

TITLES OF LAND GRANT HELD VALID

Judge Galloway Ruling Legalizes Ownership of About 300,000 Acres.

HOLDINGS ARE PROTECTED

Oregon & California Grant Not Attacked in Government Forfeiture Suits Held Immune—Case to Go to Supreme Court.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The title to all that part of the big Oregon & California land grant not actually attacked in the present Government suits for forfeiture is held to be valid by the ruling of Judge Galloway in deciding the case of William George vs. the Curtis Lumber Company, in the State Circuit court here today.

This decision is of far-reaching effect, as it validates the title to about 300,000 acres of land, worth at least \$15,000,000 and held by about 8000 different purchasers. The case will be appealed to the State Supreme Court.

Included in the land title which is indirectly involved in this case is most of the town of Mill City, part of the city of Brownsville, thousands of acres of improved farming land, and large areas of valuable timber land, all lying in Western Oregon.

Small Holders Immune. This case is the first one ever brought in the entire country which raised the question of the validity of the titles of that portion of the grant not involved in the Government suits for forfeiture. The Government suits attacked only that portion of the grant which was sold in tracts of 1000 acres or more, and the officials of the Department of Justice have given assurance that the holders of smaller portions of this grant would never be attacked.

In this suit the attorneys for the plaintiff maintained that these assurances of Government officials made the titles to that portion of the grant not attacked in the Government suits valid. But the Government officials cannot bind their successors, and that should be the decision of Judge Wolverton, in the Federal court at Portland, be affirmed in the higher courts and the Government win its case, the smaller portions of the grant would also be subject to forfeiture and that the title to the entire grant would become unmarketable.

Townsend Repeats Assurance. The case was tried here on December 15 last. R. D. Townsend, Special Assistant Attorney-General of the United States, who is in charge of the prosecution of this Government case, was the principal witness, and in his testimony he repeated the assurance that it is the policy of the Government not to attack the holders of small tracts.

Judge Galloway took the case under advisement at the conclusion of the trial, and in announcing his decision today he held that the assurances of Government officials in this matter are such that the titles to that part of the grant not attacked in the Government suits are marketable.

"The fact that some future administration may change the wise and humane policy of the present Department of Justice is not a ground for sustained by any fact, theory or precedent in the history of our Government's land policy," said Judge Galloway, in announcing his decision.

"To apprehend a reversal of this wise and just policy, because, forsooth, the personnel of the Government officials will be changed, is to hold that the Government is to be held to its word and express a lack of confidence in our Government. Human nature, common sense and honesty, with a consciousness in the integrity of the Government in its relation to the citizen will be relied upon to protect these purchasers of small tracts of granted railroad lands."

SAMSON TIES 81 KNOTS Oregon City Justice Claims Record for Marrying Most Couples.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Justice of the Peace Samson announces that he officiated at the marriages of 81 couples in 1911. The largest number married by him in one month was 13 and the smallest two.

"I don't care what other justices of the Peace, ministers and judges may say, I am confident that I hold the record for performing marriage ceremonies in 1911," declared Mr. Samson. "I see where a man, who only married 40 couples, is claiming the record for the year, but he is not in a class with me."

Mr. Samson announced that 125 ceremonies had been performed in the historic house in which he lives. The house is on Main street, and was occupied before the Civil War by General Grant, General Sheridan and other Army officers who distinguished themselves in the war between the states. Many marriages were solemnized in the house before Mr. Samson moved into it, but he has kept a record of each and says he is confident no other house in Oregon has had as many marriage ceremonies performed in it.

THIEF FALLS INTO BARREL Tacoma Police Get Catch After Clubwoman Gives Chase.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—When Mrs. Sidney T. Palmer, 618 South L. street, clubwoman, returned home today to find a burglar at work in the house, she attempted to capture him. The burglar broke a way, ran several blocks, tried to hide in a barn and finished by falling head foremost into an empty rain-barrel.

The police took him in the barrel, his legs sticking up in the air. At headquarters he gave the name of Charles Knuffman, broke down and wept and admitted the attempted burglary. Every room in the Palmer house had been ransacked.

ROAD PLANS TO SAVE TIME Oregon Electric May Abandon High-Street Line in Salem.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Speculation among the business men of the city as to the eventual course of the Oregon Electric here since the recent announcement of President Carl R. Gray that a new railroad depot would be constructed in this city, leads to the belief that it is only a question of a comparatively short time before that road abandons its present high-street line through the city.

The company secured a right-of-way down Front street when its new franchise was granted for its extension to Albany and Eugene. At the time announcement was made that the Front-street line would be used exclusively for freight and that the line of high street would be used exclusively in and out of the city for passenger traffic.

