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GLADSTONE GLADSTONE PARK Extraordinary Announcement

100 Beautiful and Choice Lots \$10 Down and \$10 Per Month
For \$100 a Lot Without Interest

Only a Small Monthly Payment Secures an Ideal Homesite
in the Handsomest Spot in Oregon

It is not intended that the 100 lots shall be selected in out of the way places, or shall be of inferior or even second quality, but in each instance, the purchaser makes his or her own selection, with only two reservations: the first four lots from the motor line are reserved, and a party only buying one lot can not select the corner.

Parties living at a distance can send their payments to me or to the Bank of Oregon City, and it will be held until final payments are made, when a warranty deed will be promptly executed and an abstract of title furnished, when required, showing a fee simple title in the purchaser, free of all incumbrances. Absolute good faith will be kept with all parties and the utmost effort will be made to please and satisfy every one.

To prove our faith in the future of Gladstone, we make this proposition to all purchasers: The Association, when final payments are made, will upon receiving 30 days prior notice thereof, in case of dissatisfaction, pay back the entire purchase money, with \$25 per lot additional. This will only apply to sales made before June 1st, 1904.

We feel that this is an entirely safe proposition, for in our candid judgment no lot will be sold that is not worth double the money at the present moment.

Gladstone is on the O. W. P. & Ry Company's motor line, a short mile north of Oregon City. Five cent fare to Oregon City and 15 cent fare to Portland. Elegant motor cars pass through the property every thirty minutes. The Southern Pacific cars also pass through Gladstone.

When the 100 lots are sold and paid for the Gladstone Real Estate Association will give a check for One Thousand Dollars to the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association, provided the last of the hundred lots are sold by the end of the next annual assembly in July, 1904, to be used for permanent improvements on its grounds at Gladstone Park.

H. E. CROSS, Sole Agent
Oregon City, Oregon

DEBT IS LARGER

Obligations of County Are \$40,000 More Than Reported.

Discrepancies Found in Records of County—Condition Due to Faulty Bookkeeping.

Discrepancies have been disclosed in the records of Clackamas county by which the total of the county warrant indebtedness is shown to be about \$44,000 net, instead of \$102,000, as reported in March, 1902. This apparent increase in the county indebtedness has just been disclosed after an exhaustive examination of the records of the county made by County Judge Ryan and County Clerk Sleight. The semi-annual reports of the county officers have been made public, and in these the indebtedness of the county is reported and explained.

The discrepancy, report the present officers, is the result of faulty methods employed by different county officers in keeping the records. Nothing of a criminal nature is disclosed by the investigation that has just been concluded. By deducting from the total of outstanding warrants the aggregate of the warrants that have been redeemed, together with the accrued interest thereon, the balance of outstanding warrants has been for several years incorrectly reported. Each succeeding county clerk has accepted as infallible the figures of his predecessor in office until a few weeks ago the present officials, becoming satisfied that there was some irregularity, went over the records from the year 1895, the date that the fee system was abolished in this county and record books installed, with the result heretofore reported. In this way, while the county debt was being apparently reduced, the discrepancy in the statistics was increasing at the same time with each succeeding year on a sort of compound interest basis.

County Judge Ryan reports that during the last six months the county's road fund indebtedness has been reduced from about \$34,000 to less than \$9,000. The current expenses of the county for the six months ending September 30th last amounted to \$29,965.72, as against \$34,841 for the preceding six months and \$50,867.81 for the corresponding half year in 1902.

SAW HITCHCOCK AND RICHARDS

Governor Chamberlain Tells of Recent Trip to National Capital.

Governor Chamberlain is not entirely satisfied with the result of his trip to Washington, and yet feels that his visit has been productive of some good, says the Salem correspondent to the Oregonian. Both he and the commissioner of the general land office have a better understanding of public land affairs in Oregon, though he and the department could not agree upon the point which was of greatest moment to Oregon's executive.

