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FISHER FAVORS LAND LAW CHANGE

SECRETARY DECLARES THAT EVILS OF PRESENT SYSTEM ARE PLAIN.

GOVERNORS' CRITICISM INDORSED

Cooperation in Obtaining Better Legislation is Advocated—Cabinet Officers Offer Plan.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 18.—After hearing the Governors of the Northwest states and their accredited representatives outline what, in their opinion, is wrong with the present administration of the land laws and what is needed to further the development of the West, Secretary of the Interior Fisher today explained to the congress of Western Governors the administration's policy regarding public lands.

Secretary Fisher agreed with most of the speakers that there are many evils in connection with the land law that should be corrected, but he said he had no power to correct them; that it was a matter that should be put to Congress, and he asked the assistance of the Western Governors in securing needed legislation.

Secretary Fisher said that the fundamental thing needed is authority to classify the public lands according to their real value and then provide laws for effectual disposition of such class, such as timber, mineral, grazing and the like.

He said it was his purpose to get the unappropriated public lands into the hands of bona fide settlers as soon as possible, and yet maintain the purpose of the laws.

He said the present restrictive legislation aims to discriminate between the actual settler and the exploiter.

He defended the leasing system as the only way in which the public domain can be preserved for all the people, although often it seems to work a hardship on the individual.

Three Couples Get Licenses. Marriage licenses were issued Monday to Clara E. Ploech and L. L. Lett, Minnie C. Slevers and Harry Y. Miller and Mabel Updegrave and Martha E. Lee.



12 KILLED; 20 HURT IN TRAIN COLLISION

FAST COAST FLYER AND SILK SPECIAL ARE WRECKED ON MILWAUKEE LINE.

ENGINE PLOWS THROUGH COACHES

Steel Sleeping Cars Are Ground To Pieces and Occupants Are Killed in Berths.

ODESSA, Minn., Dec. 18.—Twelve are dead and a score or more seriously injured as the result of a collision between a silk train on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, running as section No. 2 of the "Columbian" flyer, from the Pacific Coast, and the rear sleeper of the flyer at the station here early today.

The engine of the silk special plowed five feet into the sleeper, in the last car of the flyer, but the greatest loss of life was in the front end of the sleeper which was telescoped by the dining car just ahead.

Long after it was believed all the dead had been taken from the debris, wreckers late this afternoon

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MAN HURT TWICE SAME DAY SUES

AFTER FALLING FROM TRESTLE N. J. SUNDERGARD IS IN COLLISION.

\$25,000 ASKED OF OREGON ELECTRIC

Right Foot And Leg Injured In First Accident Are Crushed Again In Second One.

N. J. Sundergard, through his attorneys, Dimick & Dimick, Monday filed an action for damages against the Oregon Electric Railway Company for \$25,000 for alleged injuries received while he was in the employ of the company Nov. 11, 1910.

The complaint sets forth that the plaintiff was engaged with other employees in operating a bonding car on the bonding of rails on the company's line, which bonding car was used at night, and at 5:30 o'clock a. m., November 11, 1910, the bonding car was run on a switch at Wilsonville, which was located on a trestle ground, and twenty feet above the ground, and that the ties used on said trestle were too short and were irregularly placed. It is alleged that the bonding car had no running boards around the sides for the employes to work upon, and Sundergard was compelled to step from the side of the car down upon the ties below, and after removing a signal flag from the top of the car he stepped upon the ties and as they were too short and did not project out from the car a sufficient distance, and on account of the ties being irregularly placed on the trestle he slipped and fell to the ground below and injured his right foot and leg.

Sundergard then was placed on a passenger car to be taken to Portland for treatment, and it is charged when the car arrived within the limits of Portland it came into a head-on collision with another car going in the opposite direction.

That part of the complaint describing the collision in which Sundergard claims to have received the most serious injury is as follows:

"That while so traveling on said defendant's passenger car and on its line of railway, and after said passenger car had arrived on said line of railway and within the corporate limits of the city of Portland, the said defendant, its agents and servants carelessly and negligently operated and propelled its said car in which said plaintiff was then and there riding as aforesaid, and carelessly and negligently operated and propelled one of its other cars in an opposite direction to and over upon the same single track and line of railway at a high and dangerous rate of speed, and then there carelessly and negligently caused the said two cars to come into a head-on collision with each other with great force and violence and without fault on the part of said plaintiff, and carelessly and negligently threw the said plaintiff off and from the cushions upon which he was lying and against the side wall of said car in which he was riding as hereinbefore alleged, and thereby bruising and crushing plaintiff's right leg and causing said leg to be violently broken immediately above the knee joint and the right side of plaintiff's body, and causing the bones therein to become broken and shattered, and causing plaintiff great sickness and bodily disorder therefrom, and causing said leg to be greatly deformed and about one and one-half inch shorter than it was prior to said injury, and permanently disabling, injuring, maiming and disfiguring plaintiff, and from which injury plaintiff has never fully recovered and is permanently injured thereby."

