

# GRANT COUNTY IS AWAITING PEOPLE

Immense District Awaiting Skill and Enterprise of Homeseekers.

## RESERVE TAKES BIG AREA

John Day and Other Valleys Present Thousands of Acres of Tillable Land—Lack of Transportation Has Held It Back.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. CANYON CITY, OR., April 27.—(Staff Correspondence.)—I have now driven about 75 miles through Grant County, and begin to know something about it. There are other portions through which I have ridden several times previously, notably through the Bear and Sliver valleys, and over Dixie Mountain. There are other portions which I expect to see, out towards Iona, and the western part of Bear Valley. And then I will think that I know as much about Grant as the ordinary resident. But this is considerable of a county—600 square miles, 234,000 acres. One cannot learn all about such an area in a drive of a few hundred miles.

Grant is one of the counties pretty nearly put out of business by the forest reserves, as they take the 1,200,000 acres of the total area, leaving Grant only 2,822,000 acres of its own domain. By that the ordinary reader may think there are nearly a million and a half acres of actual forest land covered with trees. But such is not the case. These forest reserves are largely covered with grass and sage brush, but there are many square miles of good timber in the county, splendid timber. But the most of it is wooded land, and for such land the reserves may be a good thing. I will not argue that now. Nor will I say that the reserves are a bad thing or a good thing for Grant. It depends a good deal upon whom you should rest the administration of the forest service, that is the local supervisor in charge of the district. "Cy" Bingham has charge of much of the reserve in Grant, and it seems to be the general consensus of opinion that he does his best to keep harmonious relations between the service and the people in other quarters. I have heard of much friction being engendered by arbitrary and nonsensical red tape methods of the representatives of the service on this ground.

Be this as it may, the fact remains that a large amount of pasture land, pasture land pure and simple, and the never grows a tree and never will be held in the "forest" reserve, or in one of the four partially included in this county. And thus the Government collects a grazing tax from land that it seems ought to belong to the people, for Congress has time and again refused to pass a grazing law which would give the forest service. Taking out the forest reserves Grant is quite a county—much larger than Rhoads Island. As a rule the country is fertile and the valleys are as fine and fruitful as any of like altitude in the state.

### John Day Valley Is Rich.

The John Day is, of course, the principal valley. This wonderful river runs practically across the county from east to west, and is not far from 20 miles in length. As to its width, I have decided convictions that it is in many published reports greatly over-estimated. I have driven along it for over 100 miles, and its width, and I would say that the average width is less than two and one-half miles, and not five miles, as given. The same publication, that gives the average width as five miles, also states that the tillable land of the county aggregates 200,000 acres, while it gives the John Day Valley alone an area of over 20,000 acres, and makes no mention of such beautiful and fertile valleys as the Longcreek, Fox, Beach Creek, the many small valleys of the southern portion of the county, and south fork, and the scores of little nooks in other places.

This country is rich enough and good enough to tell the truth about. There is, it is true, very little immigration coming in, for some of the incoming settlers were brought about, do not turn south of the railway. If they do, they do not find Grant County very frequently. I have only seen one cabin in the county that you could get to by horse, the home just taken by one of this vast horde, as read about as overflowing the state. Considerable land is changing hands, but mostly to Oregon people, and as a rule the purchasers are neighboring ranchers who are enlarging their holdings by buying out their less prosperous neighbors, or perhaps neighbors who wish to retire from active life.

Canyon City is the county seat of Grant County. It is the political, financial and commercial center. The people from all sections of the county pay tribute to this place, and will for many years to come, most likely until the county is divided, which it will be some day no doubt, for it is rather large and unwieldy. It is a terrible trip from the northwestern part of the county to the county seat.

### Canyon City Has Advantages.

It may be thought that the location of the county seat is not strategically good, but when you come to consider the matter a little you will ascertain that Canyon has some advantages. For instance, the entire trade of the southern portion of the county has to come here or pass through here. To be sure, it is two miles down to the river, and to reach much of the county, the main road in going or coming to the county seat. As a business place I think Canyon carries the largest stocks in the county and does the largest retail trade, and also quite a jobbing business. The Canyon City Commercial Company has a very large stock, and they are increasing it right along. All other lines of business are conducted on broad principles. For instance, the newspaper here, the Blue Mountain Eagle, is one of the best weeklies in the state.

One thing in favor of Canyon City is that the affairs of the county have always been well conducted. When the territory was cut off from Harney, about 1888, and Grant was formed, she had to assume a debt of practically \$25,000. This was long ago paid, and the county has been out of debt for some time, warrants being paid as presented in spot cash. The courthouse is not a very elaborate building, but it serves every purpose, and can be made to do so for many years. And it is unique in one particular—it stands in a plat of alfalfa. Mighty appropriate for alfalfa is "the staff of life" in Grant County.

