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## SAYS THE GOVERNMENT STEALS STATE LANDS

Washington Robbed of Heritage Which Was Granted on Entering the Union.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 20.—The land frauds the government is prosecuting in Oregon and elsewhere are insignificant compared with the land frauds the federal authorities are perpetrating upon the state of Washington, according to a vigorous letter E. W. Ross, state land commissioner, has addressed to Congressman Francis W. Cushman. Mr. Ross points out that when Washington was admitted into the Union congress passed an enabling act, which the state accepted, and which is an inviolable contract between the two, under which absolute title was vested in the state for school purposes of section 16 and 36 in every township. Despite this solemn contract congress has passed subsequent legislation, and the federal officials have enforced rules and regulations which robbed the state of thousands of acres of the best lands in these sections, and are making it impossible for the state to reimburse itself for these losses. In his letter Ross says in part:

"The United States government has already withdrawn land and established forest reserves embracing 27.3 percent of the entire area of Washington. Add to this 6 percent of the entire area for Indian reservations and you have a total of 33.3 percent of the entire area of the state made by the federal government a howling wilderness. Surely this is enough for one state.

Takes Out Large Area.  
 "I think when you deduct the land that is unfit for cultivation and uninhabitable you will find we have nearly 50 percent of the entire area of the state either embraced in permanent reserves on the part of the government or not susceptible of materially beneficial use."

Ross points out that the laws and rules surrounding the reserves make unavailable state school sections within their borders, although title to such sections absolutely was vested in the state under enabling act. In addition it is pointed out that as fast as new lands are surveyed the interior department makes rules or the president issues proclamations which prevent the state making any selections for granted lands lost and enable settlers and speculators to make first filings, all in absolute violation of the compact between the United States and the state.

Confiscates the State Land.  
 Speaking of the manner in which federal land laws are construed by the federal officials against the state, Mr. Ross says: "The construction is so absolutely ridiculous that it amounts to a deliberate confiscation of hundreds of thousands of acres of state lands."

Because the government's tax law procedure has permitted the grossest frauds is no reason for an assumption that the state's administration of its lands has been correspondingly incompetent, according to Ross. On the contrary, he declares: "The state of Washington is receiving for its lands all that it is entitled to receive, \* \* \* in fact, is receiving higher prices than individuals owning lands in the vicinity are able to receive. Of course, some exceptions are bound to occur, from one cause or another, even excluding any possible element of fraud, but these exceptions stand out as proving the rule."

Has a Large School Fund.  
 "We have now in the permanent and irrevocable school fund of the state the integrity of which fund congress required the state to guarantee, \$4,600,000, derived from the sale of

## WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

**GOOD EVENING.**  
 More men are injured by having things made easy for them than by having their paths beset with difficulties.—Chas. H. Parkhurst, D. D.

**THE HAPPY SPIRIT.**  
 Just a happy spirit, with the very dust you tread  
 A highway to the land of golden promise just ahead!  
 Just a happy spirit, and no matter what may arise  
 The world shall be all beautiful before your trusting eyes!  
 Just a happy spirit and the rest will come along  
 On wings of love and laughter and the ringing lips of song.  
 Baltimore Sun.

No doubt everyone on Coos Bay has common sense but it is not always working with some people.

Two Coos Bay men were discussing the biblical reference of a camel going through a needle's eye and one asked the other if he thought it possible. "Oh, I wouldn't be surprised," replied the other. "You know how large my wife is."  
 "Yes."  
 "Well, she goes thru my pockets regularly."

