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Portland, Friday, July 12, 1907.

Railroad Lands and Actual Settlers

Many persons in Western Oregon are eager to possess themselves of land, in railroad grants, by purchase from the Southern Pacific, at \$2.50 an acre.

Now this class of greedy grabbers is considerable of a host; in fact, it is likely to be the majority of the "actual settlers" if the present race for the railroad areas shall win.

But neither the railroad barons nor the landgrabbers should get this plunder. The profit belongs properly to the man and wife who are willing to bring wild land into cultivation by living on it, and to add such areas to the productive forces of the commonwealth.

most persons hitherto have supposed could be made. Whatever the Government shall do, whatever kind of suit it shall bring, it should take care to curb the rapacity of a set of speculative plunderers as greedy as the railroad.

Yet forfeiture would be just. The Oregon & California Railroad and the Southern Pacific never have observed the terms under which the Government granted the lands.

The railroad sought vainly to push the act through Congress without the restricting proviso. When forced to admit the proviso to the acts of April 10, 1859, and May 4, 1870, the railroad schemed to repudiate it.

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The objection which the Senator makes to this bill is not available, for the reason that the bill provides expressly that the land shall be sold to actual settlers.

The railroad has trafficked in the lands as its own absolute possession. It has sold or refused to sell, at its choice; charged whatever price it wanted, and disposed of as many acres as one purchaser, in excess of 160, as it pleased.

And in killing the railroad monopoly the Government should not make prey for the stock speculators.

The Government crop report, which appeared Wednesday, had an unusual effect on the market. Taking the figures at their face value, it seemed clear that the crop had failed to make any recovery from the bad condition in which it was reported by the June report.

Trade estimates based on the June report recurred the probable out-turn at 590,000,000 to 615,000,000 bushels. Accepting the maximum figure as accurate, we would have an exportable surplus of less than 60,000,000 bushels.

very pronounced weakness in the American situation, if we except the stocks of gold, which are unusually large for so late in the old season.

Incessant crying of a small child in a dwelling in Cottage Grove, Tuesday, led to finding his mother lying unconscious on a bed.

There are any number of morals, several sermons and many lectures to be taken from this incident, but the strongest is the object-lesson as to how one should live.

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The prosperous farming Yamhill community of which Newburg is the center and shipping point will, after this season, be furnished with a market for the large surplus of fruits and vegetables that are grown there.

A prominent lawyer, in discussing the probable reopening of the camps within sixty days, says that wages will probably be lower and charges for board higher when the camps reopen.

The approximate loss sustained by the victims of the rich man's panic in the first half of the current year have been reduced to figures by the Eastern financial journals.

Seattle has given the Christian Endeavorers the glad hand and reached out for their modest purpose with the other hand by charging them Seattle prices and a little more for meals, board and other things.

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of this slump in prices strictly speaking, not lost \$2,000,000,000. They have simply failed to unload their securities on the general public at a figure \$2,000,000,000 higher than seems warranted by the law of supply and demand.

Definite announcement has at last been made that the steamer Lawton is to be placed on the Portland route. The Lawton will be the largest and finest boat yet placed on the run between Portland and San Francisco.

Joe Day, fresh from the land of Sherlock Holmes, Scotland Yard and other accessories of successful thief-taking, permitted fugitive Thompson to escape when he was within two days' travel of Portland.

Customs duties collected at the Portland Custom-House during the month of June averaged more than \$3000 per day, and, for the year ending June 30, reached a total of \$1,157,329.

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Salom's fine cherry fair cannot help but stimulate a profitable industry; the solid figures in the grand total at the end of the year. Oregon's annual product of first-rate berries and small fruit aggregates a very large sum widely distributed.

Larger and steadily increasing cargo between Portland and New Bay patches against the well-known maxim: When you want more business, go after it. By the way, Alaska hasn't closed her doors against Portland.

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The New Inheritance Tax Law

Feature of Measure Enacted by the New York Legislature. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. One of the noteworthy acts of the present Legislature was signed by the Governor and became a law of the state.

Collateral inheritances, above \$1000, including unmarital religious and educational institutions, 5 per cent. Direct inheritances, class A (father, mother, husband, wife and lineal descendants, natural or adopted, including husband of daughter or wife of son).

But as an original effort in inheritance tax legislation, it will do, and recent decisions of Federal and state courts leave little or no question as to the constitutionality of such a law.

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More Theology and Dogma

Two Correspondents Differ Materially in Elucidating the Problem. PORTLAND, July 10.-(To the Editor.)-Through a busy professional man, who must snare the time as write, I offer no apology for attempting to reply to the Oregonian's comments of this date on my letter.

My references to dogma and theology were but incidental. I wished to try to neutralize to some extent such materialistic, not to say agnostic, utterances as they seem to me in the editorial of last Sunday's Oregonian, and certain bitter contentions of Christians, and anyhow, its ordained teachers.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 8.-(To the Editor.)-I desire to offer my tribute of appreciation to the leading editorial of last Sunday's Oregonian on the subject "What is Truth?"

Mr. Paulsen Reasons That the Proposition is Unworkable. PORTLAND, July 10.-(To the Editor.)-Regarding an article which recently appeared in The Oregonian on "Elderly Government Clerks," why should a person who has for many years rendered service to the Government a salary that has exceeded in most instances the amount he or she could have earned in any other business?

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In the Magazine Section of the Sunday Oregonian

WHEN STEUENBERG PRESERVED ORDER. Full page of photographs showing the "bullpen" near the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mine, where 600 men were confined after the riots in 1899.

BEATING HOME IN A SMASHING BREEZE. Full-page picture in colors of a yachting scene on the Willamette River, made from a photograph.

"BILL" CHANCE, INDIAN FIGHTER. Sketch of a man who killed treacherous Oregon redskins early in the '40s, and hates them like rattlesnakes. He gives the facts surrounding the Ben Wright massacre.

ONE OF PORTLAND'S ATTRACTIVE HOMES. Exterior and interior views of the attractive residence of Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, at the head of Lovejoy street.

WANTON SLAUGHTER OF TURTLE DOVES. Another of Homer Davenport's biting cartoons and a little lay sermon to go with it.

WILD BIRDS OF SOUTHERN OREGON. W. L. Finley, the well-known ornithologist, tells of the greatest rookeries on the Pacific Coast and discloses how fashion, not law, stopped the slaughter of grebes.

GARFIELD'S SUBSTITUTE A FAMED ATHLETE. Sketch of George W. Woodruff, Acting Secretary of the Interior, who was once the most famous football coach in the country.

CONSCIENCE IN THE FIELD OF ART. O. Henry, the most popular humorist of the day, tells how Andy deeded a Pittsburgh millionaire who was taking on culture.

BILLIONS IN WORLD'S NEW IMPROVEMENTS. Dexter Marshall writes about colossal enterprises, now under way, which involve greater sums than were ever expended at one time.

QUEER POPULATION OF TRIPOLI OF TRIPOLI. Frank G. Carpenter's topic for the current letter is the capital of Barbary, a desert city of 60,000 inhabitants.

DR. FURNIVALL, PHYSICIAN-DETECTIVE. "The Lodging-House Mystery" is the title of his latest narrative, most startling in the denouement.

ORDER FROM YOUR NEWS-DEALER TODAY. Everyone has seen a domestic cat stalk a bird. The sparrow seemed not the least afraid, but kept on pecking at the bird industriously.

SLEEPING DOGS. What's the matter of engaging Governor Chamberlain for the next Fourth of July celebration? He draws.

THE RIVER. Ah! the siren, sinuous river - See its scintillant, silvery gleam! How it flows through the gloom!



From the New York World.