"The principal purpose of my visit," said the governor, "was to induce the secretary of the interior to give a preference to purchasers of state lieu land where the state's titles have failed, so that the purchasers could have time to protect themselves by making their titles good with scrip or otherwise. The secretary received me very cordially and heard all that I had to offer in behalf of those who are about to lose title to lieu lands in this state.

"He said that, however much he might desire to do so, he was powerless to give the preference I desired. I did not agree with him, and do not yet, for I have observed that the land department is practically supreme in the management of land business, and it seemed to me that he could have granted this preference if he would.

"The secretary's opinion prevailed, however, and it seems that the only way for the purchasers of these lieu lands to save themselves is to settle upon the lands, take a relinquishment from the state and file as homesteaders. Many of them cannot do this.

"While I was in Washington, or shortly after I left there, the department made announcement of a forest reserve policy which is radically different from that which has prevailed in the past. The new plan has already been published in the Oregonian's Washington dispatches. If that policy shall be pursued in the future, I have nothing further to say against forest reserves, but if the old policy is ever resumed, I shall rise and protest as vigorously as ever.

"I do not know whether the policy is of very recent adoption or whether it has been in mind for some time, and has just been announced. I do know, however, that when the extensive withdrawals of public lands were made in the Blue Mountains, in Southwestern Oregon, in Southern Oregon east of the Cascades and in Northeastern Oregon, the people of this state had no reason to believe that any other policy would be pursued than that which has prevailed in the past.

"Every forest reserve that has been created in the past has made 'scrip' by the wholesale for the large corporations, and by means of that scrip the corporations were enabled to take our best timber lands. When new reserves were proposed we had every reason to expect a renewal of the scripping abuse. No wonder that a protest went up in this state.

"It is announced now, however, that the temporary withdrawals will not be made permanent until the laws governing the exchange of lands in the reserves for lands outside the reserves have been amended so that worthless lands cannot be exchanged for valuable lands. If this policy is to be pursued, then I say the department cannot tie up too much timberland in temporary withdrawals.

"If Congress fails to pass the remedial laws as recommended, none of the reserves should be made permanent. Temporary withdrawals keep the timber lands out of the hands of the scrippers. The creation of permanent reserves un-

der present laws would only make more scrip and extend the scripping abuse.

"I believe that Congressional action is influenced by these corporate interests, and I doubt whether her laws will be amended. Whatever approval I give to the forest reserve system is conditioned upon the carrying out of the policy recently announced by the department, that of not making permanent reserves until the laws are properly amended.

"The scripping abuse has been the evil of the forest reserve system, and when that evil has been removed I have no objections to the creation of forest reserves where there is valuable timber to be preserved.

"I have good evidence that there are now in this state land operators with scrip for 100,000 acres of land, and that they are waiting for some of the reserves to be thrown open so that they can use the scrip to seize the best of the lands. I should be sorry to see any reserves thrown open.

"I took back to Washington with me a complete list of all the state lands that have been sold within the boundary of proposed forest reserves in Oregon, evidently in anticipation of the creation of a reserve. This list contained the names of the purchasers.

"The department now has a copy of the list and the secretary of the interior told me that when the reserve is created he will try to see that the lands purchased in this manner are left out. I understand that 'base' is depreciating in value."

The day Governor Chamberlain left for Washington The Oregonian published a cartoon picturing his visit to Hitchcock. As the governor approached Washington he was represented as diminishing in size, while Hitchcock grew to monstrous proportions. The governor took the cartoon to Washington and on his first visit to Hitchcock made mention of it.

"Secretary Hitchcock wanted to see it," said the governor, "so the next day I took it up to him and we both had a hearty laugh over it."

"Comparatively few people in the East have ever heard of the Lewis and Clark Fair and lots of them don't even know who Lewis and Clark were or what they did," said Governor Chamberlain. "Still, I do not think this is a good time to begin advertising the fair. So far as people are taking an interest in fairs at all, they are now giving their attention to the St. Louis Exposition which will be held next year.

