

"SETTLERS LOSE," SAYS L. L. SHARP

Hope Extended by Representative Lafferty Declared Great Uncertainty.

GOVERNMENT GIVES NOTICE

Notice Issued That Land Taken From Southern Pacific Is Not Subject to Entry and Professional Locators Held Dangerous.

That the bona fide settlers on the Southern Pacific Railroad lands declared forfeited to the Government by order of Judge Wolverton in the Oregon-California decision have little or no hope of regaining their rights to their holdings is the positive view of Louis L. Sharp, chief of the field division of the United States Land Office, in spite of contrary declarations of Representative Lafferty in a letter to The Oregonian. Mr. Sharp yesterday, after being shown Mr. Lafferty's letter, declared that, regardless of the hardship that the decision may cause the settlers, they have the law, as well as the court decision against them.

Mr. Lafferty recently sent a letter to George A. Hall, of Monroe, Or., in which he urged the settlers not to abandon their holdings, giving assurance that if the Appellate Court does not allow redress Congress undoubtedly will do so by special enactment.

Lafferty's Predictions Questioned.

"Mr. Lafferty is making two rather broad forecasts that may not come to pass," said Mr. Sharp, "and anticipates that the Court of Appeals will make such and such a ruling; he also anticipates that if the court does not do so Congress will—both premises being decidedly uncertain, to say the least."

Even if the Appellate Court sustains Judge Wolverton's decision, the lands would revert to the Government not as public domain open to settlement, but as Government property. If such lands are opened to entry later it will be as any other lands to which anyone qualified will have as much right as those who have filed application under the impression that the lands would revert from the railroad. By the act of August 20, 1912, it is expressly provided that these lands shall not be subject to entry or to the initiation of any rights whatever under any of the public land laws of the United States.

Mr. Sharp recently received a letter from Fred Decker, Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington, in which he is urged to warn the public against attempting settlement on these lands.

Moral Right Contention.

Congressman Lafferty was one of the attorneys for the settlers while the railroad land suits were pending in the federal courts. He contended at that time that those applicants for entry intending to become bona fide settlers had moral rights and has been striving to establish their legal rights.

It was announced at the office of R. D. Townsend, special assistant Attorney-General in charge of the railroad land case, that the opinion of the department still is that the settlers have no legal rights to the land.

The lands involved in the litigation include about 2,500,000 acres in a strip 50 miles wide along the line of the Southern Pacific Railroad through Western Oregon. Some rich agricultural and timber lands are part of the tract and a great many settlers have filed upon them, including thousands of persons "located" by professional locators. Mr. Sharp declares one of the most formidable tasks is the protection of well-meaning settlers from these locators who never guarantee any rights and who do little except show the settler over the lands and pocket generous fees.

"Between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 has been reaped by these locators from which the settler can get absolutely no returns," said Mr. Sharp.

NEW STATE CLUB FORMED

Pennsylvanians Have Association

With Robert G. Dieck President.

Robert G. Dieck was elected president of the Pennsylvania Club of Portland, which held a meeting for permanent organization at the Portland Hotel yesterday. A preliminary meeting was held a short time ago and committees appointed to take steps for permanent organization. The constitution and by-laws and election of permanent officers occupied the greater part of the session yesterday. The Pennsylvania Club is organized principally for the purpose of promoting closer social relations between the former residents of that state who live in Portland, and it will also serve as an organization to welcome and assist incoming Pennsylvanians who intend to make their home in Oregon.

Other officers elected yesterday were: First vice-president, J. A. Curry; second vice-president, P. A. Gatz; secretary, C. R. Maloney and treasurer E. H. Samsenich.

Regular monthly meetings of the association will be held at the Portland Hotel.

RICE ORDER IS UNUSUAL

Shipment of 12,000 Pockets to Honolulu Laid to Japanese Dispute.

It was reported in the grocery trade yesterday that Government agents had recently bought 12,000 pockets of rice at San Francisco for shipment to Honolulu. This is an unusual order for the Government to place, both as regards size and quality. Head rice is the finest and most expensive grade of rice and is not the sort the Government generally buys.

It is said that Army buyers have also been laying in large supplies of canned goods, dried fruits and other articles of food, all for shipment to the Hawaiian Islands. The grocery trade here that the purpose of the Government's sudden activity is to secure at Honolulu a sufficient supply of Army stores to meet any emergency that may arise in connection with the dispute with Japan.

MRS. FERGUSSON ELECTED

Charter Member of Chapter A Chosen President by P. E. O.

