

RAILROAD MAY HAVE ADJUSTMENT PLAN

Officials Expect Co-operation in Solving Problem of Selling Lands.

QUICK SOLUTION DESIRED

Purchase by Government of Oregon & California Holdings, at \$2.50 an Acre Suggested, but Difficulties Are in Way.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 30.—Officials of the Department of Justice believe that when the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Oregon & California Railroad land grant case has been digested by the officials of the railroad company the latter will come to the Government with some plan of adjustment whereby final disposition can be made of the 2,200,000 acres remaining of the grant.

This belief is based largely on the fact that the Supreme Court finds that title to this land rests in the railroad company, but at the same time denies the railroad company the privilege of selling, without Congressional or court authority and prohibits sales under any conditions, for the longer the road holds the lands, the less will be its net return from the lands when sold.

Company Liable for Taxes.
There appears to be no possibility under which the railroad company can realize more than \$2.50 an acre for the land. At the same time, the court having held that title to the land reposes in the railroad company, the company is liable for taxes and must pay back taxes from the date of Judge Wolverton's original decision. The longer the road holds the lands, the less will be its net return from the lands when sold.

Therefore, it is the belief of the law officers of the Government that the company will desire to sell under the most favorable conditions consonant with the Supreme Court's decision at as early a day as possible.

There is some expectation that the railroad company will be willing to relinquish its entire tract to the Government if Congress will agree to take it over at this figure, and such an offer by the railroad company would meet with considerable favor in certain Government circles.

Size of Fund Is Drawback.
One serious drawback, however, is the amount involved. With a rapidly depleted treasury, with demands for liberal appropriations for the Army and Navy, with the Administration seeking \$50,000,000 or more for the promotion of its ship purchase plan, with the prospect of a further decline in the Federal revenues after May 1, 1916, as a result of placing sugar on the free list, those in Congress who favor economy will be likely to oppose an appropriation of between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 to buy back the railroad lands in Oregon, even though the purchase is to be followed by the permanent reservation of the lands, as desired by the conservationists.

The conservationists without doubt will welcome the opportunity to support such a bill. The Oregon & California grant having been widely advertised and the value of the lands being generally known, the conservationists will rally in force behind an appropriation, and there is fair prospect of a deadlock, which would pave the way for compromise legislation which will open the lands and at the same time not impose a drain upon the Federal treasury.

Bringing of New Suits Considered.
The Department of Justice has been pondering over the question of whether or not it will be advisable to bring other suits against the railroad company on account of sales made contrary to the granting act. The Government figures that the railroad company has collected on past sales between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 more than it was entitled to. If, by suit, the Government could recover this excess and turn it into the Federal treasury, it would more than pay the cost of all litigation.

The more the question is examined into the more doubtful are the Government attorneys that they could win such a suit. Has the Government any color of right to the lands? If anyone was imposed on, it was the purchaser who paid more than \$2.50 an acre. These attorneys of the department—and apparently the Government attorneys are of one mind—contend that if suits are to be instituted against the railroad company for selling its lands at more than the legal price, such suits must be instituted by the purchasers.

There again, however, crops in another violation of the law. Most, if not all, purchasers who paid more than \$2.50 an acre bought more than 160 acres, which the Supreme Court says is the maximum amount that can be sold to any one person. Can purchasers who bought more than 160 acres afford to bring suit to recover the excess price which they paid? If this fact prevents them from suing the railroad company, who can sue?

HISTORIC JAIL IS TO GO

Razing of Dilapidated Wooden Building in Albina Asked.

The old wooden building at Railroad and Harding streets, used for many years as the City Jail of Albina, will give way to Father Time. A move has been started by officials of the O. W. R. & N. Company to have the structure removed as a nuisance. The question removed as a nuisance. The question removed as a nuisance. The question removed as a nuisance.

The building, which is constructed of heavy timbers, is reported to be falling to pieces. It is said by railroad officials that it obstructs the view of trains rounding a curve in the vicinity and that is the railroad company's interest in having the structure removed. It is said the building has been on its present site for more than 25 years.

RIVER GIVES UP BODY

Two Unidentified Drowning Victims at Morgue.

The bodies of two men lie at the public morgue, unidentified, the second being taken from the river yesterday morning. It was found floating near the dock of the steamer George H. Williams and had been in the water about two weeks.

As with the unidentified body found floating near the Madison bridge Monday, there were no papers or articles on the man that would give a clue to his identity. Several pamphlets of the Apostolic Faith Mission were the only documents upon him. He was middle-aged and fairly well dressed. He was of dark complexion and hair and slightly bald.

