

BRISTOL SAYS LITTLE HOPE

U. S. Attorney Warns People Against Settling on Railroad Lands in Oregon.

TITLE RESTS IN RAILROADS

Official Declares No One Can Claim Title to Railroad Lands At Present.

(Telegram.) That lawyers and timber locators are mulcting hundreds of people out of their money, with no prospect of ever giving them value received in procuring them to make application for lands covered by the Southern Pacific land grant, is asserted by United States Attorney Bristol.

Money paid to these lawyers and locators, for locations upon and applications for railroad lands under the idea that it gives the applicants a preferatory right is nothing less than money thrown away, says Mr. Bristol, for the reason that no right to the land can be initiated before the possessory right of the railroad company is terminated.

"The public is entitled to know the truth in regard to this matter," said Mr. Bristol yesterday. "These people who are paying lawyers and locators all the way from \$10 to \$100 to locate them upon railroad land and then make application to purchase the land, are doing nothing less than giving their money away."

"Under the law the railroad company is the present owner of this land. Whether rightly so, is not the question. They have the title that goes with possession of the land and can hold it against all the world until its right of ownership and possession is terminated."

"It is idle, then, to suppose that while it is the owner of the land any one can go upon it and initiate a right. The man who goes upon it is a trespasser and the man who procures him to do it under a pretext of helping him to initiate a right procures him to commit a trespass, and nothing more."

"Nothing is plainer than that no man can take another upon the land of another and give him a right to that land, before the right of the other has been ended. Two rights to the same property in this sense cannot be enjoyed at the same time. One must begin when the other ends, and cannot begin before."

Can't Gain Title.

"As long as the railroad company is in possession of this grant, no man can gain color of title to it by merely going upon it, claiming it and then effecting to purchase it. Filing a notice of offer to purchase with the County Clerk after the offer has been refused by the railroad company gains nothing for the applicant."

"Should the government by suit terminate the grant and come into possession of the land, it would then be open to settlement and not before. Then one man would have as much right to it as another. Any qualified person could then legally and regularly file upon the land, but the mere fact that he had gone upon it and claimed it before the government regained title to it, would not give him a preferatory right, as no right could be initiated while the railroad company was in adverse possession of the land."

"It also appears that many of those who have offered to buy the land and in pursuance of that purpose have been located upon it are residents of other places, and have no intention of becoming bona fide settlers. Many of these applicants, who are those merely of speculators, who want to get hold of piece of this land. It is folly to suppose as a matter of policy that the government would recognize the genuineness of the purpose of such people and give them a right or preference over bona fide applicants who might file on the land as soon as it is thrown open to settlement."

WILL BUILD FINE HOMES IN PLAT B

H. J. Isaacs has lumber on his three lots at the corner of State and Sherman avenue in Plat B for building a seven room residence. This location is on the main thoroughfare between Marshfield and North Bend, and is an ideal building site. Mr. Isaacs cleared these lots some time ago, and hopes to have his home finished within two months. J. P. Morris has contracted for the clearing of his lots at the corner of Sherman avenue and Commercial street, in Plat B. He will immediately begin the erection of a seven room dwelling on the lots when they are cleared. This residence will be an exact counterpart of the house being built by Mr. H. J. Isaacs.

DRIVES FROM FORTUNA UP TO COOS COUNTY

W. H. Noble & Sons drove the first pile yesterday for the large building to be erected by Flanagan & Bennett, corner of A and Front streets.

STRIKE BIGGEST IN QUARTER CENTURY

Owing to Rapid Growth of Companies Present Strike Exceeds 1883 Walkout.

Two great corporations, the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies, figuratively speaking, the pulse of the business world are today engaged in a bitter struggle with their thousands of employees throughout the United States. Not since the famous walkout of the telegraphers in 1883, were there so many every operator left his key, have the telegraph companies been considered in a condition of affairs such as exist today. In 1883 the operators got. This time the balance appears to be in their favor. Conditions today are not what they were 25 years ago. At the time of the tie-up in 1883 the public did not depend upon the telegraph to the extent that a complete memorialization of business occurred although much inconvenience was felt in many districts.

