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COMPROMISE IN OREGON LAND GRANT CASE CONSIDERED TODAY

Twenty-Seven Purchasers of Tracts From S. P. Want Settlement.

OVER 332,000 ACRES ARE INVOLVED IN PLAN Attorney General Wickersham Given Power to Sell at \$2.50 Per Acre.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—A compromise settlement of the title to 332,000 acres of valuable timber land in Western Oregon was considered today by Attorney General Wickersham, after conference with representatives of 27 purchasers of tracts from the Oregon and California railroad, a subsidiary of the Southern Pacific, in whose land grant the land was originally included. The government contends that the railroad has not fulfilled its obligations under the grant and has instituted suit for its forfeiture. Under the authority of Congress, the attorney general is given discretion to permit innocent purchasers from the railroad to surrender title to the government and buy the land at \$2.50 per acre.

STATE TO TAKE OLD COOS ROAD

Bill Introduced into Legislature Provides for This Action.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 6.—The proposed bill to return to the state the Coos Bay wagon road grant of many thousands of acres will be introduced in the senate tomorrow by Senator Neuner, of Douglas County. It is a bill in which the Governor is interested and originally came from the executive. While the bill is practically ready for introduction, it is being withheld temporarily to decide just the amount of appropriation that should be carried to reimburse the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company for expenditure, which has been made in a supervisory capacity and which has been paid out as taxes. Congress by an act of March 3, 1859, granted to the State of Oregon the lands involved in this road grant to aid in the construction of a military wagon road from Roseburg to Coos Bay. The land included alternate sections to the extent of three sections in width on each side of the road. Price Limit Fixed. It was provided that the lands granted should be exclusively applied to the construction of the road and to no other purpose and should be disposed of only as the work progressed, not to exceed one-quarter of a section to any one person, and at a price not to exceed \$2.50 an acre. On October 22, 1870, the Legislature of Oregon passed an act granting to the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company all lands and right of way included in the grant from the Government. On February 4, 1908, the Government brought suit against the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company, or rather its successor, the Southern Oregon Company, to forfeit to the Government the lands embraced within the grant, but no trial or hearing has yet been had in the case. It is contended in the preamble of the drafted bill that the state, and not the Government, is the proper party to bring the suit to recover these lands; that the provision in the Federal grant that the lands should not be sold in quantities to exceed 160 acres to any one person and at a price not to exceed \$2.50 an acre are self-executing limitations upon the power of the state to alienate the lands; that the act of 1870 should not be construed as a conveyance of title from the state to the road company, and that any attempted violation of the Federal grant by the state, being an unconsummated act, could not be made a claim of forfeiture by the United States. State Right Contended. It is further contended that the state is entitled to resume the administration of the grant. Further, it is provided that the state in resuming such administration should ascertain the amount that would have been derived from the sales of lands at the time of the grant, had the terms of the act been complied with, also taxes paid by the Wagon Road Company and supervisory expenses incurred, in order that the said company may be reasonably reimbursed and justly handled. The bill makes it the duty of the State Land Board to assume the administration of the grant.

MANDALL LOST DAMAGE SUIT

Marshfield Man Fails to Secure any Damages from Smith Co. for Injury.

COQUILLE, Ore., Feb. 7.—The trial court jury in the case of Geo. F. Mandall vs. the Marshfield and Seaside Railroad, a subsidiary corporation of the C. A. Smith Lumber Company, for \$12,000 damages sought in a verdict for the defendant. The jury was out only an hour. Mandall had been employed as a driver on one of the horse cars used to haul lumber from the mill to the mill yards. He was riding on the car and collided with the uprights of the tramway crossed under the Libby coal mine track. At the trial, the defense was that Mandall assumed the hazard of riding on the car and pointed out that he should have seen the impending danger. They also contended that the injury was slight and that the reputation of the limb was due to other causes than the injury, that is, a old defect in his leg might have resulted in amputation, even though the accident did not occur. In addition to the general verdict, the jury brought in a special verdict in the defense. Judge Coke directed a verdict in favor of Geo. F. Mandall and R. K. Booth, officials of the company, who were made defendants in the case. Today the case of Svensen vs. the Lumber Company of Bandon is being tried.

KING PLANS TRIP

Monarch of Spain to Visit Latin America.

MADRID, Feb. 7.—There is much in Spanish official circles as to Alfonso's desire to show his friendly sentiments towards the king of Latin America. It is said the king may decide to visit some of the South American countries in the indefinite future.

TO SAY FAREWELL

Wagon Plans to Bid Adieu to Wilson.

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 7.—Residents of this little town, students, members of the faculty, neighbors and town folk generally will say goodbye to Woodrow Wilson the morning of March 1, two days before he departs for Washington to assume the presidency. Plans for a big farewell demonstration are being perfected.

TO SAVE WAR RELICS

Wreckage of Philadelphia in Tripoli Harbor, Preserved.

PULP MILL TO RUN IN MAY

Machinery Will Arrive on Adeline Smith Next Week—Three Months to Install.

