

**MILITARY GRANT
REPORTED SOLD**

Contract Closed for Transfer of Half Million Acres to Eastern Syndicate—Land to Be Cut Up and Sold in Small Tracts—Extends Across End of State.

A contract has been closed for the transfer and immediate colonization of the lands of the Oregon Military Land Grant company, comprising 500,000 acres in Southern Oregon. The deal was consummated by H. A. Hunter, president of the land grant company. The grant is taken over by the corporation, to be known as the Oregon Valley Land company of Kansas City, Mo. The consideration is about \$1,500,000.

A complete plan of colonization has been adopted, following the lines of the purchasers in the disposition and settlement last year of the San Luis Valley Land company's large holdings in Colorado. The negotiations between President Hunter of the Oregon grant and the eastern people have been under way for nearly a year and its successful conclusion means much for the southern part of Oregon west of the Cascade mountains.

Open New Region.
The great tract held for so many years by the Booth-Kelly company, and later by the Hunter organization, has never yet been offered to the public and has remained practically a sealed book to the people at large, although it has for a quarter of a century been known as a region of vast development possibilities. Since the last year's active campaign of surveying by Harriman railroad engineers through central and southern Oregon the grant has come into notice more than ever before. It will be tapped by the Oregon Eastern railway to be built by the Southern Pacific and the Oregon Short Line.

The grant has for several years been owned principally by H. A. Hunter and Congressman Andrus of Minnesota. It extends in a strip 12 miles wide from the summit of the Cascades to the Snake river opposite Silver City, Idaho. The portion involved in the transfer just made begins at the east side of the Klamath Indian reservation and includes all the lands east of that division point.

From the day the grant was made by congress in 1864 nothing has been done to encourage settlement and development. The new owners propose immediately to reverse this policy and will encourage settlement by the sale of the lands in small tracts.

**MANY ENJOY MUSIC
AND DINNER AT NASH**

More people enjoyed the music and table d'hôte dinner at the Hotel Nash Sunday evening than any evening this season, and both the music and dinner were worthy of a city many times the size of Medford. The program rendered by the Hazelrigg orchestra was an unusually popular one, filled with tuneful melodies and the favorite received so much applause that encores were in order.

Manager McMahon of the Nash deserves the greatest credit for these Sunday evening gastronomic and musical treats, which are becoming quite a feature in the social life of the community. They are one of the best diversions that Medford has, and both hotel guests and townspeople are fond of their prizes.

For a traveling man to find a hotel service equal to that of the best cafes of Portland or San Francisco, with all the accompaniments, in a small city like Medford is both a surprise and a delight, and the news that Medford is a live town is spread far and wide.

**EASTER SERVICES AT
THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Large and appreciative audiences were in attendance at both morning and evening services at the Christian church.

The chorus, under the direction of Fred S. Day, rendered splendid numbers, consisting of Easter songs and anthems. These were thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience present.

Mrs. E. R. Seely gave a reading which was rendered in a very effective manner. Mrs. Seely has a pleasing address.

The short address by the pastor was listened to with thoughtful attention. The subject, "A Gladsome Easter Message," was in keeping with the occasion and was appreciated by the large concourse of hearers.

The evening exercises were also very interesting. The anthem, "Seals are Shattered" was especially worthy of mention. The minister spoke on the subject, "The General Resurrection; the Last Judgment and the New Jerusalem."

The church was beautifully decorated. The memories of the Easter day will live long in the hearts of those present.

**SMITH LICENSE CASE
TO BE DECIDED SOON**

The case of the City of Medford vs. Alfred Smith, which was submitted to the court last Saturday, was taken under advisement by Judge Hanna and will be decided after the judge's return from Grants Pass. Mr. Smith, it will be remembered, was arrested for selling real estate without having procured a license.

Chris Ulrick of Jacksonville transacted business in Medford Monday.

**PREDICTS RAPID
GROWTH OF CITY**

Spokane Real Estate Broker Says Medford Should Have Twenty Thousand People in Two Years—Property Owners Should Build.

"Medford should have a population of 15,000 or 20,000 within two years," said J. Mulloy, a prominent real estate broker of Spokane, who has been visiting Medford. He is charmed with the valley and predicts a great future for the city.

