

WOMAN THREATENS TO SUE H. J. ROSSI

Denial of Engagement to Mrs. Jean Fulton, After Her Announcement, Arouses Ire.

SAYS MONEY IS NO OBJECT

Wallace Man Who Figured in Sensational Shooting Last Year and Subsequent Divorce Suit Declares Story is Absurd.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 22.—(Special.)—Breach of promise suit against Herman J. Rossi, ex-Mayor of Wallace, Idaho, is threatened by Mrs. Jean Fulton, of Spokane, whose announcement of their engagement yesterday was quickly followed by Mr. Rossi's denial.

Rossi was acquitted October 14 on a murder charge for shooting, on June 30, Clarence Dahlgquist, of Wallace, with whom his second wife, Mabel Erice Rossi, admitted having been intimate. She obtained a divorce December, 1916.

Mrs. Fulton has been a resident of Spokane four years, obtaining a divorce early in 1916. She met Mr. Rossi here last January and, according to her statement this afternoon, he has been paying her expenses since then.

"I certainly understood Mr. Rossi was going to marry me," said Mrs. Fulton. "If he wanted to break the engagement he should have come down and had a talk with me and we would have come to an understanding. I have entertained him and his business associates here and he has entertained me in Wallace."

"His denial of our engagement has made me see him and his actions in a new light. Do not think I care about money, but I am going to show the people how he has acted toward me for the sake of others. He always said he wanted our engagement kept secret for the sake of my reputation, because he had been involved in so much notoriety. But the talk about him and me got so bad that I decided I was justified in announcing our engagement."

Denial of the report that he is engaged to Mrs. Jean Fulton was made last night by Mr. Rossi.

"There is not a vestige of truth to the report, and I cannot imagine how it originated," said Mr. Rossi. "I am barely acquainted with Mrs. Fulton."

STRAHORN WILL SIGN

RAILROAD BUILDER ANXIOUS TO START KLAMATH WORK.

Delay of Week or Ten Days Expected in Making Contracts for Steel and Other Supplies.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—The following letter has just been received by Charles W. Eberlein, of this city, from Robert E. Strahorn, dated April 16, in reply to recent telegrams advising Mr. Strahorn that the \$200,000 obtained by the sale of bonds had been placed to the city's credit. Mr. Strahorn says he hopes the City Council will accept his bid and start the ordinance on the way for the letting of the contract. His letter in full is as follows:

"I was glad to receive telegrams from both yourself and Captain J. W. Siemens advising of the receipt of credit for the full amount of the railroad bonds. I assume that the City Council will accept my bid and inaugurate the passage of the remaining ordinance at once."

"When this has been disposed of, we will execute the contract promptly. I think this can probably be done without my going to Klamath Falls. I should like to avoid that necessity for another week or 10 days, as I want to be prepared to start work very soon after arriving there."

"I am now particularly concerned about the steel, and may not be able to close up on that and some other matters until a week or 10 days from now. I shall be very glad to be advised of anything bearing upon the situation."

SCHOOL CENSUS 19,857

SUPERINTENDENT CHURCHILL SAYS TRADITIONAL STUDIES ATTRACT.

Choice Made in Face of Widespread Encouragement to Take Up Practical Subjects.

SALEM, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—In a nearly complete census taken throughout the 175 standardized schools of the State of Oregon, Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill has prepared a statement showing the trend of education throughout the high schools of the state. The schedule as prepared has a showing for the 165 schools of the 175 high schools that are standardized.

The schedule of subjects for each pupil shows that of 19,857 students they are distributed as follows: English, 17,676; mathematics, 13,662; science, 8621; history, 8631; Latin, 3196; German, 2888.

Officers for the organization will be selected this week, and all drill at least once a week. There are a number who have seen active service or attended military schools to assist in forming the men.

AIROPLANES ANTI-ROADS ARGUMENT.

