

THE LAND MAY BE CHOSEN BY STATE

Withdrawal for Reserves Now Deprives Oregon of Valuable Holdings.

HAWLEY SEEKING REMEDY

Authority to Make Selections Within Reserves Themselves Will Require Special Law, Secretary Ballinger Rules.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 27.—Representative Hawley is working in season and out to secure for the State of Oregon title to its school lands tied up in forest reserves, or their equivalent, preferably the equivalent. In furtherance of this project, Mr. Hawley has written the Secretary of the Interior calling his attention to the equity of the state's claim, saying: "The act admitting the State of Oregon into the Union granted to the state for educational purposes the sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections in every township of the unappropriated public lands within the boundaries of the state.

State Unjustly Deprived. "The forest reserves in the state include vast areas of the lands that were, at the date of the admission of the state, unappropriated public lands. As these lands will be permanently closed to appropriation under the general laws, and will probably not be surveyed as the public domain usually is, when subject to appropriation, the state is deprived of the uses and benefits arising from these lands, and ought not to be understood that the right of the state to these lands is not disputed. The lands are only unavailing under existing conditions. We desire to secure relief in the proper way, and I therefore respectfully request to be informed as follows: Mr. Hawley then sets down nine questions, which are replied to seriatim by Secretary Ballinger.

Lines Can Be Projected. The Secretary's letter, containing both questions and answers, sets forth the following facts: Upon request of the State of Oregon, township and section lines can be projected on the maps of the forest reserves to determine the amount of school land in the reserves to which the state is entitled; no legislation by Congress is necessary. When the lines are so projected and the number of townships in any reserve determined, the state is entitled to select indemnity lands in lieu of sections 16 and 36 in such townships. When the township lines have been so projected, title to the sections 16 and 36 owned by the state, the purpose of the protection merely being to ascertain the number of townships or sections for which indemnity may be selected.

Special Act Not Necessary. In answer to the question, "Is any act of Congress necessary to confirm to the state the title of the lands found due, or to authorize a selection of lieu lands?" the Secretary replies: "This department and the courts have uniformly held that the grant of sections 16 and 36 to a state does not vest in the state the title of the lands. The Supreme Court has held that until the survey of the township and the designation of the specific section, the right of the state rests in prospect." No further legislation is necessary, however, to enable the state to select indemnity or lieu lands, Congress having made provision therefor in sections 2275 and 2276 of the revised statutes, as amended by the act of February 28, 1892.

It is not necessary, in Secretary Ballinger's opinion, for the Oregon Legislature to take any action whatever looking towards the settlement of these school land matters. The state's title to the school sections in place, he says, takes effect upon identification by survey without any act of Congress. Selections of indemnity or lieu lands, however, are made, as a rule, by a commission, which is authorized by the State Legislature, and such selections are subject to approval by the Secretary of the Interior.

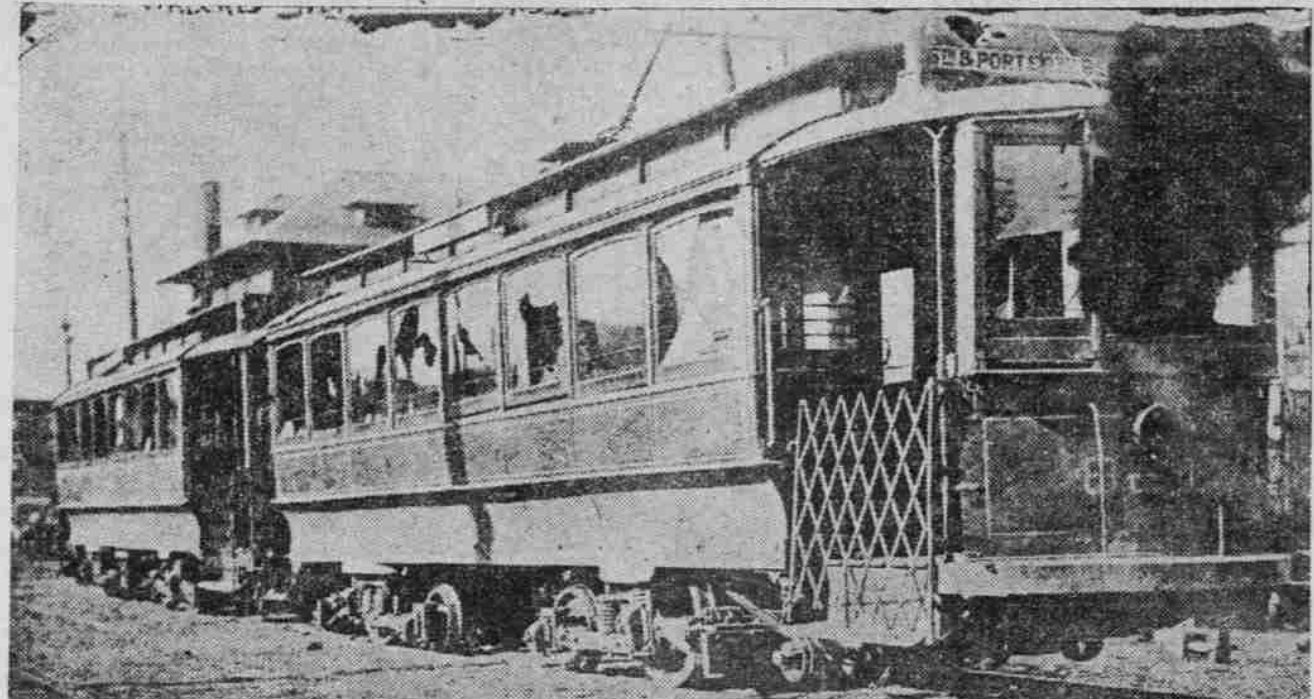
Reserve Lands Bill Prepared. Selections of indemnity lands may be made from any unappropriated, unreserved, surveyed public lands, not mineral in character, within the State of Oregon, but lands which are a part of any forest reserve are not subject to selection. Congress, however, in the opinion of the Secretary, has the power to authorize the state to select indemnity lands from lands which have been embraced in forest reserves.

