

LESS LANDS SOLD

Oregon Receives Higher Price for Its Property.

RECENT PAYMENTS ARE HEAVY

Land Sold in Preceding Biennial Period Was Taken on the Partial-Payment Plan—New Rules of State Board.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Sales of state lands in Oregon for the two years ending September 30 aggregated \$2,425,826.43, and the cash received on sales amounted to \$676,984. This is a decrease from the number of acres sold as compared with the preceding two years, when the aggregate was 49,122 acres, but the receipts for the preceding two years amounted to only \$1,111,553.

The increase in payments notwithstanding a decrease in the number of acres sold may be explained by the fact that practically all land is sold on the partial payment plan, and in the last two years heavy payments have been made upon sales made in the preceding biennial term.

These facts are shown by the biennial report of the State Land Board, recently made public. The report also shows that during the two years "sales have been made from the common school fund to the amount of \$1,817,380, while the loans for the previous two years were only \$222,697. The total loans from the common school fund now outstanding amount to \$1,534,225.50, while two years ago there was only \$2,425,826.43, showing a net increase of \$2,111,601.93. The amount of surplus in the treasury in the common school fund has been materially reduced by the purchase of school district bonds, and a large number of farm loans, leaving a surplus at the end of the term of \$200,861.24.

The report of the board sets forth a number of recommendations which have been established during the past two years for the purpose of protecting the state's interests in the handling of the state lands, and after stating that large repayments from the school fund were made because of the non-approval of lieu land selections made by the state upon mineral base, the report says:

Mineral Base Selections.

The adjudication of the mineral base used was made in the usual manner, and on the same kind of proof that had theretofore been used, and which had always been approved at Washington, but owing to the adoption of a new set of rules by the department of the interior, which required that, in order to establish the mineral character of the school sections used as base, it would be necessary to show that they contained mineral in paying quantities, and must be evidenced by mines in operation on the land. This made it impossible for the state to prove the mineral character as required, hence the selections were disapproved and the state's title failed and the money had to be refunded to the purchaser, as provided in sections 3310 and 3311 of Bellingier and Custer's Code.

New Base Discovered.

A few thousand acres of new "valid base" has been discovered by the State Land Agent, which, by request of the board, has been used to reselect some of the lands heretofore selected which failed of approval. This was done upon application of purchasers of some of the rejected selections, and the board requiring them in every case to pay \$2.50 per acre in addition to that already paid or agreed to be paid, in order to make the price for the new selection equal to the price for the one rejected, and in the two latter years large areas in the eastern part of the state were withdrawn from entry by the Secretary of the Interior, with a view to the creation of forest reserves. Doubtless, it is probable that these withdrawals would be made had reached a number of persons in the state in advance, as within a few months prior to the withdrawal nearly all the surveyed school sections included in the areas afterward withdrawn were applied for and sold, although they were in the mountainous region of Eastern Oregon, practically worthless as a base for exchange for other lands under United States laws, in case of the creation of a permanent reserve embracing them at the same time as of these sections had been or were being adjudicated as mineral, and the State Land Agent was using them as base for indemnity selections but for breaking the base to the description of the land used as base, the selected land was also sold. This was owing to lack of co-operation between the office of the State Land Agent and the office of the Secretary of the Interior during the last two years, so that it cannot now occur.

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Receipts.

Table with 2 columns: Description of receipts and Amount. Includes items like Common school fund, principal, payments on certificates, sales of school land, etc.

IN HOPE OF MONEY

Officials Feel Harbor Bill May Yet Pass.

LANGFITT MAKES HIS REPORT

Shows Amount Needed for River and Harbor Improvements During the Coming Year—Plan of Improvement Under Way.

The announcement yesterday that Congress might yet make some provision for the continuance of the more important Government work in this district caused a more hopeful feeling among those interested.

Signs with Kansas City.

Castro to Play Ball for Arthur Irwin Next Season.

Louis Castro, who, Ben Ely claims, is under reserve to the Portland Club, but who has his release signed by D. E. Dugdale, yesterday accepted the terms offered him by Kansas City. It was learned during the day that Manager McCreebie, did not know that Ely, who has nothing to do with the present management of the club, had sent Castro's name to the National Board. It is understood that Manager McCreebie informed Castro that he, McCreebie, would wire the board that Portland had no claim to the South American's services.

PROJECTS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

Table with 3 columns: Project Name, Estimated Cost, and Amount Appropriated. Lists various river and harbor improvement projects.

Mental State of the Dead

Professor Hyslop Tells Why Communications From "Spirits" Are on Trivial Subjects—Views of an Investigator Who Believes in Spiritism.

Professor H. H. Hyslop in The World Today. THE vicissitudes of psychic research are an interesting fact for the psychologist, even when he ridicules it. Everyone knows what the frauds were after the Fox sisters confessed their trickery and perceived all intelligent people will have observed what a decline in frauds followed the publication of the report by the Seybert Commission. But the investigations of the Society for Psychical Research and the exploitation of the phenomena of Mrs. Piper have revived an interest in the problem of immortality while throwing wide open the gates to those dupes who are fanatically desirous to communicate with departed friends, and the consequence has been that fraud is so rampant that a sane man hardly dare say a word on any side of the subject without inviting social and scientific ostracism. But this is not the way to meet the situation.

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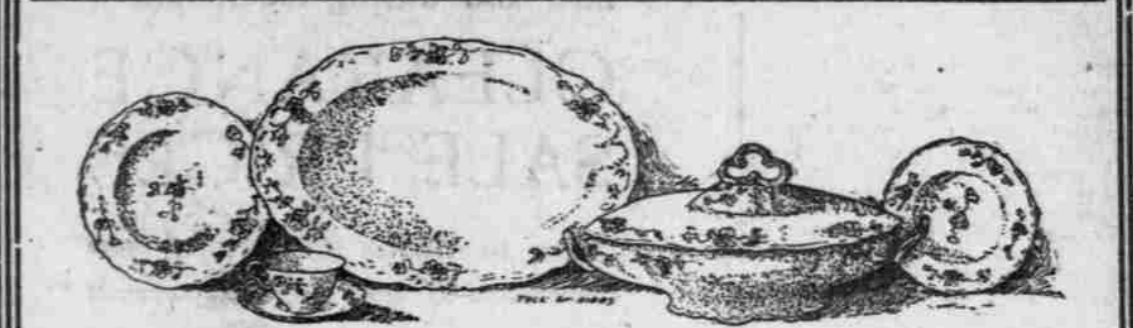
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Plain White, Regular \$5.20, Special \$3.75 "Poppy Spray" Regular \$8.50, Special \$6.15 "Cobalt Blue" Regular \$8.75, Special \$6.25 "Dresden Rose," Regular \$9.00, Special \$6.75

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