BUYERS OF GRANT LAND SEEK RELIEF

Bill to Be Proposed in Congress to Quiet Title for Innocent Purchasers.

DEVELOPMENT IS HINDERED

Present Condition of Uncertainty Declared Responsible for Delay of Lumber Firms and Others in Improving.

Prospective legislation, intended to unravel a legal tangle involving title to millions of dollars' worth of property essential to the lumber industry of Oregon has been started and it has reached a point where a bill will be introduced in Congress to carry the plan into execution.

Involved are over 2,225,000 acres of land now in the hands of innocent purchasers which were a part of the original land grant to the Oregon & California Railroad. Suit by the Government against the railroad company for the forfeiture of these lands is now pending in the Federal Court.

The bill in brief proposes that the purchasers of these lands shall have their titles confirmed upon the payment to the Government of $2.50 an acre, the price stipulated in the original grant at which the lands should be sold.

Much Land Transferred.

When the Government decided to bring suit against the railroad company to forfeit its title to the lands included in the original grant, and aggregating 2,300,000 acres, it was found that certain tracts had passed out of the hands of the railroad company and were held by 45 innocent purchasers, corporations and individuals, whose title was generally accepted as valid.

After considerable hesitation the Government entered suits of forfeiture against these innocent holders three years ago, but the litigation made no further progress. It is estimated that another seven years will be required before a final decision in these cases can be reached.

Included in the 45 innocent purchasers are some of the largest lumber manufacturing concerns in this state. With these suits pending against them, they are natdrally loath to proceed with the development of their holdings that they otherwise would.

Rebuilding Is Retarded.

An illustration of this situation is in the case of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, which recently lost one of its largest mills by fire. It desires to build on even a larger scale, but hesitates on account of the suit by the Government against it. Other companies have similar conditions with which to contend. A. C. Dixon, manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, is largely responsible for the attempted solution of the confused situation.

A bill has been prepared for introduction at the present session of Congress by the conditions of which innocent purchasers will be permitted to confess judgment and subsequently purchase the lands they now hold, by the payment to the Government of $2.50 an acre. This would net the Government about $1,000,000. Consummation of these transactions, however, would not affect the Government suit of forfeiture against the railroad company as to the other lands included in the original grant.

Officials Said to Be Favorable.

Both Secretary Nagel, of the Interior Department, and Attorney-General Wickersham have had this proposed plan of settlement brought to their attention and are said to have commented upon it favorably. The plan is also said to have met with the approval of the members of the Oregon delegation in Congress.

B. D. Townsend, special assistant to the Attorney-General, who is in charge of the land-grant suit for the Government, in the trial of a case at Albany last week announced that he was opposed to the suits by the Government against the innocent individual purchasers of land from the railroad company, and instituted them only under the orders of Tracy C. Becker, who was at the time his superior officer.

The importance to Oregon of the proposed settlement of these suits was illustrated last night by John A. Keating, vice-president of the Lumbermens National Bank, when he said that the conveyance of title by the Government to the lumber mill operators and other individuals who had innocently invested in the timber lands they now hold, and which are involved in the land-grant suit, mean millions of dollars to the state, from the fact that the lumberman actually retains only one dollar out of every ten he receives for his manufactured products, the balance going for supplies and wages.

Bill to Be Proposed.

The proposed bill, which will be introduced in Congress, follows:

A bill to provide for the disposition of lands within the State of Oregon, which hereafter may be decreed or declared forfeited to the United States, for breach of the terms of the acts under which the same were granted, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

Section 1. That all lands, within the State of Oregon, which were heretofore granted by the United States and which hereafter may be decreed or declared forfeited to the United States, for breach of the terms of the acts under which the same were granted, shall be restored to the public domain and shall be subject to disposition under the laws now existing or hereafter enacted, relating to the disposition of public lands; save and except as is by this act otherwise provided.

