 o'clock, with an address delivered by Archbishop Alexander Christie, of the Catholic diocese in Oregon, and Governor Benson. Twenty-five counties were represented among hostesses, nearly every woman a member of a woman's club. Wives of Oregon Commissioners entertain the clubwomen at a reception and dinner in the New York building tomorrow afternoon.

TOTAL LANDS OF A PUBLIC NATURE

UNION COUNTY VERY SMALL

69,040 ACRES UNSURVEYED

BAKER COUNTY LEADS IN SURVEYED PUBLIC LANDS.

EXHAUSTIVE TABLE IS COMPILED

Union County Among The Lowest of All The Counties.

Receiver F. C. Bramwell has just completed his annual report of the area of lands unappropriated and not reserved in this land office district. This does not include the land in the Forestry reserve nor that in irrigation projects. It is a very difficult job, as all of the records in regard to land taken up, have to be gone over, and has consumed considerable time. The following table was compiled:

Surveyed Lands.

Baker county, 495,250 acres; Grant, 197,160; Morrow, 61,800; Umatilla, 149,760; Wallowa, 117,960; Union, 69,040.

Unsurveyed Lands.

Baker, 27,200; Umatilla, 539.

Total Surveyed And Unsurveyed.

Baker, 522,210; Grant, 197,160; Morrow, 61,800; Umatilla, 150,299; Union, 69,040; Wallowa, 117,960.

Total in All Counties.

Surveyed, 1,090,370; unsurveyed, 27,790; surveyed and unsurveyed, 1,118,739.

All of this land is principally mountainous, timber, grazing and farming. There is some fruit land in Baker county.

This is the only approximately correct report made out in several years.

Work Done.

County Assessor Rinehart reports that the work of assessing the property is all practically finished and by the last of the week all the stragglers will have had their property assessed.

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SEND BILL TO HOUSE

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The house this afternoon adopted the previous question on a rule to send the tariff bill to a conference by a vote of 179 to 153. Seventeen Republicans voted against the question.

At 12:30 this afternoon the secretary of the senate presented the tariff bill to the house, and requested a conference. A recess was then taken.

Considerable unfavorable comment was made today among the members of the house over the action of the senate, at the instigation of Aldrich in appointing conferees for the tariff bill before the measure was returned to the house. The ordinary procedure is to send an amended bill to the house, and await its action be-

Riverside park's street car which made its initial trip at 1 o'clock this afternoon with Joe Woods doing the motorman stunt, was loaded to the guards with women and children. They were hanging on to the "straps," on the "Cow Catcher" and some with a little more courage were on top and in serious danger of striking the trolley wires. It was kept very busy during the afternoon, for as fast as one load was taken to the park, another waited for it at the street car station (Presbyterian church).

Despite the intermittent showers the people have got the spirit of clean-up day and are resolved to work, rain or shine. Already there are a large crowd of women and children at the park and at 4 o'clock, there was a stampede of the business men.

The ice cream for the workers is furnished by the Blue Mountain creamery and is certainly a treat for the workers. Coffee will be served and after the work is finished, if the dampness does not prevent, there will be a large bonfire of the debris

VETERAN SUICIDES

NORTH YAKIMA, July 9.—The mangled remains of Levi R. Leduc, a veteran of the Civil war, was found on the main line of the Northern Pacific today. In a pocket was found a restraining order from the superior court of Yakima county, prohibiting him from visiting the home occupied by his wife, who started divorce proceedings.

It is supposed the old man was heartbroken, and committed suicide.

Last Day Tomorrow.

Tomorrow is the last day for dis-count on electric light bills.

collected, tonight.

While it rained in town it was several hours before the park site actually felt the showers.