"From the impressions I received during my trip, I judge that it will pay the Lewis and Clark management best to begin their Eastern advertising about the time the St. Louis Exposition is opened and the advertising should be pushed hard after the fair at St. Louis closes. It is a case of 'strike while the iron is hot.' Advertising now would do some good, but the best returns for the money will, in my opinion, be secured by waiting until after the St. Louis Fair is over.

"People are not taking as much interest in fairs now as they did when these enterprises were new. Of course, there are some men, those connected with transportation companies, who are thinking and talking more or less about our fair in 1905, but the great mass of the people have not even heard of it.

"I was told by a prominent newspaper man while in California that the newspapers are not dealing as liberally with fairs now as they did when the World's Fair idea was new and matter concerning fairs had a news value. He told me that the newspapers will hereafter give very little free advertising for fairs held at a distance.

"Just at present it is Oregon's industrial resources that needs advertising and to this we should give more attention. There is woeful ignorance concerning Oregon all through the East. Men who travel know something of this country and its advantages, but the great mass of individuals know nothing of the opportunities which are here offered for homesteaders. California on the South and Washington on the North have been extensively advertised, while Oregon has been neglected. The railroads have done some advertising for us, but if we are to experience the growth we desire we must remember our state and 'fly with our own wings.'

"A prominent Eastern railroad man told me one day that for the man who has capital to invest Oregon is the most promising field, for it is yet almost untouched and its resources are as unlimited as they are unknown. By proper advertising at St. Louis and elsewhere in the East, a larger number of people can be brought here to purchase property and make homes.

"I believe there will be a large attendance of Eastern people at the Lewis and Clark Fair, and that in the next few years there will be a heavy immigration to this state, but this will not be brought about without hard work on the part of our own people.

"I have talked Oregon and the Lewis and Clark Fair everywhere I have been. This is a great state with a great future and I realize it more than ever since I have returned from a circle around the United States. I am happy to be back here again in my own beloved Oregon."

HIS INJURY PROVED FATAL.—Charles Lankin, a brother of Mrs. Chas. Catta, of Oregon City, died at Eureka, California, Sunday, Nov. 1, from injuries received on the day before. While employed as a carpenter Lankin fell down a light well, a distance of 16 feet, striking on the side of his head. He never regained consciousness, and from an examination that was made it is believed the man sustained a fracture of the skull near its base. Lankin resided near this city for a number of years, going to California about four years ago. He was about 33 years of age and is survived by a wife and an infant child. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Nov. 3, under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World.

The Best Liniment.

"Chamberlain's Pain Balm is considered the best liniment on the market," writes Post & Bliss, of Georgia, Vt. No other liniment will heal a cut or bruise so promptly. No other affords such quick relief from rheumatic pains. No other is so valuable for deep-seated pains, like lame back and pains in the chest. Give this liniment a trial and you will never wish to be without it. For sale by G. A. Harding.

ROLL IS DOUBLED

Assessor Nelson Makes Record in Assessing County.

Increase is Due to Doubling of Corporation Assessments of Previous Years.

The doubling of an assessment roll of a county within a year is rarely accomplished but this has been done in the last twelve months by Assessor J. F. Nelson, of Clackamas county. In 1902 the total taxable property of the county was listed at \$4,526,502 while the roll for the year 1903, which has just been completed by Assessor Nelson, represents a total of \$9,014,377 in taxable property.

This remarkable increase in property values in this county was accomplished by Assessor Nelson by doubling and in many instances trebling the previous assessments of property owned by timber land speculators, railroads and other corporations. The personal property of farmers was not disturbed but was listed at practically the same values as a year ago.

