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IT'S ONLY FIRST BLOOD.
The news that the government has won first blood in its contention with the Southern Pacific railway in its fight for the ownership of the many acres of lands that were given to the railway conditional, and the terms of which condition have been ignored and denied many times in the past by the company, will be good news to hundreds who have been waiting to get a piece in the game of homesteading.

Where the railway has been lame in its effort to reap a larger sum than what Congress gave it. If the lands had been sold at the figure set it would have made a large profit in the deal. But at the figures which the company has been planning to get, with the trades which they have been able to put over on certain officials who traded one class of land for another, the company always getting the best of it, they stand to win many millions more than they deserve or than the contract calls for.

Naturally the company is determined not to yield unless absolutely forced to. And it is no wonder there is a determination to fight to the bitter end rather than yield. And the public expression of its belief that it will ultimately win is simply the paving of the way for winning—by fair means or foul. The spending of a few thousands to win will not be a drop in the bucket with such a stake in the balance.

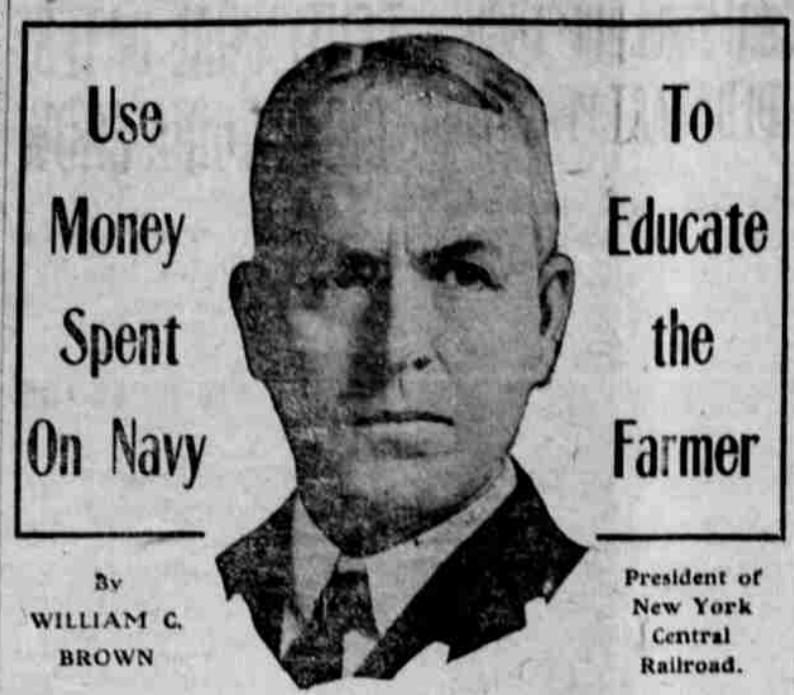
The lands in dispute are broad enough in acreage to make a kingdom in domain. The withholding of this acreage from the people who wish to settle it as homesteads in 160 acre tracts, for the sake of speculation, is a crime of no mean degree. For the government to permit this as long as it has to confess stupidity if not a greater offense. To permit the company to further juggle with the cards so that the company wins all the prizes, and the people draw all the blanks, is the sort of government that makes for dissatisfaction among the masses and a determination to change the government at every turn of the wheel.

But the people are very simple if they think for a moment that the battle is won. The company has only begun to fight. It is an old trick of the courts to hand down a sound decision at the first, and secure the plaudits of the people, simply to make it bearable when the decision that the company is waiting for is rendered later. If the people are to win in this fight there must be vigilance to the very end of the fight.

LITERATURE AND HOGS.
The rate of hauling hogs and sample hogs, from Chicago to Philadelphia is \$5.50 per ton in large or small quantities, one hog deep, and the hogs have to be fed and watered on the way, the sick ones doctored and the dead ones thrown out. The hogs are weighed in bulk. The distance is a little over 800 miles.

It is proposed by the Loud Bill to increase the rate of the latter class to \$8.00 per ton, over fourteen times as much as hogs, and sample hogs, pay, each individual piece and fraction of a piece to be stamped, and nothing at all is said in the bill about increasing the rate on hogs, or sample hogs, nor of requiring each hog, or fraction of a hog or sample hog, to be stamped, and there is no difference in the rate between hogs and sample hogs. Why this partiality for hogs? Why this discrimination against Literature? Is it fair, is it right? Upon what glorious principle of honor and patriotism can it be justified? None whatever—it is all wrong.

Use Money Spent On Navy To Educate the Farmer
By WILLIAM C. BROWN
President of New York Central Railroad.



SERIOUSLY, gentlemen, let it not be said of us that we enter the 20th century as a people who show favors to swine, whatever the breed, but that we love Literature better than Hogs.

