

LAND CASE MOST REMARKABLE

Eighteen Large Volumes of Testimony Taken in Suit Lasting Eight Years.

CONGRESS IS TO DECIDE

Supreme Court Recognizes Oregon-California Railway Company's Equity to \$2.50 an Acre, as Originally Intended.

One of the most remarkable cases ever fought through the Federal Courts was that decided by the United States Supreme Court last Monday denying the forfeiture to the Government of the Oregon & California land grant...

It lacked only two months of being three years from the filing of the complaint to the disposal of the demurrer of the railroad company to the complaint...

The trial which followed the overruling of the demurrer and the filing of the railroad company's answer to the complaint lasted more than a year...

Some idea of the reasons for the great interest taken in the case may be gained from a few figures. First and foremost is the fact that the lands of the grant in Oregon are in 18 counties...

Clarence Reames, now United States Attorney for Oregon, is authority for the statement that at least 20,000 other persons, as applicants for claims, have been induced by fraudulent locators to pay a fee of \$150 each for claims located on tracts in the grant...

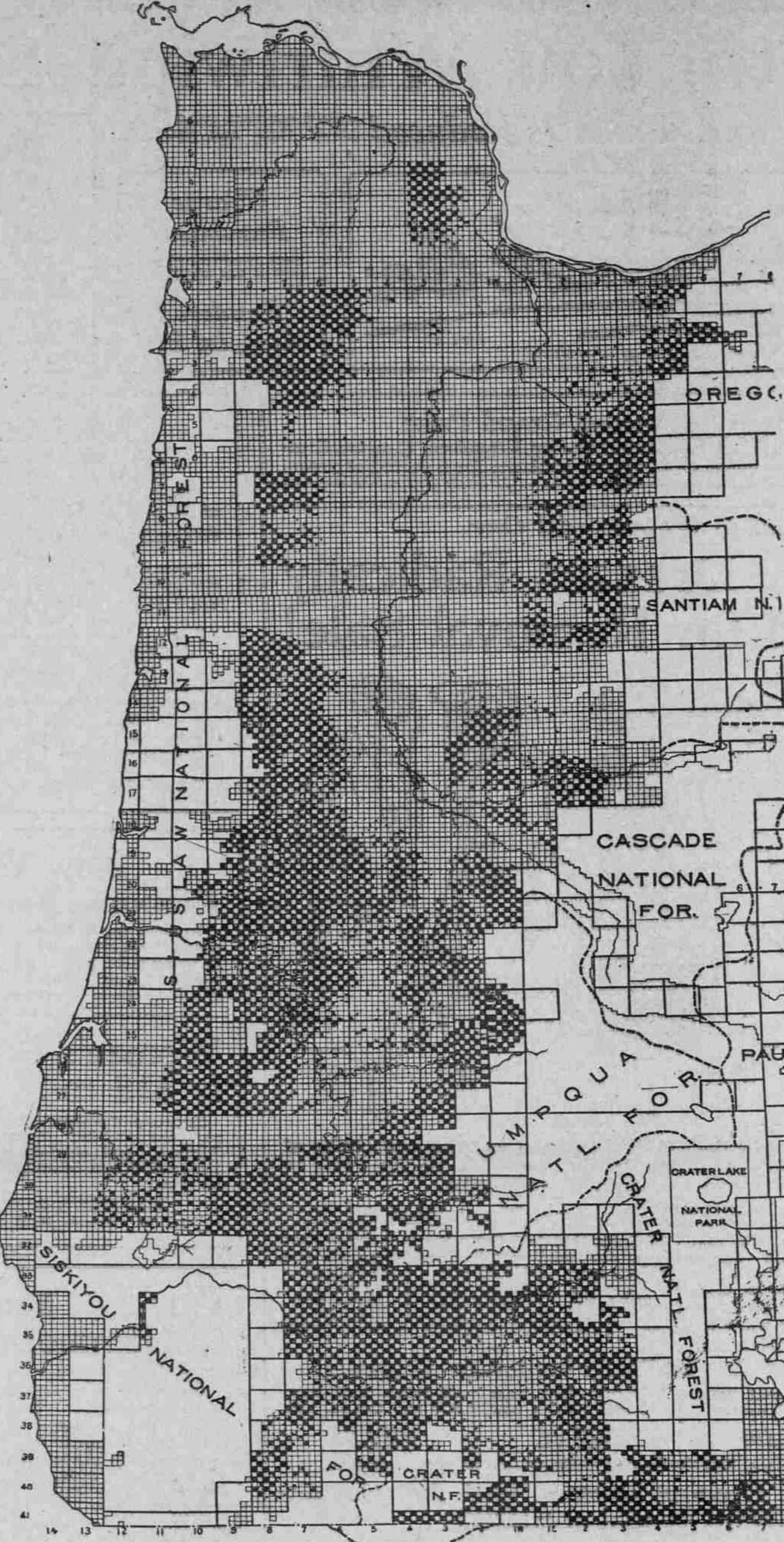
The history of the Oregon & California land grant starts in 1846. In that year Congress passed an act authorizing the construction of the Oregon & California Railroad...