Section 2. That as to all lands, within the State of Oregon, which were granted by the United States under the act of Congress entitled, "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific Railroad in California to Portland in Oregon," approved July 25, 1866, and the acts amendatory thereof, and the act entitled "An act granting land to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from Portland to Astoria and McMinnville, in the State of Oregon," approved May 4, 1870, and which hereafter may be decreed or declared forfeited to the United States for breach of the terms of such act or any of them, any person, other than the original grantee or patentee from the United States, who acquired any such lands prior to April 20, 1908, or who prior to said last named date contracted to purchase any such lands, may, at any time within six months after the entry of such decree or the declaration of such forfeiture, purchase from the United States all of the lands decreed or declared forfeited as against such person, for the price of two dollars and fifty cents per acre.

Section 3. If such decree or declaration of forfeiture shall be appealed, such person may purchase said lands from the United States, for the price aforesaid, at any time within six months after the determination of such appeal in the highest court to which the said appeal may be taken.

Section 4. Such privilege of purchasing shall be exercised in the following manner: The party entitled to make such purchase shall, within the six months aforesaid, file with the Secretary of the Interior a certified copy of the decree or declaration whereby the lands sought to be purchased were declared forfeited, together with an application to purchase the lands by said decree or declaration of forfeiture forfeited as against the applicant, and shall pay to the said secretary the sum of two dollars and fifty cents per acre for the lands so applied for. Thereupon the Secretary of the Interior shall cause said lands to be patented to the purchaser aforesaid. Such purchase shall operate as a settlement and satisfaction of any and all claims of the United States for waste or trespass done or committed by such purchaser or his assignors on such purchased lands prior to the decree or declaration of forfeiture.

Section 5. Such privilege of purchasing shall, within the six months aforesaid, be exercisable by the successors in interest, or assigns, of the parties entitled to purchase under section two of this act.

Section 6. The word "person" as used in this act shall be construed to include corporation, and the word "applicant" shall be construed to include the assignee or successor in interest of any person entitled to purchase under section two of this act. If application to purchase under this act shall be made by any successor in interest, or assignee aforesaid, such applicant, with his application to purchase, shall file the original or a certified copy of such documents as may be necessary to show the applicant's title to the right claimed under this act.

MANY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN SURVIVE WOMAN WHO DIES IN MONMOUTH.

Mrs. Nancy M. Putnam.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Nancy M. Putnam, who died in Monmouth December 13, was born in Polk County, Missouri, December 17, 1832. She married Newton Putnam, January 14, 1852. To them was born William P., of Montana; John H., of Fossil, Or.; James B., of Salem, Or.; Winfrey N., of Monmouth, Or.; Rosa, deceased; Benjamin, deceased; Marion, of Salem, Or., and Otis, deceased. Mrs. Putnam also is survived by four sisters, two brothers, 21 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Putnam died in September, 1892.

ST. PETER'S DEDICATED

CHURCH AND SCHOOL IN LENTS PARISH NOW OPEN.

Large Congregation Hears Sermon in Chapel—Campaign to Be Waged to Furnish Building.

The church and school just finished in St. Peter's parish at Lents, in the Mount Scott district, the youngest in the diocese, was dedicated yesterday by Archbishop Christie, assisted by Rev. A. G. De Lorimier, Rev. J. H. Gallagan and Rev. Peter J. Beutgen, the latter being the pastor in charge. A large congregation was present. The chapel, which is on the top floor, was taxed to accommodate the people. Many Portland visitors attended.

Rev. Father Gallagan of Columbia University, celebrated the mass. Rev. Father Beutgen was master of ceremonies. Excellent music was provided. Archbishop Christie delivered the dedicatory sermon. He congratulated the people of St. Peter's parish and the priest in charge on what has been accomplished.

"We dedicate this building first to Christian education and second to the worship of Almighty God," said Archbishop Christie. "You have accomplished much in this parish, but there is a great deal more to be done here. Generosity and liberality are characteristics of Catholics, and both will be needed by Father Beutgen in carrying forward this work which has been started here. This building is for the education of the little children along Christian lines.

