

**WILL INVESTIGATE
LAND LOCATIONS**

Postal Inspector Looking Into Actions of Men Who Locate People Upon Land in Railroad Grants—Many Technicalities Involved.

O. C. Riches, postal inspector, who has been investigating the actions of land locators who have been securing homesteaders to make offerings to the Oregon & California railroad on the prospects that the land granted the company some years ago is eventually to be put on the market at \$2.50 an acre, returned last night from an extended trip in Washington and Idaho, states the Portland Journal.

Mr. Riches will make the report of his findings to the United States district attorney of Oregon. Should the question be taken before the courts and it is found that the actions of the locators are illegal, several thousand persons will be affected as they have been making these filings for months. Many technicalities are involved, however, and it is an open question in the minds of many whether the land agents are doing any business which could be considered irregular.

Use Mail to Get Clients.
Owing to the recent report of R. D. Townsend, who investigated the grant last fall for the department of justice and whose report was to the effect that the government should take steps to compel the railroad to carry out the terms of the land grant, these locators have been unusually busy.

Their business is not confined to Oregon and extends over practically all of the states of the northwest. Mr. Riches has been in Spokane and other Washington towns where these agents are particularly numerous and where they have been using the mails to carry on their business.

The business of the locators is to secure customers and have them make offers to the railroad company of \$400 for 160 acres of land grant holdings. The offer, of course, is refused. Record of the proposition is made with the clerk of the county in which the land is located. The claim of the locators is that if the railroad is forced to carry out the terms of the land grant those who are now making their filings will be given the preference, owing to the offer for the land, and that eventually they will come in possession of the property.

May Lose Fees Paid.
Most of this land lies in the counties between Portland and the California line. C. L. Leavengood, an attorney of Roseburg, is one of those who has located numerous homesteaders.

The locators, Mr. Riches found, charge from \$50 to \$25 for their services, furnishing a survey and description of the land desired, and an estimate of the timber, besides attending to the other details of the transaction. At intervals the agents go to San Francisco with the names of those desiring land and make an offer to the railroad officials. Upon refusal they return to the county seats and have the offers recorded.

If it is found that the dealings of the locators are not irregular and that those now making offerings to the railroad are to be given preference over all other applicants, several thousand persons who have entered into these deals will get 160 acres of land for \$400. That is in case the railroad is forced to carry out the terms of the land grant agreement.

Should it be found that the business is legal, the homesteaders will lose the money paid the locators and the agents prosecuted for obtaining money under false pretenses.

**RENOWNED HYPNOTIST
COMING NEXT THURSDAY**

Professor Charles W. Felt, the world-renowned hypnotist, will demonstrate for three nights, commencing Thursday, the science of hypnotism, modern spiritualism, magnetism, mind-reading, mental telegraphy and mystery, at the Medford Opera House.

Professor Felt is recognized by eminent mediums as being a star of his profession. He has been developing for years for the special purpose of demonstrating the facts of spiritualism, and claims to be the only medium who ever has been able to give entire satisfaction in public halls.

Two and one-half hours of strictly moral and genteel entertainment are provided. The very latest moving pictures procurable on the Pacific coast, and the latest and most popular illustrated songs of the day are also presented. Entire change of program every performance and satisfaction guaranteed to all.

On Thursday night the professor will give the most interesting display of pictures of the destruction of San Francisco. These pictures were all taken by Professor Felt and cover a period of time from within 10 minutes after the earthquake until after the fire. Every picture will be thoroughly explained.

**WEDNESDAY THE BEGINNING
OF THE LENTEN SEASON**

With tomorrow begins the 40 days of Lent, which culminate with Easter, April 19. Ash Wednesday will be observed at St. Mark's (Episcopal) church, with a service at 10 a. m. and evening prayer and address at 8 o'clock.

Friday evening Mr. Williams will begin a series of addresses on "Moral Heroes." The first will be on Martin Luther. It is hoped to illustrate these addresses with pictures on the life of the men discussed, if it is possible to secure the right slides.

Sunday evenings during Lent the addresses will be on "Men Who Crucify Christ." Next Sunday the man considered is Judas.

You are invited to avail yourself of the opportunity presented in these services.

**FOSTER CANNING
OF SMALL FRUITS**

Great Field Presented by Oregon for Establishing a Great Industry—Never Over a Hundred Cars of Canned Stuff Sent Out in One Year.

Phenomenal interest in the fruit-packing industry throughout the state of Oregon was made during 1907. Under the direct encouragement of the Southern Pacific company the number of canneries has increased and the acreage given over to fruitgrowing to supply the canneries has increased accordingly. This has been due largely to the efforts of C. A. Malboeuf, district freight agent for the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, states the Oregonian.

It is Mr. Malboeuf's plan to foster the canning of small fruits in this state until this shall become a very great industry. All conditions, he says, are favorable to the success of this plan. Meetings of fruitgrowers have been held under Mr. Malboeuf's direction throughout the Willamette valley and a great impetus has been given to make Oregon a great fruitcanning state. The movement has had the indorsement of the newspapers and the active assistance of commercial organizations throughout the valley.