What might have proved a terrible catastrophe, and spoiled the whole pleasure of the Booster Day season, was turned into a minor accident by the nerve and skill of the aeronaut who came off so luckily when the gas bag to his balloon burst on Saturday.

Well, friends and neighbors, did you enjoy Booster Day? Glad if it come again.

SKILL AND NERVE SAVE FROM DEATH

came to the city to see the balloon ascension, which was a part of the free exhibit used to draw a crowd. No premonition was had of impending danger, and yet the strong wind of the morning made any attempted ascent more or less dangerous.

"I started under unfavorable conditions," the wind was blowing so hard I could not manipulate the balloon properly. When I was about 30 feet in the air, and getting settled, the bag ripped. I was too busy trying to get loose to realize my danger. The parachute was still attached to the balloon and the whole business was falling before I could cut myself loose.

While Wilson escaped without serious injury not so the power station of the P. R. L. & P. Co., into whose wires he fell. In some manner there was a short circuit established and the whole system given a shock and much damage done in the station here and at Cazadero. The plants in this city, Cazadero and Portland are all connected in one unit, and danger and destruction to one is felt by the others.

Advertisement for Wise Dental Co., Inc. featuring a portrait of a dentist and a list of services including bridge work, gold fillings, and X-ray services.

THE United States is building two or three great battleships almost every year which cost, fully equipped, perhaps an average of nine million dollars each, and it COSTS CLOSE TO A MILLION A YEAR TO MAN, SUPPLY AND MAINTAIN EACH ONE.

WITH THE MONEY THAT ONE OF THESE FIGHTING MACHINES COSTS WE COULD ESTABLISH AND FULLY EQUIP TWO SPLENDID EXPERIMENTAL FARMS OF SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY ACRES EACH IN EVERY STATE IN THE UNION, TO BE RUN BY THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

The establishment of such farms by the government would soon be followed by one hundred and sixty acre farms owned and run by the state in every county in our great agricultural states.

Such farms, once established, would not only be self sustaining, but, in my opinion, WOULD SHOW A HANDSOME PROFIT. The effect of such a system of practical education upon the products and profit of the nation's farms would be almost beyond comprehension.

Men who have no books on this important subject and who could find no time to study them if they had would learn by that most apt and thorough teacher, OBSERVATION, the value of improved methods and would adopt them.

Let the government invest the PRICE OF ONE BATTLESHIP in this important work, follow the investment up intelligently and perseveringly for ten years and the value that will have been added to each year's crops of the nation's farms will buy and pay for every battleship in the navies of the world today.

RESIGNS AS ATTORNEY OF STATE LAND BOARD

JUDGE GORDON E. HAYES HAS HELD POSITION FOR 23 YEARS.

Judge Gordon E. Hayes, for 23 years attorney of the State Land Board in Clackamas county, has resigned, and State Senator Walter A. Dimick was today appointed his successor.

Our relations have been exceedingly pleasant during my services as your legal representative. Thanking you for retaining me in your employ for so many years, and the confidence you have reposed in me, I remain, most sincerely yours, GORDON E. HAYES.

EXPERIMENT STATION

To Be Established at West Stayton by O. A. C. This Summer.

WEST STAYTON, Or., April 21.—(Special).—Arrangements have just been completed between the Oregon Agricultural College and the Williamette Valley Irrigated Land Company for an O. A. C. experiment station right across from the Southern Pacific depot at West Stayton.

Spring Floods in Russia. ALEXANDROVSK. Government of Archangel, Russia, April 22.—(Delayed in transmission).—Reports from Western Russia and Siberia tell of the sudden arrival of Spring. The ice has broken up in the rivers and, with the melting snows, has caused abnormal high waters, which are doing great damage.

CHILDREN CRY FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

SALEM, Or., April 21.—According to advices received by W. C. Tillson last evening from fruitgrowers in every section of the State, the recent cold spell has not affected the prune crop at all.

REBATING CLAIMED BY GRAND JURY

FOUR RAILROADS INDICTED FOR REBATING AND CONSPIRACY—TEN INDICTMENTS. DAN R. HANNA FIGURES IN MATTER

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 26.—(Special).—The grand jury returned ten indictments on 107 counts charging four railroads with rebating and claiming that two of them are also guilty of conspiracy, today. The railroads are the Lake Shore, Pennsylvania, Nickel Plate and Bessemer & Lake Erie.

MORE SUITS FILED

United States Government Will try For Lands in Other States. WASHINGTON, April 25.—Encouraged by the recent decision of Judge Wolverton in Portland, Or., whereby the United States government recovered from the Southern Pacific more than 2,400,000 acres of lands because the road had failed to sell actual settlers, the department of the interior will soon start similar suits to recover lands worth \$100,000,000 in Washington, Nevada and Wyoming from the Union Pacific.

