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THE LAND-GRANT RESOLUTION.

"Innocent purchaser" tricks did not avail at last to bar passage of the Fulton land-grant resolution in the House of Representatives at Washington. The resolution was adopted by that body after a two months' fight with railroads and timber syndicates, which constantly tried to hide their illegal acts with pleas for innocent purchaser amendments.

Now it may be expected that the Department of Justice will at once begin the suits authorized by the Fulton resolution "to enforce any and all rights and remedies of the United States of America in any manner arising or growing out of or pertaining to either or any of the following acts of Congress" granting lands for railroads and for the Coos Bay wagon road.

The resolution will authorize the Government to bring suit either to compel sale of the land in compliance with the terms of the grants, or to dispossess the companies of the land by forfeiture proceedings. These alternatives will be presented to a court of equity.

The Fulton resolution is the fruit of one year's work by the Government. In that time the Government's special attorney, Mr. Townsend, made his investigation and report and the Fulton resolution has been adopted.

PRESIDENT IS SAFE IN PORT

Absolutely no Foundation For Rumor That Steamship Was On Fire Off Coos Bay.

The wild rumor from Portland that the steamship President, running between San Francisco and Seattle was on fire off the Coos Bay coast Friday, was absolutely without foundation. The President reached Puget Sound early Saturday in good condition and did not have any trouble on the trip.

How the rumor started is not known. It is presumed that someone got wireless messages at Portland mixed up to such an extent that an investigation was thought worth while.

The wires being down all day Saturday prevented an investigation of it then and it was not until Sunday that it was definitely learned that the report was a canard.

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writ of review. C. A. Sehlbrede for plaintiff. W. H. Gamble, vs. L. D. Kinney, transcript on appeal. Guerry and Hollister for plaintiff and C. A. Sehlbrede for defendant.

Bertha S. Gettins vs. J. J. Stanley, suit in equity to quiet title. C. A. Sehlbrede for plaintiff. A. James Baines vs. C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing Co., suit in equity. W. U. Douglas for plaintiff.

E. A. Beckett vs. John F. Hall County Judge E. A. Anderson, writ of review. A. J. Sherwood, E. D. Sperry for plaintiff.

J. W. Hammerburg, vs. Levi & J. H. Snyder, action at law. Geo. P. Topping for plaintiff.

L. H. Pace & U. S. Shaver, vs. J. A. Stemmerman, action at law. T. S. Minot for plaintiff.

Schmidt Hansen et al vs. Samuel Stout, action at law; cost bill in dispute. J. J. Stanley and E. D. Sperry for plaintiff, A. J. Sherwood for defendant.

R. S. Kent & James Fitzpatrick vs. Esper S. & H. D. Larsen, suit in Equity to foreclose lien. C. R. Barrow for plaintiff. E. D. Sperry for defendant.

J. P. Messer vs. Taylor Dement appellant, transcript on appeal, county court, cost bill in dispute. C. R. Barrow for plaintiff, E. D. Sperry for defendant.

Somers & Co. a corporation vs. C. B. Zeek, action at law. Geo. P. Topping for plaintiff, W. C. Chase for defendant.

J. H. Diers, vs. C. M. Sain & Chas H. Keith, partners, action at law. Pixley & Maybee for plaintiff, J. W. Bennett for defendant.

W. R. Haines vs. Anna M. Peterson, suit in equity. W. U. Douglas for plaintiff and J. S. Coke for defendant.

Elizabeth A. Thomas vs. Edgar L. Wheeler, action at law. J. W. Bennett for plaintiff and J. S. Coke for defendant.

H. C. Diers et al, vs. L. A. Frey, transcript on appeal. Pixley & Maybee for plaintiff and Hall & Hall and L. A. Liljeqvist for defendant.

L. D. Kinney vs. J. J. Burns, action at law. C. A. Sehlbrede for plaintiff, Guerry & Hollister, N. C. McLeod and A. H. Derbyshire for defendant.

L. D. Kinney vs. J. J. Burns and City of North Bend, action at law. C. A. Sehlbrede for plaintiff, and Guerry & Hollister, N. C. McLeod and A. H. Derbyshire for defendant.