"This is the right beginning. The right spirit is displayed by the people of this parish. Let me say, pay your debts by direct contributions. Fairs and bazaars may help meet some of the current expenses, but the old Irish and German method of building churches and schools is the best. It is fashionable and popular to work in the church. You should love and appreciate your church. It is part of the great church that was founded nearly 2000 years ago. It is a divine institution and not man-made a few years old. So be proud of your church."

At the close of the benediction by the archbishop Father Beutgen invited the congregation to a luncheon prepared by the women of the parish in the hall on the first floor.

The building has three stories, and the present cost is $7000. A chapel is placed on the top floor and classrooms are located on the second. On the first floor is the parish hall and it will be used for social purposes. It remains to furnish the building, and this will now be undertaken. Space has been left on the ground for a convent and modern church, which will be built later. The founding of the new parish of St. Peter is in accordance of Archbishop Christie's plan to establish educational and religious centers in the growing suburbs of the city. He believes that a parish should first be provided with a well equipped school. With the dedication of St. Peter's there are now ten of these church and school buildings completed and in use, mostly built within the last five years.

FUEL PRICES REDUCED.

Short, green slabwood $2.75 per load. Blockwood, cordwood, oak, ash, fir, coal, four-foot slabwood. Banfield-Veysey Fuel Co., 75 5th st. Main 552, A 3552. **

CHRISTMAS PHOTOS.

A few more orders will be taken for Xmas delivery. C. Elmore Grove, 362 Washington st. **

Oregon Products Shown East.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Cottage Grove grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables will be exhibited at Milwaukee, Wis., to entice residents of that state to this section of the country. A shipment was made this week. The products came from the Hardy Crow farm at Lorane and Felix Currin's Walnut Avenue farm, two miles east of this city.

Wells Fargo Branch on Main Floor, Packages Sent From Here to All Parts of the World—Money Orders, Merchandise Bonds for Any Amount for Sale on Main Floor—Red Cross Seals on Sale on the Main Floor

Olds, Wortman & King

Santa Claus Will Be in Toy Store Every Afternoon

Watch the Days Fly

Only 6 Left

DECEMBER . 1911.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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24/31	25					

Store Opens 9:30 A.M.—Closes 9:30 P.M.
Open Every Night This Week

In order to give our customers better service and to give those who work an opportunity to shop after hours, we will keep open every night this week until 9:30, and to make the work easier for our salespeople, and give them additional rest in the mornings, we will not open the store until 9:30 A. M. Remember this.

Mirth Reigns in Toy Land, 4th Floor

It's the safest and best place in Portland to bring the children. The aisles are so broad that they are not apt to be trampled upon. The air is always fresh and pure.

A Few of Many Toy Specials for Today

$8.00 Radioptican for $5.48
$12.00 Radioptican $7.98

The "Radioptican" is the latest and most successful and most satisfactory postcard projector ever invented. An easily operated instrument which throws a brilliant illuminated and greatly enlarged picture from post card photograph, or object on any white screen or surface. An improvement on the magic lantern—will work with electricity, gas or acetylene. $8.00 Radioptican, $5.48; $10.00 Radiopticans for $6.48, and our regular $12.00 Radiopticans, offered special during this sale at the low price of only, ea. **$7.98**

$1.50 Hill-Climbing Touring Car for 98c

The hill-climbing toys are most popular. Here's the Hill-Climbing Auto, of the touring-car type, enameled in cream and red and striped with gold; one driver and one passenger. These are regular $1.50 values, and are offered special for this sale at only **98c**

$1.50 Hill-Climbing Toys on Sale at 98c

Hill-Climbing Engine with tender measuring 24 inches over all, with well-balanced motor, finished in red and black enamel and striped with gold; bell rings when engine is in motion; reg. $1.50 toy, **98c**

$1.00 Piano at 79c

Correctly tuned Piano, neatly packed in a pasteboard box. On special sale at the exceedingly low price of, each **79c**

