

SELLING TIMBER FIRST IS SECRETARY'S PLAN

Homesteading of Lands Most Valuable for Trees on Them Will Be Opposed.

REAL SETTLERS WANTED

Mr. Lane Says Holdings That Ultimately Reach Lumber Concerns Are Slow to Attain Agricultural Development.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 18.—In providing for the disposition of the unsold portion of the Oregon & California land grant, Congress should devise some method whereby those lands which are chiefly valuable for agriculture, after the timber has been removed, can pass into the hands of bona fide settlers who will farm them, asserted Secretary Lane, the Secretary added, however, that he did not favor opening the heavily timbered land to homestead entry, but believed the timber should first be disposed of. When the land itself has been cleared then the land itself should go to homesteaders.

Land Commissioner Tallman, who went to Portland to attend a conference, will gather while in Oregon data regarding the Oregon & California grant. The data collected by Commissioner Tallman and the reports on the land-grant conference, will be laid before Secretary Lane and the land officials will prepare what they believe to be the best plan of legislation.

Farming Is Highest Use. On the question of disposing of lands that are primarily valuable for agriculture, however, Secretary Lane has a firm conviction. He takes the view that lands devoted to agriculture are put to their highest use, if they are suitable for farming, and he would not favor a plan of selling those lands as timber lands merely because they carry a heavy stand of timber. If the land itself is suitable for agriculture, he believes the Government should dispose of the timber separate from the land, and when the timber has been removed pass the title to the land to actual farmers.

When it was suggested to the Secretary that cut-over lands would not be attractive to homesteaders, because of the high cost of clearing, he replied that those to whom the timber is sold could be required to clear the land after cutting the timber, or the receipts from the timber sales might be applied in part to clearing the land.

Homesteading of Timber Opposed. The Secretary is not favorably disposed toward permitting the homesteading of heavily timbered land. While theoretically the value of the timber would more than repay the homesteader for clearing his land, he says experience has shown that when heavily timbered land is homesteaded it is not developed agriculturally, but passes on to lumber companies, and when the timber has been cut the lumber companies sell it where they can or leave it covered with stumps. By either means the homesteader ultimately pays more than if he sets title to cleared land directly from the Government.

All the Government departments and bureaus have been made aware of the immense importance of this land grant problem to the counties of Western Oregon, and there appears to be a general disposition to outline a Government policy in accordance with the Oregon idea as officials deem consistent with good administration.

FRENCH CHEMIST CREDITED

Writer Compares Value of "606" and Preventive Ointment.

PORTLAND, Sept. 11.—(To the Editor.)—Perhaps a word or two may be said in comment on your interesting editorial on Paul Ehrlich, the discoverer of "Salvarsan," or "606," a valuable, though not a cure, remedy in the treatment of syphilis.

Of Ehrlich's great ability as a physiologic chemist there can be no doubt. There is, however, considerable difference of opinion on the question of the relative importance of his discovery, as affecting the health of the race, compared with the work of other men in combating what has properly been termed the venereal pest. Especially is this true when one compares the work of the celebrated Elie Metchnikoff, of Paris, in perfecting his calomel ointment for the prevention of all venereal diseases.

Is it not something of a reflection on the common sense of mankind to think that so many men have made of Ehrlich's discovery and so little (even in medical circles) of Metchnikoff's? Several years ago when the announcement of the discovery of Ehrlich's remedy was made, thousands of columns of newspaper space were filled with eulogies of the discoverer and congratulations for thousands of sufferers all over the world. Many law magazines printed articles telling of the wonderful scientific triumph that Ehrlich's remedy was declared to be.

Yet when Metchnikoff perfected his preventive of venereal disease, few, even among the medical profession in this country, heard about it, or paid much attention to it. Many medical men today know practically nothing of Metchnikoff's prophylactic agent, especially as perfected by Dr. R. A. Bachmann, of the United States Navy. Naturally, the latter are in practically complete ignorance.