In the present crisis the situation is different. The rapid growth of the country in the last two decades has made the telegraph wire a necessary adjunct to quick dispatch of communications between every business firm and individual in the United States and Canada. The telegraph has kept pace with the spirit of the times and today a network of wires extends from every metropolis touching every village and hamlet from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Gulf to Alaska. The result of a complete tie-up of these wires has caused almost a total paralysis of business. Stock markets, brokers, grain exchanges, merchants and the public in general feel the blow which suddenly takes them almost back to the days when stage coaches and one train a day were the only means of conveying communications.

Struggle Began March 1. The struggle that is now engaging officials and labor unions over the entire country began March 1 last, when a 10 per cent advance in wages was announced by both the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies. This was made at a time when the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America was making great inroads among the operators, securing hundreds of members with a view of presenting their grievances to the telegraph companies.

Immediately following the advance March 1 the operators alleged that the advance was not impartially given and a demand for further concessions was made which resulted in a strike of Western Union operators in Oakland and San Francisco being called by President Small, of the union, June 21. Through the intervention of Commissioner Neill, of the United States Department of Labor, this strike was settled several weeks later.

The telegraphers assert the companies agreed to re-employ all striking men without discrimination but the companies allege they agreed to re-employ the strikers only on conditions satisfactory to themselves.

Operator Was Discharged. A Western Union operator was discharged at Los Angeles last week, the cause being given as insubordination. The entire Western Union force walked out. Soon afterward the Los Angeles Postal forces joined in the movement. An effort to compel the Chicago forces of both companies to work with nonunion men at Los Angeles resulted in the Chicago offices striking. Within three days the strike has extended throughout the United States and Canada, even to the Associated Press men, who were not expected to take an active part at least not at present.

FILIPINO STUDENTS MAKE GOOD RECORDS

Band of Twenty-one Leaves Chicago for Islands With Honors Gained at School.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Twenty-one of the original 100 young Filipinos sent to the United States by their native government four years ago to be educated in American colleges, left Chicago last night for the Philippines with diplomas in their pockets, prepared to tackle the intricacies of self-government. Twenty-three of the boys started back home a few days ago, and the remaining 46 have decided to remain in America.

The students appeared happy, but prouder than any of them was Major Edward J. Vattmann, chaplain U. S. A., retired, and assistant superintendent of the insular bureau in charge of all the Filipino students in this part of the country.

"I am proud to say that every one of them carried off some kind of honor or prize in the college he attended," said Major Vattmann. "There was only one trouble with them—they studied too hard and we had some difficulty in preventing them from overdoing. Their uppermost thoughts were of the day when they would have a hand in conducting affairs of the government. They are quieter than American college students and absence of cigarettes is noticeable in the Filipinos."

After giving each young man his transportation, \$15 and a work on "The Faith of Our Fathers," written by Cardinal Gibbons, Major Vattmann turned the party over to J. E. Vandez, one of the older boys.

It is said that not one in the entire 100 failed in his examinations.

Senator Knox has managed to maintain a boom of very respectable proportions without any incidental embellishments in the way of rescues or complications in beverage.

TELEGRAPH STRIKE PRECIPITATED OVER INSULT TO MRS. SADIE NICHOLS, OPERATOR.

Just because Mrs. Sadie Nichols, a woman operator in the Western Union telegraph offices at West Oakland, and known to the union operators as a "scab," reported that John Edgar Ryan, an operator in the Western Union offices at Los Angeles, and a staunch member of the union, had insulted her over the wire for taking a union man's job, the telegraph business of the entire United States is practically at a standstill. On account of the alleged insult Ryan is discharged. His fellow employees then walked out. Two people in the southwestern part of the United States have kindled a blaze which reaches from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The actions of the twain, whose combined incomes are not more than \$70 a week, have tied up business which is computed in the millions. The saying that a woman is at the bottom of every bit of trouble has again been exemplified, but in this case she has none of the marks of a melodramatic heroine. She is simply a hard working American woman, 46 years old. The fight is far bigger now than any dispute as to the reinstatement of Ryan, however, and the matter of the alleged insult is the smallest factor in the affair. All over the United States this strike was smoldering. It needed but the touch of the spark to cause it to spring into flame. When the Western Union employees of Los Angeles walked out the head councils of the union seized the opportunity to declare a general strike and finally the whole working force of telegraph operators in the United States followed.

ELECTRIC LINE UP THE VALLEY

Salem-Portland Road Will Be Extended to Albany and Eugene.