75c Wheelbarrow 49c

In Toy Land on the 4th floor we offer Toy Wheelbarrows, with wood frame and handles and body of sheet steel. Red color with stripes, handles 28½ inches long; wheels 8 inches; body 9x12x5 inches. This is our regular 75c value; sp'l **49c**

$1.25 Milk Wagon 89c

Single Milk Wagon, with plush Horse; 23 inches long, 10 inches high, 4 milk cans, red enameled with yellow stripes; made neat and strong to stand rough handling. A regular $1.25 value; special sale **89c**

$3.75 Doll Cart $2.98

Folding Doll Carts with celluloid handles; 8-inch rubbertire wheels, good steel frame, adjustable back, 28 inches high; made to fit any size doll; colors red, tan or black. This is our best $3.75 value, and is placed on sale, special, at **$2.98**

$1.50 Child's Chair $1.19

Child's Oak Chair, back 24 inches high; seat 10½ inches wide; 12 inches from floor; regular $1.50 value **$1.19**

$2.75 Trunk $1.98

Dark canvas-covered Trunk with Suit Case; $2.75 value. Placed on sale at the very low price of, special **$1.98**

75c Hill-Climbing Delivery Van 49c

The latest out in hill-climbing toys—a Delivery Van with Chauffeur. This car will climb a very steep hill or will run 50 feet on the level or in a circle; made with adjustable circle so cars can be run in circle; handsomely finished top, transparent blue, with gold striping; 75c val. **49c**

$9.00 Rocking Horse $6.79
$3.00 Rocking Horse $1.98

Galloping Swing Horse, 29 inches high, 35 inches from hoof to hoof; made of good hard wood, with leather bridle, leather stirrup and leather saddle, with velvet pad under saddle, with gold trimmings; well finished in every way; a regular $9.00 horse **$6.79**

Rocking Horse, very well made, nicely enameled with upholstered seat and stirrup. Rockers are well finished in red. Just the horse for a small child; $3 value, **$1.98**

$2 Express Wagons $1.39

Pioneer Blue Express Wagon; body is 15x30 inches; front wheels 12 inches, and rear wheels 15 inches; body is painted red, with gold stenciling, inside is green; gears and wheels are black baked enamel. These are good $2.00 values; special at **$1.39**

$1.25 Mission Tables 98c

Little Girls' Folding Mission Tables; very strongly built; 22 inches wide and 16 inches high; a splendid $1.25 table; offered very special for this sale at **98c**

Wire Mattress Beds 57c

Folding Wire Mattress Beds, finished in white enamel, gilt knobs, decorated panel; folds flat; very strongly built; regular 75c value; offered special for **57c**

Beautiful Dolls Are Low Priced

Bring the Little Girls to See Them

How their little eyes will dance when they see the great show. Every kind of a doll one could wish for is here—dolls that talk and cry; dolls that go to sleep, dressed and undressed dolls of every style, every nationality, every size—and people who shop about tell us that our prices are lower than they find them elsewhere.

A 3 Days' Sale of Pure Food Groceries

PHONE YOUR ORDERS EX. 12, A 6231—BUY HERE AND SERVE YOUR GUESTS WITH THE BEST FOODS THAT MONEY CAN BUY. Prices just a little lower than you pay at unclean, unsanitary stores—Full Weights and Measures Are Absolutely Guaranteed.

Atmore's Mince Meat in bulk, priced at, pound, 16¢
Atmore's Mince Meat in jars, 3 pounds for only 75¢
Atmore's Mince Meat in pail, 5 pounds for only 95¢
Atmore's Plum Pudding, 1-pound cans, priced 30¢
Atmore's Plum Pudding, 2-pound cans, priced 55¢
Atmore's Plum Pudding, 3-pound cans, priced 85¢
Atmore's Plum Pudding, 4-pound cans, only $1.15
Olive Oil, Dr. Mock's—in bottles; special at $1.00
Mammoth Queen Olives, 75c bottles, for only 50¢