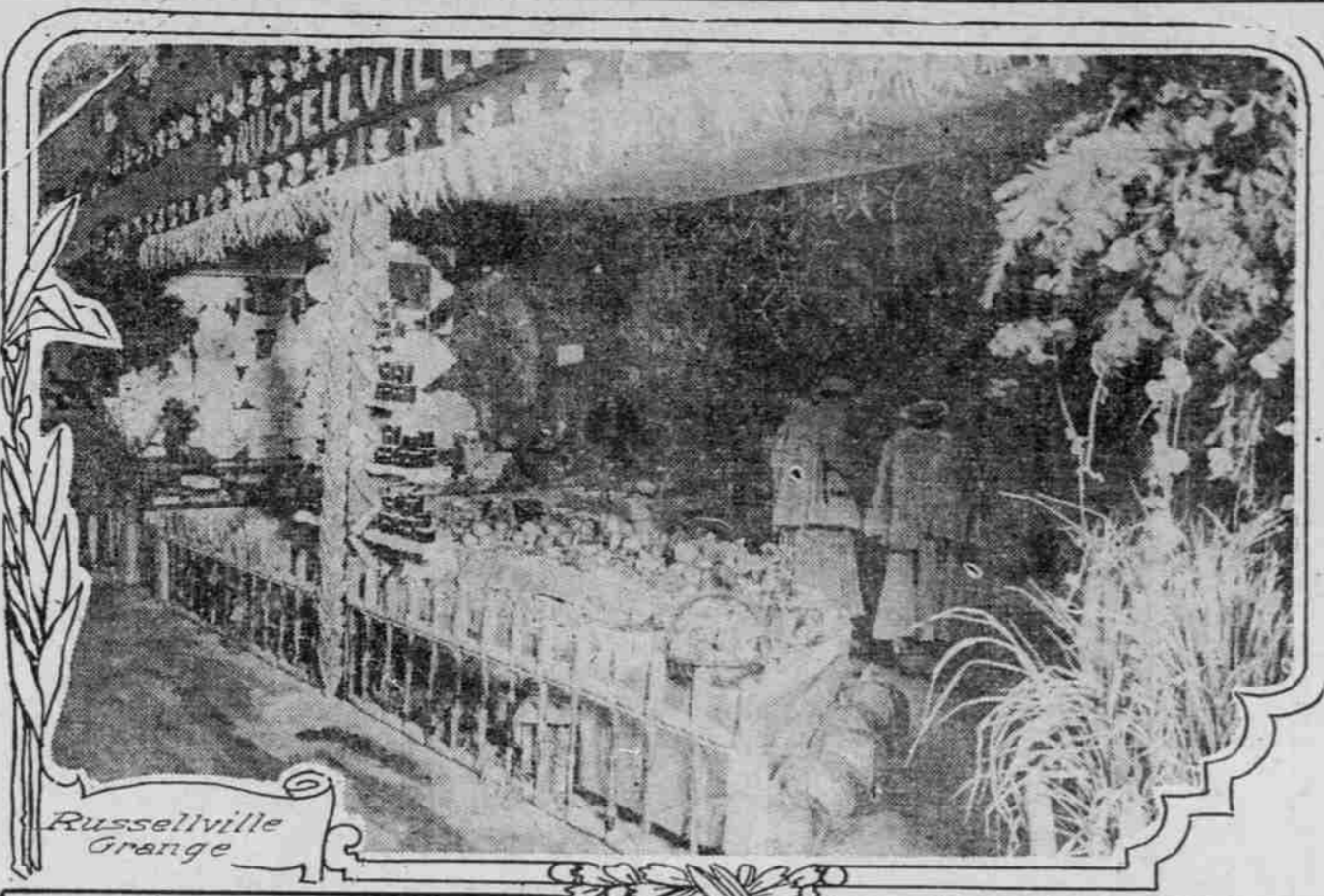
This is an astounding condition of things. Dr. Hugh Cabot, of Harvard Medical School, a man not given to sensational statements, has declared that it is safe to estimate 250,000 new cases of syphilitic infection in the United States yearly. See Collier's Weekly, November 1, 1913. The other serious venereal disease, according to the same authority, claims at least one-half of the male population at one time or another. And yet in the face of this terrifying menacing situation almost nothing is heard as to what science has done, largely through Metchnikoff, absolutely to prevent all this suffering.

Ordinary common sense would suggest that if Ehrlich's remedy does not seem to be known to the world at large in the interest of humanity after the disease had been so widely disseminated, certainly Metchnikoff's work in successfully preventing the disease ought to be given at least equal publicity.

What is wrong with our guardians of health? Would they rather have mankind prudish and diseased than informed and well? MEDICUS.