Now it apparently seems that the company will either abandon its High-street line within a short time after the extensions are completed or will locate its depot on what is known as the Buren corner at Court and High streets. If it does locate its line at the Buren corner and decides to construct a building, it probably will not be constructed by the company itself, but will be built on a lease plan, so that the company will be able to use it until such time as it decides to use the Front-street line exclusively.

That the road on Front street will give a direct cut and will not necessitate the prospective curve over high trestles to connect with the Albany extension is now necessitated, adds to the belief that this plan will be the one adopted by the road. In that event it probably will require several minutes for through trains passing through Salem.

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MANEUVER SITE URGED

SEVEN TOWNSHIPS IN LAND GOVERNMENT MAY CHOOSE. Opinion Held in Klamath Falls Tract Will Be That Inspected by General Maus.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The land contemplated for use by the Government as a military maneuvering ground is believed to be the seven townships which skirt the northerly border of the Klamath Indian reservation. Part of the land is just above and part is a little south of the reservation line.

There is a strip of land in between which it is believed the Government will have but little, if any, trouble in acquiring for its use. The total area is about 250 square miles and was inspected over a year ago by a military delegation consisting of Brigadier-General Marlon P. Maus, from Vancouver, commanding the Department of the Columbia, Captain Dent, an Army engineer officer from the same department; Colonel James Jackson, Inspector-General, and W. E. Finzer, Adjutant-General, both of the Oregon National Guard. They were accompanied by Captain O. C. Applegate, who knows the Klamath country from almost 40 years of excursions over it, and a number of other prominent citizens.

Captain Applegate recommended the site eight years ago, when he was Government agent on the Klamath Indian reservation. After the visit of the officers, Lieutenant Franklin W. Whitley, of the Department of the Columbia, and the other members of the delegation, returned to Portland it was reported there that General Maus had recommended the site for the proposed maneuvering ground in the Warm Springs Indian reservation, near Pendleton, but this was discredited for the reason that Lieutenant Whitley had not then had time to make his topographical map, and for the further reason that General Maus was expected to transmit his recommendations to Washington and the result would be made known from there.

The land contemplated is convenient to the Cascade forest preserve, the Crater Lake National Park and the Klamath Indian reservation. It is about 50 miles north of this city on the proposed route of the Southern Pacific's Natron-Klamath Falls cutoff. Headquarters will be on the railroad line.

RETAIL DEALERS ELECT JOHN STOCKTON HEADS OREGON MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION.

Bleached Flour and Parcels Post Condemned in Resolutions. Home Product Favored.

MEDFORD, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—With the selection of Albany for the meeting-place next year, the election of officers and the passing of important resolutions, the sixth annual meeting of the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association came to a close tonight with a large dinner at the Hotel Medford. After a spirited contest between John Stockton, a veteran dealer of Salem, and John Collier, of La Grande, for the presidency, Stockton won.

In taking the chair Mr. Stockton said he carried less for his money than he did for the respect of his customers, and he urged higher ideals in business and the treatment of clerks as human beings instead of machines.

The following officers were then elected by acclamation: John Collier, La Grande, first vice-president; W. A. Bell, Eugene, second vice-president; E. N. Warner, Medford, third vice-president; Leo Merrick, Portland, secretary; T. C. Watts, Reuben, treasurer; and J. W. Funn, and F. C. Mann, Eastern Oregon, E. Poolack, La Grande; R. Alexander, Pendleton, Astoria, E. Heinkle.

Resolutions were passed condemning bleached flour and the parcels post. It was also voted that the association in every possible way show preference to Oregon goods. The Crater Lake highway was endorsed.

HAYDEN'S NAME PRESENTED Poindexter Says Southwest Should Have Place on Bench.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 18.—Senator Poindexter today declared for the appointment of Elmer M. Hayden as United States District Judge for Western Washington.

Poindexter told the President that Massachusetts at Seattle has one judge, Southwestern Washington was entitled to the other, and that Hayden appeared to be the most available man from that part of the state.

Hayden Indorsed for Judge. RAYMOND, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Believing that the best interests of Tacoma and Southwest Washington would be served by the appointment of Tacoma man to the Federal Judgeship in this district, the Raymond Commercial Club at a meeting last night adopted a resolution indorsing Elmer M. Hayden for the position. This resolution, together with a message of similar import, signed by the business men of this city, was sent to the Washington delegation at Washington, D. C.

