

MAY BE CHEAP LANDS

Many Watching Outcome of Suit Against Railroad.

VALUABLE ACRES AT \$2.50

Government Insists that Land Grant of Forty Years Ago Must Be Carried Out So Far as Sale of Property is Concerned.

Agencies for the filing of claims on the timber and agricultural lands granted by the United States government in 1866 to "The Central Pacific Railroad company" have been established in several middle west states, and if the litigation now pending compels forfeiture thousands of Easterners will flock to Oregon and settle. The government granted to the Oregon Central Railroad Co., later reorganized under the name of the Oregon & California Railroad Co., the odd numbered sections of land for twenty miles on each side of its line, to aid in the building of its railway from Portland to San Francisco. Conditions embodied in this large grant from the Government demanded that the grantee, or its assigns, should sell these lands to actual settlers one quarter section, 106 acres, to any one person. As there were about six million acres granted, it would produce about fifteen million dollars at the price named, which was thought enough to build the road. As the line—now operated by the Southern Pacific Railroad—runs through the fertile valley of the Willamette River, the grant included fine agricultural lands and heavy timber.

For many years the railroad company complied with the agreement and sold land at \$2.50 per acre by the quarter section, but as the adjacent territory was settled and developed the demands to buy increased and values raised so that the railroad began to advance its prices to \$5.00 and upwards, as high as \$40.00 per acre, and also to sell in large tracts to corporations and investors, thus legally violating the contract with the government which it had ratified and accepted. Thus the government holds the railroads has forfeited at least, the 1,300,000 acres remaining unsold, and that these unsold lands must be sold by them, or by a receiver, at the grant price of \$2.50 per acre, and only 160 acres to any person. Suit has been instituted by the government in the United States Circuit Court in Portland to enforce this. In all probability, if this decision is adverse to the railroad company, they will appeal to the United States Supreme Court, so that an absolute settlement of the issue may not be obtained for some months to come; but it is the consensus of opinion of many able lawyers including those representing the United States Government in the trial, that the railroad company will be compelled to sell the rest of the lands according to the terms of its accepted grant, or else allow a receiver for the properties in the interest of the government, to sell the same to actual settlers at the stipulated price, \$2.50 per acre.

It is also clearly established that applicants who have properly filed their applications through attorneys, and demanded deeds from the railroad company at the stipulated price, and tendered money in payment therefore must be deemed the land that they have applied for, if the government interests which are also the public interests, prevail in this suit. Any further applications presented with such legal tender of the considerations and evidenced by reliable attorneys and witnesses, will also get the lands applied for, in the same manner, and at the same cost until they are all sold. There are not of record over 4,000 such applications for these lands and more constantly being filed and the rights of these parties are recognized by the United States Circuit Court at Portland, by admitting each and every one of the status of an intervenor in the case without cost to these applicants.

As none of these lands are over twenty miles from railroads and many of them much nearer, the present value of all the lands is many times the price set by the government forty years ago. Probably an average of \$50 per acre, especially for the timbered claims, is a minimum valuation so that to acquire them at the old price is a great opportunity for profit.

Shows Some Fine Apples.
Mr. H. C. Doolittle, who has 160 acres nine miles up the Row river valley, fifty of which are under cultivation, has brought to the Commercial club rooms some handsome specimens of apples grown on his ranch last year. Mr. Doolittle has about 1000 trees, includ-

ing Baldwins, Kings, Rockbury Russets and Spitzenbergs, and expects to make further extensions. During the past four years he has given no attention to his orchard, having been engaged in logging, but he purposes to cultivate it and bring it to a high state of perfection. The orchard is twelve years old, and without the slightest attention produced something over 400 bushels for market last season.

MUSICAL RECITAL.

Splendid Program for Entertainment at Methodist Church.