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manual training, 2438; domestic science and art, 3502; stenography and type-writing, 2338; agriculture, 4114; teachers' training, 860; Spanish, 654; French, 178. Courses in domestic science and domestic art are offered in 61 schools in the state; 53 schools offer courses in manual training, while only seven schools offer courses in agriculture.

The number who will be graduated from the standard high schools in the state this year totals 3164. Superintendent Churchill said yesterday that much freedom of choice has been given the students the last three years in selecting their subjects, but an examination of the individual records show that in nearly every instance they have chosen subjects which have made up logical and well-planned courses.

"It is somewhat surprising," he says, "that in view of the widespread encouragement given to the immediately practical in education, the majority of students in the high schools are still taking the traditional subjects."

JACKSON MEN GUILTY

PROMINENT RESIDENTS CONVICTED OF SELLING LIQUOR.

Medford Jury Adjudges J. H. Wilson, Talent Rancher, and C. V. Beeler, of Ashland, Dry-Laws Breakers.

MEDFORD, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Joe H. Wilson, rancher in the Talent district, owner of the Columbia Hotel in Ashland, and recent candidate for County Clerk on the Republican ticket, and C. V. Beeler, property owner, capitalist and taxicab operator of Ashland, were convicted by a jury in the Justice Court here Saturday of selling liquor to Edward C. Brayman, a commercial traveler, of Portland.

Owing to the prominence of both men the case attracted wide interest, the offices of Justice of the Peace Taylor not being large enough to accommodate the crowd. Many men and boys sat in the roof of the building outside the windows to hear the testimony.

Brayman was the chief witness for the state and told of having purchased four quarts of whisky from the defendants last Thursday in Ashland, Beeler later driving him to Medford. The defense maintained that Brayman himself brought the liquor into Oregon and was intimidated by local authorities to implicate the defendants. A number of witnesses, however, corroborated Brayman's story, and District Attorney Roberts showed that the whisky obtained by Brayman was the same brand as that obtained by Sheriff Jennings when he raided Wilson's room in Ashland.

This is the first conviction in Jackson County by a jury since the passage of the bone-dry act.

LINN PIONEER IS DEAD

Mrs. Susanna Peterson Resident of County for 71 Years.

LEBANON, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Mrs. Susanna Peterson, pioneer, who lived in Linn County 71 years, died at the home of her son, Walter C. Peterson, in this city Friday night, at the age of 91.

She was born in Floyd County, Kentucky, in 1825, and when a girl moved with her parents to Henry County, Iowa, where in 1848 she was married to Asa H. Peterson, in the Spring of 1848, with her husband and a baby in arms, she started on the long journey to Oregon by ox-team, and in the Fall of that year they arrived in the Willamette Valley near Salem. In the Spring of 1849 they came to Linn County and took up a donation claim a few miles southwest of where Lebanon now stands at the foot of the prominent butte that bears the family name.

For about 30 years they lived on this farm. Then they moved to Lebanon and built one of the first houses in the town, and for more than 40 years she has lived in this city. Her husband died here about 20 years ago.

She was the mother of five children, four sons and one daughter, two of whom survive, David H. Peterson and Walter C. Peterson.

FARM CENSUS TO BE TAKEN

Klamath Farmers Asked for Ideas As to Increasing Yields.

KLAMATH FALLS, April 22.—(Special.)—The United States Reclamation Service, co-operating with the directors of the Klamath Water Users' Association and County Agriculturist H. Holte, today has sent out to all land owners under the Klamath project a questionnaire relating to their farm conditions, their needs, and requesting suggestions as to how the farm production of Klamath County may be increased under the campaign now being carried on by the United States Government in preparation for active war conditions.

The Government has asked the professional officers to forward any suggestions that are timely to increase the production.

SEASIDE TO HEAR CONCERT

Gifted Youngsters Will Play at Ad Club Affair.

