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A DRUBBING IN PROSPECT.

The Oregonian, busy in its battle against popular government, remarks: "The Oregonian will take no more drubbings in the name of the Republican party—not for a while, anyhow, you may depend. Of vicarious sacrifice it has had enough."

Yet the Oregonian will take another drubbing, as bad as any in its history, and that at the next election, and take it in the name of the Republican party, probably. Its efforts to defeat popular election of United States senators, to discredit Statement No. 1, the direct primary and the initiative and referendum will result disastrously for itself, and for the party.

The Oregonian has the happy faculty of getting on the wrong side of popular issues. This explains its previous "drubbings." The people of Oregon are not going to surrender their rights to the reactionaries, and restore the reign of corporate corruption, even at the best of the Oregonian.

For years the Oregonian has favored the popular election of senators, yet when popular election is put into practice it prepares itself for a "drubbing" at the hands of the people by favoring a restoration of the old regime of political rottenness.

AMUSEMENTS.

"A Royal Slave."

Since the death of General Lew Wallace the demand for his books is greater than ever. Contrary to expectation, "Ben Hur" does not lead "A Fair God." This stirring romance of the days of the Aetees is unsurpassed in American fiction. It is from this novel that Gordon & Bennett's production of "A Royal Slave," which will be seen at the Medford Opera House tomorrow night, has been taken.

The large number of striking hand-some gowns worn in the production of "A Royal Slave," which will be seen at the Opera House tomorrow night, is the occasion of much comment in every city where the play has been seen this season. It is interesting to hear the gasps of admiration and envy with which the ladies of the audience lavishly greet each entrance of the women upon the stage. Miss Mary Ayers, as the Countess Tine, carries off the hon-ors in this matter of sumptuous costuming. She appears in six handsome gowns, each one a triumph of the tail-or's art. The climax is reached in the last act, when she appears in a light fitting gown of black velvet, display-ing her magnificent figure to admiring advantage, while a sweet smile is the form of a monster's menacing serpent, with its head rearing above the foliage of the green in front and its length encircling the waist and depending at the side of the skirt, causes the masculine por-tion of the audience to sit up and take notice. The body of the serpent is di-cially covered with spangles, 5000 in number. With the bright lights of the theater reflected from these glittering, quivering, "breast stangles," the sight is one not soon forgotten.

The Passion Play.

This wonderful set of moving pictures which comes to the Medford Opera House for five performances, beginning with the matinee Saturday afternoon, February 22, should not be confused with the cheap imitations with which the country is flooded just now. This is the "genuine thing," the same as was shown at Portland for two weeks during January to protect houses, peo-ple being lined up for blocks waiting to buy tickets. The management of the Medford Opera House could have reared a cheap tool of the imitation pic-tures a month ago, but waited to se-cure the genuine article. The prices will be 15 and 25 cents. No extra charge for reserved seats.

Passion Play at Bijou.

The management of the Bijou The-ater has been most fortunate in securing brand-new films for their coming production of the great "Passion Play." These films, thousands of feet in length, were taken from their orig-inal wrappings and displayed for the first time in any theater at the Grand Pass House last night. They will be shown there tonight and then brought direct to the Medford Bijou for mat-inee and evening, Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22. This production is undoubtedly the finest in the mov-ing picture world. Being all hand-colored, clear and distinct, it was pro-nounced by the various Grants Pass as being far superior to any picture ever exhibited in their city. R. L. Jacobs of San Francisco, an expert an-imator and lecturer, has been engaged for this special occasion. Special in-terest has been aroused for Remem-ber the date of admission remains the same for both. The popular price at the Medford Bijou? Interested by sub-ject and scene.

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GREAT GRAFT IN RAILROAD LAND

Townsend's Report Shows Fact on Which Uncle Sam Will Base Suit—Persistent Violations of Terms Under Which Grant Was Made.

The substance of the report of B. D. Townsend on his investigation of the Oregon & California railroad land grant has been made public and shows in a general way the facts on which the government will base its suit to compel the railroad company either to comply with the law or forfeit its title to the grant.

"The provision of the grant restrict-ing the number of sales have never been respected. Lands have been sold to any person, whether settler or spec-ulator, in as large quantities as pos-sible and at the highest price possible. In making sales the railroad company has always observed the law of supply and demand and has never obeyed the law of congress. Substantial violations of the terms of the grant occurred from the very beginning.

