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THE LAND GRANT SUIT

Resolution by Chamberlain Asking for Report Adopted.

TOWNSEND GETS A STANDOFF

Department of Justice Has Had Two Years in Which to Act, Yet Nothing Has Been Accomplished. Forfeiture Means Much.

Senator Chamberlain has offered and the senate passed, a resolution calling on the attorney general for information as to what has been done by the department of justice in obeying the command conveyed by congress two years ago to institute suits to procure forfeiture of the Southern Pacific grant lands in Oregon. Senator Chamberlain spoke briefly, citing the urgent need of settling the questions raised in connection with the litigation involved.

"Nearly two years have elapsed," he said, "yet nothing has been accomplished by the department of justice, so far as the public is informed. It is an important matter, not only to the people of Oregon, but to the people of the United States. The amount involved in one of these land grants at the least exceeded 3,000,000 acres, and the amount patented by the government to the land grant company prior to 1902 was 2,800,000 acres."

Senator Chamberlain cited the appearance of Charles J. R. Bonaparte, then attorney general, before the committee when hearings were being held, and his request for a resolution authorizing the institution of suits. The senator said he assumed the department of justice was therefore ready to prosecute them.

Senator Chamberlain cited that the law required that lands be sold to actual settlers at not more than \$2.50 an acre and no more than 160 acres to one person, yet that 515,000 acres had been sold in larger lots and at higher prices than was permitted in the act which granted these lands to the railways, which are now owned by the Southern Pacific.

The department of justice will make a statement prior to consideration being given to the resolution. It is known, however, that B. D. Townsend, who came here from Washington, to institute suits, has filed one case but that nothing has been determined, and the case pends. Townsend has been in Washington several weeks awaiting further instructions from Attorney General Wickesham, who has found it convenient to take up this matter. Inquiry shows that before the resolution of April, 1908, was adopted the government had had more than a year of investigation in Oregon, so that when the resolution was adopted practically all material facts were already in hand and it remained only to put them in shape for presentation in court. The understanding is that several suits must be instituted to carry out the terms of the resolution of 1908.

FOR A TIN PAUL BRIGADE.

Promotion Department Will Endeavor to Secure Woodworking Factories. The Commercial club, or rather the promotion department of that organization, is beginning to get results from a community booklet recently issued. Large number of inquiries, averaging upwards of forty letters a week, are coming in, and several families have already located here as a direct result of this advertising. The promotion department is now considering a campaign to secure wood-working industries, the success of which undertaking would add additional population to Cottage Grove. This would be of direct benefit to the city.

BOND BUYER COMING.

Representative of Morris Brothers of Portland to Visit Cottage Grove.

Morris Brothers, bond buyers of Portland, will send a representative to Cottage Grove in the near future to take the bond proposition with the municipal authorities. This company will probably purchase the \$100,000 bonds at five and one-half per cent, but will not touch the fives. May-Job will call the councilmen together for a special session at a date not yet fixed to talk the matter over and with representative of Morris Brothers.

INTEREST YOUR FRIENDS NOW.

Rates to Pacific Coast Will Bring Many New Homeseekers.

Now one-way colonists rates from all parts of the East to the Pacific Coast offered by the railroads from March 1 to April 15. The opportunity to bring

new settlers to Cottage Grove is a valuable one and the commercial organization will take advantage of it to the fullest extent. The attractive literature sent out during the past few months has been fruitful of results and inquiry about this locality was never so general as at the present time. Because of this widespread interest it may be expected that we will receive a large immigration during the coming spring. Cottage Grove people should do all they can to add to this movement by arousing interest among their friends in other parts of the country who are looking for new homes, and information should be supplied them on the opportunities here for newcomers, and particularly those who desire to engage in agriculture, stock raising or dairying. These lines of endeavor are rewarding those who are engaged in them.

JASPER GETS BIG JOLT

Tons of Dynamite Rips Mountain of Rock Up the Back.

EXPLOSIVE COSTS \$15,000

Honeycombed With Eighty-four Holes Filled With Nitroglycerine Compound, Discharged Simultaneously, Shock Is Terrific.