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THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The ninth annual convention of the Oregon State Federation of Labor came to a close at noon today after deciding that the next session shall be held at Salem. The election of officers will be made by referendum vote, and the following nominations were made before the convention closed:

President, William Dal and C. A. Jordan, Portland; vice-president, Charles Grassman, R. O. Rector, Portland, and Charles Harrington, Medford; secretary-treasurer, Edward J. Stack, Edward Brathwaite, James McGuire and F. L. Bourne, Portland; executive board, William Randall, J. F. Weatherly, T. H. Burdick, Portland; H. H. Hill, Salem; J. R. Thomas, The Dalles; Charles Harrington, Medford, and Joseph Phillips, Astoria; delegate to National convention of American Federation of Labor, W. A. Marshall and Andy Madson, Portland; delegate to State Grange, H. G. Parsons, James McGuire, Portland; fraternal delegate to Washington State Federation of Labor, Mr. Lemon, Mrs. Gee, Percy Coburn and William MacKenzie, Portland; delegate to Farmers' Union, S. M. Ryerson, Portland; election board (elected today), J. F. Cassidy, W. H. Fitzgerald, F. Faulkner, N. E. Noland, Mr. Nemis, Portland.

The first preference of the Federation on legislative measures, as the result of a vote, was an amendment to the constitution to provide for better safeguarding the employers' liability law, and the second choice was the perfection of the eight-hour law so as to have the measure include contractors, sub-contractors, and the like.

The Federation indorsed a bill now being drafted to place the State Printer on a flat salary at once.

Education Not Opposed. Hoping to obviate the belief of some people that the State Federation of Labor is opposed to the educational interests of Oregon, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

Whereas, the Oregon system of government by the people is deeply cherished by the great majority of our citizens, so long represented in the halls of legislation, there have been, and are now, urged proposals to amend or change these laws for various alleged objects and purposes. Almost invariably the changes proposed emanate from known enemies of the people, and are designed to render them of no effect.

Fundamentally the Oregon system was designed to protect the popular or common interests of the people of the state from the encroachments of private, special or privileged interests. The success of this design has been such that it is a paramount public duty further to unite the popular interest upon a working basis for the best use and safest development of the people's government.

In view of this need, the Oregon State Grange, some years ago, invited the co-operation of organized labor in the State Federation of Labor, and common interests have successfully acted in more than one noteworthy instance.

The same method should be extended to include the state school system and all educational institutions supported by the state. It should include all those interests essentially common in their nature to the public rather than the private good. Therefore be it resolved, that the State Federation of Labor, in regular convention assembled, does hereby suggest and invite the getting together of the popular or common interests of the state, including particularly the State Grange, State Federation of Labor, United Oregon Agricultural College, State Teachers' Association, State Normal, and such state officials as are directly connected with these interests, for the mutual discussion and promotion of the common good of the Oregon system.

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed by the president of this convention, the duty of which committee shall be to act for this body in covering the best part of this resolution to the individuals and interests concerned, and for arranging meetings or discussions as may develop therefrom.

Committee is Appointed. The following committee was appointed by President Daly in accordance with the resolution: R. A. Harris, Salem; W. A. Marshall and Edward J. Stack, Portland.

R. A. Harris, of Salem, State Printing Expert, who fathered the resolution, thinks the Oregon educational institutions must eventually depend almost entirely upon the Labor Federation and the Grange for backing and support, and that the co-operation of these interests will do away with the necessity of "trading" on the part of the state schools in order to get appropriations and legislation.

The Federation indorsed the strike of the railroad shopmen and the Esch bill, proposed to prohibit the use of poisonous sulphur in the manufacture of matches.

The consensus of opinion among the delegates was that the best plan for the compensation act would be an amendment to the constitution permitting state insurance for industrial compensation and then a law elaborating a plan under it. The Federation committee appointed to meet with the State Grange and Employers' Association delegation as a commission to draft a compensation act was instructed not to support any measure that might conflict with the liability act.

RESOLUTIONS GRAB CONVENTION Party, Dominating Labor Federation, Declares for Popular Election. SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)

Stage Beauty Tells Secrets of Youth (Theatre Review in The Arch.) "I have often wondered at Jane Clayton's youthful beauty. In a burst of confidence she told me her complexion was due to a lotion which she makes by dissolving a small quantity of mayonaise in a half-pint of witch hazel. Massaging with this has kept her skin clear and satiny and preserves its girlish bloom.

"Her long, wavy and lustrous locks are due to dry shampooing. She says she never has time to wash her head and would not if she could, because wet shampoos make the hair dull and lifeless. A dry shampoo leaves the hair soft and fluffy. To make the dry shampoo, she puts a cupful of corn meal in a fruit jar and mixes with it the contents of a small original package of Therox. It brushes out easily and takes all dirt with it.

"With a jar of Mother's Salve to cure sore throat and colds and prevent catarrh, this actress travels forty-eight weeks in the year, always looking the pink of perfection, and sings at every performance."—Adv.

