

HIGH COURT MAY ORDER LANDS SOLD

Reversion to United States Not Only Solution of Railway Land Case.

2 ALTERNATIVES OFFERED

Decision to Require That Grant Be Offered for Settlement Not Inconsistent With Government's Bill of Complaint.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 1.—Government counsel in arguing the Oregon & California land-grant case before the United States Supreme Court made only a single plea for affirmation of the forfeiture decree of the District Court at Portland. No reference was made to that argument to the alternate decrees outlined in the Government's bill of complaint.

From this it is inferred that the prime object of the Government now is to recover title to the unsold lands of the grant. No reference was made in the bill of complaint drawn by B. D. Townsend at the time the suit was instituted.

Alternatives Are Presented.
The first alternative asked for, at the institution of the Government's suit, in the event forfeiture should not be declared, was that the unsold lands be sold subject to sale to actual settlers in quantities not exceeding 160 acres and at a price not exceeding \$250 an acre, and that a receiver be appointed to sell the lands in this manner. A second alternative asked for was a mandatory injunction requiring the railroad company to offer the unsold lands for sale to actual settlers to any bona fide settlers who apply to purchase, in accordance with the terms of the actual settlers' clause, and in such manner as the court may deem adequate and expedient.

While the State of Oregon failed to intervene in the land-grant case, it did at the last moment through Attorney-General Brown, who filed a brief as amicus curiae, setting forth the state's interest in the case and insisting that the decree of the state court should be affirmed.

Decree Would Satisfy Many.
Such a decree, therefore, would be in accord with the plea of the State of Oregon; it would not be inconsistent with the demands of the Government as set forth in its bill of complaint, though the Government prefers a forfeiture; and, furthermore, such a decision would be objectionable to the cross-complainants, who figure that they would have a standing in the case if such a decree should be made. It is believed that the intervenors, who were ruled out in the lower court, figure that they might have a chance if the grant should be ordered on the main issue, and that they would not have it if the forfeiture decree should be affirmed.

Affirmation of the forfeiture would mean that the Oregon delegation in Congress; in fact, the delegation probably would be asked to do the impossible. If the unsold portion of the grant is sold, the court is asked to be forfeited to the Government. Congress must then determine by legislation what disposition shall be made of the lands. These lands have been widely advertised as a result of the suit; it has been clearly established that they are for the most part timber lands. The Oregon delegation in Congress has not been unkind of the possibility that 2,300,000 acres of timber lands may revert to the Government and if the suit is affirmed, the Forest Service will start a movement to have the lands added to existing forest reserves.

BROTHER'S CALL SAVES TOT

Four-Year-Old Boy Rescued From Clackamas River by Father.

CLACKAMAS, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—Four-year-old John Hatton, while playing with his little brother on the banks of the Clackamas River at Baker's Bridge, four miles east of Clackamas, Thursday, fell into the river, which is about 10 feet deep at that point.

PASTORS AGAINST BIG ARMY

Columbia River Body Declares War Agitator Worst Foe.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., May 1.—(Special.)—The Columbia River Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers recently adopted the following resolution in upholding President Wilson in his opposition to Army and Navy increases:

CROP BELIEFT GE

Lewiston Ranchers Put Value of Week's Rain in Millions.

GREAT YIELD IS ASSURED

Reports From Various Sections of Northwest Bear Out Assurances That Harvest of 1915 Will Exceed All Expectations.

INLAND EMPIRE HAS SNOW

Grain-growing Sections Get Moisture Badly Needed.

LEWISTON, Idaho, May 1.—(Special.)—Never in the history of the Northwest has there been such promise of a large yield, and with the showers of the last several days the wheat crop is practically assured. Fall wheat is knee high and the growth is exceptionally rank. Spring-sown wheat is from six to eight inches tall and is growing like the proverbial mushroom.

From one-half to two inches of snow were reported to have fallen on the Inland Empire during the week, but this will not prove injurious to the crops in that district, as they have not progressed as far as the crops in the valley.

BAKER'S BENEFIT IS GREAT

Rain Valued at Dollar a Drop, Snow at Five to Flake.

BAKER, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—Benefit, tens of thousands of dollars; damage, a few hundred. That is the ledger standing so far the Baker district, which has had Easter Oregon in its grip the last three days. It has been snowing all day, with the temperature near 50, but showers of rain and snow for tonight and warmer weather is expected. Only in a few isolated places was there damage to fruit and cattle, and sheep were not affected.

PRINEVILLE HAS FROST AND SNOW

PRINEVILLE, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—The Government thermometer registered 28 degrees Thursday night and the temperature remained low all day, dropping lower last night, and snow has fallen on the upper levels. Rainfall has not reached a stage where it will be damaged. The fruit crop on the lowlands may suffer, but the trees on the upland have not reached bloom yet and will escape the frost.

