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800,000 ACRES ARE TAKEN BY L. W. HILL

Vast Oregon Tract to Open for Settlers.

MID-STATE DOMAIN IS BOUGHT

Great Northern President Controls Cascade Land Grant.

DEVELOPMENT IS HIS AIM

Oregon & Western Colonization Company's Holdings Purchased by Rail Chief and St. Paul Man—Low Prices to Be Set.

Control of 800,000 acres of agricultural and timber land in the heart of Central Oregon now held by the Oregon & Western Colonization Company, a \$12,000,000 corporation, of Portland and St. Paul, yesterday passed into the hands of Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, who proposes to throw it open for immediate settlement.

Mr. Hill's retirement from the presidency of the Great Northern and his succession by Carl R. Gray, president of the North Bank Road and the Hill lines in Oregon, are expected as an early consequence of this transaction. Mr. Gray left Portland last night for St. Paul for a conference with Mr. Hill and his father, James J. Hill.

Associated with Mr. Hill in his new colonization enterprise is W. P. Davidson, a St. Paul capitalist, who has been actively connected with the Oregon & Western Colonization Company since its organization. He has frequently visited Portland in company with Mr. Hill.

Vast Tract Is Grant Land.
It is understood that Mr. Hill and his father have been financially interested in the company for many years. The deal yesterday involved the interests of the United States Farm Lands Company, which concern has held a half ownership in the property. Obtaining possession of this remaining half interest gives Mr. Hill and Mr. Davidson complete ownership of the entire tract.

This land, which is the last of the unsettled area in the western part of the United States, was originally known as the Willamette and Cascade Mountain land grant. This strip, which extended eastward for 400 miles, was to be the basis for a bond issue for the construction of the road. The bonds were issued, the road built and the bonds ultimately found their way into the hands of French capitalists.

These holders refused to throw the country open to settlement, holding the vast area in its original unimproved condition and reserving nothing on their investment. Finally the Oregon & Washington Colonization Company was formed. This transaction was four times larger than any other single land deal ever recorded in this country, and the purchase of the half interest of the United States Farm Lands Company's interest in the parent company by Messrs. Hill and Davidson is second only to that.

Prineville In Domain.
The land extends from the western slope of the Cascade Mountains eastward to Idaho and includes some of the best portions of Crook, Harney and Malheur counties. The principal towns within the tract are Prineville and Burns, although the deal does not include much actual town property.

According to the terms of the original grant the company that agreed to build the military road was deemed every alternate quarter section, so the property acquired by Mr. Hill and his associates is spotted with farms of settlers and other large tracts held by smaller corporations and investors.

With the purchase of this immense acreage, the syndicate will be able to control virtually the entire water supply originating along the territory included in the holdings. A large part of the Malheur River runs through the eastern part of the land. This river drains Malheur Lake, one of the largest bodies of water in Eastern Oregon. To the northwest of Burns the Crooked River takes its source and runs in a northwesterly course and empties into the Deschutes River about 15 miles west of Prineville.

Water Supply Big Asset.
These two rivers form the chief drainage systems of central Eastern Oregon. From the fact that the development of the immense holdings will depend to a great extent upon irrigation, the water supply is considered one of the greatest assets of the acreage.

The land included in the original grant parallels for a great distance either side of the Malheur and Crooked rivers. With a water grade from Ontario, on the extreme eastern boundary of the grant, through the entire strip to the Deschutes River, it will be feasible to construct a railroad line through the middle of the holdings from Ontario to the Deschutes River, where connection would be had with the Oregon trunk system. That such a line will be built eventually seems probable. Through the sections especially adapted.

GLACIER CARRIES LOCKED ANTLERS

EVIDENCE OF MORTAL FIGHT OF AGES AGO IN ICE.

Bones of Buck Deer, Far Above Ordinary Size, Meticulously Tell of Conflict on Mount Baker.

RELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Mute evidence of a mortal combat that may have occurred centuries ago was revealed to J. K. Magnusson, a timber cruiser on the slopes of Mount Baker.

