

HIT S. P. IN COURT AND IN CONGRESS

Railroad Land Grip in Oregon Will Be Attacked in Two Directions.

LAWS ARE NOW IGNORED

Officials at Washington Will Prepare to Enforce Existing Acts and to Pass New Ones That May Be Needed.

Important developments are expected of Land Commissioner Ballinger's opinion that the Southern Pacific can be compelled through the courts to sell the bonus lands still retained by that company from the two grants secured by its predecessors under acts of Congress of 1869-72.

To Force Railroads to Keep Faith.

Though Ballinger holds no further legislation by Congress is needed to put into the hands of the people the means of forcing the railroad to carry out the terms of the two land grants, Congress will be asked to pass an act declaring that the railroad shall not hereafter disregard the grant acts in selling the lands.

The land grant acts provide that land shall be sold only to "actual settlers," in tracts of not more than 160 acres to one purchaser and at a price not higher than \$2.50 an acre. These are the precautions set up by Congress against the creation of a great land monopoly.

The lands were donated by Congress for the purpose of providing a bonus for building a railroad from California to the Central Pacific Railroad in California and from Portland to McMinnville. In lieu of a cash subsidy, Congress gave a land subsidy, which should be sold for cash. The United States made the railroad its agent for selling the land and allowed the agent to retain the money. Congress thus put limitations on the protection of the people. It gave the land to the railroad in trust, for the purpose of supplying it with funds. But now the railroad claims absolute ownership of the lands.

The larger grant for the railroad to California was awarded to the Oregon Central Railway (East Side line), under an act of Congress of April 10, 1869, as follows:

An act to amend an act entitled "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific Railroad in California to Portland in Oregon," approved July 25, 1866.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled that section six of an act entitled "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific Railroad in California to Portland in Oregon," approved July 25, 1866, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to allow any railroad company hereafter designated by the Legislature of the State of Oregon, in accordance with the first section of this act, to use its agent to such act, in the Department of the Interior, within one year from the date of the passage of this act, and such filing of its agent, if done within one year from the passage hereof, shall have the same force and effect to all intents and purposes as if such agent had been filed within one year from the passage of said act; provided, that no such agent shall impair any rights heretofore acquired by any railroad company under said act, nor shall said act or this amendment be construed to entitle more than one company to a grant of land, and provided further, that the lands granted by the act aforesaid shall be sold to actual settlers only, in quantities not exceeding one-quarter section to one purchaser and for a price not exceeding \$2.50 per acre.

Approved, April 10, 1869.

20 Sections Per Mile of Track.

The grant amounted to 20 alternate sections of land for each mile of track, ten sections being on each side of the track, designated by odd numbers. When the land was occupied by settlers, the company was to select in its stead land from an indemnity strip, ten miles wide on each side of the grant. This grant was thus described in an act of July 25, 1866. It amounted to some 6,000,000 acres of land.

The smaller grant, similarly described in an act of 1870, was awarded for the railroad between Portland and McMinnville, to the Oregon Central Railway (West Side). This grant amounted to 500,000 acres. Section 4 of the act of 1870 is as follows:

Section 4. And be it further enacted, that the said alternate sections of land granted by this act, excepting only such as are necessary for the company to reserve as depots, stations, sidetracks, woodyards, standing ground and other necessities in operating the road, shall be sold by the company only to actual settlers, in quantities not exceeding 160 acres, or a quarter section, to any one settler, and at prices not exceeding \$2.50 per acre.

Bourne and Hawley Act.

There is good reason to believe that some kind of helpful legislation will be secured. Senator Bourne and Representative Hawley have launched themselves into this movement and are taking the lead.

While Commissioner Ballinger may be right in his opinion that the courts already offer the remedies desired, Mr. Hawley thinks Congressional legislation might prove advantageous. He is inclined to the view of the Commissioner, but says that, after long litigation, it should be shown that the courts are powerless under existing laws, valuable time would be needlessly lost. He favors proceeding against the Southern Pacific in both lines of attack; by means of existing laws and also by means of a new law to declare that sales hereafter shall be held down to the \$2.50 price per acre, and to the other limitations after issuance.