In subsequent years the Oregon & California and its successor, the Southern Pacific Company, obtained patents to a great portion of the grant. It also sold large tracts in violation of the proviso that the land should be sold to actual settlers...

All of Grant Not Patented. The fact that the company has not yet obtained patents to all the land in the grant and that it exercised its right to exchange portions of the grant for Federal lands in other districts...

That said tracts of lands within Oregon are claimed and held by the Oregon & California Railroad Company, as trustee in execution, under the acts of Congress of the United States of July 25, 1846, and April 10, 1849...

MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION IN OREGON OF UNSOLD PATENTED LANDS, TOTALING 2,074,161 ACRES, IN OREGON AND CALIFORNIA LAND GRANT.



Black squares are the alternate sections on both sides of the railroad line, in which the railroad's equity of \$2.50 an acre is established by the United States Supreme Court, but the disposition of which is left to Congress.

predecessor in alleged interest of said Oregon & California Railroad Company, and have not been complied with; therefore, Penalty is Assured, Too. Your memorialist most respectfully asks that the Congress of the United States be and hereby is requested to enact such laws and take such steps by resolution, or otherwise, as may be necessary to compel said railroad company to comply with the conditions of said grant, and to enact and declare such sufficient penalty for non-compliance therewith by way of forfeiture of the grant, or otherwise, as in the wisdom of Congress may seem best.

Table with 5 columns: COUNTY, LAND GRANT ACRES, PATENTED O. & C. LANDS, UNPATENTED O. & C. LANDS, and OTHER PATENTED LANDS. Lists counties including Benton, Crook, Curry, Jackson, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, and Washington.

Whereas, Such granted lands constitute vast areas and a large percentage of the total area of several counties in which they are located, as shown by the following table taken from the report of the engineer to the committee created by chapter 374, General Laws of 1915:

DECISION TIES LAND UP TIGHT AS EVER

Disposition of Oregon & California Grants Must Wait Act of Congress.

LIVELY FIGHT IS EXPECTED

Diversity of Schemes May Necessitate Administration Getting Behind Bill to Insure Action. Court Appeal Possible.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 26.—Under the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Oregon & California land grant case, the 2,074,161 acres of unsold lands are tied up as effectively as though the court had decreed a forfeiture...

Unquestionably the Government will have a legislative programme to commend to Congress, prescribing how the Oregon Legislature, at its last session, having directed Attorney-General Brown to intervene, if possible, in the case before the Supreme Court...

With them will come the intervenors, who offered to buy from the railroad company at \$2.50 an acre, but were unable to negotiate, because of the railroad company's refusal to sell...

There is certain to be serious conflict over the opening of the Oregon & California lands, because of the diversity of schemes that will be proposed. It may become necessary for the Administration to get behind its bill to insure action.

District Court Appeal Possible. Under the decision of the Supreme Court, if Congress does not act, the railroad company may apply to the District Court for authority to resume sales under the terms of the granting acts...

The decision of the Supreme Court, through regular channels, will be transmitted to the United States District Court at Portland, and that court can exercise its judgment as to the time when it is to render a modified decree in conformity with the opinion of the Supreme Court.

PORTLAND GIRL NAMED MISS SOPHIE DANNER GOES AS RED CROSS NURSE ABOARD.

Pacific Coast Representative of American Institution Is (Title: East Prussia Is Destination. Miss Sophie Danner, a Portland girl who has resided for some time in San Francisco, has been appointed by the American Red Cross, of Washington, D. C., as representative in Europe of the Pacific Coast, according to information just received in Portland.

W. C. T. U. Notes. Mrs. Mattie Sleeth, president of Multnomah County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, will speak next Sunday at the Vernon Presbyterian Church.

Those taking part deserve much credit for making the afternoon meeting a success. Much credit is due Mrs. Hadden for explanation of the departments as they were presented by the readers.