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A Plain Statement—A Truthful Message!

To the Men and Young Men of Portland and Vicinity

Store Was Closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to Arrange the Affairs of the United Clothes Shop Satisfactorily to All Concerned.

Portland, Ore., June 28, 1915

A meeting of the board of directors of the United Clothes Shop was called Monday, June 28; all attended; H. I. Siegleman, manager of said United Clothes Shop, presided as chairman of the day.

After a long discussion principally whether additional capital should be subscribed, was objected, and a motion was made and did not carry, a new motion was made and seconded that we take our entire stock, consisting of Suits, Overcoats, Raincoats, Mackinaws and Trousers and place them on sale for whatever they will bring and take our loss so as to be able to meet our \$8000.00 obligation.

A motion was made and seconded that the management of the store be given full power to act.

United Clothes Shop
By Siegleman

There's Something Doing Unless We Can Raise \$8000 in 17 Days

We could no longer conceal the facts of business deficiency, and, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the United Clothes Shop, 262 Washington Street, we have decided that no matter what sacrifice we have to make, or what loss it may cause this concern, our obligation must be met.

Sale Starts This Morning at 9:30 and Ends Saturday Night July 17th

Respond! Respond! Respond!

UNITED SPECIAL ~~\$15~~ Suits

Extra Special!

UNITED SPECIAL ~~\$10~~ Suits

\$ **10** 65

\$ **6** 95

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A Genuine Saving of \$4.35

A Genuine Saving of \$3.05.

Here is a grade of clothing, men, you would hardly believe was possible at \$15 until you saw one. You have everything in them that makes up a good, serviceable Suit. Our system of selling direct from factory to wearer makes this \$15 price possible. We don't know of a store that wouldn't value such clothes as these \$20, many at \$25 and a few at \$30. Choice during this sale **\$10.65**

Here are about 50 Suits that have been selected out of our \$15 price, owing to the broken lots. While you won't find all sizes of the same pattern, you will find all sizes in this lot. Your choice, while they last,

\$1.45 for All-Wool Pants

If you are in need of any extra Pants, here is a special lot of All-Wool Pants that are just the thing. They are taken out of our \$2.50 and \$3.00 Special United Pants. Your \$1.45 choice while they last..... **\$1.45**

Evening Top Coats

Silk lined to edge; others just plain, in colors of dark gray and black. We don't know of anyone that wouldn't be glad to pay \$20. We sell them at \$15. Your choice while they **\$11.00** last.....

Flannel Trousers

The kind other stores value at \$5 and \$6, in plain and stripes. We sell them at \$4.50. Your choice during this sale..... **\$2.85**

ALTERATIONS FREE

All sizes to 50. Models in Box Back, two and three-button Sacks, English Soft Roll, Patch Pockets, Norfolks and Conservatives. For all builds—long, short, stout and regular.

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All sizes to 46. Models in Box Back, two and three-button Sacks, English, Regular English in Patch Pockets, long and short roll, Norfolks and conservatives, for all builds—regular, short, stout, long.

Full Dress, Tuxedo Suits

These Full Dress and Tuxedo Suits are the newest in all-wool cloths, silk lined. Any man would consider them a bargain treat at \$20; many stores ask \$25, \$30 and \$35. Choice during this sale. Full Dress Suits..... **\$12.25**
Tuxedo Suits, black and gray, **\$11.50**

Dress Pants

Something fine—Silk-and-Worsted Dress Trousers, the \$5 and \$6 kind. Your **\$3.95** choice during this sale.....

Mackinaws, Overcoats and Raincoats

Overcoats, \$15 kind..... **\$8.50**
Overcoats, \$10 kind..... **\$5.75**
Raincoats, \$10 kind..... **\$5.00**
Raincoats, \$15 kind..... **\$7.50**
Balmacaans, \$15 kind..... **\$10.65**
Balmacaans, \$10 kind..... **\$6.95**
MACKINAWS—Real Pendleton (Or.) Mackinaws, the \$15 kind at **\$9.00**. Others at **\$5.50**

MEN! Weigh this clothing sale on the scales of dollars and cents. **THIS MORNING IS THE OPENING OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY SALE.** We can truthfully say, without boasting, regardless of conditions, circumstances or events, you will find nowhere a sale that is going over us in quality and under us in price.

Store Open Saturday Night Till 10:30

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MAIL ORDERS FILLED—All our out-of-town patrons not able to attend we will gladly supply your clothes needs by sending us your measure.