### Estate Nearly As Large As Rhode Island Is to Be Thrown Open

(By C. M. Hyskell)

FORT GARLAND, COLO., August 31 An estate nearly as large as the state of Rhode Island is to be added to the inhabited portion of Oregon by the opening and colonization of the historic Oregon Military road Land Grant, com-prising 500,000 acres in a strip 12 miles wide extending through southern Ore-gon. The company controlling the grant have adopted the auction allotment plan this week successfully tried out in the allotment of 65,000 acres here in in the San Luis valley of Colorado.

It was amazing to see the facility and harmony with which 6752 farms and the same number of town lots were distributed among 6752 men, en-tire strangers to each other, who hailed from 21 states and were representative of the best class of the middle west farmers and land seekers. The lands are irrigable. The company has on deposit \$250,000 for a reservoir and canals, and now has the plant about two thirds completed.

### Devoted to Gain.

Although at an elevation of 8000 feet the San Luis valley produces gen-erous crops of grain and vegetables. The homescekers pitched a tent city among the cottonwoods along the creek and put up a large tent in which the busines of the land opening was to be transacted. They elected thre trustees, Robert M. Rankin of Aurora, Neb., F. A. Hiberger of Wichita, Kansas and Geo. McNair of San Angelo. Texas, to conduct the allotment. The farms and lots had ben sold by the San Luis Valley Land company and each man held a clearance receipt, nominally a contract for a ded to a farm and a town lot. These contracts provided for a distribution by the auction plan, but the holder had become uneasy, because the lands looked good and there was a possibility of lively bidding in excess of \$150, the amount each had paid for his farm contract. After a conference with the postal authorities and R. J. Martin, president of the San Luis Valley Land company, the plan of the com pany became more fully understood by the trustees, who then endorsed and presented it to the general meeting, Thereafter not a moment's hitch or curred. The partitioning went through with remarkable rapidity, and in six days the 6752 farms and 6752 lots were distributed. Briefly the plan is as

### Scheme of Allotment.

An auctioneer who understands the proceeding comes upon the scene with bexes, a correct list of all contract holders, and lists of the farms and lots. he writes the names of the contract holders on a slip of paper and puts them in one box. Similar slips, each containing number and acreage of farm and number and block of a lot, are placed in the other box. After being well shaken the names are then drawn out and written on 'club sheets,' each containing spaces for ten names. Each club elects a captain, or has one appointed. The auctioneer now draws from the other hox slips containing the farm and lot numbers, and as they come out they are written in the spaces of posite the names of the club members The partitioning is then conducted from

Plats of the farms and lots having been distributed to each contract holder he is enabled to know what he is getting. As each number is called out of the auctioneer, the club captain having road.

The testimony was taken at an ad The testimony was taken at an ad name is opposite. If the person desires a farm other than the one drawn for him he can get it by bidding a premium above the \$150. The plan thus gives timber products, and that production him power to make his own selection of a farm and lot. The auction feature is the thread from which hangs the whole proceeding, and the bidding is the test by which it is made valid under the postal laws, although sentiment ton. It has ben reported that the rail against bidding premiums may be so road would be taken over by the Mil-

The plan has been hailed with joy
by the land men the country over, as
it offers a solution of the problem of
carrying on large operations in selling
SALOONS AND IS CAL and colonizing remote western lands under the double handicap of interstate commerce commission passenger transportation restrictions and the gov-ornment's prohibition of land allot-ments by lottery. There will be some minor changes made for the Oregon opening plan.

### DISPATCHES INDICATE

One of the dispatcher from Nuddea discovered that he are successful Dist population.

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### LABOR LEADERS ARE

ALL FOR W. J. BRYAN

WASHINGTON, August 31,-President Compers of the American Federa tion of Labor had a conference yes-torday with the labor leaders who are to participate in the political campaign as speakers. The present issue of the Federationists, the official organ, con-tains expression of opinions on the politreal situation, pledging levalty to the Federation's attitude, by John Mitchell former president of the United Mine Workers of America, and who is still second vice president of the Federation; vice president James Dancan and Dan-iel J. Keene, of the Federation; L. R.

Thomas, secretary of the Metal Trades Federation of North America; President P. J. McArdle of the Amalgamated Iron Steel and Tin Workers; Secretary-Treas uter Jere L. Sullivan of the Hotel and Restaurant Employes; Secretary Treas urer J. C. Skemp of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Langers; Secretary Owen Miller of the merican Federation of Musicians; In ernational President Kline of the Biacksmiths' organization; President John Golden of the United Textile Yorkers of America; International Sec Amalgamated Meat Cutters; Editors Walter MacArthur of the Coast Sea-men's Journal, and John P. Frey, of the International Moulders' Journal, and these additional officers of the Federation: Chairman Thomas F. Traey, of the executive committee; Organizers M. Grant Hamilton, Cal Wyatt, Philip J. Burne, Emmett T. Flood, Chris Evans, George C. Campbell, and Jerome Jones

and Treasurer John B. Lennon.
In an official statement President Sompers said that since last October 2,000,000 wealth producers had been thrown upon the streets in idleness "There will not and there must not be created in the United States," he addworkers.

### BIG IRRIGATION PROJECT

IS NOW UNDER WAY

That the farmers and orehardists of considerable portion of Josephine ounty are about to realize a substantial fruition of the agitation for irri-gation which has found expression in n number of impromptu meetings of various men and farmers in this city during the past few weeks is tangibly vonebed for by the fact that a meeting of the executive board of the Commercial Club was called this afternoon for a mas meting of all the farmers, and busines men as well, to be held at the opera house for a general discussion of an irrigation project that will reclaim some 30,000 acres of the best fruit lands

of the county.

