Big Land Fight.

with the clerk of the Federal case.-Oregonian. court at Portland Tuesday, R. D. Townsend, Assistant United States District Attorney, opened States District Attorney, opened fire upon the Southern Oregon Company as successor to the Coos Bay Wagon Road company in an endeavor to regain for the Government title to 96,676 acres of land, valued at \$4,000,000.

Action for the recovery of the lands is based upon a provision in the original grant from the United States to the state of Oregon, stipulating how the land shall be disposed of. This prov. this. ision has been violated declares Assistant United States District Attorney Townsend, by the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company as grantee of the state of Oregon. and the purposes for which the grant was made have been nullified and rights and titles to the lands forfeited

The provision upon which hangs the suit for recovery requires that the sale of the lands shall be restricted to no more than 160 acres of land to any one person and that the purchase price shall be uniformly \$2.50

According to the complaint the company fulfilled a part of its contract in the sale of 6963 acres to 58 different purchasers. The remainder of the grant, containing 96,676.96 acres, was sold. however, to one person. This sale was made June 22, 1875, to John Miller, who contracted to buy the block of land, he acting as agent for Collis P. Huntington, Charles Crocker, Leland Stanford and Mark Hopkins. In 1888, the Oregon Southern Improve ment Company entered into negotations for the purchase of the lands sold and agreed to be conveyed by Miller. Early in the following year the lands were mortgaged to the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, which subsequently passed into the bands of W. J. Rotch and E. D. Marshall

The Southern Oregon Improv ement Company two years later was made defendant in foreclosure proceedings instituted by Rotch and Marshall. The am- 12-29-2tp. ount covered by the mortgage purported to *be \$1,516,664.66. with interest. In 1887, the land was defaulted to Rotch and Marshall upon the alleged payment of \$120,000. Later in the same year, according to the complaint.

Rotch and his colleagues conveyed the lands to the Southern Oregon Company, which was a reorganization of the Oregon Southern Improvement Company. Southern Improvement Com

Continuing, the complaint reads: "The deeds of trustor mortgages executed and delivered for the benefit and use of the officers, stockholders and directors of the Oregon Southern Improvement Company. The alleged indebtedness secured by said mortgages were fictitious, feign ed and untrue, and represented simply the interest of the stock holders of the company and were executed and delivered and fore-closed with the intent and in the hope that the restrictions upon expectations apon Barred Plymouth Rock, Silver Spang e Hamburgh, Buff Orpington, Golden Wyndotts, White Wyondott, and White Leghorn eggs \$2.50 for 15. Orders will the sale and disposition of the have prompt attention. All Al stock finest that can be had. granted lands might be evaded 1-5tf and defeated and that the lands might be created into unconditional estate for the use and benefit of the stockholders of the Oregon Southern Improvement Company.

The complaint asserts that the Southern Oregon Company, as successor to the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company and the Oregon Southern Improvement Company, which do not now exist, threatens to sell or impair the title to the lands and threatens to commit waste, unless restrained, upon the lands particularly as to the timber and other products.

A decree is asked adjudging the lands forfeited to the United States: "Particulary against any claim by or in behalf of the Southern Oregon Company or any person claiming or to claim

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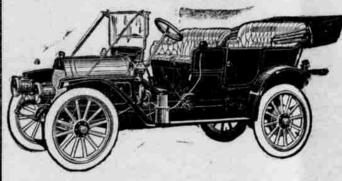
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