At the closing session of the second annual convention of the Oregon Grand Chapter of P. E. O. Sisterhood, held yesterday in the peacock room of the Mullinoham Hotel, Mrs. W. A. Ferguson, a charter member of Chapter A, was unanimously elected state president, succeeding Mrs. W. A. Herman. Mrs. W. A. Setz is first vice-president. The other officers elected were: Second vice-president, Mrs. Charles Seaberger; recording secretary,

Mrs. A. M. Bean, of Forest Grove; corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. L. Brace; treasurer, Mrs. R. G. Brand. With the exception of Mrs. Bean all the new officers are Portland women.

The reports of the chapter presidents showed the organization to be growing fast in Oregon.

During the morning session Mrs. Ruth B. Hines, organizer for the chapters, gave an instructive talk, and Mrs. A. E. Holbrook led "three-minute talks on current questions." A pleasing feature was the music provided by Mrs. Emma Luse McGaw, of Chapter C. Mrs. Belle C. Miles led the devotionals. A distinguished guest at the convention was Mrs. Samuel Shaw Parks, of Chicago, who is National president of the order. Her address on the high ideals and the duties of the sisterhood was one of the gems of the meeting just closed.

BIPLANE DELAYS BATTLE

Mysterious Mexican War Aircraft, Broken, Halts State Troops.

NOGALES, Ariz., May 21.—An accident to an aeroplane is delaying a battle. In alighting from a trial flight at Hermosillo last night, Didier Masson slightly damaged his biplane.

The repairs will require a day or two, in the meantime the state troops are awaiting his arrival at the front before moving on the Federals, who remain entrenched outside the gulf port.

BUSINESS MAN VICTIM OF APPENDICITIS.

Willard J. Steele.



Willard J. Steele, aged 33 years, manager of one of the A. J. Wochos shoe stores, died May 17, after a brief illness of three days, resulting from appendicitis. Mr. Steele came to Portland eight months ago from Red Bluff, Cal., where he had resided about three years. He was a native of Hubbardston, Mich. He was a member of the Elks' Lodge at Red Bluff and was buried by the Portland order of that lodge in Mount Scott Cemetery. His widow, his mother in Idaho and a brother in Detroit, Mich., survive.

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Notes From St. Johns

S. JOHN'S, May 21.—(Special.)—McKenny & Davis report the sale of lot 5, block 3, on Dawson street, to Joe Kane, who will build a residence, work to begin at once. The same firm also reports sale of lot 3, block 5, with a house already on it, to Peter Gillmore. Mr. Gillmore intends making extensive improvements.

The Volunteer Fire department held its regular meeting last night and discussed the celebration of July 4. The City Council has promised to place seats along the principal thoroughfares for the use of visitors.

Billy Dunbar, former night policeman, but now employed at the St. Johns Lumber Company's mill, suffered a bad, crushed right foot when a log rolled on it last Friday. He is doing nicely now.

The dance given by the Bachelors' Club last Wednesday night was a decided success. One hundred and thirty-one couples were in attendance. The hall was beautifully decorated in yellow and green, the emblem colors of the club. The dance was given at the skating rink and a seven-piece orchestra from Portland furnished the music.

Petitions circulated here against the Workmen's Compensation Act and the Sterilization bill are being freely signed.

The executive committee of the Civic Betterment League met tonight at the home of Mrs. G. M. Hall and appointed several standing committees for the league.

The San Drulen class of the Evangelical Sunday school will give a Japanese Carnival Friday evening, May 25, at 320 South Jersey street. Later Mrs. L. Odessa Openc, aged 81, died Tuesday at the residence of her son, Louis Shinn, 722 Stafford street. The funeral will be held Wednesday from the Blackburn undertaking rooms.

TRAIN GETS MAN'S FINGERS

Vancouver Barracks Private, Drunk, Goes to Sleep on Track.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 21.—(Special.)—A man's finger and blood on the North Bank track east of the Garrison yesterday were found by the section crew.

Officers McLeod and Burg went out on the case, and concluded that the man was killed and that his body had rolled into the Columbia River. Later it was learned that Private Collins, F. Company, Engineers, had appeared at the Post hospital minus two fingers. He had been drunk, and lay down on the track, when the train severed his fingers. He walked to the hospital for treatment.

SUNDAY IN THE COUNTRY

Get out and enjoy the great outdoors. Plan now to take the family out to Metzger Sunday. Excursion limited to 40c. Round trip, including lunch, 25c. Tickets obtainable only at 722 Yeon bldg. Trains leave Tenth and Stark streets 9 A. M., Jefferson-street station 9:20 A. M. Sunday.