VALE FARMERS SEE PROSPERITY

VALE, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—Indications are that little if any damage resulted from the storm of Thursday and Friday. The beneficial result will be a better crop of grain and less damage. The grain country was badly in need of moisture which was supplied. Satisfaction is expressed by people arriving from all sections of the country. A great wheat yield is assured dry farmers. A large acreage of corn has been planted, but is not up yet.

SNOW CHASES SUMMER FROM DAYTON

DAYTON, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—After many weeks of real summer weather, Dayton and the surrounding country was surprised this week by a two days' sleet and snow storm. Vegetation and fruit have developed fully a month early this year and are in danger of being destroyed by frost. Snow is two inches deep only a few miles from Dayton, and is reported on Eckler Mountain it is a foot deep.

WALLOWA HAS SNOW AND RAIN

WALLOWA, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—A drop of temperature from 75 to 35, accompanied by rain and snow, was experienced. The Wallowa Valley is covered with snow. Joseph reports 10 inches, Enterprise seven inches and Wallowa three inches. No damage is feared. The farmers are rejoicing, as they expect as much good from the snow, as from the recent rains.

STUDENT ELECTION HELD

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., May 1.—Results of the annual student election held today, showed that Maxwell Ball, of Portland, had been selected editor of the Willamette Collegian, the official publication of the students, for the 1915-1916 season. Mr. Ball is a junior in the college of liberal arts and has been a member of the Collegian staff for three consecutive years, and has specialized in journalism.

ICE LAW ACTION DUE

"Delivery Ticket" Approval Is Made by Dealers.

LIQUID FUELS EXEMPTED

As Measure Stands for Final Passage, It Prohibits Also Sale of Scale or Measure Not Tested by City Sealer.

TRADING AT HOME URGED

C. F. Berg, at Pacific University, Pleads for Specialty Stores.

EARLY RESIDENT OF OREGON PASSES AWAY NEAR LEBANON

LEBANON, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elizabeth Friend Skinner, widow of Hiram Skinner, died at her home near here April 23, aged 76. Mrs. Skinner came to Oregon many years ago and until five years ago resided on a farm near Lebanon. She is survived by a son, Jay Skinner, of New York, a husband, and four great-grandchildren and three sisters, Mrs. E. Olmstead, of Salem; Mrs. James Hill, and Mrs. Henry Hill, of Michigan.

IDAHO REGENTS MEET IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 1.—(Special.)—The State Board of Education and Regents of the University met here yesterday in executive session. Many improvements were planned for the ensuing year, chief of which will be the installation of electrical machinery to furnish light and power for the college. A small building will be added to the agricultural department. The Board accepted the tender from Mrs. C. A. Steward, of New York, of a handsome clock for the library in memory of Professor C. A. Steward, head of the department of geology, who died in New York last year. The departments of economics, mathematics and physics will be strengthened by additional profers next year.

MOSCOW WAGE HEARINGS JULY 2

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 1.—(Special.)—Mrs. Teresa Graham, of the Idaho Minimum Wage Commission, will hold hearings in Moscow on July 2 on wage conditions here. Members of the Moscow Women's Clubs and several prominent business women will be invited to assist the Commission. Bulletins suggested by the Oregon and Washington Commission will be sent out in the near future.

VENESBERG PLEDGES ROAD WORK

VENESBERG, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—At a picnic recently at which the men of Venesberg were hosts, work was pledged to put in condition the road north of the postoffice for about a mile. The slogan adopted was "Good roads for Venesberg."

ALBANY WANTS BAND CONCERTS

ALBANY, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—Albany may have public band concerts each week during the coming season. A petition signed by a large number of business men has been presented to the City Council asking that arrangements be made for the presentation of such concerts.

BLAKE-MCFALL COMPANY BURNED

The new building of the Blake-McFall Company, which is in the process of construction at East Ankeny and Third streets, is being rapidly completed and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy not later than August 1. The structure will be 100x200 feet, with four stories and a basement, and will contain the office and salesrooms of the company. In addition to the warehouse, the building will be equipped with the latest contrivances for the economical handling of the paper business, everything being designed to meet the latest ideas. It is expected that the building will be the largest paper warehouse under one roof on the Pacific Coast and will have the latest and most modern devices for handling the business.

4500 TONS OF RAILS 7000 FREIGHT CARS 18 ENGINES BOUGHT

The New York Central Lines have thus contributed to the Buy-It-Now propaganda—setting millions of dollars into circulation. You are bound to benefit. Do your part, large or small, to be as helpful.