Increase in Acreage.
The interest of all sections in fruitcanning is shown, not only by the commercial bodies, but by practical fruitgrowers, and the increase in the acreage of fruit and vegetables grown only for canning purposes is remarkable. In 1906 there were only four fruit-canneries in the Willamette valley. The annual capacity of these plants was 65,000 cases of fruit. In 1907, as the result of development work done by the Southern Pacific, three additional canneries were put up, making a total capacity of 75,000 cases.

In 1908 there will be built, or under construction, three additional canneries, making a total of ten big fruit-packing plants in the Willamette valley, with a minimum capacity of 150,000 cases. Two of the canneries built last year have done so well that they will double their capacity in order to take care of the coming season's crop. Canneries are now in operation, during the fruit season, at Ashland, Grants Pass, Eugene, Salem, Yoncalla. New canneries have been built or are being built at Medford, Mounmouth and Newberg. Cannery companies have been established and will build plants in time to care for the season's crop at Corvallis, Dallas, Woodburn and Monroe. In all probability Roseburg and West Seio, too, will build and equip canneries this year.

Cars of Canned Fruit.
In the vicinity of Salem hundreds of acres have been set out in cherries, berries and other small fruits. Fruit tracts are in greater demand than ever before. Lane county is going to make a specialty of growing cherries, and hundreds of acres are being set out in the vicinity of Eugene. Several hundred acres of tomatoes will be planted in the vicinity of Grants Pass and in the Umpqua valley, which is one of the best tomato-growing sections of the state. The tomato acreage will be greater than ever this year, provided a cannery is established at Roseburg. The total number of cars of canned fruits shipped from Oregon in any one season has never been over 100. Under ordinary crop conditions, shipments will easily reach 250 cars this year, says Mr. Malboeuf, and the number will increase from year to year as the value of the industry is demonstrated and the increased fruit acreage comes into bearing. Mr. Malboeuf believes the state will be sending away 1000 cars within the next five years.

Special rates have been made by the Southern Pacific company on canned goods and on tin and all cannery supplies and all possible encouragement is being given the industry with a view to fostering and developing it to the fullest extent.

JACKSONVILLE ITEMS.

Today is town election and a hot battle is expected between the officers of recorder and marshal.

Misses Mildred and Nina Neil of Hutto Falls are visiting with their grandfather, Judge Neil.

Joe McDaniel, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, was pronounced out of danger by the doctor yesterday.

The first political rally of the season was held at the town hall last night. Rev. Mr. Shields of the Medford Presbyterian church spoke in behalf of the Anti-Saloon league. The school band and the old band have combined and furnished first-class music on the street before the speaking.

Charles Nickell was over from Medford Monday.

**PORTLAND MAN KILLED
IN HOME BY POLICEMAN**

PORTLAND, March 3.—In the presence of the guests at a birthday party given in honor of his wife, Henry Shaffer, a longshoreman, 35 years of age, was shot and killed in his own home Sunday night by Nathan H. Suttler, a policeman. The shooting was done in the kitchen of the Shaffer residence, at 324 Failing street, corner of Mallory avenue, at 7:10 o'clock, and was the result of a dispute that arose when the policeman threatened to place Shaffer and his guests under arrest for disorderly conduct. Suttler was summoned to the Shaffer home, it is said, by one of the neighbors, J. Holsworth, of 805 Mallory avenue, who is the owner of the quarter block on which the Shaffer house stands, and who is said to have objected to the sounds of revelry that grew louder as the birthday party progressed.

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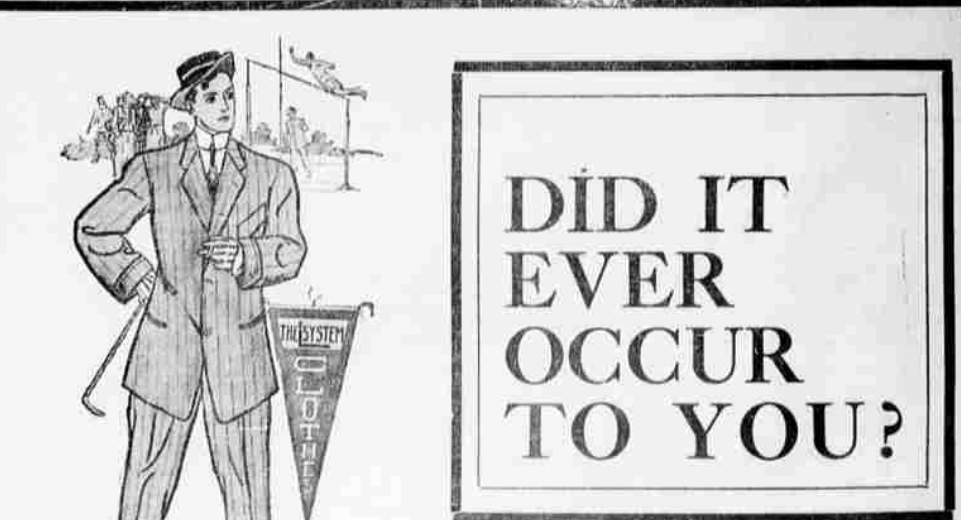
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