"In 1891 it changed all its forms of deeds and contracts and has ever since refused to execute anything but the quit-claim form of deed, except where it had by prior contract obligated itself to do otherwise. This is a most un-usual circumstance. The title of the rail-road company consisted simply of a grant from the United States. It im-mediately determined to take advantage of that opportunity, wholly ignoring the conditions of the grants and sought protection against responsibility for these violations of law by the adoption of the quit-claim form of conveyance.

"Late in 1902 the railroad company adopted a new policy and permanently withdrew all of its lands from sale. There then remained in its hands ap-proximately 800,000 acres, most of it in violation of the terms of the grant, it resolved upon the plan of asserting an absolute, unqualified and permanent estate in the balance of grants in its own favor.

"The grants placed in the hands of a single proprietor nearly one-half of

the lands of Western Oregon, subject to conditions, however, intended to in-sure distribution of land in small quan-tities among the producing class. Not-withstanding these conditions, the greater portion of the land still remains in the hands of a single proprietor, which refuses to sell it, develop it or improve it, simply holding it to share the benefits which shall result from the labor of others. The greater part of the land sold went into the hands of proprietors of the same class.

Jailed for Chicken Stealing.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 20.—Judge Henry L. Benson has sentenced John Willard, who was found guilty of stealing chickens, to two years in the state penitentiary. In pronouncing sentence, Judge Benson stated that he considered the punishment severe, under

the circumstances, but it was least ac-cording to the statute under which the case was tried.

CITY TREASURER'S NOTICE.

Office of City Treasurer, Medford, Or., Feb. 18, 1908.—Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the city treasury for the redemption of General Fund Warrants from No. 3907 to No. 3923, both inclusive, protested January 19, 1908.

Interest on the same will cease after the above date.

L. L. JACOBS,
City Treasurer.

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FRUIT TREES.

Surplus stock, 566 Bartlett pears, 200 De Angon, 25,000 Spitzenberg, 9000 Newtown, 1000 Crawford (early peach), 800 Muir peaches, 600 Elbertas. Inquire of L. B. Warner. tf

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THE BIJOU THEATER

Passion Play

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THE LIFE OF CHRIST FROM BIRTH TO ASCENSION.

Thousands of feet of film, hand-colored, clear and flickerless. Nothing so grand and beautiful ever before produced in Medford. The management of the Bijou Theater has secured the services of R. M. Combs of San Fran-cisco, an expert operator and lecturer, for this special occasion. Special music REMEMBER, THE PRICE OF ADMISSION REMAINS THE SAME —10 CENTS.

Friday and Saturday Feb. 21-22

Two Matinees, Two Evening Performances Each Day. Matinee, 3 P. M. and 4 P. M.; Evening, 7:15 and 8:15 P. M.



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Selling Price Total Amount For Acre. Cash. Notes.

Planted Orchard—			
Option 1—Planted.....	\$150	\$ 750	\$750
Option 2—Planted and cared for 1 year.....	200	1000	450
Option 3—Planted and cared for 2 years.....	247	1235	385
Option 4—Planted and cared for 3 years.....	294	1470	320
Option 5—Planted and cared for 4 years.....	341	1705	255
Option 6—Planted and cared for 5 years.....	388	1940	190
Option 7—Planted and cared for 6 years.....	435	2175	125
Option 8—Planted and cared for 7 years.....	482	2410	60
Option 9—Planted and cared for 7 1/2 years.....	500	2500	00

*Amount necessary to get deed and possession.
EASY TERMS—10 PER CENT DOWN AND 1 PER CENT PER MONTH.
Detailed information and literature will be sent upon application to our home office, 208 Humboldt Bank bldg., San Francisco, or to any real estate agent in the ROGUE RIVER VALLEY.

SPREAD THE NEWS

Colonists' Rates

Colonist Rates from all points East to Oregon from March 1 to April 30, 1908

The Southern Pacific Railroad

Announces that rates in effect March 1, 1908, will be \$38 from Chicago, \$35.50 from St. Louis, Mo.; from Missouri River common points, Council Bluffs to Kansas City, Mo., including also St. Paul, Minneapolis, \$50; from Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, \$30.

For further information call on or address

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