Church of God Invests in Mines.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 21.—The general eldership of the Church of God, in session here today, investigated charges that M. K. Smith, of Findlay, O., failed to account satisfactorily for investments of the church organization. It was charged in the meeting that \$39,000 had been invested in mining stocks and that there also was another shortage.

Homestake Plant Destroyed.

BOISE, Idaho, May 21.—The Homestake 10-stamp mill and cyanide plant at Neat, a small mining camp, 25 miles east of Boise, was destroyed by fire today. The loss is \$50,000. Defective wiring is said to have been the cause of the fire. The property is owned by George E. Roth and others, of Rochester, N. Y.

Prineville Sends Man to Prison.

PRINEVILLE, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—George Weaver was sentenced to the Penitentiary for an indeterminate period of one to seven years for larceny from a dwelling. Weaver was charged with breaking into a home-steader's cabin on the high desert and taking his clothes and other personal property. When arrested Weaver was wearing the stolen clothes.

Automobile owners will be glad to know they can now have

Waltham Automobile Timepieces

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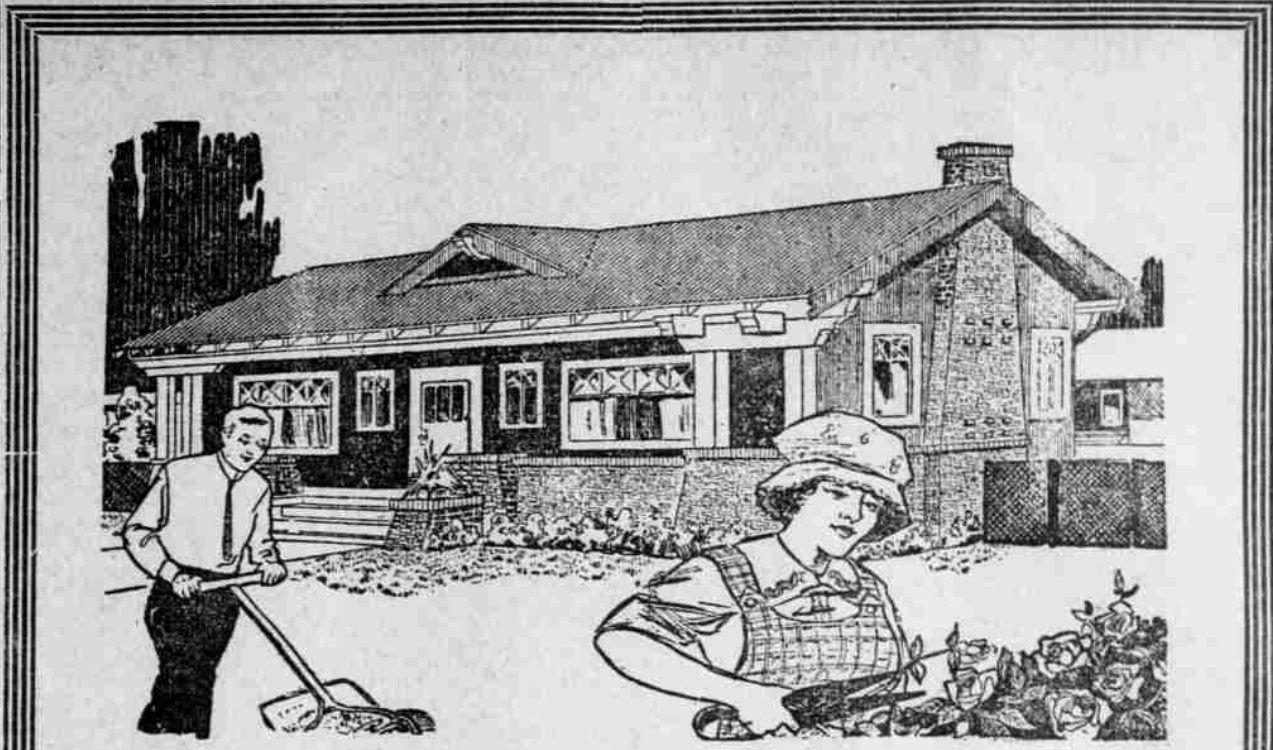
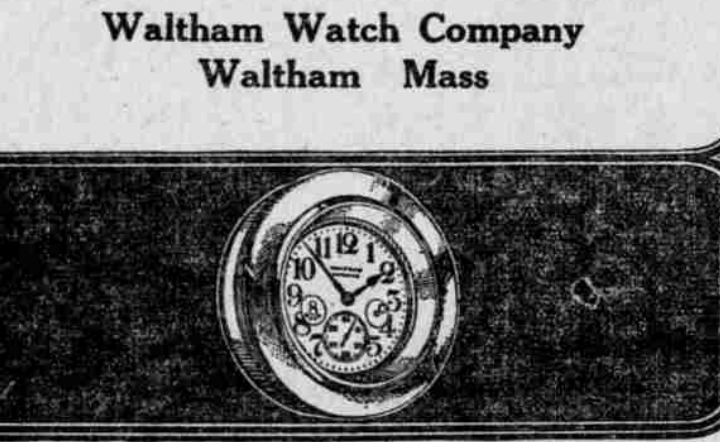
This Waltham timepiece is the first especially designed for automobiles. It is similar in design to the Waltham Chronometers you see in jeweler's windows and to the Waltham Marine Chronometer which the U. S. Government is buying for use on war vessels.