## A PRACTICAL MERCHANT.

A rather amusing story is told on a man who went into a hardware store of a neighboring town and wished to purchase an axe, says an Ohio paper. Being shown the article and informed that the price was \$1.50, he said, "Why, I can get the same kind of an axe from a certain mail-order house for 90 cents." "Very well," said the hardware man, "I will give it to you for the same price provided that you will do the same with me as you would with them." "All right," replied the customer as he handed over a dollar bill, the merchant giving him back ten cents in change. "Now," said the hardware man, "I want 25 cents more to pay express charges," which the purchaser gave him. "How much did your axe cost you?" "One dollar and fifteen cents," the man answered. "Very good; now give me the five cents more for money order fees and postage," which the purchaser had to hand over. "Now how much did your axe cost you?" "One dollar and twenty cents," said the customer. "Not cheap after all," said the merchant, whereupon he picked up the axe, tossed it back on the shelf and told the customer to call for it in ten days, as that would be as soon as he could get it if he had ordered it from the mail order house.—Merchants' Journal and Commerce.

common school lands. We have outstanding contracts, issued in pursuance of sales of common school lands where the land is still held as guarantee for the payment, \$1,892,486.77. The unpaid principal of these contracts bears interest, payable annually, at the rate of 6 percent per annum. The title to the lands remains in the state until final payment has been made. The total sum derived from the sale of common school lands by the state amounts to \$6,492,486.77. These figures are given as the first day of this month. On October 1, 1906, not quite 10 per cent of the common school lands of the state had been sold. Probably not more than 11 per cent of the lands have yet been sold.

"There certainly is no opportunity for the state and state officers to perpetrate fraud on the United States government in acquiring lands from the United States government in satisfaction of its school grants. The laws certainly should be liberal and should be construed liberally so as to enable the state to satisfy the grants made to it for these beneficial purposes."

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## COQUILLE CLIPPINGS

Items of Interest Scissored from the Columns of the Sentinel.

Veron A. Hanson while playing tag at the skating rink last Friday evening fell and broke one bone of his left forearm.

Mrs. W. C. Chase has been engaged as teacher of the new school which has been established by the school board in the Butler building.

Frank Carr returned yesterday from his trip to Oakland, Cal., and was accompanied by his family and sister-in-law, Miss Hobson, who will reside in this city.

Willard Houghton, of Seattle, is in the city trying to interest the county court in adopting a new water conduit. From an examination of the plans we believe it is the thing for our roads, as it takes the water from the middle of the road and wheel tracks. It is inexpensive and easy to construct.

John Peart, who has been at Oakdale, Cal., for the past few months, arrived home yesterday. His first words when alighting from the train were "Coquille looks good to me."

Capt. O. R. Willard went to Marshfield Wednesday on business connected with the building of his new boat. He has been notified that the engine is in San Francisco and will arrive by the next boat.

Mrs. J. S. Lawrence has received a notice of the wedding of Mrs. H. T. Wootten, a former teacher of this county, to Mr. Geo. W. Weisell, which took place at St. Louis, Mo., October 17. They are making their home at Adair, Ill. Mrs. Wootten taught in the public school at the Point, Coquille and Bandon and resigned her position here about two years ago. Her many friends extend congratulations.

The loggers of the North Fork will put no more logs in the river until the Cedar Point boom is cleaned out. In conversation a logger informed us that the county roads in that section of the county had been cleared of logs which had been lodged there by the last high water.

C. V. Hawley of Corvallis and Norman Dodge of Myrtle Point were in Coquille Tuesday visiting friends. Mr. Hawley is here looking over the ground with a view of establishing an electric light plant in this city and Myrtle Point. They left Wednesday for Bandon where they spent the day.

Last Saturday, December 28, Bert Seal of this city picked strawberries from his vines. The berries were large and well formed and only needed a few warm days to ripen them. L. J. Young took a good photograph of them.

Misses Nettie Carey and Kittle arrived yesterday from Eureka, Cal., where they are taking a training course in a hospital, the former going to Bandon and the latter to Myrtle Point to visit their parents.

The annual meeting of the Fat Elk Drainage District met at the court house in this city Monday and was well attended by the members. After the usual preliminary business had been completed the election of a board of directors took place, which resulted in the election of Ed. Johnson, C. R. Gabler and James W. Mast. Afterwards the board met and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: C. R. Gabler, president and J. W. Mast, secretary. It is the intention of the members to commence work on the project the coming summer.

—D. L. Rood picked up some 2 choice building lots in Eastway in Boise addition.

—The 1/4 off sale on all toys and Christmas China will continue all throughout this month. Coos Bay Cash Store.

—Mat Bowman, from Henryville, selected a choice location for a home in Eastside.

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