Warren Glaze will give a recital at the M. E. church Wednesday evening Jan. 12, 1910, assisted by his pupils and local talent. A collection will be taken to establish a Sunday Bulletin for the church. Program as follows:
Duet, Cottage Grove Fantasia....Glaze Ethel Francis Rodgers and Mr. Glaze
Piano solo, Youthful Days.....Ronidno Myrna Gill
Piano solo, Morning Prayer, ..Strebog Roy Neil Veatch
Piano solo, Picking Chestnuts, ..L. E. Orth.....Marie Jones
Vocal duet, Cupid Does Not Marry Veta Holderman, Lottie Whitsett
Accompanist Mrs. J. O. VanWinkle.
Duet,.....Selected Sarah Foster, Otho Hart
Piano solo, Lady Valentine Fantasia Glaze.....Warren Glaze
Reading, "The McSwats Swear Off" Miss Ella Dickerson
Thoughts of Home, Meditation, ..Zeiler Vinal Randall
Piano solo, Le-Revil Du Lion Op 115 De Konski ..Ethel Francis Rodgers
Instrumental duet,.....Selected Roy Woods, Harry L. Martin
Banjo-Guitar duet,.....Selected Gilbert Tyson, Warren Glaze
Instrumental duet,.....Selected Mrs. Elva Churchill, Veta Holderman
Quartet, Let me Hear the Songs my Mother Used to Sing Veta Holderman, Carrie Woods, Eva Richmond, Lottie Whitsett
Mrs. J. O. VanWinkle, Accompanist.
Schiller piano furnished by Marion Veatch.

CALENDAR IS HISTORIC.

Washington Planting American Flag From Noted Painting.

One of the most interesting historical events of Revolutionary days was the raising of the first distinctly American flag. At the beginning of the Revolution the Americans made use of various flags bearing different emblems and mottoes, the significance of which could never be misunderstood, such as the Pine Tree, Rattle Snake and Liberty Flags, with such sentiments displayed on them as "An Appeal to Heaven," "Don't Tread on Me," and "Liberty." Occasionally British standards were used with appropriated legends. On January 1st, 1776, a new union flag with thirteen stripes, typifying the thirteen united colonies, was unfurled at Prospect Hill, now Summerville, which was the strongest and most important fortification at the siege of Boston.

The Bank of Cottage Grove is giving out a 1910 calendar representing the ceremony of raising the new flag in the presence of General Washington, who is shown on horseback in the foreground, accompanied by Generals Green and Miffin. The scene includes the interior of Prospect Hill fortification, and a distant view of Boston from the northwest, looking across the Charles River towards Barton's Point. This flag contained the British Jack, but after the Declaration of Independence this was changed by an act of the Continental Congress to a Union of thirteen stars on a bluefield, representing a new constellation. The picture is reproduced from the original painting of De-Land.

BLAZE AT THE OREGON.

What might have terminated in a serious conflagration was an incipient fire at the Hotel Oregon last night, when a blaze started in the rooms occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Cates from a defective flue. Without sounding a general alarm the fire was speedily extinguished by bucketsfull of water. Had the occupants been absent from the room, the blaze would undoubtedly have resulted seriously.

Notice to Patrons.

Will all of my patrons whom I have accommodated with work during the old year just passed kindly return the compliment by contributing the amount of their indebtedness to me at an early date and thereby assist in keeping the good work moving on. A special effort on the part of my patrons will be greatly appreciated. J. H. Baker.

The Eugene High school team will meet the Nesmith team here on January 8, and an exciting game is in expectation. The home team is doing better work than early in the season.

SOLDIERS BRUSH UP ROUNDS OUT GOODYEAR

Company E Must Maintain Its Present High Standard.

25 RECRUITS ARE WANTED HAS MEMBERSHIP OF 275

Annual Inspection of Cottage Grove Guardsmen Will Be Held Within Short Time—Drills Are Called for By Captain Johnson.

Commencing next Tuesday Company E will commence brushing up on the ceremonies accompanying annual inspection and muster, which is conducted each year by a Regular Army officer detailed by the War Department for that purpose. At the last annual inspection this company stood among the highest of National Guardsmen in the United States. An order has been issued by the Company Commander requiring the presence of each member of the organization to be present at drill each week between now and the date of inspection. The exact date of the inspection has not yet been definitely ordered by the Adjutant General, but will occur sometime during the latter part of this month or the first of next. The regular drill night occurs on Tuesday evening of each week, but in order to accommodate those members of the organization who are so employed that it will inconvenience them in attending the drills on the regular drill night, Capt. Johnson has made provision for a drill each Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Many members of the Company hold responsible positions in the sawmills in the vicinity at such distance that they cannot reach the drill hall after their days labor and to such men the Sunday afternoon drill will be a great convenience.