It is sturdy and reliable; it will resist hard road use and will run so accurately that you can set your watch and house clocks from it.

It is supplied with an 8-day movement, which has an indicator on the dial which gives warning three days before the watch runs down. It is adjusted to temperature, an advantage every motorist will appreciate.

These timepieces can be had alone or in combination with standard speedometers. Choice is also offered of a raised dial or dial flush with the dash. In its best form the Waltham Automobile Timepiece costs \$25. Doubtless your dealer will be glad to supply you. If not, we shall consider it a favor if you will let us know.

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Have you ever figured up the money you have wasted in rent? Do you realize that the same sum you are now paying out every month will pay for a home of your own? We have an offer that will make twenty-two Portland home-seekers home-owners instead of slaves to the landlord. All that is necessary for you to do is to pick out a lot you like in Lindenhurst—plan your home and pay us \$150—when your home is ready, move in and pay us the balance like rent. If you haven't \$150 cash, pay a deposit on your lot, and when you have paid in \$150 we'll start your home.

How to Choose Your Lot

The best way is to call at our office and arrange to have us take you to the tract. Lindenhurst is between East Davis, East Flanders, Sixtieth and Sixty-first streets, just a block from the Montavilla car line. It overlooks the entire city—superior improvements are in—good schools are adjacent—lots are 43x136—large enough for a tennis court or a large garden. If you prefer to go out alone take the Montavilla car to Sixtieth street—just a step from the corner, at 1580 Glisan street is our tract office with an attendant ready and willing to give you all the information you want. Act now—remember this offer is limited to 22—no more homes to build on these terms after this allotment is sold.

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FAIR FOLK UP AT 4

Young Women of St. Michael's Church to Sell Coins.

CAR BARNS THEIR DETAIL

Civic Pride Prompts Love's Labor. Volunteers at Regular Stations to Meet at Bank at 9 Saturday Morning.

Loyalty to the Portland Rose Festival

will necessitate four of the young woman volunteers in the festival coin sale being up and ready for the campaign at 4 o'clock Saturday morning.

This striking example of civic pride came to light yesterday afternoon when the announcement was received by the committee that the Young People's League, of St. Michael's Church, of Rose City Park, had volunteered its services for the day of the coin sale.

Two of the girls announced that they would be willing to get up at 4 o'clock, so that they might be down at the Ankeny car barns at 5 o'clock, when the men come to work, to offer among them the festival coins for sale. Two others made a similar agreement and will take the festival coins to the car barns at Twenty-eighth street at the same hour.

The Young People's League will be assigned to the office buildings of the city. They will go through the buildings in couples and every person in each building will be given an opportunity to contribute 50 cents to the Rose Festival fund and receive in return the handsome medal or "festival coin," which places him within the membership of the Rose Festival fund contributors.

The women who are to sell the coins at the regular stations down town, which have already been designated, will meet at the Commerce Trust and Savings Bank at 9 o'clock Saturday morning to receive their coins and instructions from G. Bortmeyer, who is in charge of the coin-day campaign. Besides the wives and friends of the Royal Rosarians, who have already consented to take part in the coin sale, many others will be asked to help. Mr. Bortmeyer has requested that all women of Portland who are willing to assist the movement to build up the festival fund notify him before Saturday morning by calling up the Commerce Trust and Savings Bank, so that he may know exactly what preparations to make.



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WEEK-END FARES TO SOUTHERN OREGON



During the month of May round trip tickets to Southern Oregon Points will be sold from Portland at the following fares:

Drain	.....\$6.50	Glendale	.....\$10.55
Oakland	.....7.30	Grants Pass	.....11.90
Sutherlin	.....7.40	Medford	.....13.20
Roseburg	.....7.95	Ashland	.....13.70

And points intermediate between Comstock and Ashland. Tickets on sale Saturdays and Sundays good for return Monday following.

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