FAIR IS SUCCESS AND BEST EVER ARRANGED IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Exhibits at Gresham Unexcelled and Demonstrations in Various Departments Add Interest, While Racing Programme Provides Thrills for Crowds.



LAST night saw the end of the biggest and best county fair that has ever been held in Multnomah County. According to both the president of the Multnomah County Fair Association, H. A. Lewis, of Portland, and its secretary, D. M. Roberts, of Gresham, no other fair has ever been held in this county that has touched the ninth annual fair.

"The exhibits have been greater in number and cleaner in quality than have ever been shown," is the statement of Mr. Lewis. "There has been more stock in the barns this year by 50 per cent, and the poultry exhibits have been proportionately larger. There has never been a fair like it in this county. In fact, we have had floral and fruit displays that could not have been exceeded at the State Fair."

Mr. Roberts, who has had charge of the gate receipts, has this to say: "Last year the total receipts for the entire five days was but \$1600. This year three-fourths of that amount was taken in on Portland day alone, and we are going to be able, when all the obligations have been met, to announce that the ninth annual Multnomah County Fair has paid for itself."

As the amount of prizes awarded was close to \$4000, that statement meant that the Multnomah County Fair this year has been a huge success.

Best Stock Exhibited. Some of the best stock, poultry and horses in the state as well as county, were on exhibit and the grange exhibits would be creditable to any state fair.

The string of Percherons, Shires and Belgians exhibited by A. C. Ruby drew most of the blue ribbons. To these three breeds nine blue ribbons and two red ribbons were awarded, and two champion stallions and mares added other trophies. No better string of stallions can be seen anywhere in the state.

three heats. Zomdell, owned by Merrill Bros., of Corvallis, was second, and Oakland More, owned by G. K. Howitt, of Portland, was third. The purse offered in the 2:17 trot was \$150.

TEACHING PLANS MADE

Y. M. C. A. ARRANGES TO GIVE INSTRUCTION IN FARMING.

Joint Committee Is Formed With Other Institutions to Assist in Educational Campaign.

The joint committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Y. M. C. A. and the Oregon Agricultural College, for the promotion of scientific agriculture has been formed, and active work in the educational campaign put under way. The committee is composed of Professor Ralph D. Hetzel, Oregon Agricultural College; Dr. C. H. Chapman, R. French, educational director Y. M. C. A.; George Hardy, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; and Francis E. Blackwood West, plant pathologist, of Portland.

This committee has now arranged for a series of lectures and classes to be held during the Fall and Winter evenings at the Y. M. C. A. and other places. The curriculum will comprise the most modern scientific methods of commercial poultry farming, hog and stock raising, fruit, vegetable and flower growing and marketing and general farming.

These classes will be opened chiefly at the expressed desire of a number of young men who wish to take up land as a business proposition, but who are unable to take advantage of the classes at the Oregon Agricultural College, on account of their being employed during the day at their various occupations.

Historic Mansion Burned.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Ankerwyche, the historic mansion at Wraybury, in the grounds of which King Henry VIII wooed Anne Boleyn, today was destroyed by fire. The owners were absent and the cause of the fire has not been ascertained.

Advertisement for 'A Better Job? This Training will get it for you.' featuring an illustration of a man in a suit sitting at a desk with books and a lamp.

Advertisement for 'Night Schools Open Monday, Sept. 20' listing various day schools and unit courses such as Automobile, College Preparatory, Business, Shorthand, etc.

Advertisement for 'A Thorough Business Education' at Link's Business College, listing courses like Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Typewriting, etc.

Advertisement for 'Learn Engineering' at Seattle Engineering School, listing courses like Practical Electrical, Gas and Steam Engineering, etc.

Advertisement for 'Mills College' in Oakland, California, listing courses like English, Mathematics, Music, etc.

Advertisement for 'Miss Edith Gregory' portrait painter and teacher of art, listing her studio address and contact information.

Advertisement for 'Chicago round trip' and other travel services, listing fares and routes to various cities.

Advertisement for 'BABY JUDGE SORELY PUZZLED' and 'Sixty Little Ones Are Entered in Gresham Fair Contest'.

Large advertisement for 'Columbia Beach' featuring the text 'WATER IS FINE' and 'Best Bathing in Oregon Only 30 Minutes from Broadway', along with 'Fare Only 10 Cents TRY IT TODAY' and 'Portland Railway, Light & Power Co.' logo.