The townsite of Canyon is the most peculiar of any I ever saw. It is sure the townsite was never "located." Like the trail of the calf, it just happened, some miner putting up a cabin near his sluice boxes on the creek, another was built near, a saloon was started—and lo! a town appeared. It lies in a little pocket up the narrow canyon. As you go up the canyon you are cut off from

## ADVENT OF AUTO TRUCK IN CENTRAL OREGON PRESENTS NEW PROBLEM.



MACHINE WHICH BROKE DOWN BRIDGE.

BEND, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—The transition period in Central Oregon transportation methods intervening between the universal use of the ten-horse freighting team and the substitution of the railroad for the horse is not entirely free from mishaps, as is indicated by the accompanying photograph, which shows the fate of a big gasoline-driven freighter, whose weight proved too much for a Deschutes Valley bridge a few miles from Bend.

The auto truck whose plight is depicted, is one of the several which are plying in the local transportation field. It had brought a five-ton load in from the railroad at Metolius and was on its way from here to La Pine, 20 miles south of Bend, when, in crossing a bridge that spans the Central Oregon canal, the Central Oregon Irrigation Company's ten, four miles south of town, its weight proved too much for the structure, with the result that it dropped some six feet into the then dry canal.

Despite the rough treatment it received, both in its fall and the necessarily drastic measures that had to be employed in its rescue, the truck appeared none the worse for its experience, and soon after the accident returned to Bend under its own power, and is now proceeding to La Pine. It is the property of Peterson Bros. of La Pine.

## SEASON OPENS BAD

Tide Interferes With Fishing at Astoria.

### 800 BOATS ARE ON RIVER

High Price Quoted for Raw Fish Stimulates Activity—Few Violations of Law So Far Reported.

ASTORIA, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—The Spring fishing season of the Columbia River opened at noon today, and will continue until noon on August 23, excepting for the 24-hour closing period on Sundays. An unusually large number of gillnetters was out this afternoon and tonight, for so early in the season, and it is estimated that not less than 800 boats were on the river between Brookfield and the bar. No estimate of the catch can be made, however, before tomorrow, and perhaps even later, because few if any deliveries will be made until then.

It is doubtful if any very big hauls were made this afternoon, even though there may have been a run of fish in the river, for the reason that the tides were not favorable for fishing, there being a strong flood at the time the season opened and the nets were placed in the water. Tonight there is a thick mist with a light rain, and as there is quite a sea running, some of the fishermen who are accustomed to drift in the lower harbor and close to the bar may be deterred from going out after dark.

The extremely high prices being paid for raw fish, namely 6 and 7 1/2 cents a pound for the different classes of salmon, mean that early fishing will be prosecuted more vigorously than is customary. It is understood that some of the seiners will begin operations earlier than usual this year, and a few are preparing to commence fishing before the fresh start in.

Sunday Deputy Wardens Oberg and Sweet captured a set net that had been placed in the water near Hungry Harbor, on the north side of the river. Last night they were patrolling in the lower harbor almost down to the bar. They report that several hundred boats were lying at anchor about Sams Island and Desdemona Sands, ready to begin fishing at noon today, but none of the men, so far as could be ascertained, put their nets in the water before the opening of the season.

Deputy Fish Warden Gor seized seven salmon Sunday morning that had been cached away in a vacant room of a bunkhouse at Driscoll Slough. Who the fish belonged to is not known.

## AGED SERVANT CARED FOR

Mrs. Tongue Provides Life Estate for Faithful Friend.

HILLSBORO, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—The will of the late Rebecca Tongue, mother of the late Representative Tongue of Oregon's First District, was filed in probate this week. She gives the 160-acre farm, near North Plains, to E. B. Tongue and T. H. Tongue, Jr., who are named as executors of the estate. To Mrs. Mary Tongue Lombard, she gives \$5 in cash, qualifying the bequest with the statement that she loved the granddaughter, and she gave the balance of the estate, after expenses are paid, goes share and share alike to Mrs. Edith Reame, Medford; Miss Bertha Tongue, Hillsboro; Mrs. Elizabeth Freeman, Portland; and Mrs. H. M. Munger, of Portland.

The estate is worth perhaps \$30,000, and the farm is estimated to be worth \$25,000. One provision of the will is a request placed upon the grandsons, that they provide for the life of James Somerville, who has worked on the grandmother's estate for many years, and who is in feeble health, and that at his death he be given a decent burial.