Lying in the lower edge of Roosevelt glacier were the crumbling bones of a buck deer of more than ordinary size. Digging down into the ice the cruiser uncovered the remains of a second animal, the body in an excellent state of preservation. The antlers of the animal were tightly interlocked, showing that the deer had died in battle. From the position of the skeleton and the body in the glacier, Magnusson is of the opinion that they had been carried a long distance down the mountain side. As the glacier flows only four or five inches a day, the battle of the bucks may have occurred centuries ago.

CREW SPILLED INTO BAY

When Steamer Capsizes Scant-Clad Men Have Narrow Escape.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Capsizing against the wharf at the Pacific Coast Company coal bunkers early today, the fishing steamer Independent sank within three minutes and plunged half of the members of her crew of 42 men into the chilly waters of the bay, while others, clad in little or nothing, as the case was, scrambled out upon the wharf. The men in the water clung to piles until their comrades and watchmen on the dock rescued them with ropes, when all hands hastened to nearby lodging-houses for shelter.

The Independent lies alongside the dock with only a few feet of her port bow visible above the water at high tide. In capsizing against the pier her masts were broken.

Cause assigned for the accident are largely based on supposition.

PHONOGRAPH TELLS TIME

Appliance at Telephone Central Station Answers Question.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The Home Telephone Company closed a contract for a phonograph which will, when installed, automatically give the time of day to all patrons of the company. Byron E. Cooney, of that company said today:

"Chicago is the only city in the country that now has one of the machines, and it serves the purpose of 40,000 users of the automatic telephones in that city."

"I am told that it gave the time of day to 14,000 in 24 hours by actual count."

"The phonograph will tell the time 30 times per minute, at intervals of three seconds. Any subscriber calling the number designated will be told the time four times before connection is cut off."

BATRACHIAN SONG SUSHED

Frogs Who Vied With Prima Donnas Will Lose Their Home.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The frogs in the pond at Third and Washington streets, who in times past have sung so loud that it was impossible for orators, actors and prima donnas to make themselves heard above the noise, will not be in this city during the coming Spring and Summer.

Contractors are dumping earth into the frog pond and when the annual high water comes there will be no pond under the auditorium.

Gus Hager, when he was manager of the auditorium, conceived an idea to quiet the frogs during a performance in the auditorium by building a bonfire by the side of the pond. The scheme worked, but it required a cord of wood and was deemed too expensive to try more than once.

EX-FELONS' AIDE ROBBED

Former Convicts' Employment Agent Doesn't Lose Faith in Mankind.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—Jewelry valued at \$1000 was stolen from the home of O. R. Curtiz, vice-president of the Ex-Prisoners' Mutual Aid and Employment Agency, last night while the members of the family were playing cards. Twice within the past week the Curtiz home has been robbed.

Curtiz has worked for the benefit of ex-convicts, and announced after the robbery that his confidence in mankind had not been affected by his loss.

APPLEBOX BILL OPPOSED

Northwestern Growers May Appear Before House Committee.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 22.—Hearings will be held by the House Interstate Commerce committee March 7 on the Suler apple box bill, which is very similar to the Lefan bill of the last Congress.

Representatives Hawley, Pray and others from the Pacific Northwest will oppose the bill and will secure hearings for all Northwestern apple growers who wish to appear.

ONE SHIP IS SUNK, 22 ASHORE IN GALE

Wind Sweeps New York at 96 Miles.

STORM'S HAVOC WIDESPREAD

Houses Unroofed; People Are Blown Flat on Faces.

MANY PERSONS INJURED

Falling Signs and Glass Hit Pedestrians—Screams of Women Heard on Broadway Where Windows Are Smashed as by Mob.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 22.—One steamer, the Old Dominion liner Madison, was sunk, 22 other ships were driven ashore and three scows were carried out to sea by the worst gale that has raked the Atlantic Coast in this vicinity since the big storm of 1879.

Rammed by the Norwegian tramp Hippolyte Dumara, which had lost her rudder chains, the Madison was beached and sunk this morning.

Five large tramps in port were driven ashore. One of these, the Elswick Manor, was floated tonight.

Captain Payne, of the Merchants and Miners' liner Dorchester, reported that coming in from the Cape tonight he counted 22 craft ashore.

