

LAND PUZZLE FOR "ACTUAL SETTLERS"

Seekers of S. P. Tracts in Oregon Lay Claim to That Name.

BUT DOES LAW SANCTION?

Railroad Insists That Such Claimants Have Ceased to Exist and That There Can Be No New Crop.

That "actual settlers" in the railroad land grants of the Oregon & California and Southern Pacific means persons who have homes on the lands and dwell there seems accepted without dispute. The more important question for individuals who seek to wrest the lands from the railroad at \$2.50 an acre, is whether their asserted right of buying the lands belongs to all persons who may establish a home on the lands, or does it belong only to those who were residents when the railroad fixed the route of its lines and obtained the lands from the Government? This latter meaning is the one put on the acts of Congress by the railroad. Its attorney insists that there is a line of Supreme Court decisions for the claim that the land-grant acts of 1866-70 vested the railroad with the right to own in fee simple the lands set apart in the grant by Congress, and actually that those acts attached the title to the railroad, when the railroad filed, in Washington, maps of the definite route of lines, at intervals between 1870 and 1884.

No More Actual Settlers?

By this interpretation there can be no new actual settlers, and those persons who are squatting on the lands are trespassers. This assumes that the railroad holds absolute ownership in the lands; that in accepting them from the Government it agreed to sell at \$2.50 an acre only to persons who had homes on the lands at the time title passed from the United States; and that there have been no such claimants since.

Old Blight Would Stay.

It would also permit the railroad to continue its policy of barring the lands against settlement, as it has done for nearly four years past, by refusing to sell. It would also permit the people consider the original purpose of the land grant—to open the lands to home builders.

Actual Settlers Defined.

"I do not think that the saving clause (as to actual settlers) was intended to refer to any other settlers than those who were actual settlers before and at the time of the filing of the plat (route of the railroad). Those settling subsequently could have no rights. So far as the rights of the United States are concerned, the words in the act of Congress, 'thereby and hereby is granted,' are words of present grant and pass the title out of the United States—at least the equitable title—only to be defeated by failure to perform the conditions subsequent. The right to so much land vested at the date of the passage of the act and attached to the specific land at the moment of filing the plat as provided in the act.

Drop Armament Question

America Will Not Raise It and Europe Opposes It.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—It can be stated on authority that the American delegates to The Hague conference will not bring up for discussion the question of limitation of armaments. That matter is regarded as a purely European question at present and as the result of another year's work by Professor De Martens, at the various Capitals of Europe, has been to thresh out pretty thoroughly the whole matter, and make evident the fact that at least four of the great powers are averse to the consideration of the disarmament question, the Washington Government regards itself as relieved from the necessity of bringing this matter to the fore.

State Court Decisions Agree.

State Court decisions agree that an actual settler is one who has established a home on the land in question and lives there. A person who takes possession of land, improves and farms it but does not live on it, is not an actual settler. The Supreme Court of California, in Gavitt vs. Mohr, 65 Cal. 560, in interpreting the clause of the state constitution which says that lands belonging to the state, suitable for cultivation, shall be granted only

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BOARD OF EDUCATION AT WORK FILLING VACANCIES.

More Than 20 Dismissals and Resignations of Instructors in Public Schools.

After being in session the greater part of yesterday morning and afternoon, the Board of Education adjourned last night with the list of new teachers for the public schools only partly completed. Teachers for the grammar grades were all chosen, but the Board adjourned before taking up the election of principals, postponing that work until tomorrow night.

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Never before has it taken the Board so long to fill the positions in the local schools, a condition due to the large number of changes being made this year. The whole system is receiving a close review, and unusual care is being exercised in supplying the vacancies. Several weeks ago a number of teachers were notified that their services would not be required next year, and the Board is now filling their places as well as supplying the places of those who have resigned.

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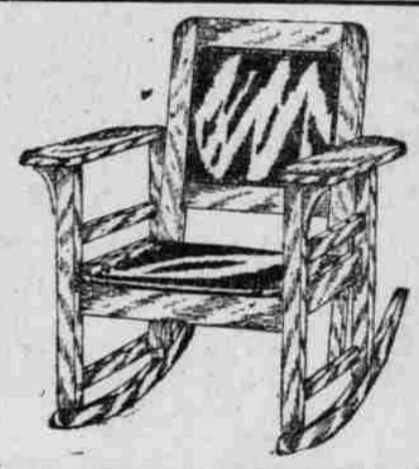
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Pacific University Students Stage "Bridge of the Gods"



Chief Multnomah, Played by S. B. Lawrence. Walluliah (Miss W. E. Heidel) and Snoqualmie (G. A. Clapp).

It was a well-filled and cordial house that greeted the production of "The Bridge of the Gods" at The Hellog, given by the Junior students of the Pacific University, last night. Many friends of the students who were in the cast were on hand, and each member was accorded a personal ovation. Aside from this applause, however, several of the players scored solely on their own merits, and this was particularly true in the case of Miss W. E. Heidel, whose handling of the role of Walluliah, daughter of the powerful chief, showed her to be possessed of histrionic talents that would insure her no mean share of laurels should she take up the stage professionally. In addition to her beauty and attractive personality, she has a splendid, well-modulated, sympathetic voice, and puts into her acting the spirit and warmth that characterize the interpretations of successful professional actresses.

blankets. In the big council scene the ensemble of blankets, head-dresses and other items of costume was especially striking. "The Bridge of the Gods" is a fine story of Indian life in early Oregon, but as it has been dramatized by Professor Orr, is not appealing. The swing and action so marked in the story and so essential to a stirring play are lacking in Professor Orr's dramatization. The cast follows: Multnomah, chief of the Willamettes, S. B. Lawrence; Tohomiah, a seer, E. M. Silverman; Tiesco, a Willamette chief, R. A. Imley; Mishiah, a Willamette chief and Bannock runner, C. D. Mason; Tiawawau, a Willamette chief and Shoshone renegade, G. A. Clapp; Snoqualmie, chief of the Cayuses, and Kanyah, a Willamette chief, D. I. Aller; Cecil Gray, a white missionary, H. H. Arnston; Walluliah, daughter of Multnomah, Miss W. E. Heidel; Cayuse squaw, Miss P. E. Clapp; Chepponish prisoner, W. E. Gwynn; chiefs, A. A. Kirkwood, C. A. Allen, J. R. Ward, W. E. Jensen, D. A. Mobley, A. C. Allen, L. L. Hope, A. Robinson, A. Wagner, E. S. Payne, L. L. Gardner, B. H. Reicher, A. F. Child, D. C. Brown; runners, F. L. Markel, C. F. Koch, V. R. Abraham, R. L. Abraham, G. L. Briedwell.

The synopsis follows: Act 1—Scene 1, "Before Multnomah's Council." Time, about 1700 A. D.

Mrs. Shaw Elected Principal.

Mrs. Amelia C. Shaw, principal of the East Side school at Oregon City, was elected principal of the Milwaukee school at the meeting of the directors Friday night. She was present and accepted. Mrs. Mildred Ebert, who has been temporarily acting as principal, declined to accept the place. Mrs. Shaw is considered a high-grade teacher and the directors are pleased with her choice. The other teachers all were re-elected.

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