As an instance of the increased assessments that were made by Assessor Nelson may be cited that of the Crown Paper Mills, of this city. This corporation last year paid taxes on only \$20,000 while it is this year listed at \$75,000. A year ago the Oregon City Manufacturing Company, (Woolen Mills) paid taxes on \$42,500 and this year it will pay on \$100,000. The Portland General Electric Company has been assessed with property of the value of \$479,000 instead of about \$150,000 a year ago. This corporation is this year assessed with the locks which have heretofore been listed at a nominal valuation. Assessor Nelson has placed on the locks an assessable valuation this year of \$269,000. Other corporations have been assessed in proportion bringing the assessable value of the property of the county up to something of its true value. These assessments were not disturbed in a single instance by the county board of equalization at its meeting a few weeks ago.

Valuable timber land in this county owned by speculators that has been assessed at \$1.25 and \$1.50 per acre was this year listed at from \$6 to \$10 an acre, not a single tract being assessed at less than \$6 per acre. In this connection it is noted that 498,413 acres of non-tillable land was assessed a year ago at \$1,486,447, property of the same classification to the amount of 623,173 acres is assessed at \$3,220,655. Manufacturing machinery listed last year at \$167,586, has been raised this year to \$369,065; merchandise and stock in trade from \$90,071 to \$146,620.

In view of the fact that the assessment roll has been doubled, the people of Clackamas county are especially desirous that some remedial legislation be provided at the proposed special session that will enable the county to collect a tax on this roll of increased property valuations. By levying even a nominal tax on so large an assessment roll, enough revenue would be derived to meet all current expenses and at the same time cancel some of the county's outstanding indebtedness.

The summary of the roll shows the following totals:
81,484 acres of tillable land... \$2,512,440
523,173 acres of non-tillable land... 3,220,655
Improvements on patented or deeded land... 878,860
Town or city lots... 1,034,522
Improvements on town or city lots... 514,035
Improvements on land not deeded... 1,015
27.38 miles of railroad bed... 140,330
104.50 miles of telegraph and telephone lines... 22,135
Rolling stock... 23,055
20 miles of street railway bed... 60,650
Manufacturing machinery... 369,065
Merchandise and stock in trade... 146,620
Farming implements... 55,465
Money... 20,545
Notes and accounts... 22,555
798 shares of stock... 33,500
Household furniture... 127,890
Horses and mules (4193)... 91,020
12,157 cattle... 114,870
13,808 sheep and goats... 14,555
2903 hogs... 4,965

Total... \$9,407,877
Exemption... 393,500
Taxable... \$9,014,377

RAIN DAMAGED BRIDGES.—County Judge Ryan reports that the heavy rain has washed out or seriously damaged at least a dozen bridges in Clackamas county. The Clackamas river always rises rapidly but the raise following the recent heavy rains was greater than ever. It will cost the county a large amount of money to repair the damage that has been done. The repairs must necessarily be made to enable travel about the county.

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5000 feet, 1 1/2 inch first class Manila rope, in one piece, is offered for sale at a bargain for a few days.

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Newly Furnished Rooms.
Meals at All Hours. Prices Reasonable.
Opposite Suspension Bridge.
Only First Class Restaurant
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Oregon Washington State Fair Victories

ON BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS

Oregon State Fair 1902	Washington State Fair 1902
1-2-3 on Cock Birds, 6 in Competition 1st on... Hen, 10 in Competition 1-2-3 on Pullets... 40 in Competition 2nd on... Cockerel 21 in Competition 1st on... pen, 11 in Competition 1st in... American Class	We only sent 3 pullets, 1 hen and 1 Cock and won on every entry but one besides specials, including best pen in the show. Prizes won 1st Cock, 1st Hen: 1st and 2nd Pullet; 1st pen.
Have won 1st on pullets the past 3 years. Stock for sale, eggs in season.	Exhibition Stock a specialty. Some grand pullets for sale. Eggs \$3.00

J. MURROW & SON, Oregon City, Oregon.