One serious obstacle in the government's success against the Union Pacific is that after receiving the grant that company changed its corporate title from the Union Pacific Railroad company to the Union Pacific "Railway" company.

BIG MEET PROMISED

Oregon City High School Has Accepted Among Other Schools. CORVALLIS, Or., April 26.—The invitation of the Oregon Agricultural College to the high schools of the State to send their athletes to the interscholastic track meet May 19 and 20 has received hearty response.

NEGRO TROOPS PLENTY

ATLANTA, Ga., April 25.—There are more negro troops available here than there are places for them in the United States Army. Recently the local recruiting station received orders from the War Department to obtain negro recruits for the Twenty-fourth Infantry, which was under orders to sail for the Philippines.

COMPULSORY TRAINING

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Compulsory military training was advocated by General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the United States Army, in a speech last night at a banquet of the Sons of the Revolution.

LAUNCH HARMON BOOM

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Reinforced by Lieutenant-Governor Nichols, of Ohio, the Democratic Congressional delegation of that State today met in Senator Pomerene's office formally to launch a boom for Governor Judson Harmon for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1912.

POPE CAUTIONED

ROME, April 26.—Pope Pius X is somewhat indisposed and has been cautioned by his private physician, Dr. Giuseppe Petacci, to avoid over-exertion. His holiness, however, has refused to change from his daily routine and celebrated Mass today and gave a few private audiences.

Advertisement for ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Text: 'Makes the most nutritious food and the most dainty and delicious. ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar. No fussing or fretting over the biscuit-making. Royal is the aid to many a cook's success.'

still climbing and have gone over \$1.50 and \$1.75, with some fancy stock bringing \$2.25. Extra fancy will bring almost anything one can ask in small lots. One dealer says he will pay \$2 for a whole car load, and if the car is secured he'll not be too particular if a few not choice creep in. Funny situation in potatoes—dealers must have them for retail trade and when they pay the outside price they have hard work to sell again and come out whole. Best potatoes in the West have been consumed. VEGETABLES—Little change since last report; onions are a little stiffer in price but other vegetables remain about the same. Onions 2 1/2c, turnips and carrots 75c to \$1 sack, parsnips \$1 to \$1.25 sack, cabbage 3c pound. New vegetables are coming in. California is sending many things, at a high price. Local lettuce sells 5c bunch, radishes 5c, onions 5c; California lettuce 10c head, asparagus 10c to 12 1/2c. Mexican tomatoes 10c pound. FLOUR AND FRED—Little change in flour; selling down to 45c with best bringing about \$5.50; some as low as \$4.50. In feed the tendency is upward. Bran commands \$23 to \$24, shorts \$24 to \$25, rolled barley \$30, process barley \$31, whole corn \$29, cracked corn \$30. WHEAT—The local market for wheat is a trifle better and the price advancing a little from last report. In fact prices are on the climb but with little outward manifestations—those who have it are holding so no new prices are made—it's in strong hands who won't let go. Blue stem 92c, club 80c to 88c. HAY—There is a better movement in hay and prices are a little better. Plenty of hay except alfalfa, which is getting scarcer and higher. Timothy \$16 to \$18, clover \$10 to \$11, oat hay \$12, mixed \$12 to \$14, alfalfa selling \$18. CATTLE—Dealers buying for shipment to meet the demand in the cities. Paying—gray \$25, white \$25.50 to \$26. At that the market is weak and unsatisfactory. BUTTER—Prices very weak with 10c and 15c fair for ordinary country, fancy dairy will bring 18c and 20c, creamery commands 25c and 30c. There is plenty in the country now and the demand is well supplied. EGGS—The price has slid down another peg with 17c the best that is being paid unless one has a place to put the product. Shipping not very brisk but no trouble to supply local demand. POULTRY—Not so strong as a few weeks ago; little stock offered and that of not the best—hens command 15c and 16c, old roosters 10c, broilers 22c to 24c, ducks 17c to 18c. No offerings of larger fowl. HIDES—Green 5c pound, salted 6c, dry hides 13c to 14c, sheep pelts 25c to 75c each. WOOL—Away down now, 12c to 14c; some say in sympathy with fear that Congress will tamper with the tariff on it; little demand on market as no one seems to want a stock on hand; Eastern and Central West sales reported at 8c to 11c. MOHAIR—Trade brisk in this commodity with consequent advances in the prices offered. Quotations of 20c to 32c, and prices going up all the time. DRIED FRUITS—These are up and still going, no one dares to buy to hold, now quoted at 12c for apples and 9c to 11c for prunes and few willing to sell at that. SALT—Selling 60c to 75c for fine, 50 lb. sack, half ground 40c 75c for 100 lb. sacks.

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