The Southern Pacific holds some 3,000,000 acres of the granted lands. These are barred against settlement or development by the company's right of refusal to sell them. Great areas are thus monopolized for the benefit of the railroad, which expects at some future time to "realize" handsomely. But inaction is holding back the state's progress in farming, mining, logging and settlement. This is especially the case in Southern Oregon, where loud protest is going up from the people.

PARKER APPLIES HIS TOE

Portuguese Victim Has Bad Taste to Have "Cop" Investigated.

Portland policemen began to adopt a new way of chastising transgressors, which promised to prove very effective and less troublesome than escorting them to the police station. It was discovered by Mounted Officer T. Parker, who a few days ago took pleasure in administering the toe of his shoe to C. Vincent, a Portuguese laborer. After Vincent had received

two vigorous administrations, he was allowed to go on his way. The new method promised to be popular among patrolmen, and all would have been well had not Vincent filed charges against Parker, who had to explain before the Police Commissioner yesterday why he had not made an arrest instead of exercising his pedal extremities.

"I will admit I kicked him," said Parker yesterday, "but he called me a name, which I resented, and I forgot myself. I took into consideration the fact that Vincent had an ungovernable temper, and in making allowance did not place him under arrest."

M. J. Wetzel, a laborer, testified that Vincent had addressed the officer in unbecoming language. His testimony enraged Vincent, who jumped to his feet and, pointing an accusing finger at Wetzel, shouted: "I am going to sue you for this. You'll have to prove it in court!"

It seems that William Morgan was driving a lame horse, and that Officer Parker stopped him to take his name. Vincent was driving a wagon immediately behind that of Morgan, and got into a discussion with the patrolman over his blocking the street. He descended to argue his point. There the verities began to differ. The case was taken under advisement.

VICTIM OF TUBERCULOSIS

Mrs. John Glasco, "Tongues of Fire" Evangelist, Dies at Hospital.

As a result of a cold contracted four years ago at a campmeeting in this city, Mrs. Hattie Glasco, wife of Rev.



The Late Mrs. John Glasco.

John Glasco, a well-known colored evangelist, died at 6 o'clock last night at St. Vincent's Hospital. The illness developed tuberculosis, and three weeks ago she was obliged to give up her work as assistant to her husband in meetings of the so-called "Tongues of Fire" cult and retire to the institution, where death overtook her.

The body was taken in charge by the Holman Undertaking Company. The funeral arrangements have not as yet been made. Mrs. Glasco was 53 years old, and is survived by her husband and a daughter, who lives in California.

Mrs. Glasco came to Portland with her husband seven years ago, and with him engaged in evangelistic work. During the first year of their campaign he baptized 50 converts, and his efforts, together with those of his wife, were rewarded by many conversions. They traveled up and down the Coast several times, holding campmeetings and special services in several cities.

Four years ago Mrs. Glasco engaged in a campmeeting in Portland, at which she contracted a bad cold. Despite efforts to break its grip upon her, she grew worse and was a sufferer from that time until her death. She was a typical member of her race, and possessed a power of speech that held many large audiences spellbound, and as a singer of gospel hymns she was famed throughout the West.

Mrs. Glasco's connection with the "Tongues of Fire" sect was a source of much regret to many of her friends, who deplored the fact that she should have been in the company of a fanatic band. That she was deeply sincere, however, was never doubted, but that she was misled was the general opinion.

GOOD PIANOS FOR RENT

Not only good ones, but at very moderate charges—\$4, \$5 and \$6 a month, and cartage free, if piano is kept six months. Lots of pleasure for little cost. Same rate, in town or out. Eilers Piano House, 353 Washington, corner Park.

