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U. S. WINS O. & C. LAND GRANT SUIT

Supreme Court Holds Law Valid; Property Worth \$30,000,000.

Washington, April 23—In deciding the Oregon-California land case today, the supreme court affirmed the Oregon federal court's decree enjoining the Southern Pacific railroad from disposing of timber and minerals on its lands received by congressional grant.

By the same decision the government won its suit against the Southern Pacific railroad to regain nearly 2,300,000 acres of Oregon and Washington land, worth \$30,000,000.

The Chamberlain-Ferris law of 1916, forfeiting and divesting the railroad's title to the lands granted by congress in 1886 and providing for federal sale of the lands, timber and minerals was upheld as constitutional.

Through Justice McKenna the court held that the Oregon federal court's decree enjoining sale by the railroad of timber and minerals on the land was entirely in accordance with the supreme court's previous orders. The decision was unanimous and entirely in favor of the government except as to costs of the litigation—a considerable sum—the court ordering that the government should not receive its costs.

This decision of the supreme court sustaining the government's claims entails:

Forfeiting the railroad's title to land timber and minerals, with future payment to the railroad of \$2.50 an acre for the land only.

Denial to the railroad of any proceeds from timber and minerals.

Disposition of timber, mineral, power and agricultural rights under direction of the interior and agricultural departments.

\$1,300,000 in Taxes Due.

Payment to Oregon and Washington of about \$1,300,000 in taxes due.

Pendleton Woman Is Urged to Allot Lands.

Washington, April 23—Pendleton citizens recommend the appointment of Mrs. Sabina Morton as allotting agent for the surplus Umatilla reservation lands. Indian Commissioner Sells says the job of allotting land is small and probably will be handled by the agency superintendent.

BOOTLEGGERS ARE SENTENCED.

Beeler Gets Two Months, Wilson One Month Kelly Appeals.

C. V. Beeler and Joe Wilson of Ashland, found guilty in justice court at Medford Saturday of illegally selling liquor, were sentenced by Justice Taylor Monday.

Beeler was sentenced to two months in the county jail and a fine of \$500 and costs. Wilson drew a fine of \$200 and costs and a thirty days' sentence in the county jail. E. E. Kelly, attorney for the two men, gave notice of appeal to the circuit court. Pending this appeal, Beeler was released under \$500 bail and Wilson under \$250 bail.

In imposing sentence, Justice Taylor said: "In my opinion, from the evidence given at the trial the jury in finding these men guilty did the only thing it possibly could do. In Beeler's case I can see no extenuating circumstances whatever, so I fine him \$500 and sentence him to two months in jail.

"As to Wilson, there are extenuating circumstances, as he has labored from childhood up under misfortune, and therefore has not had an opportunity like other men of making his way in the world. Nevertheless, he is equally as guilty as Beeler, and I fine him \$200 and sentence him to thirty days in jail."

Business Men Urged To Take Vacations On Farms.

Eugene, Or., April 24—"Selective conscription" of business men to aid in cultivating and harvesting the crops of the Willamette valley this summer and fall was proposed at a meeting of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce last night and a motion embodying the plan was adopted. C. D. Rorer, president of a local bank, proposed that each business man, in lieu of his annual vacation, enlist for service on the farm for two weeks at the prevailing rate of wages. A committee was appointed to carry the plan into effect.

Russia too, had its "little group of Willful men," but most of them are under guard.

Germany will be greatly surprised to learn that Mr. Bryan is not really the representative American.

HALF-WRECKED WORLD

Anxious Days For The World's Rulers.

That was a great speech made by Lloyd George at the American Club (London) luncheon last week. His description of the world changing from the old tyrannies to democracies was fine; not one man in a million could have stated it in words so felicitous.

As we see it the rulers of the nations should be most anxious these days.

All Europe and Asia in war. Thousands of men dying daily; tens of thousands maimed; millions of homes in mourning and despair; the merciless demon of poverty ruling everywhere; famine stalking abroad to count its victims; all industries crippled; all the world outside the war zone perturbed; commerce fettered; trade congested; the wisest of men helpless; and still behind all the truth that the people of the nations, in and out of the war zone hold no grievance toward each other. What a commentary on the incompetency of rulers; what a debt accumulating for them to explain!

The strain has revolutionized Russia; it has practically given Poland back her rights; it has shaken to the center the inertia that has held central Asia in a vise for twenty centuries; where is the end to be and what is to be the final settlement?

Surely, these should be anxious days for this world's rulers.—Goodwin's Weekly.