SEASIDE, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—On Saturday evening, April 18, Miss Lois Gratke, celebrated 11-year-old violinist, of Astoria, and Maxine Gordon Soule, 11-year-old pianist, of Portland, will appear in classical musical concert at the Strand Theater under the auspices of the Seaside Ad Club, a business organization recently organized by the business interests of Seaside.

Miss Evelyn Adcock, of Portland, will be accompanist on the piano for Miss Gratke. Both young artists are considered among the most gifted in Northwest, although not yet in their teens.

PENDLETON MEN DRILLING

Nearly 100 Citizens Form Local of National Defense Council.

PENDLETON, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Moved with the same spirit as the men of 1898, nearly 100 men and boys of Pendleton reported this morning for drill as a part of the local Council of National Defense. In the number were men from all walks of life including the most prominent citizens of the city.

Officers for the organization will be selected this week, and all drill at least once a week. There are a number who have seen active service or attended military schools to assist in forming the men.

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the bicycle, and people would leave the roads for the air, using flying machines.

WINTER DELAYS WHEAT

INLAND EMPIRE CROPS IN DANGER, ACCORDING TO REPORTS.

Reseeding Necessary in Palouse Section—Estimates Run From 10 to 40 Per Cent.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 22.—(Special.)—Inland Empire wheat crops, approaching the end of the Spring wheat seeding season, are in considerable danger, according to the information of the Spokane grain trade, and the Winter wheat district has suffered considerably already.

Grain buyers and millers express the opinion that the crop future is still undecided. V. G. T. Tocco, mill manager, says: "I estimate that about 10 per cent of the Winter wheat has been killed. It's just a case of too much Winter. But in the Palouse they will commence reseeding just as soon as the fields dry, and with good weather they will get a good crop."

J. K. Smith put the estimate higher as to damage done: "Winter wheat is shown chiefly in Whitman, Spokane and Adams counties and that part of the Palouse running toward Idaho," he said. "It is possible that as much as 40 per cent of the acreage will have to be resown."

SEED SUPPLIES LISTED

O. A. C. CLEARING HOUSE TO SECURE MAXIMUM PLANTING.

Early Varieties Especially in Demand on Account of Lateness of Season and Wet Weather.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 22.—(Special.)—Imperative need for hurried action in putting farmers and others engaged in crop industries into touch with state supply sources has prompted the Agricultural College to undertake to act as a clearing house between the holders and the users of suitable seed varieties.

With Spring so late and so wet, only early maturing varieties of good quality can succeed in producing such crops as wheat and other cereals and also many plants of other slow-maturing characteristics. Hence the farm crop department of the College has undertaken, with the assistance of the press, to list the seed supplies on the one hand and the seed requirements on the other.

Farmers, warehousemen, marketing associations and seed supply houses are requested to report at once varieties, quality, quantity and price of any of the following seeds: Early spring wheat, oats, barley and rye; early silage and grain crops; beans, buckwheat and root crops.

Farmers and gardeners needing seed that they cannot get at their dealers are requested to report their needs to the College by earliest mail possible. It is imperative that every available acre be planted. With the lateness of the season and the extreme wet planting period, early varieties are especially in demand.