Mr. Francis P. Kurtz, civil engineer, who recently located in this city, has secured his discharge from Co. K, 3rd. Inf., O. N. G., located in Portland, and will immediately re-enlist in the Cottage Grove Company. Mr. Kurtz has had many years experience in the National Guard and College Cadet Companies and comes highly recommended by the officers of the former organizations, to which he belonged, and his long experience in military work will make him a valuable acquisition to this company and add to it another very competent instructor.

On April 30, the first three years' enlistment of most of the members of Co. E will expire, and they will be discharged. These men have been honest and faithful in the discharge of their military duties and have received an education that will be a lasting benefit throughout life. In case of war or invasion of this country, the knowledge and information they have gained in regard to military tactics will qualify them to be leaders in our National Defense. The service they have performed as Guardsmen during the past three years has been a credit to themselves and an honor to this city.

During the past week a canvass has been made among the members of Company E and it is found that out of the 69 members of which it is now composed, 46 will re-enlist on the 30th of April next for one year or more. Under a recent order from the War Department no man can participate in the encampment and war exercises at American Lake unless he has had at least six months instruction at his home armory. Owing to this order of the War Department, and the result of the canvass of those who will re-enlist the company is authorized to immediately enlist twenty-five new recruits that they may receive the necessary instruction to permit their attendance at American Lake, and that the Company may at that time keep up its usual high standard. Any young man living in this vicinity, of sound physical body and health, and good moral character,—no others need apply—desiring to enlist in the Company may receive all information in regard thereto by applying to any of the officers, corporals, and sergeants of the company.

Fall Proves Fatal.

Mrs. Sarah E. Briggs, a highly respected citizen, died at her home at Irving Sunday afternoon as a result of a fall. She was preparing breakfast for the family when she slipped and fell on the kitchen floor, sustaining internal injuries.

Prof. O. R. Clutter of Albany college will act with A. M. Crawford, of Salem, attorney general, and A. C. Schmidt, a banker of Albany, as judges in the debate at the Armory tonight.

Mr. Wynne, of the Spray-Wynne company, has been confined to his home by illness a portion of the week.

J. S. Medley and wife were visitors at the county seat this week.

Annual Meeting of Christian Church Shows Prosperity.

Officers Elected for Ensuing Year, and Departments Make Reports.—Society Has a Light Indebtedness.

Notes From the Minutes.

The Christian church of this city held its annual business meeting at the church building Jan 1. A sumptuous feast had been prepared by the ladies, which was enjoyed by those present. There was a large attendance of the membership, which has grown until now two hundred and seventy-five are enrolled. At 1 p. m. the meeting was called to order and the annual reports were read, which were very encouraging indeed, all departments without exception showing very satisfactory work accomplished. The members of the church are highly gratified with their year's work. The advance has been of a solid, substantial nature. This manner of progress has been and is the cherished policy of the pastor. It is the determination of the church membership to make 1910 their banner year. They have the utmost confidence in the leadership of their pastor, who is now in the third year of his work in Cottage Grove. Because of lack of space only partial reports can be given. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Elders: Thos. Awbrey, M. J. Murrey, D. Read, D. C. Baughman.
Deacons: Prof. Inlow, LeRoy Woods, Clarence Boyd, A. L. Woodard, George Carlisle, May and George Dorward.
Trustees: Wood, Awbrey, Young.
Deaconesses: Mrs. Dr. Fuller, Mrs. Thos. Awbrey, Mrs. Clara Young, Mrs. L. M. Thompson.
Clerk: Clarence Boyd; ass't clerk, Mrs. Ida Caldwell.
Treasurer: Dr. E. C. Macy; ass't, Menzo Finnerty.
Organist: Verna Brown; ass't, Dollie Hawkins.
Chorister, Thos. Awbrey.
Supt. of Bible school, Mrs. Ida Caldwell.

The report of the treasurer, Dr. E. C. Macy, showed that all current bills have been paid, with the exception of \$91.14, which is more than covered by pledges now due.