LOOKS LIKE HILL PROJECT

A. Welch Asks For New Franchise In Salem and States Intentions.

BOATS AND STAGES SHORT ACCOMMODATIONS

Every boat which leaves Portland for Coos Bay is unable to accommodate all those who desire to come here. The stage routes have the same difficulty, and three stage loads were left at Roseburg the other day. The Drain stage route finds itself unable to handle the travelers who are coming this way.

MOTHERS' CLUB WILL MEET THIS AFTERNOON

The Mothers' Club will meet today at 3 o'clock in the Baptist church. Several subjects on the training of children will be under discussion. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

MEN RULED OUT IN THIS ONE INSTANCE

Misses Agnes Hutcherson, and Evelyn Anderson and Mesdames Jack Flanagan and William Lawlor are in possession of the Sigma Chi boat house this week and are enjoying an outing uninterrupted by the presence of the sterner sex.

YOUNG GIRL USES REVOLVER

Love Affair Responsible For Flora Rixecker's Suicide. San Francisco, Aug. 14.—Flora Rixecker, a young girl who came here recently from Los Angeles with her mother, shot and killed herself with a pistol yesterday at her residence. A love affair, is believed to have been the cause of the act. She was 16 years old.

INDIANS RECEIVE PAY FOR ESTATES

Payment Is Made by Government to Klamath County Indians for Land.

Last week the Klamath Indians received the first payment due them from the \$25,000 recently received as the initial sum on the 600,000 acres of land excluded from the reservation when the boundary was established. The individual amount received by each Indian on the reservation is \$23.38. Supt. H. G. Wilson, assisted by his chief clerk, began the work of disbursing this amount last Tuesday at Klamath Falls, paying the Indians who do not reside on the reservation. The claim of the Indians against the government which has so successfully been prosecuted has been pending for several years past, the late Jesse Kirk and other prominent representatives of the tribe having made several journeys to Washington to urge the allowance of this claim. A brief history of the transaction is given by the Klamath Falls Express as follows: According to the terms of the treaty with the Indians certain points were established and imaginary lines between these points formed the boundary of the reservation. When these lines were surveyed an error was made and thereby 600,000 acres of land belonging to the Indians according to the terms of the treaty were excluded from the reservation. This land was taken up by the white men under the public land laws so that, when the error was discovered and the Indians claimed the lands, it would have caused serious complications to attempt to eject the settlers on the land consequently the lands by an act of congress were purchased from the Indians at \$6.36 cents per acre, the total amount being \$537,007.20. The Indians have received \$25,000 as a cash payment on these lands and this sum has been divided among 1046 Indians and each received \$23.88. Part of the money will be used in buying cattle for the Indians and in improving the reservation and \$350,000 has been put out on interest which will be received annually by the Indians.

OPPOSES UNDRESSED KIDS

MRS. GRANNIS SHOCKED BY EDUCATOR'S SUGGESTION.

President of Purity League Says if Starr Is Sincere, He Will Draw Line at Slip.

New York, Aug. 14.—"Gracious, the very idea of such a thing!" exclaimed Mrs. Elizabeth Grannis, president of the National League for the Promotion of Purity, today, when she was asked about the declaration of Prof. Frederick Starr of Chicago University that girls and boys up to 10 years of age should be permitted to go around absolutely nude.

"What do I think of it?" asked Mrs. Grannis, in a shocked tone. (Anthony Comstock is a member of her organization.) "Why, I think the way any respectable woman would think—it's positively outrageous."

"You newspapers take up the most flippant things," said Mrs. Grannis. "Why don't you come and interview me on serious things? You always want to make fun."

"Do you think New York would tolerate the spectacle of children playing in the parks without any clothing?"

"Certainly not," responded Mrs. Grannis, horrified at the very idea. "The police would be after them in a minute. Oh, it will not happen here."

"You believe, Mrs. Grannis, that the dress of children should be made as comfortable as possible?"

"Oh, of course; but if the Starr man in Chicago is sincere, he will draw the line at a silk slip. Let the children go around in that sort of dress. But they must have something on."

"A good many years ago," it was suggested to Mrs. Grannis, "people went around without clothes."

"Yes, I know they did," was her reply. "It was all right then. The people of those times knew no better. But today, in our peculiar civilization and the false idea we get about the relations between the sexes, it would be positively harmful to let children go around absolutely naked. It would never do."