English Nuts, the pound, at 18¢
Soft Shell Almonds, pound, 20¢
Filberts selling at, the lb. 18¢
Brazil Nuts, the pound only 18¢
Pecan Nuts, priced at, lb., 18¢
Italian Chestnuts, 2 lbs. for 25¢
Oranges, 25¢ to 50¢ the Dozen
Popcorn, priced here, 4 lbs. 25¢
Imported Malaga, can for 60¢

Smyrna Figs, genuine imported, selling at, lb. 20¢
Mixed Nuts, the best, pound 20¢, or 5 lbs. for 90¢
California Shelled Almonds, the pound, only 45¢
California Shelled Walnuts priced, the pound, 45¢
Jersey Cranberries, best Eastern, 2 quarts for 25¢
Mowat's Seeded Raisins, extra fancy, pound, 10¢
Good Seeded Raisins, in 1-pound packages, for 8¢
12-ounce package good Seeded Raisins for only 7¢
Queen Olives in bulk, regular 60c a quart, for 45¢

Fancy Layer Raisins; special, the pound, 20¢
Choice Layer Raisins, special, 2-lb. box, 30¢
Fancy Layer Raisins, special, 2-lb. box, 50¢
Extra Fancy Raisins, 2-pound box, at 60¢
Fancy Layer Raisins, 5-lb. box, spc'l, $1.25
Extra Fancy Layer Raisins, 5 pounds, $1.50
Best Tillamook Cheese, price per pound, 20¢

BAKERY DEPT., FOURTH FLOOR.
Wedding, Birthday Cakes, Christmas Cakes, baked to order. Mince Pies, Pumpkin Pies, Cakes, Libpucken, Cookies, etc.

New Golden Dates, 15c lb., 2 lbs. for 25¢
New Imported Dates, 20c lb., 2 lbs. for 35¢
Citron Peel at, special, per pound, only 18¢
Orange and Lemon Peel at, per pound, 16¢
Mixed Peels, special, at 2 pounds for only 35¢
Westphalia Ham; price, per pound, only 75¢
Glenwood Butter, per 2-pound square, 80¢

FRUIT DEPT., FOURTH FLOOR.
Choice selected Fruits, Oranges, Grape Fruit, Bananas, Figs, Apples, etc.; also Vegetables of all kinds in season. Grapes, Celery, etc.

Maine Corn, 2 cans 25c, or per dozen, $1.40
Peas, Oneida Co., N. Y., 25c can; doz., $2.75
Peas, imported French, price the can, 23¢
Mushrooms, imported French, per can, 25¢
Tomatoes, Hunt's Solid Pack, 2 cans for 25¢
California Grape Fruit, special price, ea., 5¢
Boiled Cider, pint, 20c, per quart, special, 35¢

DELICATESSEN DPT., FOURTH FLOOR.
Complete lines of Cold Meats, Salads, Pickles, Olives, imported and domestic Cheese, Columbia Sausage, Hams, Bacon, etc., etc.

ELKS TO ADVERTISE

Large Order Given for Posters, Stickers, Buttons and Seals.

POSTCARDS WILL BE MADE

Announcement of Annual Grand Lodge Reunion to Be Scattered Broadcast Through Land--Hats Purchased for Portland Elks.

An extensive campaign of advertising has been adopted by the Elks' publicity committee for the purpose of attracting lodge members and other visitors to Portland on the occasion of the annual grand lodge reunion next July.

At its last meeting the committee authorized the purchase of 20,000 lithographed posters of the design submitted by Miss Genevieve Halley, the Portland girl who was awarded the $75 cash prize for this work. Arrangements also were made to have printed at once 50,000 large stickers of attractive design to be used by hotels and theaters on trunks, suitcases and grips; 25,000 buttons to be worn on coat lapels, 50,000 envelope seals, 50 white plug hats with wide purple bands to be worn by Portland Elks in visiting other lodges, and a number of cloth pennants.