## CIRCUS BAND MEN DESERT

They Were Requested to Play in Parades, but Could Not.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—The Al G. Barnes circus narrowly missed being held up here Saturday evening on account of the management announcing a fine of \$5 each on the members of his brass band, because they did not parade the streets to attract attention to the evening performance, according to the statements made by five members of the band, who deserted the show.

# Tull & Gibbs, Inc. Tull & Gibbs, Inc. Tull & Gibbs, Inc.

Morrison at Seventh Store Opens at 8:30 Watch Our Windows

## Our Closing-Out Sale

Entered Into Its Fifth Week Yesterday. Just Two Months More of This Greatest of All Bargain Events Ever Held in Portland. You Share in the Most Remarkable Savings When You Take Advantage of the Closing-Out Offerings Contributed From Every Section of the Store.

### \$500,000 in Dependable Merchandise Is Being Sacrificed for Absolute Disposal by July First

Every Article in Every Department Has Been Marked to Accomplish This

## That Great Sale of Gloves Announced Last Week Still Continues; Prices Now 25% Below the Manufacturers

Our Determination to Dispose of the Entire Stock of Our Glove Section Has Brought About This Radical Reduction. Women Should Anticipate Their Glove Needs for Months to Come. We Are Quoting Extra Reductions to Purchasers of Three Pair Lots—Silk Gloves Alone Are Excepted From this Sale.

## The Sale of Beautiful Gowns and Dresses Is One of the Most Notable Features of This Great Event

Some of These Handsome Creations Are Now Marked at One-Third of Their Former Prices. Others Half. Never before in this section have garments of such charm and individuality shown such remarkable reductions from their real worth. The prices at which they've been marked would not cover the cost of materials alone, to say nothing of the fact that they're copies of creations by leading style designers both abroad and in this country. The woman who has planned to have a new evening gown or dress should be convinced by these reductions that this is her opportunity.

## Some of the Close-Out Offerings in Buffets and China Cabinets

IN BUFFETS	
\$27 Buffet in weathered oak—now	\$14.50
\$32 Buffet in weathered oak—now	\$18.50
\$35 Buffet in quartered golden oak, dull finish—now	\$23.25
\$41 Buffet in best quartered oak, golden finish—now	\$30.75
\$46 Buffet in best quartered sawed golden oak—now	\$33.50
\$56 Buffet in dull finished, quarter-sawed golden oak—now	\$42.00
\$57 Buffet in fumed oak—now	\$35.75
\$66 Buffet in fumed oak—now	\$39.50
\$68 Buffet in fumed oak—now	\$35.00
\$94 Massive Buffet in fumed oak—now	\$65.00
IN CHINA CABINETS	
\$16 China Cabinet in golden oak—now	\$11.00
\$48 China Cabinet in best golden oak—now	\$35.00
\$36 China Cabinet in golden oak—now	\$24.00
\$38 Large China Cabinet in golden oak—now	\$26.50
\$34 China Cabinet in fumed oak—now	\$21.75
\$31 China Cabinet in quartered golden oak—now	\$21.00
\$77 Large Craftsman style China Cabinet in fumed oak—now	\$56.00
\$45 China Cabinet in fumed oak—now	\$36.00
\$72 Massive China Cabinet in fumed oak—now	\$56.25
\$66 Large Colonial China Cabinet in golden oak—now	\$49.50

## In Go-Carts and Carriages

Splendid Line of Models to Choose From—These Are Some of the Prices

\$4.25 for \$9.90 Folding Go-Carts with padded seats and backs.	\$3.98
\$4.90 for \$7 Folding Go-Carts with padded seats and backs and with hoods.	\$4.98
\$6.75 for \$9.50 Folding Go-Carts with hoods.	\$5.98
\$6.25 for \$12.50 Folding Go-Carts with hoods.	
\$7.50 for an \$18 Go-Cart with coach finished body. Also has hood.	
\$17.50 for \$25 English Perambulators.	
\$19.60 for \$28 Carriages with brown reed body and hood.	

# New City Ticket Office

## NOW OPEN

SOUTHEAST CORNER FIFTH AND STARK STS.

### A HEALTHY, HAPPY OLD AGE

May be promoted by those who gently cleanse the system, now and then, when in need of a laxative remedy, by taking a desertsponful of the ever refreshing, wholesome and truly beneficial Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, which is the only family laxative generally approved by the most eminent physicians, because it acts in a natural, strengthening way and warms and tones up the internal organs without weakening them. It is equally beneficial for the very young and the middle aged, as it is always efficient and free from all harmful ingredients. To get its beneficial effects it is always necessary to buy the genuine, bearing the name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—plainly printed on the front of every package.

On sale at this office, formerly handled at the offices of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railways. Tickets also to all Eastern, Oregon Electric and United Railway points.

## SOUTHEAST CORNER FIFTH AND STARK STS.