Situation In Belgium Declared Very Grave.

New York, April 24—The commission for relief in Belgium has made public a cablegram from Emile Francqui, acting chairman of the Belgian national committee, in which the situation in Belgium is described as "very grave."

"Native foods are scarce," the message asserted, "and 99 per cent of the population are reduced to the ration of imported food which is absolutely insufficient. So I implore you to help us and to increase the importation of general foods."

England to Take Flour Mills

London, April 23—Baron Devonport, the food controller, has issued an order for the taking over of all flour mills in the United Kingdom by his apartment. The order will become effective April 30.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings Various Parts of Oregon

Fine House is Burned

Roseburg, Or., April 23—The country home of Dr. R. M. Brumfield near here was burned on Saturday night, with a loss of \$7000. It is believed the fire originated from a furnace.

Help for Strahorn Railroad

Klamath Falls, Or., April 23—The California Oregon Power company has donated a considerable strip of right-of-way on the west side of Link river, and given a large cash subscription to the Strahorn railroad fund.

Woods Foreman Breaks Leg In Klamath Camp.

Klamath Falls, Or., April 23—Caught unawares by a rolling log, George Towell, a woods foreman in the employ of H. H. Edmonds, had one leg broken between the knee and ankle on Friday. He was brought to Klamath Falls for treatment.

Charged With Raising Check.

Oregon City, April 23—On warrants from Portland charging them with raising a check, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mumpower were arrested at Stone, Saturday, by Deputy Sheriff Frost. The couple, members of a prominent family in this county, were returned to Portland. It is charged that Mr. and Mrs. Mumpower raised a \$6 check and drew \$30 on it. They deny the charge and the denial is supported by officials here.

Youth Gets Thirty Days For Robbing His Employer.

Eugene, Or., April 23—Ray Burns a boy of 20 years, was on Saturday sentenced to 30 days in the county jail after confessing to the theft of a number of articles from the residence and barn of J. W. Maxwell at Irving, valued at \$40 or \$50. The youth had worked for Mr. Maxwell on the farm and entered the residence when the family was away at church. A week later he entered the barn. At first a charge of burglary was preferred, but as the lad stated that this was his first offense a charge of simple larceny was lodged against him.

Children Wander About In Cold and Darkness.

Bend, Or., April 24—After shifting for themselves for two day and nights in weather close to freezing, Harold, aged 8, and Thelma, aged 7, children of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Svenson, of this city, are enjoying home comforts again today, apparently none the worse for their escapade. The children left home Friday night, equipped with only a scanty supply of provisions in a fit of temper because their parents would not take them to church.

Workman is Killed In Sawmill at Wheeler.

Wheeler, Or., April 24—L. C. Stimpson was instantly killed at 10 a. m. today in the Wheeler Lumber company's mill, in this city, while working about the edger. Mr. Stimpson was about 45 years old. He leaves a wife and five small children, and one married daughter, Mrs. E. Wegner, who also lives in this city. The family moved to Wheeler about five years ago, from Medford, Or.

Autos Increase in Oregon

Salem, Or., April 24—Since the first of the year 33,947 automobiles have been registered with the secretary of state, an increase of 30 over all of last year.

To Search Homes Of Germans for Weapons.

Chicago, April 24—Detectives on federal authority, have been ordered to search the homes of every German for arms and warlike supplies. The time for turning in voluntarily has passed.

U. S. INFORMED OF TURKEY'S ACTION

Severance Of Diplomatic Relations Officially Confirmed by Dispatch.

Washington, April 23—Official notification of the Turkish government breaking off diplomatic relations with the United States was received today by the state department in a dispatch from American Minister Stovall at Bern, Switzerland.

The communication came from G. Cornell Tarler, secretary of the American legation at Constantinople, acting for Ambassador Elkus, who is ill. It was sent to the American legation at Bern Switzerland and forwarded from there to Secretary Lansing.

INDIANS MAKE CLAIM FOR LANDS.

Will Hold Convention and Name Delegate to Collect Money For Reservation.

Marshfield, Or., April 23—Western Oregon Indians, representing all the principal tribes, will hold convention in this city next Wednesday for the purpose of drafting a claim of \$12,000,000 against the U. S. government for failing to make a reservation, 20 miles wide, from Cape Lookout to the mouth of the Siuslaw river, in accordance with treaty stipulations. The treaty was made in 1855, and the Indians claim that one provision of that pact was the reservation named. The treaty was recently discovered, and is now in the hands of Indian Superintendent C. E. Cos. At the convention to be held here this week a delegate will be elected to go before congress and present the claims of the Indians.