One hundred thousand pounds of dynamite, representing three carloads, and costing \$15,000, honeycombed in Jasper Point, a rock spur on the right-of-way of the Southern Pacific Natron cut-off, exploded in one charge and lifted, with a terrific detonation, thousands of tons of rock into the Willamette River. The immense charge placed in eighty-four holes on all sides of the hill was so arranged by the skilled powder experts that the concussion was destroyed and although felt for miles did no damage. The report was heard twelve miles distant.

For months a small army of men with drills and hammers had been tapping the sides of the mountain, honeycombing it with deep holes. Wagon load after wagon load of the nitroglycerine compound was carefully hauled over the rough roads by the horse freighters. After each hole was filled a tap with two wires was placed and carefully covered. Two wires led to a small hand dynamo a quarter of a mile distant. Everyone in safety at the signal, the blast was set off, and with a deafening report a cloud of smoke and rock rose into the air.

SPENCER WINS HIGH HONOR.

Cottage Grove Debater Carries Off Alumni Medal at U. of O.

For the first time in University of Oregon history a freshman carried off the highest honors a university debater can receive, by winning the alumni medal for the best individual debater, against seven other contestants, in the annual contest Friday night. The man who thus upset hallowed tradition was Carleton E. Spencer, of Cottage Grove, 20 years of age, who was also a member of the team which defeated the University of Utah debaters here recently. Spencer is a graduate of Roseburg high school. Friday night's contest also showed as a tryout for selecting six men for the teams which will debate the Universities of Washington and Idaho on the question of "Federal Incorporations Doing an Interstate Business," next month. Spencer's brilliant showing probably will gain him the leadership of one of these teams.

KNOCKERS TO ASSEMBLE.

Eugene and Roseburg Join in Efforts to Defeat Nesmith.

The Eugene Commercial club has accepted the invitation of the Roseburg Commercial club and will send a delegation of twenty to the latter place on the last Saturday in February, when a mass meeting will be held to oppose the creation of Nesmith county. The Eugene bunch will muster all the forces possible in order to make a showing at Roseburg, and will endeavor to get delegates from Springfield, Junction, Creswell, Coburg and Florence to attend the knockers' meeting.

Will Disperse London Water.

Mr. John Overholser of London has issued a circular in the interest of the water at that place, a portion of which he controls. He also advertises that he will furnish board and accommodations to an unlimited number next summer, and also camping grounds on his land opposite the spring, furnishing the water free to all comers. He has arranged to provide the mineral water to all who wish it, either in bottles or barrels.

ASKS COURT TO HELP

Cottage Grove Shows Friendly Spirit Towards Eugene.

MONEY WANTED TO AID SHOW

Commercial Club Requests County Commissioners to Appropriate One Thousand Dollars for Promotion of Fair at Eugene.

At Monday night's session of the Commercial Club a resolution was unanimously adopted requesting the county court to appropriate \$1000 to the Lane County Fair Association for the purpose of paying premiums on exhibits, and the making of a better fair generally. The association is endeavoring to get the district fair for Eugene, which would mean an additional appropriation of \$1800 from the state. A meeting of the directory of the district fair will be held at Marshfield on Monday next, when the location will be settled. The following are the resolutions adopted Monday night:

Whereas, the Lane County Fair Association is about to ask for an appropriation from the County of Lane of the sum of \$1000.00 to aid and assist in carrying on and conducting a Fair in Lane County, either a District Fair, if the same can be secured by said Lane county, and if not, then a County Fair, and

Whereas, it is believed for the best interest of the county as a whole that a good agricultural fair should be held in Lane County, and that said sum if voted the said association, would aid materially in promoting a good fair and with such an appropriation one could be conducted that would be a credit to the county, and

Whereas, we believe that it is the duty of the county to encourage, assist and aid said association in carrying on and conducting such fair,

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved by the Commercial Club of Cottage Grove, in Lane County, Oregon, that it is the sense of this organization that it is for the best interests of the county that an appropriation of the sum of \$1000.00 be made by the County Court of said Lane County, to aid, assist and promote said enterprise, and that the said County Court be, and the same is hereby petitioned and requested to make such an appropriation for said purpose, and that this resolution be presented to the County Court of Lane County for the consideration of said court.