FARMERS LEAD IN PAYING TAXES

\$275,349.93 OUT OF \$493,614.20 IN 1910 COLLECTED FROM THEM.

TOWNS ALSO LARGE CONTRIBUTORS

J. O. Staats Furnishes Information That May Be Used In Campaign To Change System.

J. O. Staats, Chief Deputy Sheriff, has prepared the following, for the benefit of persons interested in the tax controversy started by the campaign for the adoption of single tax:

"While the subject of taxation is being discussed, and much is being said on both sides of the question as to the best method of assessment so that a just and equitable distribution of the burden of keeping up our public institutions may be had; it might be well for us to take a square look at the tax-roll to see who actually does pay taxes under the present system, and the proportion of taxes paid by the farmers, the incorporated towns and the public service and business corporations.

"A careful examination of the tax rolls of Clackamas county shows that there had been collected up to December 1, on assessment of 1910, \$493,614.20.

"Of this sum the public service corporations doing business in the county have paid \$77,918.35. The big land companies as follows: Southern Pacific railway, \$35,217.27; Weyerhouse Company, \$3,223.82; Collins Land Company, \$5,651.18; the three paper mills, \$21,138.65; the five incorporated towns of Oregon City, Canby, Estacada, Milwaukie and Oswego, \$82,115.00, and the farmers of the county the balance or \$273,349.93.

"Of the public service corporations doing business in the county, the Oregon & California (S. P.) pay \$19,449.64, this in addition to amount paid on land; the P. R. L. & P. Company paid \$50,197.09; the Oregon Electric, \$2,678.74; Beaverton & Willsburg R. R., \$2,735.18. The various telephone companies, \$2,149.24, and the telegraph companies \$278.03; The Pullman Company, The Wells-Fargo Express Company and two or three fast freight lines make up the balance of the amount from public service corporations.

"The farmer does not pay all the taxes, but he pays his share as shown by the above figures."

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OREGON CITY SCORES AT WILL ON WABASH

Notwithstanding their superior weight and the fact that they had strengthened their line-up by importing several stars, the Wabash Athletic Club, of Portland, went down to overwhelming defeat at the hands of the local team on Canemah Park Field Sunday by the score of 22 to 0.

The visitors excelled the home team in but one department of the game, punting. Long did his best for Oregon City, but went into the game with a lame foot and ankle. This was somewhat of a handicap. The game was entirely free from wrangling between players on either team and the Wabash boys are certainly to be complimented on the hard, clean, sportsman-like game they put up in the face of certain defeat.

Wabash was never really dangerous during the whole game, while Oregon City scored almost at will. A much larger score would have been made had the field been in better shape.

Oregon City played a better game against Wabash by 100 per cent than the team has against any team heretofore. A great improvement was noted in the local's running and interference.

Had Holladay, who played Oregon City to a no-score tie in the early part of the season played the Oregon City team of Sunday, Holladay would have undoubtedly received a royal beating.

Every man on the home team played a splendid game. If stars were to be counted all the names would have to be put down. Lawrence's work at left tackle was especially notable. Roos handled the team nicely. For the visitors, Spady, Patterson and Dowling were most effective.

Ross, Long and Siler each pulled off a sensational run through a broken field for thirty yards. Touchdowns were scored by Carothers, and Freeman, one each, and Roos, two. Roos kicked goal twice.

OREGON CITY JEWELERS

A feature of the game was the Billy Goat exhibition pulled off during the play by the two red-heads, "Buck" Patterson of Wabash, and "Buck" Carothers, of Oregon City. The squared off and butted each other three straight bucks, the Oregon City boy getting the decision.

Counting the game forfeited to Oregon City by the Rose City Club, the locals record stands as seven wins, one tie, out of eight games, with no scores against them.

The line-up:

Wabash	Oregon City
Scott	White (Capt.)
	L. E.
Shay	Lawrence
	L. T.
Forbes (Capt.)	C. Freeman
	L. G.
Wheeler	Montgomery
	C.
Dowling	Carothers (Capt.)
	L. H.

Suspension Bridge Corner

Watts-Pudeira	F. Freeman
Pudeaux	R. H. Long
	F.
Schledman	Smith
	R. G.
Patterson	C. Freeman
	R. T.
Spady	Siler
	R. E.
Hull	Roos
	D.
Referee—Cole	
Umpire—Bateman	
Field Judge—Jackson	
Head linesman—Reddock	
Timekeeper—Shepherd	

Wife Seeks Divorce. Bessie Howell filed suit Monday for divorce against William C. Hollowell, alleging abandonment. They were married in Pocatella, Ida., March 10, 1909.

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Intending members are urged to secure membership tickets not later than tonight.

HAROLD A. SWAFFORD, Secretary.

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