Large Department Store Will Lease Space

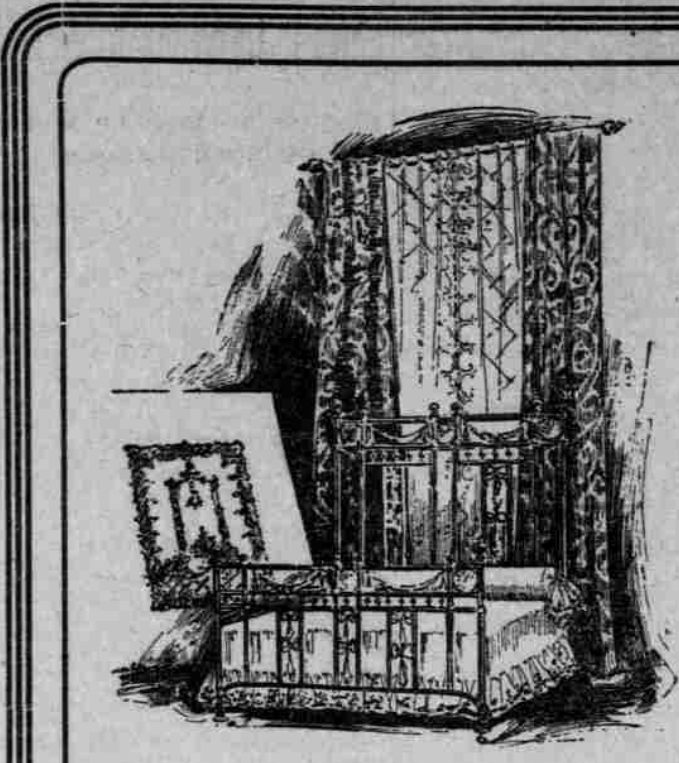
For Jewelry, Sporting Goods, Cut Flowers and Optical Depts. Liberal terms and good lease to responsible parties. Address, B 39, care Oregonian.

TEA

Tea is almost nothing, how much weight do you think there is in the taste of it?

Weight is no measure for tea!

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Best. We pay him.



SWISS MUSLINS

- 36-inch widths in dainty stripes, dots and figures; per yard 12 1/2c
36-inch widths in window, fancy stripes; per yard 15c
36-inch widths in stripes and dots, all sizes; per yard 20c and 25c
36-inch and 40-inch widths in colored and white imported Swiss; per yard, 35c and 40c
40-inch to 60-inch widths in fine figured Swiss; per yard, 45c, 60c, 75c and \$1.00
50-inch pin-point Swiss, in stripes and dots; per yard \$1.75

SASH YARD GOODS--LACE EDGES AND INSERTIONS IN ARABIAN COLOR

- 36-inch width in Arabian tints or white; per yard 50c
36-inch width in Arabian, heavily taped; per yard 65c and 85c
36-inch width in Arabian, lattice taping, all over; per yard \$1.00

SPECIAL TERMS SALE MORRIS CHAIRS

\$1.00 DOWN--50c WEEK

Commencing tomorrow and for a few days only, we offer a number of our best designs in the ever-popular Morris Chairs at above special-payment terms. All these patterns are in the quarter-sawn golden oak, hand polished, some in plain and others in carved designs, spring seats, and equipped with loose velour cushions in stripe and other patterns, and in all colors. No home is complete without one of these chairs. The following are the prices of this selection: \$15.00, \$18.00, \$18.50, \$21.00, \$22.00, \$22.50 and \$27.00. These displayed in our Morrison-Street Window.



WALL PAPERS--A SHOWING OF EXCLUSIVE DESIGNS FOR ALL ROOMS--DECORATIVE DEPARTMENT, SIXTH FLOOR.

The BASEMENT DEPARTMENT

Your every household need in the way of woodenware, willow-ware, etc., can be filled through our most completely-stocked basement department, and our prices are the lowest. Washing Machines, hand and water power; all sizes and styles in Ironing-Boards; galvanized iron, enamel and glass Washboards; Clothes Baskets and Hampers; Brooms and Dusters; wood Chopping-Bowls; Clothes-Drying Racks; Scrub Brushes, etc. The following specials for tomorrow and Tuesday in this department:

- Adjustable Step-Ladders, a useful and indispensable article in the home. Two sizes; 3 ft. to 5 ft. Special \$1.75
4 feet to 7 feet. Special \$2.25
Wood Rolling-Pin. Special 15c

MAIL ORDERS WILL RECEIVE OUR CAREFUL AND PROMPT ATTENTION.

MISSING WITNESS CAUGHT

Blanche Belmont Must Testify in Jackson Murder Case.

Blanche Belmont, who is wanted in Seattle as a material witness in a murder case, in the Puget Sound metropolis, was arrested last night and was taken by Deputy Sheriff R. T. Hodge, of King County, Wash., to Seattle.

