

OREGON WILL AID IN SETTLING ARID PARTS OF EASTERN OREGON

STATE WILL GIVE AWAY LAND IN BAKER COUNTY TO HOMESTEADER WHO PAYS IRRIGATION COSTS

Oregon as a state will soon hold out an inducement to the settlement of arid districts in Eastern Oregon that should draw thousands within a short time, following the action of John H. Lewis, chairman of the state water board, in filing on 44,506.55 acres of land in Baker county which had been withdrawn from entry by the government interior department some time since. The purpose of the state land board's action is to provide inducements for settlers by a very modest expenditure of money on the settler's part. The results of this action will be somewhat similar to the Twin Falls, Gooding and other Idaho projects under the Carey Act, but there is however a very material difference in the procedure between the Oregon and the Idaho projects. As far as can be learned today, the State of Oregon is not going to charge anything for the land, but will give it away to homesteaders who will reclaim it under the rules laid down by the state.

This enormous tract of land will be irrigated just as soon as the state can let the contract for the construction of the irrigation ditches, and the charges to homesteaders on this land will be very nominal, being merely enough to pay the cost of irrigation. It is undoubtedly the most stupendous inducement for settlement of arid districts, that has ever been attempted. Previously the state has filed on approximately 21,000 acres in the same county, making a very large area to come under this project. The filings made at the land office here last evening, show the exact locations of this land, all embraced in what the Interior Department once withdrew but later turned over to the state because the state was anxious to exercise a portion of its filing rights

on the one million acres that are open to entry by the state of the Northwest for development purposes by reason of the act of June 17, 1902. This remarkable development virus will drive Union county to speedy action with her low priced irrigation. With irrigation carried on in a scientific manner West of her, and a very desirable project pending to the East of her, Union county will have to fill up the gap by supplying water to its own land holders or the results will be lagging, and that in no small degree of loss to this valley.

Certificates Costly Wall Paper.

San Francisco, April 12.—Henry Brink of Melrose is today engaged in laboriously removing a quantity of mining stock from the walls of his room where he pasted them after an investigation which showed the "mine" was a useless hole in the desert. Yesterday he found out that rare porcelain clay had been discovered at the old mine site and the wall paper was worth several thousand dollars.

Racing Notwithstanding

Seattle, April 12.—It is announced that racing will be held at the Meadows this summer. The meeting is to last 40 days. The total betting system will be followed.

Debate Tomorrow Night.

The Observer received a phone message late this afternoon that the date for the debate between the La Grande and Pendleton high schools had been fixed for tomorrow evening at the L. D. S. Tabernacle in this city. The judges agreed upon are to be from the faculty of Whitman University. Remember the time, place and the object and be there.

ARMENIANS SUFFER
New York, April 12.—Twelve thousand Armenians are suffering and many will die unless aid is sent from this country, according to a cablegram received today by the American Relief Association. The appeal for funds has been sent out by the association.

FIGHT BERTH RATE TO COAST

PULLMAN COMPANY WILL NOT GIVE UP EASILY.

Claim hotel rates increase but berth rates remain as always.

Chicago, April 12.—Officials of the Pullman company intimated today a stubborn fight through the courts to test the right of the Interstate Commerce Commission to regulate the sleeping car rates may result from the Commission's action in lowering the charges for berths to the coast. The officials claim the berth rates are practically the same as 20 years ago, while the hotel accommodations are increased from 50 to 100 per cent.

FOUND NOTHING
Seward, Alaska, April 12.—A party of ten men from Fairbanks who left last fall to climb Mt. McKinley and to recover records alleged to have been left on the summit by Dr. Cook reached here tonight. A message from the party was received saying they had reached the summit but did not find the records.

Walla Walla Nominations
Washington, April 12.—The president today nominated Jesse Miller receiver of public moneys and John H. McDonald register of the land office and Edward T. Burton postmaster at Walla Walla.

PASSENGERS SAVED FROM LOST BOAT

WIRELESS STATES SEATTLE SHIP SAVED STEAMER

GEORGIA STILL FLOATS BUT IS BADLY DAMAGED

Crew of ten drown off Franch coast today in pilot boat—Wireless gives details to Seattle people of how the ship was saved when it struck a reef near the recent wreck of the Yucatan.