The committee also is negotiating to have the poster design reduced to postcard size, and to have thousands of them printed. It is probable that a "postcard day" also will be declared by the Elks, upon which every resident of Oregon is expected to write to friends in the East, urging them to come to Portland for the convention. The orders for posters, buttons, hotel stickers, envelope seals, hats and pennants are experimental and will be duplicated as often as necessary.

In addition to these publicity methods, an extensive campaign is being waged through the newspapers in every city in which an Elks' lodge has been established—nearly 1300 in all.

Accommodations for 130 Elks during the National convention to be held here in July were ordered yesterday in a dispatch from New York Lodge, No. 1, of New York City.

THE LEFT HAND

Plays the accompaniment—the right hand accents the melody or omits it entirely at will. Why not have a player piano that plays exactly the same way. The new Apollo will—this is real music. For sale only by Sherman, Clay & Co., Morrison at Sixth. **

A CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Of a photo order on C. Elmore Grove will please her. On sale at studio, 362 Washington st. **

Rent a used piano, Steinway, Chickering, Mason & Hamlin, $3 per month. Kohler & Chase, 375 Washington st. *

MURRAY HERE 25 TIMES

THEATRICAL ADVANCE-MAN IS PORTLAND ENTHUSIAST.

Growth of City Is Noted—Heilig Is Declared to Be One of Best Houses in Country.

George H. Murray, advance man for Montgomery and Stone, comedians, who will furnish the Christmas entertainment at the Heilig Theater, is in Portland for the 25th time. The genial Murray says he hopes he will be able to make 25 more visits, and is already looking forward to at least two more trips to what he calls "the best town on the Coast."

"I have visited Portland 25 times since I have been in the theatrical business," said Mr. Murray at the Heilig last night, "and every time I come here I have to marvel at the progress and development shown in all lines. Portland is the best city I have visited on the Coast.

"It is a marvel to me, for when I first visited Portland it was a village. That was in 1885, when I was ahead of the first "Devil's Auction" company to come to the Pacific Coast. The growth of this entire Western country is marvelous, and right here I want to predict that this section has seen the last of No. 2 theatrical companies, for the Coast has been thoroughly educated and will stand for nothing but the real thing in the future. I also want to compliment Portland on this theater, the Heilig, for this house possesses more originality than any theater built in America in the last 10 years. I have seen all of the new theaters, and the Heilig beats them all."

As soon as his tour with Montgomery and Stone, who are on their first visit to Portland, is concluded, Mr. Murray will take to the road ahead of Elsie Janis, who will be in Portland soon. After that tour he expects to visit the Coast as advance man for "The Friars' Frolic." This attraction, which will appear in Portland next Summer, will comprise such players as Willie Collier, George Evans, Fred Niblo, George M. Cohan, Richard Carle and 20 or 30 other famous comedians, of the Friars' Club of New York.

WILL APPRECIATE IT.

He will be tickled when he gets one of those beautiful chased cigar or cigarette cases. Come and see the most varied and largest selections of smokers' sundries on the Coast at the three best stores in the city. Sig Sichel & Co., 92 Third, Third at Washington and Sixth at Washington. **

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HOW SAVINGS GROW:

In order to illustrate the rapid growth of savings with 4 per cent compound interest added, we have prepared the following table:

A Weekly Deposit of	Rate of Interest	Will in 5 Yrs. Amount to	Will in 10 Yrs. Amount to	Will in 20 Yrs. Amount to	Will in 40 Yrs. Amount to
$ .25	FOUR Per Cent per annum, compounded twice a year, January 1st and July 1st.	$ 73.	$ 162.	$ 403.	$1,294.
.50		146.	324.	806.	2,588.
1.00		293.	650.	1,614.	5,177.
2.00		585.	1,301.	3,223.	10,355.
5.00		1,462.	3,252.	8,070.	25,888.

$1 OPENS AN ACCOUNT

Hibernia Savings Bank
(ESTABLISHED 18 YEARS.)
A Conservative Custodian
Second and Washington Streets
Open Saturday Evenings, Six to Eight.