BUY-IT-NOW

This is the time of all times for the U. S. A. to make vast strides. Let's all get busy.

ICE LAW ACTION DUE

"Delivery Ticket" Approval Is Made by Dealers.

LIQUID FUELS EXEMPTED

As Measure Stands for Final Passage, It Prohibits Also Sale of Scale or Measure Not Tested by City Sealer.

TRADING AT HOME URGED

C. F. Berg, at Pacific University, Pleads for Specialty Stores.

EARLY RESIDENT OF OREGON PASSES AWAY NEAR LEBANON

LEBANON, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elizabeth Friend Skinner, widow of Hiram Skinner, died at her home near here April 23, aged 76. Mrs. Skinner came to Oregon many years ago and until five years ago resided on a farm near Lebanon. She is survived by a son, Jay Skinner, of New York, a husband, and four great-grandchildren and three sisters, Mrs. E. Olmstead, of Salem; Mrs. James Hill, and Mrs. Henry Hill, of Michigan.

IDAHO REGENTS MEET IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 1.—(Special.)—The State Board of Education and Regents of the University met here yesterday in executive session. Many improvements were planned for the ensuing year, chief of which will be the installation of electrical machinery to furnish light and power for the college. A small building will be added to the agricultural department. The Board accepted the tender from Mrs. C. A. Steward, of New York, of a handsome clock for the library in memory of Professor C. A. Steward, head of the department of geology, who died in New York last year. The departments of economics, mathematics and physics will be strengthened by additional profers next year.

MOSCOW WAGE HEARINGS JULY 2

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 1.—(Special.)—Mrs. Teresa Graham, of the Idaho Minimum Wage Commission, will hold hearings in Moscow on July 2 on wage conditions here. Members of the Moscow Women's Clubs and several prominent business women will be invited to assist the Commission. Bulletins suggested by the Oregon and Washington Commission will be sent out in the near future.

VENESBERG PLEDGES ROAD WORK

VENESBERG, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—At a picnic recently at which the men of Venesberg were hosts, work was pledged to put in condition the road north of the postoffice for about a mile. The slogan adopted was "Good roads for Venesberg."

ALBANY WANTS BAND CONCERTS

ALBANY, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—Albany may have public band concerts each week during the coming season. A petition signed by a large number of business men has been presented to the City Council asking that arrangements be made for the presentation of such concerts.

BLAKE-MCFALL COMPANY BURNED

The new building of the Blake-McFall Company, which is in the process of construction at East Ankeny and Third streets, is being rapidly completed and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy not later than August 1. The structure will be 100x200 feet, with four stories and a basement, and will contain the office and salesrooms of the company. In addition to the warehouse, the building will be equipped with the latest contrivances for the economical handling of the paper business, everything being designed to meet the latest ideas. It is expected that the building will be the largest paper warehouse under one roof on the Pacific Coast and will have the latest and most modern devices for handling the business.

4500 TONS OF RAILS 7000 FREIGHT CARS 18 ENGINES BOUGHT

The New York Central Lines have thus contributed to the Buy-It-Now propaganda—setting millions of dollars into circulation. You are bound to benefit. Do your part, large or small, to be as helpful.

BUY-IT-NOW

This is the time of all times for the U. S. A. to make vast strides. Let's all get busy.

ICE LAW ACTION DUE

"Delivery Ticket" Approval Is Made by Dealers.

LIQUID FUELS EXEMPTED

As Measure Stands for Final Passage, It Prohibits Also Sale of Scale or Measure Not Tested by City Sealer.

TRADING AT HOME URGED

C. F. Berg, at Pacific University, Pleads for Specialty Stores.

EARLY RESIDENT OF OREGON PASSES AWAY NEAR LEBANON

LEBANON, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elizabeth Friend Skinner, widow of Hiram Skinner, died at her home near here April 23, aged 76. Mrs. Skinner came to Oregon many years ago and until five years ago resided on a farm near Lebanon. She is survived by a son, Jay Skinner, of New York, a husband, and four great-grandchildren and three sisters, Mrs. E. Olmstead, of Salem; Mrs. James Hill, and Mrs. Henry Hill, of Michigan.

IDAHO REGENTS MEET IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 1.—(Special.)—The State Board of Education and Regents of the University met here yesterday in executive session. Many improvements were planned for the ensuing year, chief of which will be the installation of electrical machinery to furnish light and power for the college. A small building will be added to the agricultural department. The Board accepted the tender from Mrs. C. A. Steward, of New York, of a handsome clock for the library in memory of Professor C. A. Steward, head of the department of geology, who died in New York last year. The departments of economics, mathematics and physics will be strengthened by additional profers next year.

