

WHY SETTLERS SHY

Owners of Land Grants Rather Lease Than Sell.

LARGE TRACTS THUS HELD OUT

Works Against Development of the State—Other Reasons Why Oregon Does Not Receive Full Measure of Increase.

Of Oregon's superficial area of 41,577,540 acres, about 35,000,000 acres still belong to the Government domain and are open to settlement. This includes all the unappropriated and unreserved land of the state.

The grants that the wagon road companies got were made by the Federal Government to the state for the purpose of building the wagon roads. The grants were made in 1842 and 1843.

Why settlers are shy of buying land grants is due to the fact that the land is held by the military wagon road companies, which are not selling but leasing the land.

their own homes and live by tilling the soil.

The other land grants of the military roads offer even less attraction to settlers than do the wagon road grants.

The Dalles wagon road grant was transferred to the Oregon Land Company, which is owned chiefly by Mrs. Eleanor Martin of San Francisco.

Among the reasons why settlers do not flock to Oregon as they do to some other parts of the country is the fact that the land grant owners are given, particularly of the military wagon road grants.

INSISTS UPON REDUCTION. Brewers Making Hard Fight to Have War Tax on Beer Cut Down.

DISTRIBUTING NEW RAILS

CITY & SUBURBAN EXTENSIONS IN ALBINA.

Preparations to Cover Several Thickly Populated Neighborhoods—Fitting Up a Baptist Church.

The City & Suburban Railway Company has begun distributing rails for the proposed double track on Williams avenue northward from Stanton street.

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Mount Taber Teacher Resigns. Professor C. W. Durrette, superintendent of the Mount Taber schools, in District No. 5, has been elected principal of the High School of Olympia, Wash., and Tuesday evening tendered his resignation to the directors of that district.

Funeral of Mrs. Lavitt. The funeral of Mrs. Bertha Estelle Lavitt, wife of Henry Lavitt, living at 141 Union avenue, took place yesterday morning at the home of the deceased.

Sunday School Election. The annual election of the Sunday school of the Centenary Methodist church took place at the church Tuesday evening with the following result.

Funeral of Andrew Sover. The funeral of Andrew Sover, of Fairview, took place Tuesday morning from the M. E. Church of that place.

Revival Meeting. A graceful revival meeting is in progress at the First English Evangelical church, corner Eleventh and East Third streets.

O. R. & N. Railway Contract. The O. R. & N. Railway Company has let a contract for 30,000 railway ties to be made at Troutdale, Oregon.

Pleasant Home News. J. S. Griffin, of Wamie, Wasco county, who has been visiting friends in the neighborhood, has returned to his home.

Charging License For Hauling Sand. An ordinance was introduced making it unlawful for any person or corporation to haul sand on any street or highway.

FORFEIT OLD FRANCHISES

CITY COUNCIL ANNULS FORMER GRANTS TO RAILROADS.

Measures Introduced to Protect Asphalt Streets from the Wear of Heaviest Traffic.

A much larger amount of business than usual connected with street railway matters was transacted at the meeting of the Common Council yesterday.

Old Franchises Forfeited. An ordinance was introduced by Branch to repeal certain portions of an ordinance passed by the former city of East Portland, granting franchises to the Willamette Bridge Railway Company and its successor, the City & Suburban Railway Company.

Street Improvements. An appropriation of \$28,719 was made out of the general fund for the improvement of the spread of infectious and contagious diseases.

British Seals of Office Never Used. The seals of office, which half a dozen of the general fund were ordered to be received from the Queen, are small metal stamps in velvet cases.

Miscellaneous. Way of Light, S. S. Song Book. New Songs for Revivals, Camp Meetings, etc.

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