Albert Able vs. W. S. Chandler, Rec, etc., action at law; cost bill in dispute. Blake and Liljeqvist for plaintiff, J. S. Coke and A. J. Sherwood for defendant.

Myrtle Dulley vs. Charles Dulley, suit for divorce. Hall and Hall for plaintiff.

Wm. Howell vs. Edgar L. Wheeler Luella Wheeler et al, suit in equity. J. W. Bennett for plaintiff, A. S. Hammond and A. J. Sherwood for defendant.

Chas J. Elford et al vs. Selma Abrahamson et al, suit in equity. Hall and Hall for plaintiff.

Jessie M. Williams vs. J. D. Williams, suit for divorce. C. R. Barrow for plaintiff.

L. W. Tope vs. John Burk, suit to foreclose lien. N. C. McLeod for plaintiff and Bennett Swanton for defendant.

Rachel Marsden vs. John Golden suit in equity. Hammond and Upton for plaintiff, John F. Hall for defendant.

Elson M. Peterson vs. Mammie M. Peterson, suit for divorce. C. R. Barrow for plaintiff.

J. W. Fenton vs. Carrie Williams et al, suit in equity. G. T. Treadgold for plaintiff.

Daniel M. Wilkins vs. Walter Condron, action at law. Clarke, Blake and Liljeqvist for plaintiff and Farlin and Farrin for defendant.

Anna E. Moore vs. Thomas Moore, suit for divorce. C. A. Sehlbrede for plaintiff.

D. D. Campbell vs. Lizzie Lobree, suit in equity. Hall & Hall for plaintiff.

John J. Curren et al, partners vs. P. N. Reberg and William J. Smith, action at law. John S. Coke for plaintiff.

State of Oregon upon the Relation of T. R. Sheridan et al, vs. C. J. Mills, J. S. Coke, Jr., et al, action at law. E. B. Watson and W. C. Bristol for plaintiff and John S. Coke for defendant.



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of people have been waiting to see what the outcome would be when Mr. Townsend took his fight into Congress in the form of the Fulton resolution. Now that home-seekers, actual bona fide settlers see that the Government is taking the matter seriously, they will flock to these lands at a faster rate than the state has ever known. I am confident of that. I look to see a good share of the most available parts of the unsold portions of the grant gobbled up within the next six months, not only by people in this state, but from all over the country.

Value of the Land. "The railroad company, I understand, holds these lands worth about \$25 an acre, and the settlers under the law are entitled to buy them at \$2.50 an acre. The 21 suits which I have filed in the courts here are the only cases so far where people have undertaken to compel the Oregon & California Company to live up to the law as set down in the acts of Congress of 1866 and 1869."

Lafferty prepared a resume of the legislation and historical facts relative to the land grants to the O. & C. Company for Attorney-General Bonaparte, and this resume was used effectively in the hearings before the public land committees of the Senate and the House in the fight for the passage of the Fulton resolution.

"The contention of the railroad company has been all along," continued Mr. Lafferty, "that it had a clear title to these lands, and that it would not be compelled to sell for \$2.50 an acre or in tracts of only 160 acres each, and then only to actual settlers. They have sold a great deal of timber lands to the big timber syndicates in tracts of from 50,000 to 75,000 acres, and nobody knows how much they got for it.

"Whenever any people have settled on quarter-sections and have gone to the land agents of the O. & C. Company and tendered them \$2.50 an acre for this land, and demanded a deed, the railroad officials have laughed at them, but with the Fulton resolution now effective there is no reason why the entire tract from East Portland to the southern boundary of Oregon should not now be settled with amazing rapidity, for it gives bona fide settlers much greater guarantees than they will eventually win out than they have had up to this time."

The essential feature of the situation and the one that will mean great things for Oregon in the event of the Government's final victory in the courts is the fact that no time is to be lost in bringing the matter before the Federal court in this district.

On the other hand, the O. & C. Company be depended upon to put up a powerful fight, for the reason that the possession of \$60,000,000 worth of land is involved; a tract bigger than two entire states of the Union, and increasing in value very rapidly.

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