MOSCOW WAGE HEARINGS JULY 2

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 1.—(Special.)—Mrs. Teresa Graham, of the Idaho Minimum Wage Commission, will hold hearings in Moscow on July 2 on wage conditions here. Members of the Moscow Women's Clubs and several prominent business women will be invited to assist the Commission. Bulletins suggested by the Oregon and Washington Commission will be sent out in the near future.

VENESBERG PLEDGES ROAD WORK

VENESBERG, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—At a picnic recently at which the men of Venesberg were hosts, work was pledged to put in condition the road north of the postoffice for about a mile. The slogan adopted was "Good roads for Venesberg."

ALBANY WANTS BAND CONCERTS

ALBANY, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—Albany may have public band concerts each week during the coming season. A petition signed by a large number of business men has been presented to the City Council asking that arrangements be made for the presentation of such concerts.

BLAKE-MCFALL COMPANY BURNED

The new building of the Blake-McFall Company, which is in the process of construction at East Ankeny and Third streets, is being rapidly completed and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy not later than August 1. The structure will be 100x200 feet, with four stories and a basement, and will contain the office and salesrooms of the company. In addition to the warehouse, the building will be equipped with the latest contrivances for the economical handling of the paper business, everything being designed to meet the latest ideas. It is expected that the building will be the largest paper warehouse under one roof on the Pacific Coast and will have the latest and most modern devices for handling the business.

4500 TONS OF RAILS 7000 FREIGHT CARS 18 ENGINES BOUGHT

The New York Central Lines have thus contributed to the Buy-It-Now propaganda—setting millions of dollars into circulation. You are bound to benefit. Do your part, large or small, to be as helpful.

BUY-IT-NOW

This is the time of all times for the U. S. A. to make vast strides. Let's all get busy.

Romance, History and Adventures of the West

Simple as Well as Elaborately Bound and Illustrated Volumes Interestingly Priced

The West—the great big, beautiful sunny West, with its legends, its adventures, its romances and its thrilling history form themes for the clever writer. In Gill's stock of Western literature you'll find every school of Western literature—come—compare—look at your leisure! Note the few books mentioned below:



- "In the Oregon Country" (George Palmer Putnam).....\$1.75
- "Where Hollis the Oregon" (Dallas Lore Sharp).....\$1.25
- "The Old West" (Sam Stimson).....\$1.50
- "The Gold-Crusted West" (E. H. Batch).....\$1.00
- "The Guardians of the Columbia" (John H. Williams) \$1.50-\$2.50
- "The Gold-Crusted West" (Sam Stimson).....\$1.50
- "The Oregon Trail" (Parkman).....\$1.00
- "The End of the Trail" (B. A. Alverson).....\$1.00
- "Canoes and Saddles" (John Winthrop).....\$1.00
- "Indian Days of Long Ago" (Edward S. Curtis).....\$1.00
- "Short History of Oregon" (Ruth K. Wood).....\$1.00
- "Lewis and Clark Journals".....\$1.00, 65c, \$1.00, \$1.00
- "California" (Gertrude Atherton).....\$2.00
- "The Tourists' California" (Ruth K. Wood).....\$1.25
- "Highways and Byways in California" (Clifton Johnson).....\$1.50
- "Through Romona's Country" (George Wharton James).....\$2.00

You Are Welcome to Inspect at Your Leisure. Mail Orders Promptly Filled.

Gill's

THE J. K. GILL CO., THIRD AND ALDER STREETS, Booksellers, Stationers and Complete Office Outfitters.



6,760 Miles

Though this great average was rolled up on heavy cars last year in the official Automobile Club of America test of strictly stock Pennsylvania Oilproof

VACUUM CUP TIRES

—we have largely increased the mileage assurance indicated by building into 1915 Vacuum Cup Tires, by a new toughening process developed by us, 50% additional wear-resisting quality.

This process also means far greater wear in the heavy Vacuum Cups, thus greatly prolonging their guaranteed ability to eliminate skidding on wet or greasy pavements.

Under our new price schedule, Vacuum Cup Tires are the lowest priced tires on the market of those having any sort of anti-skid feature ADDED TO the regular thickness of tread.

Pennsylvania Rubber Co., Jeannette, Pa.

Portland Distributors: A. J. Winters Co. 67 Sixth St.

4500 tons of rails 7000 freight cars 18 engines bought

The New York Central Lines have thus contributed to the Buy-It-Now propaganda—setting millions of dollars into circulation. You are bound to benefit. Do your part, large or small, to be as helpful.

BUY-IT-NOW

This is the time of all times for the U. S. A. to make vast strides. Let's all get busy.