It is hoped that the final result of this mass meeting will be the organiz-ation of an irrigation district as pro-vided by law and the legal elections necessary to consumate the plans, will plans for the irrigation scheme now under way provide for a high line ditch on the opposite side of the river from the city of Grants Pass and another low line ditch, both of which will thoroughly cover the greater portion of the best lands on the other side of the river down as far as Applegate which latte nder a fair system of irrigation from the Applegate The project as now contemplated will treble the productivity of the land which it will cover and the net result of immeasurable value to the city of Grants Pass as well as the farmers and

orchardists who own the land.
All farmers thus far consulted in the enterprise as now contemplated have become aroused to the wonderful benefits to be derived and are enthusiastic plans.-Courier.

### WILL EXHAUST TIMBER

IN FIFTEEN YEARS

OLYMPIA, August 31,— An estimate that the merchantable timber along the line of the Tacoma & Eastern railroad will be exhausted in 15 years was furwished the railroad

journed hearing on the valuations of the several railroads of the state. Presiwould be at its greatest height in about five years.

The Tacoma & Eastern extends from Tacoma southeasterly into one of the finest timber belts in western Washing ton. It has ben reported that the rail strong that the bidding was kept down to a low minimum. The highest bid at the San Lais valley was \$400. A tract with improvements worth \$5000 went for \$150.

### SALOONS AND IS CAPTURED

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 31,-A man whro calls himself William Thomas and who is said by the police to be an ex-convict, was arrested early today after he had broken into three saloons and made an ineffectual at tempt to rob Michael McCauley, a bartender, in another saloon.

Thomas went into a saloon just off CIVIL WAR IN PERSIA Market street on Fourth and called to the bartender to hold up his hands. TEHERAN, August 31 .- That Persia McCauley refused and ran out into the

is on the vergile of a civil war and that the provinces are in a tests of that the provinces are in a tests of when the poince arrived Thomas was anarchy are indicated by dispatches received here tellay.

One of the dispatcher from Nuddea discovered that he had lost from three

ter, which speaks of many North Da kota people who a Rogue River valley:

Portland, August 25.—Mr. A. H. Mil-ler, Medford Commercial Club, Medford Oregou-Dear Sir: I have a most ca thusiastic letter from an active railroad man of the east, in which he says: "The Rogue River valley is all the talk in Dakota, and certainly there is no wonder that this is true after one has seen that famous valley."

My informant advised that at least dozen families are leaving his section for points in the Rogue River valley but I am pledged not to give you the names of these newcomers, I presume this is on account of his railroad con nection. I felt that you would be much interested in this. Yery truly yours,

CHICO, August 31,-Mrs. Annie K. Bidwell has stated that she will not throw open the gates to Chico Canyon and Vallambrossa, the extensive park grounds she has given the city, unti-both Chico and Butte county have voted or prohibition

Mrs. Bidwell has been annoyed by picnic parties in the past on account of beer bottles that were senttered about the park. When the park, which contains 1,900 acres, was deeded to the city two years ago, the deed was so worded that the control of the property rests with Mrs. Bidwell during her life

### HOTEL FOR THE PASS

The Courier says: Mr. and Mrs. B. F Banks, proprietors of the Banks restau-rant and boarding house on east Front street, have just completed arrange ments for the erection of a splendid 50 foot front, three story brick building on the site of their present location The new structure will be 100 feet long surrounded by cement walks and wil be especially designed to meet the re quirements of a first class hotel. I will contain 38 bed rooms, large, airy and well lighted. This building who completed and furnished ready for cupancy will have cost \$10,000.

### GIRL HAD "GREAT TIME"

CHICO, August 31,—Attired in her brother's Sunday clothes and appearing as a stranger, Miss Mazie Thomasson, comely young woman of this city, ac companied her sister to a South Sid Park dance recently and had the pleasure of daneing with nearly all the young women present, without any of them b ing the wiser. Her sister, Miss Edith, of course knew the secret.

some young man did Miss Thomossor make that the swains who were presen became quite jealous of "his" tentions to the gentler sex.

### BURY THE HATCHET

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 31 .-There is rejoicing in the Greek colony here today because peace refgus for the first time in years. Through the influ-ence of L. A. Cormomilas, Greek minister to the United States, who came here for that purpose, the warring fac-tions of the local colony have buried hatchets and sworn henceforth to live

Cormomilas has been here for sev ral weeks investigating the causes un derlying the war in the Greek colony here. Last night he addressed a mass ing Prospective Settlers meeting of Greeks at Lyric hall. He advised them to be peaceable and forget their differences. They took the advice and today declare that there will

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No. 13 San Francisco Exp. . 3:20 p. n No. 225 From Grants Pass. | 9:15 p. m No. 225 For Ashland . . . . | 10:15 p. m PACIFIC & EASTERN RAILWAY

No. 1 Leaves Medford .... 1 8:10 a. m No. 3 Leaves Medford . . No. 3 Arrives Medford . . 10:28 a. m No. 4 Arrives Medford . . . .

ROQUE RIVER VALLEY RAILWAY No. 2 Leaves Medford ... .110:45 a. m No. 4 Leaves Medford.... Motor Leaves Medford.... 2:00 p m G. M. JONES,

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Motor Leaves Medford. ... 9:00 p. m.

No. 1 Leaves Jacksonville. 9:00 a. m.

Motor Leaves Jacksonville. 3:30 p. m.

Motor Leaves Jacksonville. 1:30 p. m.

Metor Leaves Jacksonville. 7:30 p. m.

MAIL CLOSES. Eagle Point..... Northbound ..... Southbound

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The two have kept the joke to them-selves, but it was too good to keep long and has leaked out. Such a hand-