There is a debt of \$500 which was incurred a few years ago when a necessary enlargement of the building was made at a cost of about \$2000. The soliciting committee, appointed to raise money to pay off this debt, reported raised in cash and pledges \$434. This balance will be taken care of very easily.

The Ladies' Aid society made the following report: Receipts, for work \$44.80; dues \$26.35; donations \$15.35, total \$86.50. Disbursements, \$55.28. Amount in bank \$34.70. Cash in hand, \$2.55. Calls on sick about 200. Calls on strangers 100. Charity \$10.50; baskets of provisions and bundles of clothing given to the poor.

The Bible School Supt. reported a well organized, efficient work. The corps of teachers is well equipped and faithful. Changes in plans of work and organization of school suggested by Rev. Billington, Bible School Evangelist, will be followed out. The Home Dept. of this school is the largest of any Bible school of any denomination in the state. There are three hundred in the Home Department. This is the result of the faithful work of Daniel Reed. A teacher's training class under the direction of the pastor has been organized in connection with the school.

The report of the president of the Christian Endeavor society gave evidence that the C. E. is one of the most thoroughly alive departments of the church. Its growth has been steady. The young people's enthusiasm and capacity for hard work are unbounded. Their present average attendance at Sunday evening prayer meeting is about forty. They are entering upon a contest which will add greatly to their membership and general interest in the work.

The auxiliary of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions also had a good report, as to the study of missions and to money raised for missions.

During the business session it was decided by the members that the evangelistic meetings, now being conducted, should be discontinued and that the church should enter the union meetings as first planned. This matter was regarded as finally settled. When this information, however, was communicated to the ministers of the Methodist

and Presbyterian churches they said in substance, "It would be a pity to discontinue your evangelistic meetings when you are having such good success. Go ahead, and it will be alright with us." Acting upon this suggestion and with this understanding the church later gave direction to the Boy Evangelists to continue the "gospel bombardment."

That Kellums and Humbert are meeting with "good success" certainly expressed the truth. They are stirring up an intense interest, the like of which has not been known in Cottage Grove for several years. Twenty-four have responded to the invitation during the first eleven days of the meeting. Of this number seventeen have made a public confession of faith for the first time. Three, from neighboring denominations, came forward to obey Christ fully in the ordinance of Christian baptism. Four came to take membership, having been members of the Christian church elsewhere. These young evangelists are living examples of the effectiveness of consecrated young manhood. When they leave here and return to take up their work in the Eugene High school every young man and young woman in Cottage Grove who has heard them will have higher ideals of life. They will be strengthened by the thought, "What has been done can be done."

Reference has been made to the necessity of having doors at the entrance of public buildings swing outward. This matter was properly attended to at the Christian church when the building was constructed. Just now, however, the people of the community are not thinking so much about an alarming exit as they are of a happy entrance.

OUR MINING INTERESTS.

Oregonian Writes of Bohemia and Black Butte.

The annual edition of The Oregonian contains the following mention of the two mining districts in the Cottage Grove territory: "The Bohemia district of Lane and Douglas counties is one of the state's richest mining regions. It is located in the Calapooia spur of the Cascades and comprises an area of 13 miles east and west by nine miles north and south. During the last five years more than \$700,000 in free gold has been taken out, and large bodies of ore have been exposed. The gold runs from \$4 to \$26 a ton, and silver, copper and iron are also found.

"Facilities for mining in this section are unusually good. There is sufficient waterpower to supply all the electrical energy necessary to develop the mines, electric motive power being used almost exclusively. Not only are electric drills used, but the mines are electric lighted and electric tramways carry out the ore, which is crushed in electric stamp mills."

QUICKSILVER MINES.
"In the same vicinity lie the Black Butte quicksilver mines, which comprise one of the richest mercury properties in the Pacific coast. The ore runs from 30 to 70 per cent quicksilver and facilities at hand permit of it being mined at a minimum cost. The quicksilver mines are also operated by electricity, generated by water power. Coal and paint deposits are among the resources of this district."

WHY SO WEAK.

Kidney Trouble May be Sapping Your Life Away. Cottage Grove People Have Learned This Fact.

