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OREGON LAND OPEN TO SETTLERS

95,000 Acres Between Coos Bay and Roseburg Forfeited to the Government.

San Francisco, Feb. 13—Ninety-six thousand acres of Oregon lands lying between Coos Bay and Roseburg was ordered forfeited to the government in a decision today by the United States circuit court of appeals here, sustaining the decision of the Oregon court and throwing the land open to settlers.

The land was granted to the Coos Bay Wagon company by congress in 1867 with provision that it should not be sold at more than \$2.50 per acre nor more than 160 acres to any individual. Subsequently it fell into the hands of the Southern Oregon company, the defendants, against whom the government brought suit to recover title, alleging violation of the provisions of the grant.

It was said that the Southern Oregon company will take an appeal to the United States supreme court.

New County's Records Show There is No Crime.

Bend, Wash., Feb. 14—Since the establishment of Deschutes county, two months ago, Bend and the surrounding country have been virtually without crime. Two arrests on county cases, and a scant-half dozen by city officers, are shown by an examination of the records, while no county prisoners have as yet been jailed. Only one suit for divorce has been filed in the two months.

Yamhill Youth is Killed

Yamhill, Or., Feb. 13—John Henry Baycr, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bayer, of Yamhill, was instantly killed by a falling tree February 8, at the Kerry Timber company's Sunny-side camp, where he was a hook tender. His body was brought to Yamhill, where funeral services were held last Sunday, conducted by Rev. Mr. Brymer, of the Methodist church.

Silver at Highest in Years

New York, Feb. 13—The price of bar silver continues to climb, a new high record for many years being made today at 79 cents an ounce. This is an advance of 1 1/2 over last week's high quotation and 13 cents above the selling price about a year ago.

Electric Sparks

America first, as well as Safety First. New York has imported for additions to its zoo, four Tasmanian devils.

No wonder Mexico gets along so badly, with Carranza as its "head."

Now Sec. Lansing and Senator Stone have been figuring on raising the \$25,000,000 with which to pay for the Danish West Indies. Perhaps you thought the money was waiting in the Treasury.

The dove of peace will have to coo a little louder to be heard above the roar of the heavy artillery.

Maybe Europe will ask for a declaration as to what Mexico and the United States are differing about.

Secretary Daniels attributes the high bids of American manufacturers to the fact that the decision to permit foreign firms to bid was kept secret. Evidently the Navy Department is leakproof.

Every now and then some western legislator make clear his opinion that it ought to be possible to hold a perfectly good investigation without the help of a New York lawyer.

The lack excitement permitted every body to forget for a time that such things as railway strikes or indiscriminate submarine warfare had ever been threatened for January.

A hero of the sea who combined with fortitude of character gentleness of personality, Admiral Dewey was one of the figure this republic can ill afford to lose.

Tom Lawson evidently does not care how much apology material he turns out.

Now that the great Jo'ra is the Marshal of France his name isn't any easier to pronounce.

A twentieth Century girl, has no more use for a man who is fresh, than for one who is stale.

Economy is a hard road to travel but it leads to the land of wealth.

American navy men must be good ones if Roosevelt was correct when he said Dewey was a type of them.

A dispatch refers to Vernon Castle as being an instructor in the English aviation school, the apparent mistake probably being due to the fact that Vernon has been giving some dancing lessons since going abroad to study aviation.

Wycliffe's Bible.
John Wycliffe completed the translation of the whole Bible for the first time into the language of the English people. He was born near Richmond, in Yorkshire, England, about 1324.

When Pattens Were Worn.
Americans find it more difficult than the English to understand what Dickens means when he says in "David Copperfield," "Women went clicking along the pavements in pattens." Pattens were an abbreviated form of stilts. The word is also used by builders as the name of the base of a column or pillar, and so architecturally the patten is the support used by a woman to keep her out of the water and mud. From this architectural use has come the secondary application of the word, meaning an arrangement attached to the shoe so that the walker is raised three or four inches above the solid earth, says Popular Science Monthly. If the mud and water did not exceed that depth the shoes were thus kept fairly dry.

It appears that pattens were not worn solely by the rich, but were luxuries indulged in by the very poor. In speaking of a person who was not especially speedy Ben Jonson uses the comparison, "You make no more haste than a beggar upon pattens."

Wrecked by a Knife Blade.
A ship was once wrecked on the Irish coast. The captain was a careful one. Nor had the weather been of so severe a kind as to explain the wide distance which the vessel had swerved from her proper course. The ship went down, but so much interest attached to the disaster that a diving bell was sunk. Among other portions of the vessel that were examined was the compass that was swung on the deck, and inside the compass box was detected a bit of steel, which appeared to be the small point of a pocketknife blade. It was learned that the day before the wreck a sailor who had been set cleaning the compass had used his pocketknife in the process and had unceremoniously broken off the point and left it remaining in the box. That bit of knife blade exerted its influence on the compass and to a degree that deflected the needle from its proper bent and vitiated it as an index of the ship's direction. That bit of knife blade wrecked the vessel.

Coming In Out of the Wet.
There is an amusing story by Athenaeus which suggests the possible origin of the phrase "He does not know enough to come in out of the wet." According to the entertaining grammarian referred to, a town in Greece under stress of evil circumstances borrowed money from a rich man, who took as security for the loan a mortgage on the handsome portico which surrounded the market place. He was not an ungenerous creditor, for when it rained he caused the town criers to announce that the citizens had permission to take refuge under the colonnade. Strangers visiting the town who failed to have the matter properly explained to them were so impressed by the extraordinary circumstances that they spread abroad the report that the people were so stupid that they had to be told when to come in out of the wet.

