

EYES OF EAGLES IN S. P. GRANT LANDS

Eighty-one Residents of Michigan and Elsewhere Are Made Intervenor.

SUITS ARE LONG DELAYED

Similar Action Pending in Washington Has Moved More Speedily, and Decision Is Expected Next Month.

Eighty-one residents of Michigan and other Eastern states yesterday received permission from Judge Wolverton to intervene as parties to the suit whereby the United States, through Special Prosecutor Owenza, is attempting to vitiate and set aside what is known as the Oregon & California land grant.

The suit was filed by Peter J. Danhof, of Grand Rapids, an attorney of long practice before the bar of the State of Michigan. In the complaint Attorney Danhof raises a question which heretofore has been entirely eliminated from the Oregon & California Railway Company and the Southern Pacific Company that they stand ready to purchase the granted lands.

Information Is Sold. Pending a decision by the court there appear to be many persons who are taking advantage of the situation as dealers in the formation of Government lands. From Omaha, Nebraska, a circular has been sent out reciting the story of the litigation.

Case Begun in 1908. Reaching from Portland to the California line a strip 60 miles wide and approximately 100 miles long is withheld from settlement by the policy of the Southern Pacific in refusing to sell its granted lands to "actual settlers" at any price.

Refusal to Sell at Issue. The question involved is the right of the Oregon & California or the Southern Pacific to withhold the lands from actual settlers. It was raised in the case of John L. Snyder, of Columbia County, who went into court in September, 1907, and asked for an order requiring the railroad companies to accept his offer of \$250 an acre for 190 acres upon which he lives.

Homestead Act Restored. A few years later Congress restored the original effectiveness of the homestead act to lands inside the right of way of the railroads, and passed the timber and stone act which requires the railroad companies to be made upon timber lands.

Those Who Attend Entertainment Will Also Find Enjoyment. Charitably-inclined people will be afforded the double opportunity of aiding the noblest of causes, the St. Theresa's Open-Air Sanitarium at Oak Grove, and getting the worth of their money tonight by attending the entertainment to be given at Oak Grove, which will be literary and musical, followed by a card party and dancing.

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An interesting situation is presented by the existence of the two cases, for the reason that courts of co-ordinate jurisdiction in Federal affairs have usually followed the precedents established by decisions handed down in

volving like issues. Should Judge Donworth, of Washington, decide in favor of the settler and issue an order requiring the railroad company to pass a bill for the lands, such a decision would not be binding on Judge Wolverton, but probably would be called to his attention.

YOUNG WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY

Indecent Postcard Gets Portland Girl in Trouble. Lucile Dewar yesterday withdrew her plea of not guilty, and by the advice of her attorney pleaded guilty to mailing indecent literature through the United States mails.

The writer is said to have signed the name of a school chum to the document which was mailed, or to have been a social standing in the city. Judge Wolverton suspended sentence, and she will be allowed her liberty pending good behavior.

PROGRESS IN FINE ARTS

A Critique on Portland's Love of the Beautiful.

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—(To the Editor)—Ward and appropriate outdoor art in the fine arts, such as the Oregonian cities, be rather self-dependence for instruction, now more or less in general demand. Among those whom the writer reckons among his friends are two Portland households, supporting each at great self-dedication, and still abroad in Paris, the other in Berlin—in schools of fine art. These, no doubt, are but a fraction of the whole away from this city on the same or similar errands.

So let the people be ignorant of the best works of art, and their own powers will be dormant in proportion to the depth of that ignorance. Neither does anyone wish to "divest" the noble beauty of Mrs. Amanda Reed, from that for which a free hand is intended, and "fuss." A true assimilation to the noblest ideals of a people, is the process of time, but usually it is not exaggeration to say that the climate, beautiful homes, pure water and cleanliness of Portland are without parallel on the American continent.

BIG ROADS BACK FESTIVAL

Transcontinental Companies to Advertise, Rose Show. Transcontinental railroads have taken up the Rose Festival as one of their biggest tourist traffic attractions to the Pacific Northwest for the coming season.

Child Swears Stepfather Tells Truth About Location of Closet in Marshfield Home, Which Is Big Point in Day's Evidence. Sobbing as if her little heart were breaking at the ordeal she had undergone on the witness stand, where she appeared as an aid to her stepfather, Floyd Avery, 14-year-old Norah Hovel proved herself the star witness in the Government's prosecution of her foster parent yesterday.

CHARGE IS COUNTERFEITING

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President R. W. Hoyt, Rose Festival, City—Portland, Pa., office advised that they are getting out a special Rose Festival directory for use in this publication they would like to have six bright attractive photographs of last year's Festival. You could send me whatever you have in this line, I will forward same to the St. Paul office and request them to return to me such as they do not need.

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CHRISTMAS STAMP BOOTH AT STORE OF TULL & GIBBS.



LADIES IN BOOTH (LEFT TO RIGHT) MRS. FRANCIS J. BAILEY AND MRS. SAMUEL H. MADDOCK.

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TAX VIEWS VARIED

This meddling and tinkering with the tax laws of this state is a dangerous thing, and I believe that the present tax law is sufficient and fair to all concerned, and we ought to leave it alone. Thus remarked Napoleon Davis, master of Multnomah County Pomona Grange, yesterday afternoon at the quarterly meeting of this Grange in Evening Star Grange Hall, on the Section Line road.

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