The revenue cutter Omoodana floated the United States quarantine ship Jamestown and towed her to Hampton Roads.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The wildest wind storm of which New York has any record swept the city in the early morning hours. At its height a little after 1 o'clock it reached a velocity of 96 miles an hour. There were flurries of snow, sleet and rain with the wind at first, but later the sun shone brightly.

The temperature at the outset stood at 60 degrees. At about daybreak it dropped to 21 degrees and the wind slowed down to 50 miles an hour. At 6 o'clock tonight the wind's velocity was 44 miles an hour and the thermometer stood at 32.

Steamers Blown Ashore.
It was a storm which spread destruction all along the Atlantic Coast and far inland. Sound shipping had to anchor. Up-state a heavy fall of snow aided the wind in breaking telegraph wires and slowing up railroad traffic so that trains from the north and west arrived eight and 12 hours late. Reports of scores of persons injured by falling signs and glass came to police headquarters from all parts of the city.

People Blown on Faces.
Houses were unroofed and people were blown flat on their faces. Broadway looked as though a riotous mob (Continued on Page 2.)

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HOME RULE BILL DUE SOON
Premier Asquith Expected to Introduce Measure March 20.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Premier Asquith is expected to introduce the bill granting home rule to Ireland in the House of Commons on March 20.

It was said today that this program virtually had been arranged.

CENTRALIA HOLDUP IS LAID TO DENTIST

Dr. F. D. Johnson Held as Accomplice.

BANK ROBBERY CHARGE MADE

A. B. Clark, Who Killed Bar, Says Friend Planned Deed.

PRACTITIONER DENIES ALL

Sheriff Seizes Alleged Conspirator in Crime After Youth Confesses. Captor Declares Captive Hasn't Disproved Charge.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Sheriff Urquhart arrested Dr. F. D. Johnson, a dentist with offices in the Zimmer block, at Centralia, this afternoon, as an accomplice of Adolbert B. Clark in the hold-up of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, of Centralia, which resulted in the killing of Lawrence Bar, president of the institution, last December.

Clark told Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Bishop and E. E. Boner, of Aberdeen, his counsel, this afternoon, that Dr. Johnson had planned the crime. Clark said he passed several hours with the dentist the day the attempted hold-up and murder took place to throw off suspicion. The slayer declared he and the dentist expected to attend a dance at Pe Ell that night and divide the booty there.

Clark said he expected to get the money by holding up the bank a few minutes before train time. Then as he boarded the train, he said, it was planned for him to drop the money into a handbag or suitcase Dr. Johnson would carry. It was further arranged, he said, for him to change his clothes on the way to the station to help them further in their plans.

Dentist Denies Taking Part.
Dr. Johnson says he has known Clark long and that he has introduced him to a number of friends. After the murder was committed, he said, he visited the County Jail to see the murderer, and to his surprise, found that the prisoner was Clark. His expression at the time was noticed by Deputy Sheriff Foster, who asked the dentist what he knew about the case.

Dr. Johnson then recounted that he had known Clark had been with him on several occasions and introduced him to his friends. As evidence that he did not expect to get money from any other source, Dr. Johnson declared he has a check which he said he had a merchant cash for him the night of the attempted holdup that he might have sufficient money to take him to Pe Ell. The dentist declares he has kept this check in his safe ever since to foil Clark if the prisoner tried to connect him with the crime in any way.

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FILM SHOWS FOR SCHOOLS ARE URGED

SAN FRANCISCO SUPERINTENDENT SEEKS APPROPRIATION.

Pictures Much Better Than Books to Endow Youngsters With Understanding, He Declares.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—If the energies of Superintendent of Schools Roncovieri can accomplish it, moving pictures for educational work in the public schools of San Francisco will be assured. The use of the moving picture for school purposes is rapidly growing in favor over the entire country, advanced educators finding that far more lasting impressions are made upon the minds of children through matter pictured for them than through reading.

"I am most emphatically in favor of moving pictures for educational work in schools," said Superintendent Roncovieri. "In my last two annual reports I have recommended to the Board of Education that provision be made for such work. I am preparing estimates to be included in the next year's budget for a fund to start the work."

"The importance of this method of teaching history, of impressing geographical facts upon the child, of teaching literature, of getting comprehensive studies in natural science, and many other subjects cannot be overestimated. I also respectfully recommend most earnestly that the lecture system for pupils in our schools be extended so as to include moving picture films on educational themes."