"Our firm in the past two years plotted and sold in small orchard tracts nearly 5000 acres near Spokane," said Mr. Mulloy. "We have spent in advertising alone over \$100,000 and we have seen in this time a community of 15,000 people grow up in East Spokane, and our country doesn't have the advantages you have here.

"You want to keep things humming here. Get people to build when there is demand. Let property-owners sell when they can get a good margin of profit, if they won't build themselves. Get more live men in from the outside, and you'll have a city here before you know it."

Mr. Mulloy may return to take up an orchard proposition he has under consideration. On a special train while here, he visited Eagle Point, which he regards as one of the most promising sections of the valley.

**STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM
ARE ON THE WAY**

The Hood River district will produce, unless mishap follows, 70 cars of strawberries this season. This will mean about 70,000 crates of 24 boxes each as compared with 60,000 crates a year ago. This means about 1,680,000 pounds of fruit.

Fine Apples Are Too Fine.

Because of the financial situation in the east, some packers of the finest apples found that they could not obtain their money within a reasonable time and therefore larger supplies of this quality were forced upon the Portland market. At this time one firm has quite liberal stocks of extra fancy Yellow Newtowns, which are rather slow sellers at \$2.50 and \$3 a box. The trade is taking more to fancy grades because of the very high price of the better fruit. The fruit of this extra quality is quoted less today than it could be purchased at the start of the season; storage charges added.—Portland Journal.

Widows to Get Increased Pensions.

The pension commissioner has announced that widows now on the pension roll would not be required to make application for the increase from \$8 to \$12 a month recently voted by congress. The commissioner has instructed the pension agencies to put the law into effect automatically, the first payment of the increase to be made May 4.

**SIX-MILE CANAL IN
WOOD RIVER VALLEY**

Senator Amer Weed has signed a contract with J. Frank Adams for the construction of a canal six miles in length in Wood River valley. Mr. Adams is to begin work as soon as he can get his dredger on the ground. The channel will be 24 feet in width at the top and will be four feet deep. It will keep the flood waters off a large area of land owned by Mr. Weed and will also give him water connection with his ranch. During the spring Wood river gets out of its banks and inundates a vast area of grazing and meadow lands. The dike that the dredger will construct will confine the waters of the river and the channel will act as a drainage canal. Mr. Weed has undertaken this work alone and will use the canal solely for the improvement of his property.

**NO MORE BOOZE FOR
TRAVELERS ON PULLMANS**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—Pullman cars are "dry" now.

Following its decision of last February to abolish the sale of all liquors on its cars in every part of the United States, Canada and Mexico as soon as the stock on hand could be disposed of without loss, the Pullman company has finally put that rule into effect, and given strict instructions to Division Superintendent Lincoln on this coast and all its other division superintendents to see to it that the rule is not deviated from in the least.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, Attention.

There will be a joint meeting of Medford lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F., and Olive Rebekah lodge, No. 28, at the I. O. O. F. hall Saturday evening, April 25, to celebrate the anniversary of Odd Fellowship. A fine program will be rendered and banquet to follow. Visiting brothers and wives cordially invited.

By order of committee. 28

Coal for Sale.

We are now prepared to furnish hand picked coal at the mine, five miles east of town, in any amount desired \$5.00 a ton.

Ed Robinson, a rancher on Wagner creek, was a business caller in Medford Tuesday.

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**Wise Talks By
the Office Boy**



Pa says a rose by any other name would be just as expensive back east this time of year. I sometimes think he pines for the piney woods in old Penobscot, Frappe County, Maine, where he was raised—but that's one thing yours truly never yearns for. The good mountains and the good old ocean and nice old Oregon atmosphere are good enough for m. But it's all in how you were raised. Pa likes clam chowder and corn on the cob, and harvest apples and a lot of things that a kid who was born this side of the snow sheds hasn't had much chance to get acquainted with. Those who have lived on both sides of this great country and lived long enough to know what's what can get all those things just as nice one place as another, if you know where to buy. We've got clam chowder from Boston that is just as nice as any you ever ate on the sand, and lots of other things that have that "Down East" taste.

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