The Secretary, at Mr. Hawley's request, drafted a bill to give the state such authority, but added that he does not care to be understood as favoring such legislation. That bill has been introduced by Mr. Hawley and it is early that he will urge its consideration by the House committee on public lands.

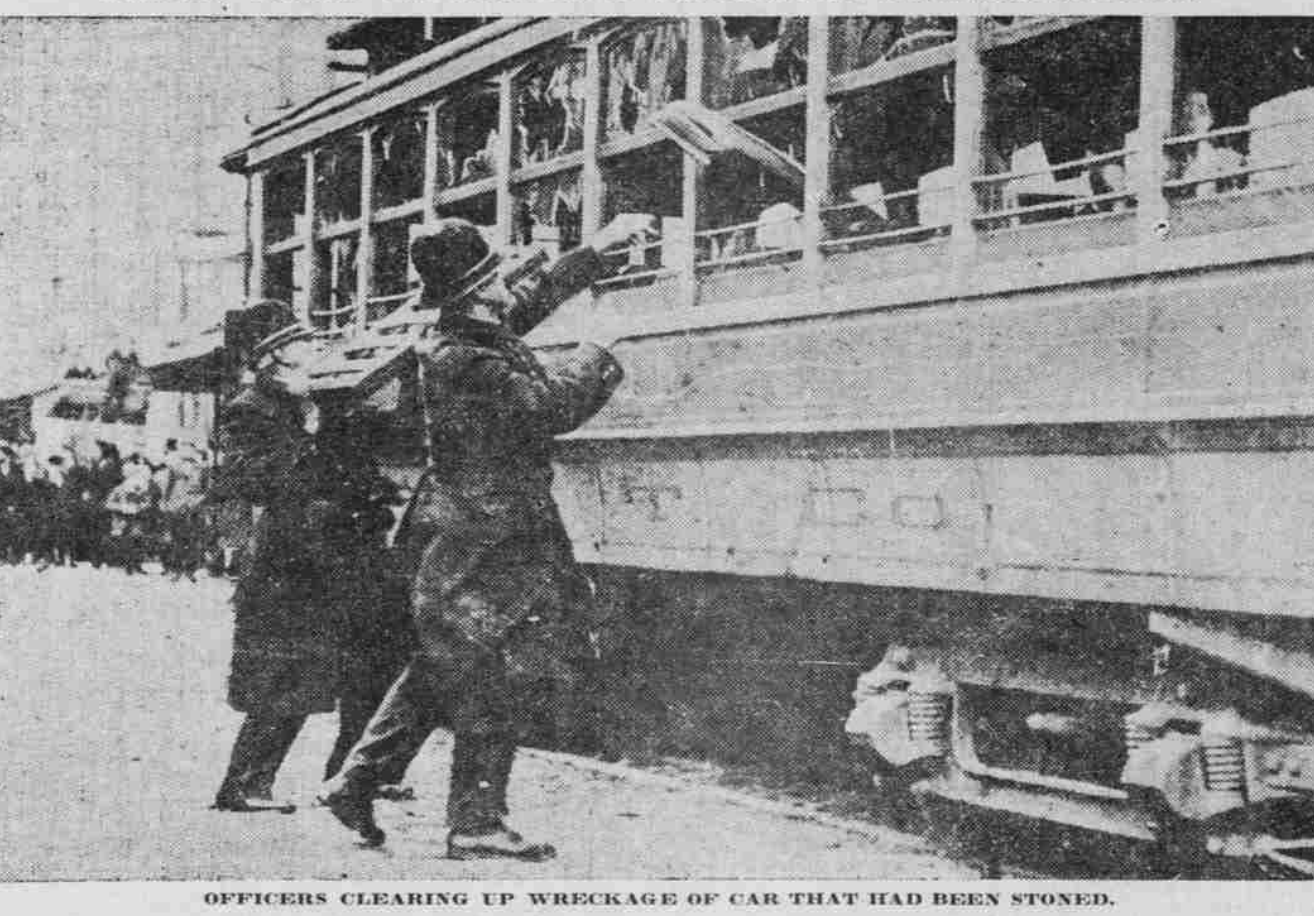
TRIBE NEAR STARVATION Crops Lost, Indians Wander in Sorrowful Flight Through Mexico. EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 27.—In dire straits for food, because of the failure of their crops and without even seed corn for planting, the Tarahumara Indians of the Sierra Madre are wandering through the States of Chihuahua and Coahuila. The Tarahumara are peaceful and follow agricultural pursuits. Their condition is pitiable and they are on the point of starvation. Captain Joaquin Chavez has appealed to Governor Creel for aid for them.