HOW DAIRYING PAYS.

Twelve Cows Average \$8.21 Each for Month of December.

A writer in the Roseburg Review from Yoncalla shows what one farmer received from the milk of twelve cows for the month of December. The story follows:

That dairying can be successfully and profitably carried on in this community can not be successfully contradicted, notwithstanding the fact some pessimists are affirming that such industry cannot be successfully carried on. Observation has shown that those who oppose the proposition are to a great degree incompetent to pass judgment, inasmuch as they are engaged in dairying in a very limited way, and in the majority of instances the business is not conducted in accordance with scientific rules and principles.

Mr. L. E. Warner, who resides a few miles south of this city, has carried on quite an extensive dairying business for the past few years, and has demonstrated to a certainty that it is a profitable and money-making business and can be made to pay if rightly conducted. For the month of December from twelve cows he had a total of 577.49 pounds of butter fat, estimated at 681.43 pounds of butter, for which he received \$218.52, or \$18.21 per cow.

Bailey Under Arrest.

State Food and Dairy Commissioner Bailey has been arrested by the sheriff of this county charged with cruelty to animals, and put up a cash bond of \$100 for his appearance. It will be remembered by readers of The Sentinel that some forty head of cattle perished on Bailey's ranch in the McKenzie valley for want of food, and that as many more were too weak to stand when found.

The Cartwright Road.

The county court has been requested to repair the Cartwright road, a highway that leaves the Lorane road five miles west of Cottage Grove and runs one mile north of west. There are about 150 yards that needs planking, and the court has offered to pay half the expense of the plank if the farmers will bear the balance and do the work.

WOULD HAVE US OBEY

Health Officer Oglesby Makes Another Appeal.

MAINTAIN HEALTH RECORD

Arrests Are Threatened Unless Measures Are Taken Forthwith to Thoroughly Cleanse the Back Alleys of Their Filth.

Health Officer Oglesby, believing that "keeping everlastingly at it brings success," again urges a general cleanup throughout the city, and in the undertaking should have the support of every property holder and every resident. With filth from innumerable foul out-buildings saturating the surface of the grounds there must necessarily be contamination, thus sowing seed for disease and pestilence. The public health of the community demands improved sanitary conditions, and The Sentinel reiterates its previous statement that if these are not to be brought about the health officer may well vacate. Dr. Oglesby's order's in these matters are supreme; he has the backing of the state of Oregon, which not only makes his duties plain but provides a penalty for lack of enforcement of the health laws it has promulgated, and he should see to it that our sanitation is such as to preclude all possibility of disease or epidemic. We have had a lesson in the case of Salem; it is time for action.

The communication from Dr. Oglesby follows:

Once again, through the kindness of The Sentinel, I will kindly ask the citizens of Cottage Grove to help me in the effort, a fight if you please, in keeping our little village free from sickness and contagious diseases. We have no typhoid fever that is now so prevalent all over the Willamette valley, and no small-pox or diphtheria. Now, will you citizens help me to hold this record, that I have not only been sending to the State Board of Health, but every week to the Surgeon General of the U. S. Money could not so advertise our city as a record of cleanliness and health. But alas, if the readers of our reports could only see the back alleys, and cesspools, barnyards, river banks and the filth in our streets, they would have doubts of the correctness of our reports. Now, you think I am hard upon you for condemning your uncleanness, and when sickness and death visit your family, you are ready to blame God for sending the curse upon you. It is because you have violated His laws in the matter of cleanliness and hygiene. Understand me, I do not attribute it to stinginess, laziness or cussedness, but to ignorance only. The time has come when we cannot run a city of a few thousand people as we used to run our farms, and move the barn and pig pen when it got so we could not get near it for the filth. We would build another. Now, don't kick. We took an obligation to protect this town from filth, and disease and if you fear God and keep His commandments, you will cheerfully comply with the laws of the city. When the undertaker comes after one of your family that has died of typhoid fever, do not blame God or the old health officer.