DEAD MAN'S NAME USED

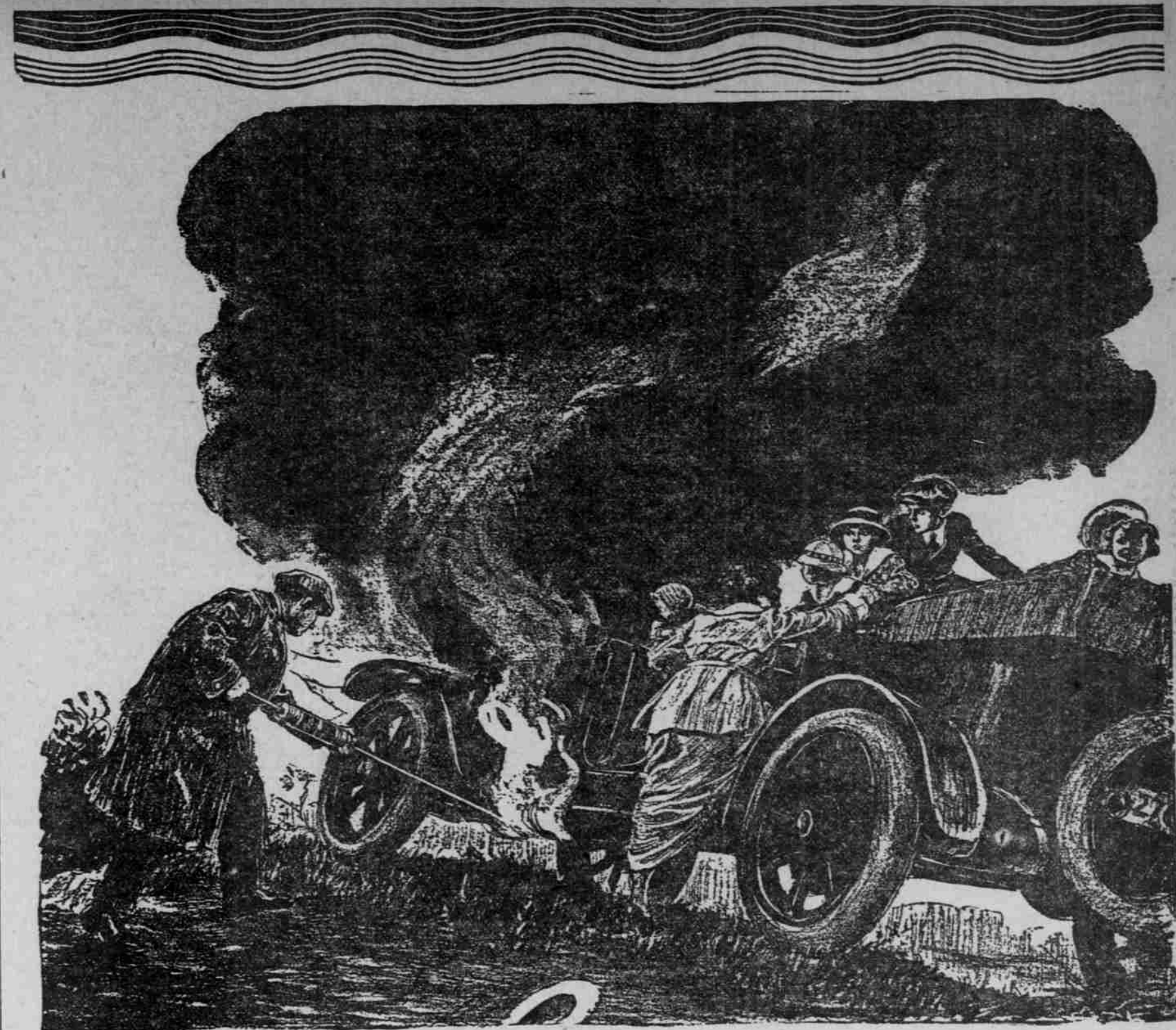
FORGERY CHARGE AGAINST COUSIN OF THOMAS CAVANAUGH.

Sheriff at Welsch, Idaho, Searching Diligently for Body of Man Who Disappeared March 12.

WEISER, Idaho, April 22.—(Special.)—Dan Ruth, cousin of Thomas Cavanaugh, the county rancher who disappeared from his place near Brownlee, March 12, and for the recovery of whose body the Sheriff of this county is offering a reward, has been arrested here and is held in jail on a charge of forgery in connection with checks bearing Cavanaugh's name. One of the checks is for \$15.

Following the finding of a body last week in the Columbia River, near Lytle, Wash., the Sheriff went there, thinking it would be the body of Cavanaugh. It was identified, however, as the body of J. M. Murphy, of Pasco, who disappeared December 23, following repeated threats of self-destruction.

Every effort is being made to find Cavanaugh's body through searching and by the offer of rewards.