The DRAPERY DEPARTMENT SIXTH FLOOR

Is now most complete in every detail, in connection with which we operate a modernly-equipped workroom and employing skilled designers, cutters and sewers, who are capable of executing the most satisfactory and artistic results. The stock displayed in this department is a selection of everything for the beautifying of the home, be it large or small. The newest, daintiest and most novel effects in fabrics of every description. Window, wall and door materials in an assortment that suggests pleasing and correct schemes for home furnishings of this character. Lace curtains and portieres in patterns and designs and novelty styles. The following will no doubt suggest an opportunity to renew the door and window hangings throughout the home.

SPECIAL FOR TOMORROW

- 65c imported Swiss, 50 inches wide, in fancy colored stripes, pink, blue, green and gold; per yard 40c
35c fancy Art Drapery and Taffetas; per yard 20c

CRETONNES, ART DRAPERY AND TAFFETAS

- In dainty effects, for sleeping-rooms.
36-inch widths, in white, Arabian and ivory, with stripes for border applique in pink, blue, green and gold; per yard 35c
36-inch widths in floral designs of wild rose, poppy, sweet peas and violets, all colors; per yard 50c to \$1.25

SCOTCH MADRAS BY THE YARD

- 36-inch Muslin in Madras designs and colorings; per yard 18c
36-inch Madras in white and ecru; per yard 35c
42-inch Madras in white, Oriental and ecru colorings; per yard .75c and 85c
50-inch Scotch Madras in stained-glass effects; per yard \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.75
50-inch Scotch Madras in heavy Oriental and floral designs; per yard \$1.75
50-inch Cretes with side borders in very heavy Oriental and Moorish designs; per yard \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50

SCOTCH MADRAS CURTAINS BY THE PAIR

- 21 patterns that are new, in various patterns and colors, ranging in price at, per pair \$7.50, \$9, \$10, \$12.50, to \$18.00

LEATHER PORTIERES

A new arrival in something entirely new in leather door hangings in dark red and green, at, per pair \$7.50, \$11, \$12.50, \$15, \$20 and \$25

LACE CURTAINS

We quote here a few novel effects in Window Hangings that have but recently been placed on sale.

- 2 1/2-yard corded and taped Arabian Laces, per pair \$3, \$3.50, \$4 and \$5
3-yard hand-made Cluny Laces; per pair \$3.75 to \$18.00
3-yard Etamine Curtains with Cluny edge and insertion; pair, \$3.75 to \$12.50
3-yard Scrim Curtains in drawnwork; per pair \$8.50 to \$17.50
3 1/2-yard Italian Filet Curtains; per pair, \$8.50 to \$120.00

CRETONNES AND TAFFETAS FOR SLEEPING-ROOMS

Side Hangings made to order from materials in stock at, per pair, from \$4.00 to \$35.00 and \$40.00

"HOPI" AND "KABA" CARPETS AND RUGS

In our Carpet Department, we are now showing the new Spring line of these most popular and ideal floor-coverings, in many beautiful designs and color combinations. Hygienic, soft, pliable, durable and odorless, these carpets and rugs are adapted for every possible use, and especially for bedroom floor-coverings. Hodge's Carpets and Rugs are woven in two ways: in all-fiber and designated as "Hofi," and in half wool and half fiber, and designated as "Kaba." These are most serviceable and inexpensive, and do not splinter or break like ordinary Matting, and do not wear slippery. "Hofi" and "Kaba" Carpets are one yard wide, ranging in price from 35c up to 80c. Rugs are made in all sizes, from 27 inches by 54 inches up to 10 1/2 feet by 12 feet.



SPECIALS IN THE BEDDING DEPT.

Sixth Floor. The following for tomorrow and Tuesday only.

- Full-size gray Summer cotton Blankets in fancy plaid and borders, reg. \$1.80; spe'l, pr. \$1.10
Regal Pillows, regular \$4.00 values, in fancy art ticking, filled with best selected duck and turkey feathers. Special, per pair \$2.50



TULL & GIBBS COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS

WE ARE SHOWING OVER FIFTY STYLES IN THE 1907 SEASON'S GO-CARTS.

COOK'S \$145 DISAPPEARED

Miss Cecil Thomas, 25 Years Old, Accused of Taking It.

Miss Cecil Thomas, aged 25 years, was arrested in Sellwood late yesterday afternoon and booked on a charge of larceny of \$145 from Mrs. Augusta Anslauf, cook at the Patton Home. She declares she is innocent. Miss Thomas

The folding envelope was first used in 1823.