

DISPOSAL OF LANDS PRESENTS PROBLEM

Various Plans Urged on Congress, in View of Oregon & California Decision.

"ACTUAL SETTLERS" FEW

Much of Holdings Valuable Chiefly for Timber—Purchase and Classification by Government Have Been Suggested.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 29.—It will be several weeks before the Interior Department and Department of Justice determine on the recommendation of the committee to Congress outlining the disposition which the Government wishes made of the 2,800,000 acres comprising the un-sold portion of the Oregon & California Railroad land grant.

The Supreme Court having directed that none of the un-sold lands shall be disposed of by the railroad company until Congress has had an opportunity to act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Attorney General agree it is incumbent on them to submit a recommendation to Congress.

Government Will Be Cautious. There are several reasons why the Government will proceed cautiously in this matter. The Supreme Court is of great volume and some phases of it require considerable study to determine the exact meaning of the court's decision.

Taxes Make Land Burdensome. It is pointed out by one of the officials of the Department of Justice familiar with this litigation, that the railroad company, under the decree of the Supreme Court, can now realize not more than \$25 an acre for the lands, unless Congress authorizes their sale at a greater figure.

Wool Prices Are High. MORE THAN 500,000 POUNDS PUT UP AT BAKER. Alexander Livingstone, of American Woolen Mills, Secures Bulk of Offered Product in East.

BAKER, Or., June 29.—(Special.)—More than half a million pounds of wool from Baker and Grant Counties were put up at the annual wool sales here today and 418,197 pounds were sold at prices ranging from 15 1/2 cents to 19 1/2 cents, which are among the best prices paid in this vicinity for some time.

Another suggestion which the departments have under consideration is that Congress make an appropriation to buy the un-sold lands outright, and in their entirety at \$2.50 an acre, thus giving the railroad company its full legal compensation. Coupled with such a recommendation would go one of two alternative suggestions.

There is a strong plea by the Forest Service to have the lands bought outright by the Government and placed in a forest reserve, it being the contention of that bureau that if this is done, the state will, in lieu of taxes, get 25 per cent of the receipts from the lands after re-forestation.

Schools to Be Merged. St. Johns and Linton schools will be added to Portland's educational system on July 7, just one month from the date of the election that merged those

two municipalities with Portland. No formal action by the Portland School Board will be necessary. The schools of the two suburbs automatically come under the wing of the local school administration.

St. Johns will add more than 1528 school children to Portland's total. They are now housed in three elementary and one high school, in which 22 teachers are employed. Linton has 316 school children, one school and five teachers.

The merging of the schools has raised a legal question concerning the providing of facilities for certain pupils who live in the St. Johns and Linton school districts, but not in the limits of the areas annexed to Portland, a situation which has caused the school districts to embrace wider territories than the municipalities. Attorneys for the School Board have been asked for an opinion on the question.

It is thought likely that the county board will be asked to adjust the district, either taking the outside school district territory into the St. Johns and Linton limits or otherwise. In the latter of the two, it will be necessary for the School Board to provide facilities for the pupils as at present for at least two years, as the law requires, in order that school buildings may be erected.

RUSH FOR TICKETS ON

200 OBTAIN BOOK PLAN CARDS FOR CHAUTAUQUA. Scramble Expected to Continue Till Saturday, When Sale Ends—Lectures by Mr. Hawley Scheduled.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 29.—(Special.)—The annual "run" among Chautauqua patrons in the scramble for "book tickets" began in earnest in Clackamas County today. Treasurer Clark, of the Bank of Oregon City, reported almost a continual procession of the "book buyers" at the bank.

The "book" plan is an appeal to the bargain-counter instinct, and each year it works out beautifully. Today, for instance, more than 200 prospective attendees at Chautauqua purchased their season tickets in books of ten, and each one thereby saved 50 cents on the price of his season ticket.

Camper's Continue to Send their Reservations to St. Secretary Cross by the score in each mail, and a surprisingly large number of Portlanders will be on the grounds.

Most of the wool sold was from the John Day country, several Bakers woolmen holding their clips for still higher prices. Alexander Livingstone, of the American Woolen Mills, got the bulk of the wool. There were 27 woolmen and 10 buyers here.

Wheat Exhibit at Exposition Most Productive of Awards. OLYMPIA, Wash., June 29.—(Special.)—With awards not yet made for apples, fresh fruits and vegetables, the exhibit of Washington already has won five medals of honor, 11 gold medals, 39 silver medals and 51 bronze medals.

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