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TRACY TRIAL SPEEDS

Defense Expects to Conclude Testimony This Week.

NEW TURN TAKEN BY CASE

Deputy's Statement Impeaches in Some Points Account of I. W. W. Battle as Related by Sheriff McRae.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 22.—With both sides in the case determined to make every effort to bring the case to a speedy conclusion, attorneys for the defense in the trial of Thomas H. Tracy, charged with the murder of Jefferson Beard, today declared their belief that the defense would be able to conclude its testimony by the end of this week or the first of the week following. The trial enters tomorrow on its eighth week.

Tracy was one of the Industrial Workers of the World sent from Seattle aboard the steamer Verona on November 8, 1916, to hold a street meeting in Everett at a place where such meetings were forbidden by city ordinance. Beard, a Snohomish County Deputy Sheriff, was killed in the battle between the Verona's party and a posse of officers, when the Verona arrived at the Everett City dock.

The state's rebuttal testimony will follow the defense and the prosecution expects to produce then its most important testimony both regarding the activities of the Industrial Workers of the World in Everett before the November 8 battle, and the activities of the defendant Tracy during the battle.

New interest was added to the trial during the past week by the introduction of the testimony of Fred Luko, one of the right-hand deputies of Sheriff McRae, whose testimony on

some points directly impeaches the testimony of McRae, given during the presentation of the state's case. Numerous witnesses for the defense have declared that the first shot of the battle came from the city dock, directly contradicting the declarations of a number of the state's witnesses who declared equally emphatically that the first shot was fired from the Verona.

ROSEBERG CASE REVERSED

General Land Office Holds Mining Company Has Rights.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Word was received here today from Washington to the effect that the General Land Office had reversed the decision of the Roseburg Land Office in the case of the Neenah Oregon Land Company vs. the Casteel Mining Company.

The action was brought by the Neenah Oregon Land Company to eject the Casteel Mining Company from a tract of land on Lee's Creek, on the grounds that the property had been worked out and abandoned and was valueless as far as mineral was concerned. The Roseburg Land Office decided in favor of the contestants and the case was then appealed.

CODY BATTLES PAINTED

Charles M. Russell to Preserve Life History of Buffalo Bill.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 22.—Charles M. Russell, it became known last night, has been working for months on a canvas depicting some of the greatest incidents in the life of Colonel William F. Cody, known to the world as "Buffalo Bill." The work is being done for T. F. Cole, Duluth, multi-millionaire and copper mine owner. The artist is to receive \$10,000 for the work, it is stated.

SEASIDE TO EXPLOIT ADVANTAGES.

SEASIDE, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the business men of Seaside, held at the Hotel Moore, the Seaside Ad Club was organized, with Dan J. Moore as president; E. N. Hurd,

secretary; L. L. Paget, treasurer. The board of directors are Dan J. Moore, L. L. Paget, H. M. Wheatley, Alex Gilbert, Sr., and E. N. Hurd. The object of the organization is to advertise Seaside as a Summer and Winter resort and to exploit the excellent farming land in this section of Clatsop County.

ECHO FORMS RED CROSS.

ECHO, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—A Red Cross chapter was organized here Friday afternoon with 23 charter members. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. E. M. Johnson; vice-president, Mrs. R. B. Stanfield; secretary, Mrs. C. DeVore; treasurer, Mrs. William Eselstyn. Mrs. John F. Robinson and Mrs. John Vert, of Pendleton, came down and effected the organization.

\$10,000,000 Land Right Upheld.

HELENA, Mont., April 22.—The state's right to \$10,000,000 worth of lieu lands is confirmed in a telegram received yesterday in a telegram received yesterday by Register Sidney Miller, of the State Land Office, from Clay Tallman, Commissioner of the General Land Office. Under a decision of the United States Supreme Court, Mr. Tallman said, the state can select some \$60,000 acres of unsurveyed land in lieu of a like

number of acres in Federal forest reserves to which it laid claims.



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