Important Notice!

Cut out that rent leak. Put your rent money at work by making it buy your home. Scores of people are doing that very thing every month in Portland. Take a look at the real estate transfers as published every day in the newspapers and notice the unusually large number of lot sales in the best residence additions and you will get a fair idea of the volume of installment home-buying going on in Portland. During the past year builders-of-houses-for-sale have erected a large number of residences in Laurelhurst and today less than half a dozen remain unsold. These homes are nearly all owned by men who made small payments down and who are making their rent checks pay the balance. We will give YOU the same opportunity to get a home. We will sell you a lot in Laurelhurst for 10 per cent cash and 2 per cent a month, and then we will help you finance the building of your home.

Our home-building plan beats renting badly. It is both a savings bank and an investment. It helps you to save money and at the same time invest it where it will steadily increase in value.

The man who goes on renting a residence year after year, loses every dollar that he pays the landlord, while the man who takes advantage of our home-building plan has something to show for his money.

Mr. Renter, you are losing valuable time. Come in and let us take you out to see Laurelhurst. It is one of the show places of Portland. You will want a home in Laurelhurst when you see it.

Important Notice!

NOTICE TO HOME-BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS

For one year we have been making special discounts to home-builders in Laurelhurst and taking second mortgages for the deferred monthly payments on lots. This easy payment, second-mortgage plan has resulted in the investment of about \$1,000,000 in new homes in Laurelhurst during the year 1911. We feel that the pioneer building period has passed, and that the special building discount should be withdrawn. Due notice in a few days will appear in our ads, announcing the discontinuance of these special discount privileges.

Laurelhurst property is too cheap. Laurelhurst prices, today, compared with those in Irvington, Holladay Park and Ladd's Addition are about 50 per cent too low, and an advance in prices is under consideration.

MEAD & MURPHY, Sales Agents 522 CORBETT BUILDING PHONES: MAIN 1503, A 1515 Office at Tract—Phone East 989. Ask for Salesman.

Resolved, That all state officers and commissioners in the State of Washington should be elected by the popular vote of the people.

By a rising vote of nearly 9 to 1, the delegates to the State Federation of Labor, spurring the pleas of the Federation officers, dealt the political plans of the Federation's administration a staggering blow and passed the above resolution this afternoon. It demonstrated that the Socialists are in control.

Elated with their success, it soon brought from the same contingent a resolution declaring for sweeping Government ownership, which was branded on the floor as a "stock resolution" and afterward characterized as a "Socialist stock resolution." This resolution will be reported tomorrow and, judged from all indications, will easily pass.

Following up their first victory, the Socialist majority overthrew the recommendations of the resolutions committee twice more by passing a resolution declaring that the office of State Labor Commissioner should be made elective and that one of the qualifications of the mine inspector be union affiliations.

There have been reports that efforts would be made by the Federation, the State Grange and the Farmers' Union to unite on a state ticket this fall, but today's vote forebodes failure for any such plan.

W. Hayes, of Gold Hill, and his resignation. J. E. Davidson, of Gold Hill, was appointed to succeed Mr. Hayes. No charges are brought against Road Supervisor Hayes and the citizens of Gold Hill presented a petition expressing faith in his honesty of purpose though errors in bookkeeping were admitted. That members of the County Court are not in harmony regarding the matter is shown by the fact that two of the members are going to make a personal investigation of the books in the near future.

Hayes did not deny the discrepancy and gave the County Court his personal check for \$126.14.

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for San Francisco; steamer Rainier, Saturday, for the same port; steamers Raymond and Willapa, Sunday; steamer Clearmont, Monday; steamers Daly and Saginaw, Tuesday. In addition to these steamers the schooners Cecilia Sudden, Mawama and G. W. Watson are taking on cargoes here.

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COUNTY ACCOUNT IS SHORT

Road Engineer of Gold Hill Asked to Resign and Pay Refund.

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INTERESTING FREE EXHIBITION OF Chalmers "36" Mechanism



Mr. Wyles, of the Chalmers Motor Co., Detroit, Mich., will exhibit at the H. L. Keats Auto Co.'s salesrooms, Burnside, Seventh and Couch streets, for one week, beginning January 19th, all the mechanism of the Famous Chalmers "36". It is a rare opportunity for those interested in motor car construction to see this exhibition and inspect those vital parts that are making the Chalmers "36" the topic of the automobile world. Other dealers are particularly invited to examine the parts on display.

One may see just how the Chalmers Self Starter is made and will appreciate instantly the extreme simplicity and reliability of its construction. You will be impressed by the workmanship in the Chalmers and especially the attention to detail. We ask you to visit our salesrooms, examine this display, have the parts explained and then express yourself.

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