SETTLER RECOVERS MONEY Land Bought of Canal Company Found to Belong to U. S. ATTALIA, Wash., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Judgment has been rendered in the Superior Court of Walla Walla County in favor of Alden O. Morris against the Columbia Canal Company for \$53,356 damages and costs. Morris purchased a five-acre tract at Attalia of the canal company last Spring on a land contract. He afterward discovered the land belonged to the United States and that the company had no right to sell it. This suit was brought to recover the amount paid on the contract.

PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW HAVOC CREATED BY PHILADELPHIA STRIKERS AND SYMPATHIZERS



WRECKED TROLLEY CAR DESERTED BY FEAR-STRIKEN PASSENGERS AND CREW.



OFFICERS CLEARING UP WRECKAGE OF CAR THAT HAD BEEN STONED.

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TRADERS ARE TIMID

Professionals Alone in Wall Street Operations.

GRAIN NEXT IN INTEREST

Speculators Anxious About Reports From Winter Wheat Sections. Full Bank Accounts Help to Keep Prices High.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The stock markets of last week in New York lapsed into a state of inactivity equal to the dull periods of midsummer and February of last year. The movement of prices at the same time became sluggish and irregular, manifestly prompted by nothing more than the board room ventures of the professional traders, timidly pursued in view of the lack of any more substantial operations to carry the tide of the market.

The passing of factors lately influential was indicated by the indifference shown to the public address of the Attorney-General, reiterating the policies of legal restraints on corporations. The importance of this subject is not changed in financial estimation. It is expected that revival of its influence will not await the decision of the Supreme Court in the American Tobacco and Standard Oil cases.

Market Turns to Wheat. The large attention paid to the news from the winter wheat region is significant of the direction in which the next effective forces in the speculation are expected to move. The state in which the revival of its influence will not await the decision of the Supreme Court in the American Tobacco and Standard Oil cases.

The controller's abstract of National bank reports as of January 31, shows a credit position still extended, in spite of the severe deflation in stock market values and liquidation of stock market borrowings, which had occurred at that time. The existence of large outstanding bills on old cotton and wheat would imply a need of further deflation in that field.

Iron Products Brisker. There was more activity in pig iron products, there being a larger volume of business than during any of the preceding weeks in February. It is estimated that sales of foundry iron have been 75,000 tons. Prices have declined to \$17.25 and \$17.50 for No. 24 foundry at Eastern, Pennsylvania furnaces, and to \$13 to \$13.50 in Alabama. There also has been a recession in prices in other districts. It is estimated that February pig iron contracts have been in excess of 20,000 tons.

Both new contracts and specifications for finished steel products have increased and railroads are more actively in the market for equipment, placing orders for \$5,000 tons of rails, 6000 cars and 65 locomotives last week.