When a healthy man or woman begins to run down without apparent cause, becomes weak, languid, depressed, suffers backache, headache, dizzy spells and urinary disorders, kidney weakness may be the cause of it all. Keep the kidneys well and they will keep you well. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys and keep them well. Can Cottage Grove readers demand further proof than the following statement:

J. P. McCarthy, S. Stevenson St., Roseburg, Ore. says: "For a long time I had trouble from my back and kidneys and my condition gradually grew worse. I did not have much backache but the unnatural condition of the kidney secretions plainly showed that my trouble was caused by inactive kidneys. The good reports I heard concerning Doan's Kidney Pills led me to procure this remedy and give it a trial. It brought prompt relief and I am now free from kidney complaint. Doan's Kidney Pills are worthy of my endorsement."

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

The Merchants' Protective association will hold a regular session next Tuesday evening, at which time officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

There was a pleasant dance at Saginaw Saturday night.

TALK FOR RIVER BRIDGE

Delegation Waits on the County Court and Is Encouraged.

MUCH-NEEDED IMPROVEMENT

Bridge Across Row River East of City Would Shorten Road to Bohemia Mining District and Otherwise Benefit a Large Number.

Eugene Register: A delegation of prominent citizens from Dorena, consisting of Frank Crabtree, J. F. Spray, Leon Kelly, Robert Veatch, Chester Bales and Charles Sears appeared before the county court yesterday and presented the strongest kind of argument why the county should put in a new bridge across Row river about three miles east of Cottage Grove. The building of the bridge will shorten the road to the Bohemia mines, where most of the freighting is done a mile and half and put the road on good high ground that does not overflow and would shorten the distance from settlers up the Row river to Eugene about four miles. There isn't a greater need in southern Lane county so pressing as this bridge at this time. The road district on which the road is located has voted a five mill tax on itself and if the bridge is built will spend \$1740 on the road this summer and make it first class in every respect. The road has already been located and the damage all paid and Mr. Spray, on whose land the bridge is to be built, agrees to give the road and grade and gravel it himself. The estimate Hon. Frank Miller of Albany puts on the cost is between \$3500 and \$4000. It is to be a single span of 150 feet with approaches. The county court listened very attentively to their case and are inclined to grant the bridge. It would be hard to resist such arguments backed up with such facts. Mr. Crabtree almost lost his life here last year at this ford and appeared as a living example of a drowned man before the board. Two men had been drowned before in trying to ford the stream at this place and the bridge may save serious danger of that kind in the future. They should have the bridge, if the site for it is at all a suitable one and no danger of its going out.

TAX LEVY IS MADE.

The county commissioners and county judge yesterday decided on the following levy for Lane county for all purposes for the coming year. It is apportioned as follows:

County school purposes.....	Mills 3.35
School library.....	0.05
High school.....	0.228
State taxes.....	2.82
Deficiency school.....	0.06
County purposes.....	6.492
Total.....	13.000

The assessment for the year 1908, on which the taxes for 1909 were levied, amounted to \$19,181,315, and a tax of 15 mills for county purposes was levied by the county court. This year the assessment has been raised to \$22,006,920, after being equalized and a 13 mill tax has been levied for county purposes. On account of the increased assessment about \$1000 more tax will be raised for county purposes, notwithstanding the levy is two mills less.—Register.

Death of Infant Child.

Maudie, the 11-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rouse, died early Thursday morning at the residence of Mrs. Rouse's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Johnson, of congestion of the lungs, caused by whooping cough, after an illness of two weeks. The funeral will take place from the residence of Mr. Johnson this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Poultry Show Next Week.

The Poultry Show will be held next week, and as the date grows near interest seems to grow. Birds will begin to arrive on Monday, and will be cared for by the association until the show opens on Wednesday. A considerable number of visitors are expected in the city on account of the exposition.

The local G. A. R. Post will meet tomorrow afternoon, when officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

The Knights of Pythias held a banquet on Wednesday evening, after work in the first degree, and the installation of officers.

B. R. Westbrook was a Portland visitor yesterday. His running mate, Tom Parker, accompanied him as far as Eugene to insure his safety through that city.

Miss Clara Potts of Eugene spent a portion of the week here with friends.