Cares for It's Cripples

More than three hundred employees of the Southern Pacific Company who have had the misfortune to suffer permanent injuries, are still rendering acceptable service and earning better wages than they received before they were injured.

This interesting statement is issued by the Southern Pacific company as proof of the sympathetic consideration shown to members of its big family. It shows further that even in this era of strenuous competition for daily bread, a place of usefulness and happiness may still be found for the man who has his courage left to take advantage of the helping hand extended to him.

There are 308 employees of the crippled class now in the Southern Pacific Company's service, and of these 43 or 14% have risen in grade, and 115 or 37% have retained their original positions in the service. There are 128 earning more pay than before injury, and 92 receiving the same salary. Most of the injuries caused amputation for arm or leg though many brought impairment or loss of vision.

The railroad company's aim is that wherever possible to retain an injured employe in service, thus encouraging his ambition and giving him the opportunity to continue as a wage earner and support those dependent upon him.

Three Nations to Seek Food Here.

London, April 24—The forthcoming visit to Washington of Herman Lagercrantz, formerly Swedish minister to the United States, it is said, probably will be followed by the sending to America of a commission composed of representatives of Sweden, Norway and Denmark for the purpose of making the fullest possible arrangements for the importation of foodstuffs and other materials of which these countries are in urgent need.

Two Will Join Air Corps

Centralia, Wash., April 23—Claude A. Berlin and Frank McNitt Jr. left Saturday for San Diego to take examinations for commissions in the aviation corps. Many members of the Elks order were at the depot to see them off.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Wintenberg-King Co. of The Dalles will erect \$150,000 fruit and vegetable process factory here employing 200 persons.

Baker—Work starts on construction of 150,000 foot capacity sawmill near Austin.

Pendleton—\$30 acres near Athena sells for \$54,000.

Gardiner—Reels Port fresh fish cold storage plant nearing completion.

Echo—50 cars baled hay, hogs and cattle sent out of here in one week.

Halfway—Idaho-Oregon Power Co. starts construction on transmission line from Ox Bow Powder Plant at Copper field to this town. Means much to the development of valley and mines.

Coos County spruce timber is to be manufactured into aeroplane lumber.

Forest Grove—Work on Gates Creek and Wilson River railroad to Tillamook to start soon. 15 miles to be built at start.

Albany is slated to have cannery. East Gardiner—S. P. Co. to build two story brick veneer station here.

Independence—Farmers becoming enthusiastic about beet growing in this section.

Astoria plans much improvement work, \$250,000 will be expended in paving and improving streets and \$50,000 on sewers.

Eugene—Cheese factory to be started here May 1.

North Bend—Chemical plant to use wood waste may locate here.

Coos Bay—Work started on Standard Oil Cos. \$80,000 plant here.

Astoria—Wilson shipyard enlarges and expects to build 12 ships.

Coos Bay prepared to build twenty-four vessels a year for the government.

Monmouth—Monmouth garage goes on record in favor of good roads and secures Grange Master Spence for his position that grangers of state oppose land measure.

Portland—Manufacturer of high grade irrigation pumps here seeking location for factory.

Dixie—Fox farming is paying business here.

Bandon—Mining activities on Sixes river planned.

La Grande—Two farm sales here involve \$90,000.

Mansfield—\$20,000 appropriated by county for armory.

Brookings mill may operate soon.

Amity is to have vetch meal mill.

St. Helens—\$6000 business block to be built here.

Comes From War to Help America.

New York, April 24—Captain Charles Sweeney, of Spokane, Wash., who has fought in the foreign legion in France, arrived here today and will go to Washington, D. C., to offer his services in training of the American army. The French government granted him unlimited leave of absence for this purpose.

Captain Sweeney's valor won him rapid promotion and the cross of the Legion of Honor and other honors. He is a son of a former president of the Federal Smelting & Refining company and is a West Point graduate.

Predicts Three New Republics In Europe.

London, April 24—At a conference of journalists representing the European neutral countries, consideration was given to the effect of the Russian revolution.

One speaker expressed the belief that republics would be set up before the end of the war in Sweden, Greece and Spain.

Boring Man Wounded in War

Ottawa, Ont., April 23—Among the wounded reported by the Canadian overseas forces yesterday was the name of F. V. Smith, of Boring, Or.

**Fancy
Early Rose
Seed Potatoes
Earliest and best**

Lewis Ulrich

The Pioneer Store Jacksonville, Ore.