W. W. OGLESBY, M. D., Health Officer.

ELIMINATES HEAVY GRADES.

Southern Pacific Will Operate Trains Over Natron-Klamath Line.

Completion of the Natron-Klamath line of the Southern Pacific within the coming eighteen months is promised by the Judge W. D. Fenton, counsel for the Harriman road, who says that at the end of that time trains of his company will be running between Portland and San Francisco over the new route, which will have a maximum grade of 1 per cent. Work is going ahead on sixty-five miles of the new route now and the remainder will be completed as soon as possible. The building of the Natron line will not only open up a large new territory that is now without railroads, but will give a low-grade freight line that will eliminate the heavy grades of the Siskiyou Mountains.

ENTERTAINMENT PLEASURES.

Clare Vaughan Wales Company Enthusiastically Received Here.

Much was expected of Wednesday evening's attraction in the Cottage Grove Lyceum course and that Clare Vaughan Wales and her excellent company fulfilled the expectations of the large and representative audience, which constitutes the patronage of the season, was evident from the spontane-

ity of applause accorded the artists. Mrs. Wales was well supported, although the interest naturally centered in the reader herself, who has achieved so enviable a place in the realm of dramatic art and humorous impersonation. Nature has been generous in endowing Mrs. Wales with a personality both magnetic and winsome, and has given her a voice which culture has well fitted for her chosen work. The solos of Mr. Longstreet, the baritone, were especially well rendered. His voice is of wide range and beautiful quality, and he possesses a large degree of musical temperament. Florence Adele Benson possesses musical ability and brilliancy of style, and her appearance was greeted with pleasure.

EVIDENCE TOO WEIGHTY

Roseburg Review Discredits Attorney General.

CHARGES GROSS IGNORANCE

Douglas County, With Her Three Millions of Acres, Would Hold Tightly to the Small Slice Wanted for Nesmith.

The Roseburg Review discredits the statement made The Sentinel by Attorney-General Crawford relative to the formation of Nesmith county, saying "Mr. Crawford is either densely ignorant of the prevailing sentiment here or he and The Sentinel are guilty of gross misrepresentation." Mr. Crawford may be "densely ignorant of the prevailing sentiment" at Roseburg, but The Sentinel is not "guilty of gross misrepresentation." That gentleman expressed the opinion that Roseburg should give support to the proposed division of the counties in question, and there are those in Roseburg who are of the same opinion. The Review to the contrary notwithstanding. The Review may be endeavoring to arouse interest in its balliwick by agitation. Who knows?

Douglas county has 4,800 square miles, or 3,000,000 acres of land—three-fifths as large as the entire famous Willamette valley, and nearly equaling the area of the state of Connecticut. Its eastern boundary is the Cascade Range, and its western the Pacific Ocean, while north and south it extends from the Calapooia divide to the spurs of the Canyon mountains. And yet it would appear from our esteemed contemporary, The Review, that there is strenuous objection to Nesmith taking a small slice off the northern part, in which little interest is manifest by reason of its remoteness from the seat of justice, and with whose people it scarcely has a speaking acquaintance. Don't this look selfish.

"SERVANT IN THE HOUSE."

Great Ethical Drama Will Be Presented Here Thursday Night.

Cora Mel Patten, literary interpreter and principal of the Marder school of music and elocution, will appear in this city on Thursday evening next in that searching drama, dealing with the vital problems of the day "The Servant in the House," by Charles Rann Kennedy. This is said to be one of the greatest ethical plays of modern times. The play will be presented at the Armory under the auspices of the Endeavor society of the Christian church.

Of the entertainment the Rev. W. S. Covert, pastor of the Forty-First Street Presbyterian Church of Chicago, says in expressing this thanks to Miss Patten: "I want to express my debt to you for the intellectual quickening and moral uplift that followed your splendid rendition of 'The Servant in the House' in our lecture room the other evening. You have such a clear perception of the underlying motives of the play, together with such rare qualities of delivery and versatile gifts of impersonation, that I do not see how any reader could possibly present an entertainment more ennobling and at the same time pleasing throughout."

Suit to Recover Property.