Early Insurance.
William Gibbons of London is said to have been the first man to have his life insured. On June 18, 1833, he signed a contract with eight men by the terms of which he was to have his life insured for £283 for one year for 8 per cent of this amount. In 1850 a resident of a Connecticut city was traveling in England and became interested in the workings of accident insurance for travelers. So he came home and promoted the first accident insurance company in this country. His first client was a resident of Hartford, whom he insured for \$5,000 against injury in his stroll from the postoffice to his home. Marine insurance goes back to the early part of the fourteenth century and comes from

People of Sardinia.
Sardinians retain traces of the many races which have occupied the island through the centuries—Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans, Saracens, Italians and Spaniards. Many dialects are spoken, but Italian is now taught in the schools.—Exchange.

Truthful Excuse.
"The sheriff caught his young assistant writing love letters in business hours today."
"What did the young fellow say when he was taxed with doing so?"
"Said he was not shirking his duty, as they were all writs of attachment."
—Baltimore American.

Wild Ducks.
Canvasback and redhead ducks, which are very quick of movement, after deep diving are capable of taking flight immediately upon coming to the surface of the water. They do not spring directly upward into the air, but fly at first at an angle until they reach the desired elevation. Surface feeding wild fowl, like the black duck, pintail and teal, fly directly upward from the surface of the water if the emergency demands it.

What It Would Do.
A teacher was endeavoring to explain the term "facsimile" to his class. "Now," he remarked to one sharp youth, "what is your father's trade or profession?"
"He's a lithographer," was the reply.
"Very well. Supposing a man came to your father with a document which he wanted reproducing in every particular, your father agreed and the document was faithfully copied, what would it be?"
"Well," replied the boy thoughtfully, "it depends."
"On what?" asked the teacher.
"On the document."
"How so?"
"Well, if it was a ten dollar bill, for instance, the other would be a counterfeit. If the document was a check the copy would be a forgery."
"You don't understand what I mean."
"Oh, yes, I'm quite sure I do," went on the boy, "I'm just coming to it now. In either case I reckon it would be about ten years."

John Smith and Pocahontas.
About a mile below Richmond, in what is now the brickyard region, there used to stand the residence of the Mayo family, a place known as Powhatan. This place has long been pointed out as the scene of the saving of Smith by the Indian girl, but late research has proved that, though Smith did come up the James to the present site of Richmond, his capture by the Indians did not occur here, but in the vicinity of Jamestown. The Indians took him first to one of their villages on York river, near the present site of West Point, Va., and thence to a place on the same stream in the county of Gloucester, where the powhatan, or tribal chief, resided. Here, on the west side of the river, some nine miles from Williamsburg, the scene of Smith's rescue by Pocahontas has been located.—Julian Street in Collier's.

Overhang Houses.
By the year 1670 wooden chimneys and log houses of the Plymouth and Bay colonies were replaced by more slightly houses of two stories, which were frequently built with the second story jutting out a foot or two over the first and sometimes with the attic story still further extending over the second story. This "overhang" is popularly supposed to have been built for the purpose of affording a convenient shooting place from which to repel the Indians. This is, however, a historic fable. The overhanging second story was a common form of building in England in the time of Queen Elizabeth, and the Massachusetts and Rhode Island settlers simply and naturally copied their old homes.

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Weather Report.

Following is the report of U. S. Volunteer Cooperative Observer, E. Britt, Jacksonville, for month of Jan. Latitude 42 deg. 18. min. north; longitude 123 deg. 5 min. west.

Date	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
1	32	27	.04
2	35	31	.84
3	38	31	.04
4	38	32	
5	42	33	
6	37	31	.22
7	39	31	
8	38	36	
9	35	25	
10	30	19	
11	30	20	
12	28	31	
13	32	10	
14	37	16	
15	36	15	
16	36	13	
17	38	13	
18	41	17	
19	40	19	
20	41	22	
21	44	33	.09
22	43	27	
23	44	32	
24	45	24	
25	47	26	
26	42	30	
27	45	31	
28	45	35	1.00
29	43	33	.20
30	35	23	.33
31	32	18	2.78

Temperature—mean max. 38.32; mean min. 24.64; mean 31.48. Max 47. on 25. Minimum, 10, on 13. Greatest daily range, 21. Total precipitation 2.78 inches. Greatest in 24 hours, 1.00 in., on 28. Number of days with 0.1 inch or more precipitation, 9, clear, 8; partly cloudy, 4; cloudy, 19. Precipitation for season, 10.58. Precipitation for last season 11.60. E. BRITT, Cooperative Observer.

Fairview Store Robbed

Fairview, Or., Feb. 13—The general merchandise store of J. O. Davis, in this place, was entered by burglars last night and thoroughly ransacked, \$15 in cash being taken from the till and several pairs of shoes and other articles of merchandise were carried off. There was no clue left as to the identity of the thieves, who broke through a window to gain entrance to the store. The officers are investigating.

Civil War Veteran Dies

Forest Grove, Or., Feb. 13—Elias C. Smith, aged 85 years and for 30 years a hotel man in Forest Grove, died at his home Monday afternoon after an illness of two months. The funeral was held today at 2 o'clock under the auspices of the local G. A. R., of which he was former department commander. Mr. Smith was born in Ohio and after a residence in Illinois, from which state he enlisted, he came to Oregon in 1871.

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