"At the same time there should be reform in dress," continued Mrs. Grannis. "Corsets should go. High-heeled shoes should be abolished. The women of the fashionable world go around on stilts, and it requires all the mental caliber and physical endurance they possess to stand up."

"Man's attire in the summer time is outrageous. He goes around in woolen coats which are padded and so hot as to be positively uncomfortable. There should be no sleeves to the coats."

Resuming her talk about children dressed in the garb of Adam and Eve, Mrs. Grannis said that under certain conditions there was nothing lewd or indelicate about the nude form.

"Please be serious," implored Mrs. Grannis at the last. "Do your cause some good. Try not to be flippant. Remember we are sternly opposed to Professor Starr's scheme. Children know too much, anyway."

Dance at Rink Tonight. There will be no show at the rink tonight, but the usual social dance will be given. Good music and an excellent floor. Gentlemen, 50c; ladies, free; and dance as long you like.

DAIRYING WILL GET ATTENTION

Chamber of Commerce Meeting Tonight Will Have Several Fine Addresses.

GRAVENSTEIN PRESENT

State Dairy and Food Commissioner Bailey Will Talk—Also Mrs. Yoakum.

Last Friday night it was apple culture at the Chamber of Commerce meeting. Tonight, the dairy cow will hold sway. State Dairy and Food Commissioner Bailey will be present and so will Mrs. Yoakum, the most successful director of a dairy ranch in Coos county.

Commissioner Bailey will deliver an address on dairy opportunities in Coos county and on the dairy interests generally, and Mrs. Yoakum will tell from practical experience, how to conduct a dairy. A number interested in dairy farms and creameries and cheese factories, will be in attendance. It will be an open meeting and everybody, ladies and gentlemen are welcome. Mrs. Yoakum is backed by Mr. Bailey in her position that dairying is a veritable gold mine in Coos county and that it is the royal road to sure wealth.

The defenders of the Gravenstein apple will also be present at tonight's meeting, and there will be other matters of interest to come up. The report of the joint committee with North Bend on the creation of a port commission for Coos Bay will be heard, as well as interesting correspondence.

There has been a continuous stir at the Chamber of Commerce hall this week, there being few intervals when there have not been new-comers on hand getting their bearings, by looking over maps and getting information about the city and surrounding country. Those arriving yesterday stated that others were left at Roseburg that the stage could not bring and the general report is that a large number from the outside is headed toward Coos Bay.

TROUBLE FOR OFFICERS OF RECLAMATION

Matters In Klamath County Not Satisfactory To Citizens—Shakeup Promised.

Klamath Falls, Or., Aug. 14.—The future of the Klamath reclamation project is absorbing the attention of every one interested in the Klamath country because the dissatisfaction with the methods of the Government for the past year seems about to reach a climax.

Supervising Engineer D. C. Henny, who recently visited the project, said work probably would not begin on what is known as the Upper Klamath project until more of the lands owned by private individuals were signed up for irrigation. Representatives from the upper project informed Mr. Henny that no more lands would be signed up as long as the reclamation service could not determine when and at what cost the lands already signed up would be reclaimed. Further discussion followed, and the parties representing the landowners of the upper project who have signed their lands for Government irrigation informed Henny that they would commence legal action for release from their contracts. Unless it develops that Engineer Henny cannot speak for the reclamation service this matter will likely reach the courts shortly.

Aside from the upper project, it seems to be quite popular to be registered on the roll of those antagonistic to the local reclamation government. Many shareholders in the Water-Users' association are not entirely satisfied. The sworn statements filed by Mason, Davis & Co. in support of their claims for additional pay are held to justify the demand for the resignation of several of the officials connected with the project.

The government work this year has amounted to practically nothing. The present payroll for actual laborers amounts to about \$3,000 a month. The payroll for overseers and office employees amounts to a like sum. This is a feature that is being severely criticized by the landowners.

DANGER LURKS ALONG THE COUNTY HIGHWAY

Several parties who travel the county road between here and North Bend have intimated to a Times reporter that there is great danger Jack Flanagan and William Lawlor route are liable to fall at any minute and across the highway. The recent destruction of a part of the Fernside bridge by a large tree falling on it, is an example of the dangerous nature of the road's borders. At least, it is advisable to have trees which stand near the road cut down and thus avoid any possible disaster.

—The Wilson stage will leave Marshfield next Monday.