Suit has been instituted in the circuit court by Isham Burnett, a farmer near this city, against L. B. Gerum and wife, E. Finnen and wife and the Story-Bracher Lumber company, to recover possession of a certain tract of land, 147.21 acres in extent, in section 4, township 22 south, of range 3 west, or to recover \$500 damages.

Brotherhood Has Orchestra.

A Methodist Brotherhood Orchestra has been organized by Messrs. Tyson, Kennedy, Griffin and Short. Mr. Tyson is director and Bisbey secretary and treasurer.

EXAMINATION IS EASY

Applicants for Census Work Will Have Hearing Feb 5.

TEST VERY ORDINARY ONE

Remuneration of Enumerators in Sparingly Inhabited Regions to Be as Large as Others—Postmaster Gault to Examine Here.

There will be a test held throughout the United States on Saturday, February 5, of all candidates for enumerator. In the larger cities, the civil service boards will assist the census officers. But in the smaller places, the examinations will be conducted by the postmasters, under rules prescribed by the director of the census, and under order of the postmaster general. In Cottage Grove, Postmaster Gault will conduct the examination. There are a large number of applicants for positions from this city, and the postmaster will examine them at the Commercial club rooms.

Regarding salaries to be paid census enumerators, a bulletin issued by the Bureau of the Census says:

The different classes of rates will be so applied that in general the average enumerator will earn substantially the same actual amount in one district as in another, even though the population may be even sparser in one district than another, and with conditions also different. Regard is paid to the fact that prevailing wages are higher in some parts of the country than in others, but, aside from this, the Director's aim is to adjust the rates so as to make the earnings of enumerators substantially uniform. Where the per capita rates would not give sufficient pay, the per diem rates are prescribed. The rates in general will be so adjusted as to give a slightly higher amount to the enumerators than they received in 1900.

The rates will range from \$5 to \$6 per day for the enumeration of the rural areas outside of cities and towns. Six dollars is the highest rate authorized by law. The Director realizes that in many districts of the far west it will be impossible to secure competent men to act as enumerators at a rate of compensation less than that being paid for ordinary classes of work in the same area. Were enumerators in such districts paid only on the per capita basis, their compensation would be unreasonably low. There are three general rates—per capita, the mixed, and the per diem. The first and second general rates have five subdivisions each. The per diem rates range from \$3 to \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, \$5, \$5.50, and \$6, and are to be paid for a day of eight hours' work.

For enumerators on the per capita basis, which will be the most widely used, the pay for each inhabitant is: Class A, 2 cents; class B, 2 1-2 cents; class C, 3 cents; class D, 3 1-2 cents, and class E, 4 cents. Such enumerators will also be paid for each farm as follows: Class A, 20 cents; class B, 22 1-2 cents; class C, 25 cents; class D, 27 1-2 cents, and class E, 30 cents. These rates are in each case 5 cents or more higher than those paid in 1900, when the ranges were 15 to 20 cents. For each establishment of productive industry the rate for each class is 30 cents. For each barn and enclosure containing live stock, not on farms, the pay is 10 cents for each class.

Under the mixed rate, which is a combination of the per capita and the per diem, there are five sub-classes alphabetically arranged, and the per diem is: Class F, \$1; G, \$1.25; H, \$1.50; I, \$1.75; and J, \$2. For each inhabitant the pay is: Class F, 2 cents; G, 2 1-2 cents; H, 2 1-2 cents; I, 2 1-2 cents; and J, 3 cents. For each farm: Class F, 15 cents; G, 17 1-2 cents; H, 17 1-2 cents; I and J, 20 cents each. For each establishment of productive industry the rate is 20 cents for each class.

Any person of good judgment, who has received an ordinary common school education, can readily and easily pass the test to be given applicants for census enumerator's places. This test will be an eminently reasonable and practical one, similar to that applied to applicants at the twelfth census. It will consist of filling out a simple schedule of population from a description, in a narrative form, of typical families; and in the case of enumerators whose work will be in the rural districts, they will be called upon to fill out an additional sample schedule of agriculture, from information furnished by the census bureau.

All persons, whether women or men, who may desire to become census enumerators, should apply to the postmaster.

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