State Superintendent of Schools Hyatt is in line with Roncovieri and other leading educators in advocating the use of the motion picture. In a circular recently sent out to county superintendents, Hyatt urged that the idea of the moving picture be advocated.

CLARA WARD TO BE SUED

Erstwhile Princess Chimay Has Trouble With Third Husband.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Clara Ward, erstwhile the Princess de Chimay, one-time wife of Rigo, the Gypsy violinist and more recently the wife of Chevalier Glusuppi Riccardi, is again in the throes of a matrimonial fight. The Chevalier is her third husband and shortly will sail for America to sue in the United States courts for the recovery of his allowance of \$200 a month, which the fair Princess agreed to pay him upon their separation two years ago.

Reports say the Princess is seriously contemplating a fresh matrimonial alliance if she can divorce Riccardi and that this time she means to enter the bonds of Hymen never again to break them. There is a daughter by her first marriage to Chimay, whose chances for a splendid marriage depend entirely upon good conduct of her mother.

Prelate's Decree Is Hit
Montreal Judge Holds Marriage of Catholics by Methodist Valid.

MONTREAL, Feb. 22.—Judge Charbonneau held legally valid today the marriage of Emma Cloutier, of Dale River, Miss., and Eugene Hebert, of this city. Both are Catholics and their marriage by a Methodist minister in 1908, in Point St. Charles, Montreal, was annulled by Archbishop Bruchet, head of the Catholic hierarchy here, on the ground that Catholics could be married only by their parish priest or ordinary. This dissolution by the archbishop afterwards was ratified civilly by Judge Laurendeau, in the high court.

Judge Charbonneau reversed Judge Laurendeau's decision, holding that any officer qualified by the state to perform marriages could marry couples whatever faith; that the papal decree had no legal effect and was binding only on the consciences of Catholics.

All Cleared Amidst Brucines.
Meanwhile Mr. Colt was busy himself trying to capture the "burglar" who darted past him so suddenly when he and Mr. Baker came up. Being in entire ignorance of the identity of his victim, Mr. Colt, landed several telling blows on his wife's form and as she approached the front steps, added well-directed kicks, felling her to the cement walk.

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MEN MAUL WIVES, WHO PLAY ROBBERS

Husbands See Too Late It's All Joke.

WOMEN BOTH PAST 60TH YEAR

Spouses Pounce Upon "Prowlers" in Irvington.

KICKS AND BLOWS TELLING

Mrs. C. E. Baker and Mrs. E. Colt, Nova Scotia Guest, Are Prank Victims—One in Bed Over Injuries—Doctor Called.

Thinking to "have a little fun" with their husbands, Mrs. C. E. Baker, wife of a retired capitalist living at 415 East Twenty-second street North, in the fashionable Irvington residence district of Portland, and Mrs. E. N. Colt, a visitor from Nova Scotia, donned overcoats and slouch hats Wednesday night and played a practical joke. When Mr. Baker and Mr. Colt returned to the home, one of the most palatial in the city, the women dashed out the front door past them, pretending they were burglars making their escape.

In the darkness of the evening it was impossible for the two men to distinguish the features of the women, and they took the "joke" so seriously that, had they been armed, it is probable a fatality would have ensued.

Women Beaten in Earnest.
As it was, neither man had a weapon, but they did the best they could on the supposed burglars by pummeling each most vigorously, never for a moment suspecting that they were beating their wives, both past 60 years of age.

Being unable in the darkness to impress their husbands that they were merely playing a practical "joke," the wives tried vainly to break away and get to a place where they could make their identity known, but before they succeeded in so doing Mrs. Baker had been hurled to the floor of the front porch by her 73-year-old husband and Mrs. Colt had been knocked down the front steps by her husband.

Cries of "Police! Murder!" rent the air, but no policeman put in an appearance, and the mauling continued until a lone pedestrian, who chanced to be passing, rushed to the scene and inquired the trouble.

"Isn't there a policeman in all Irvington?" inquired Mr. Baker, as he grasped his wife's long overcoat violently, and held her in terror like mad.

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