Seattle, April 12.—A wireless from the steamer City of Seattle was received today saying the steamship Georgia went on the reef yesterday near the recent wreck of the Yucatan. The steamer Santa Cruz brought the Georgia along side the Yucatan and took off the passengers and mail later transferring to the City of Seattle, which is now on its way to Juneau. No lives were lost. The Georgia is badly damaged but is still afloat.

Crew of Ten Drown.
Paris, April 12.—The pilot boat Hirondele sank today between the St Brieux and Freshel and ten of the crew were drowned. The details have not been received.

NEW PIANO FIRM.
Rinehart & Little, proprietors. Second room on Depot St.

H. C. Rinehart of Summerville, who will soon become a resident of this city, and E. E. Little, now with the Sherman-Clay piano dealers, have formed a co-partnership and have secured the room formerly occupied by Bay & Zweifel on Depot street. A car load of goods is being unloaded today and other consignments will soon follow.

Six Miles Through Mud
Rowardennen Training Camp, Apr. 12.—Jeffries did six miles on a muddy road today as a constitutional. He was hardly winded when he returned to camp. After a rub down, he went through "gym" stunts. Wood chopping is on the program for this afternoon.

Print Shop Wrecked.
Juneau, Alaska, April 12.—The U. S. Marshal's office believes it has information today which will lead to the arrest of the miscreants who early yesterday morning wrecked the plant of the Daily Record. The linotype was wrecked with sledges and the presses badly damaged. The paper had incurred the enmity of a number of residents of the town.

Bellingham Man Electrocuted
Bellingham, April 12.—Touching the same wire from which he had been warning others, Oscar Brown, an employee of the Noonsack Power Plant was electrocuted today. He was set to watch the transformer, and prevent anyone from going near it, but accidentally touched the wire himself.

Socialist in Trouble
Chicago, April 12.—Joseph Medill Patterson, the millionaire socialist author, is today defendant in a \$50,000 damage suit brought by Eugene Quirk a newspaper man. Quirk is claiming that Patterson's successful play, "The Fourth Estate" was plagiarized from a book called "Dritting," which he wrote in collaboration with his wife.

STRANGE STORM FREAK
Pine Bluff, Ark., April 12 Heavy damage was done by a tornado that struck this city last evening. A score of houses were wrecked and trees were uprooted. An aged negro was carried by the wind into some telephone wires 20 feet above the ground, and was lowered by ropes, unhurt.

O. A. C. NEWS

"AGGIES" TO INVESTIGATE HIGH COST OF LIVING
Several track and field meets to be held at O. A. C. this year

O. A. C., April 12.—(Special)—The Oregon Agricultural College wrestling team won the intercollegiate championship again this year. The Oregon team won five of the six decisive points was with Washington University. In this meet the boys, only losing the one on a very narrow margin. The personnel of the team is the same as that of last year with the exception of one man. The team was coached last year by Eddie O'Connell and this year has been under the direction of J. G. Arbutnot, formerly of the Portland Y. M. C. A., and now a member of the college faculty.

A joint committee of student and faculty members will investigate the problem of the high cost of living for the students of the Oregon Agricultural College with the purpose of making recommendations tending to the improvement of conditions.

For the purpose of stimulating interest and making athletic activity more general within the college, a number of track and field meets have been arranged within the various classes, departments and military companies at the Oregon Agricultural College. These contests will enlist several hundred men.

Chinese General Died Poor.
Vallejo, Calif., April 12.—It was learned today that Woooh Hi, a porter in a local saloon who died Saturday, was a retired general of the Chinese army. His identity became known when the coroner received a cablegram from the Chinese government requesting that the body be shipped to the family at Peking. No reason was known for Woooh to labor as he was wealthy.

It Was a Daisy
Seattle, April 12.—A Japanese called Matsuda and Harnden a white man of Bellingham, wrestled three hours to a draw last night. The Jap showed superior science but Harnden was the strongest.

FLINT SAID TO BE NEXT SECRETARY

ROOSEVELT AGAIN INDICATES PINCHOT SYMPATHY

WHEN BALLINGER RESIGNS FLINT MAY BE NAMED

Frank Putnam Flint of California is pushed forward as the next Secretary of the Interior to succeed Ballinger when the latter resigns from office Roosevelt will address conservation club.

Washington, April 12.—It is rumored today that Senator Frank Putnam Flint of California will be appointed Secretary of the Interior to succeed R. A. Ballinger. According to the report, Ballinger will resign as soon as the attacks against him cease.

Then Flint will resign from the senate to become head of that department.