Gardiner School to Be Standardized. GARDINER, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—O. C. Brown, of Roseburg, County School Superintendent, together with F. B. Hamlin, city superintendent of the public schools of Roseburg, and H. M. Cross, Deputy County School Superintendent, were in Gardiner this week in the interests of standardizing the Gardiner High School.

Miss Sophie Danner, Portland Girl, Chosen by Red Cross as Pacific Coast Representative Abroad.

RUSH TO NATURALIZE FELT

Pressure Being Brought to Bear on Foreigners to Go to War.

SCHOOL EXCELLING IN FIRE DRILLS TO RECEIVE VALUABLE PRIZE.

Cup Offered by Safety Committee. Every public school in Portland is to compete in a series of fire drills during the next few weeks, with a handsome cup as the prize for the school making the best record.



The cup will not become the permanent property of any school, however, until it has been won three times in succession.

term of court, and other applications will come up soon. According to Circuit Clerk Chastain, considerable influence is being brought to bear upon applicants through fraternal and social organizations in their native countries to which they belonged before coming to America, to return for service in the army or navy.

BRONCHO MODEL IS SHAPED

Sculptor at Pendleton Is Putting or Finishing Touches. PENDLETON, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—After ten months' labor, A. Phinister Proctor, the celebrated New York sculptor, who came to Pendleton for the Roundup last year to study the Indian, the cowboy and the bucking horse at close quarters, is putting finishing touches to a model of a bucking broncho, which is to be reproduced in bronze in the East.

Bill Ridings, well-known cowboy, served as the model for the figure in the saddle. Since coming to Pendleton Mr. Proctor has finished a model of an Indian in flight, a cowboy bust and a bucking buffalo. Mr. Proctor also is working on another bucking horse, rearing on his hind legs.

SCHOOL OPINION OBSTACLE

Washington Attorney-General Says Fiscal Year Ends December 31. OLYMPIA, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—In opinion of the Attorney-General, it is official holding that the fiscal year of Washington schools extends from January 1, has puzzled school authorities as to the method of financing school districts for the remainder of the present calendar year, as the school year always has been taken as the basis for raising and expending revenues.

State authorities are endeavoring to help solve the problem, and representatives of the local Seattle and Tacoma school districts have been invited to meet here next Wednesday with Governor Lister, Superintendent of Schools Brewster and Attorney-General Tanner for this purpose.

Tests for 3 Government Jobs Set. The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following examinations, for men only: July 21, stenographer, for a position at the Phoenix

Indian School, Arizona, salary \$750 per annum; local assessor, Bureau of Fisheries, Seattle, Wash., salary \$600 per annum; July 27, metallurgical chemist, for a position in the Ordnance Department at Large, Philadelphia, Pa., salary \$1800 per annum. Complete information and application blanks may be obtained from T. W. Hutchins, local secretary, Portland, Or., postoffice building.

400-POUND BEAR BAGGED

Robert Leasure, of Hood River, Plans to Trap Honey Thief. HOOD RIVER, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—Robert Leasure, a pioneer hunter of the Upper Valley, who has scores of bear to his credit, killing several animals each season, came on a huge black bear as he was walking through a blackberry patch Thursday. He shot and killed the animal. "It is by far the largest bear I have ever killed at this season," Mr. Leasure says. Mr. Leasure, "I dressed 400 pounds. I believe that the animal would have weighed more than 600 pounds by the end of the summer."

A bruin has been raiding Mr. Leasure's bee hives. He will set a trap by driving several spikes into a keg. This will be baited with fresh honey, and in the next few days the hunter expects to see the animal playing antics with the keg over his head.

Knights Plan Memorial Service.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—Memorial services will be held by the local lodge of Knights of Pythias, and Rev. H. H. Sawyer, pastor of the First Christian Church of this city, will deliver a memorial sermon Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service. Special music will be provided by a committee including A. J. Collings, Frank Stickney and L. M. Burnett. The members of the lodge will meet at their hall and proceed from there in a body to the church at Thirteenth and Grand streets.

New Zealand has an island nearly three miles in circumference, which is almost entirely composed of sulphur, mixed with gypsum and a few other substances.

TO TACOMA AND RETURN \$5.80 July 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 MONTAMARA FESTO and AUTO RACES At Lakeview Use the NEW STEEL TRAINS of the NORTHERN PACIFIC RY. Leave Portland 7:35 A. M., 4:10 P. M., 11:30 P. M. Arrange Now at 255 Morrison St., Cor. Third for tickets, sleeping car accommodations to Lakeview and return. A. D. Charlton, A. G. P. A. Portland Phones: Main 244, A 1244