MAGAZINES' PLAINT GETS PERT REPLY

Hitchcock Says Association's Assertion Is So Wrong It Doesn't Deserve Comment.

ONE-CENT MAIL POSSIBLE

Postmaster-General Says Low Second-Class Tax Bars Postage Reduction — Rural Delivery Cited as Circulation Aid.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—"Erroneous or misleading" is the way the Postoffice Department characterizes the statement recently published by the Periodical Publishers' Association, entitled, "An Argument on Second-Class Postal Rates From the Business Standpoint Alone."

The answer of the Department was made public today. It declares the premise on which the argument is based is faulty and consequently every important conclusion reached is fallacious. Postmaster-General Hitchcock says "if the rate on second-class mail were made high enough, to cover the entire cost of transporting and handling it, which has not been suggested, it would be possible, without creating a deficit, to reduce the postage on letters to 1 cent. Every time a 2-cent stamp is placed on a letter it defrays not only the expense of handling and transporting the letter, but helps to pay in almost equal measure, the cost of distributing through the mails the periodical publications of the public."

1048 Miles, Magazine Haul. The Department's statement is an elaborate discussion of the cost to the Government of handling mail, particularly second-class matter, and by rural free delivery. It is shown that the average length of the haul for magazines is 1048 miles, while that of daily newspapers, also second-class matter, is only 291 miles.

The Department announces "the contention that there is no more expense to the Government in carrying magazines at average distance of 1048 miles than in carrying newspapers 291 miles is so palpably wrong as hardly to deserve comment."

It was contended by the publishers that the second-class matter should not be charged with the proportionate cost of rural free delivery service, as provided by the Department because that branch of the service was "a governmental policy," conducted at a great loss, and because, further, the periodicals have no need of that service.

In reply to this point, Postmaster-General Hitchcock says: "Magazine Tax Conservative. "The Department was conservative in charging second-class mail 40.22 per cent of the cost of rural delivery. Statistics show that 45 per cent of the pieces of mail handled in the country consists of second-class matter. Were it not for the rural delivery service, the circulation of magazines would be reduced materially."

In response to the publishers' assertion that "with a proper allowance for rural delivery there is a surplus of more than \$10,000,000 in all the operations of the postoffice," Mr. Hitchcock says: "with equal allowance it must be said, with proper allowance for second-class mail there is a surplus of over \$45,000,000 in all the operations of the Postal Service."

It is pointed out that "the Government is losing over 8 cents a pound on second-class matter sent through the mails, the annual loss to the National revenues approximating \$64,000,000."

There are 27,000 publications enjoying the second-class privilege, a large proportion of which are magazines.

WILD STORM IS RAGING

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low water mark. Remarkably heavy wind accompanied by rain prevailed here this afternoon. WRECK FORCES TRAIN DETOUR Three Lines Go by Centralia and Olympia Washing to Landside.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Olympia is again on the map, from a railroad standpoint. All trains operated over the main line of the Northern Pacific are detouring via Centralia and Olympia. The service includes Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Oregon & Washington passenger service between Seattle and Portland.

The reason for this unprecedented traffic is due to Northern Pacific train No. 214 which is reported as having run into a landside near Rainier, this country. The engine, baggage and mail-cars turned over. No casualty report is available.

TWO DROWN IN 72-MILE GALE Launch Capsizes at Astoria, Storm Worst of Season. ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Astoria is today in the throes of the

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worst southwest gale of the season, and while the wind has moderated slightly this evening the glass is still low but becoming more steady. The storm began during last night, accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain and today the wind attained a rate of 72 miles an hour at the Heads, but at 5 o'clock this evening it had dropped to 57 miles. The bar is extremely rough. Shipping is practically at a standstill and only a few boats were able to run to points on the river. One gasoline launch was capsized and two men were drowned, but no other accidents to shipping or on shore have been reported. Leopold II and Racine. London Telegraph. Among the many stories told of the late King of the Belgians is one which shows His Majesty in a pleasing light. A Paris entertainer was at Brussels and the King, who was indisposed, sent for her to read to him Racine's "Andromache." The lady obeyed the summons with misgivings, but she was soon undeceived. For two hours the King listened to the reading. The tender passages seemed, so the lady says, to make the least impression upon His Majesty, but frequently during the heavier parts he interrupted the reading to observe, "Racine is a powerful writer," or a similar comment. Toward the end a court attendant announced the arrival of some visitors who had an appointment. The King turned to the reader and said: "You finish, if you please, mademoiselle," and to the attendant he observed: "Ask the ladies to wait. Tell them the King is engaged with an Ambassador."

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