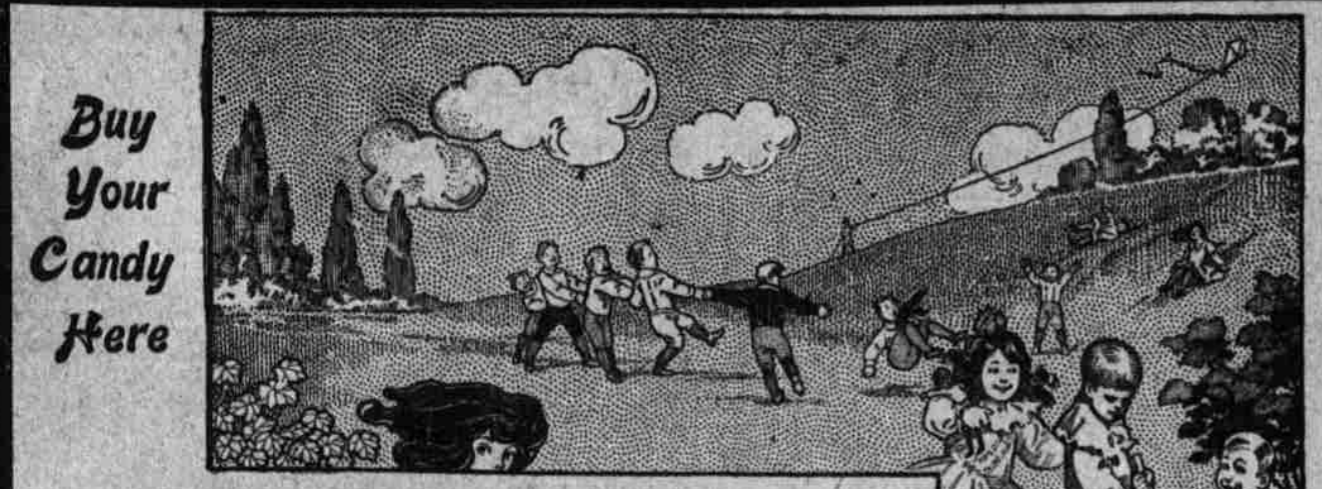
Roosevelt Accepts Speech Invite
Porto Marizo, April 12.—Roosevelt today accepted Pinchot's invitation to deliver an address before the National Conservation league upon his return to America. This is taken as an indication that Roosevelt's sympathies are with Pinchot in the Ballinger controversy.

Signification is also attached to the report that Francis Heney and Seth Bullock will meet Roosevelt in Europe to discuss political matters.

Pinchot was in conference with Roosevelt until midnight. He returned to Carewville this morning, and later departed with Roosevelt on a long walk. Pinchot wore a broad smile.

Hyde Jury Panel Exhausted
Kansas City, April 12.—The panel of talesmen drawn to serve as jurors in the trial of Dr. B. C. Hyde was almost exhausted by elimination today. It is probable that several days will elapse before a tentative jury is selected.

Wedding in High Life.
Washington, April 12.—Frances Dyer Clark, daughter of U. S. Senator Clark of Wyoming, was married at noon today to George H. Chapman at the Church of Incarnation. President Taft, members of the cabinet and a large number of senators attended the wedding. The senate was adjourned to allow the members to attend.



The Children's Store

We have made a special effort to select our Spring wear for the Children. You will find the Prices lower on the Ready-to-wear goods than you can afford to take the time to make them yourself.

Girls' Dresses **Boys' Suits**
Mothers spend your time with the girls instead of sewing when you can do it for the same price. The newest and best to be had you will find here. Bloused Sailors, Norfolk and other styles up to young men.

Boys' and Misses' Shoes
You positively owe it to yourself to see these excellent wearing and stylish shoes.

Children's Play Wash Suits
At this season the children will need their overalls, sailors, rompers, creepers and norfolks.

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That our business is constantly growing is obvious to all our customers. However the fact that it grows is of less importance than the cause of this growth. Stores don't grow by chance; growth is always the operation of some vital principle, and in this case the vital principle is quality—quality of goods, quality of service.

For 25 years this store has been doing business on the basis of quality—each year showing an increase over the previous one; each year adding new customers and continuing to hold the old ones. All of them have stayed because they found it paid to trade here. They find here a larger stock, a better assortment, better goods than are to be obtained elsewhere for the money and better service throughout.

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