"We expect to have the new pulp mill in full operation in about three months after the arrival of the machinery," remarked H. Nerdum, one of the heads of the new C. A. Smith pulp mill, last evening. The machinery will arrive on the Adeline Smith next week, about Wednesday, so that we should have the plant in operation sometime in May. "We will employ about eighty men in the mill proper and will have others doing outside work. We are arranging to have as much of the work as possible done by machinery, thereby reducing our operating expenses." Work is progressing nicely on the construction of the buildings and everything is in readiness for the installation of the machinery.

WANT BIRTHRATE KEPT DOWN NOW

Church of Christ Union of New Zealand Adopts Unusual Resolution Today—Protest Against Law.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Feb. 7.—What is claimed to be one of the strangest resolutions ever passed by any responsible body was adopted at a general meeting of the Christ Church labor union today, when citizens of New Zealand were urged to do all in their power to lessen the birthrate. Believing that the compulsory defense act is a blot on the record of a civilized country, the union now asks that the number of births of New Zealanders be kept down, so as to lessen the number of youths who must take compulsory training. Thus it is hoped that the government will repeal the act and then the union will rescind from the measures passed today.

"SHOE TRUST" IS KICKED OUT

Combine of Last Companies Is Quickly Dissolved by Decree at Detroit.

DETROIT, Feb. 7.—"The boot and shoe last trust," which is fixing, it is alleged, the price of every last sold in the United States, was dissolved here today by the federal government in quick time, immediately following the filing of a civil anti-trust suit against the Krentler, Arnold, Hille Last Co., and a number of last manufacturers with whom it was allied by agreements. United States District Judge Tuttle entered an agreed decree terminating the license agreements insofar as they fixed the prices of unpatented lasts, and dissolving the club through which the combine alleged operated. TO DIRECT ELECTION.

Washington Legislature Approves of New Plan for Senator.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 7.—The senate unanimously passed a joint resolution ratifying the constitutional amendment for direct election of senators. It passed the house yesterday, unanimously.

MORE TROUBLE IN OLD MEXICO

Rebels Gain Temporary Control of Northern Part of Country.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 7.—Traffic on the Mexican railroad below this port was suspended indefinitely today when meagre details were made known of rebel activity, midway between the state capital and the border. The rebels are reported to have attacked a small federal garrison at Galego, burning the station house, tearing up the track, burning many trestles, and executing two railroad guards. Farther north the troop train that started with 400 cavalry bound for Juarez is stranded between burned bridges and are in danger of a rebel attack.

MEN ARE HELD TO GRAND JURY

Contractors Brock and Riggs Bound Over by Justice at Myrtle Point.

James Brock and A. S. Riggs were yesterday bound over to the grand jury by Justice Dodge of Myrtle Point on the charge of grand larceny. This is the case on which P. L. Burr of the firm of Willett & Burr, contractors building the Smith-Powers line, was sought on a warrant charging grand larceny. John Hall (or Walls) was the complaining witness. John D. Goss who returned from Myrtle Point today noon stated that the affair was an outrage. He declared that Walls or Hall had contracted to do certain work and had placed his tents, etc., on a tract near the right of way, leased by Willett & Burr. Hall, he said, is an I. W. W., and did not attend to his work. He left his camp vacant and representatives of the company simply moved the stuff away and stored it in a barn. Hall never made any demand on them for the property but got a couple of attorneys to start criminal proceedings. He says the case will never come to trial. The affair has caused quite a stir around Myrtle Point.

ROCKEFELLER BREAKS DOWN

Aged Standard Oil Magnate Unable to Testify Long in Money Probe.

JEKYLL ISLAND, Feb. 7.—After an examination of scarcely twelve minutes by Samuel Untermyer, the counsel for the Pujo committee, William Rockefeller, the aged Standard Oil magnate, this afternoon showed signs of laryngeal spasms and indications of an approaching nervous collapse. It was insisted by his physicians that the examination be discontinued.

PAID POLICE FOR SAFETY

New York Gambler Tells Investigation Committee of Extortion of Graft.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—James Purcell, for several years a gambler in New York, unfolded today to the aldermanic committee investigating graft, a tale of paying for police protection during that time. He testified under oath and he gave the names, dates and places. He declared that he paid the police many thousands of dollars. The first protection money he paid was in 1897, he said. "I paid a policeman named Jerry Murphy \$10 not to disturb or raid a game I was running. The next was \$50 every two weeks when I was running a gambling house, \$50 for Police Captain Delaney and \$10 for Dick Cahill, a policeman, who collected it," he said.

BALKAN WAR ARMIES GIVE OUT CONFLICTING REPORTS

ROGERS WILL KEEP IN CASE

Chief Counsel for Clarence Darrow Refuses to Quit Trial Despite Danger.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—Disregarding the doctors' warnings to "quit the Darrow case or die," Earl Rogers, counsel for Darrow, will continue his work. Rogers was taken ill last week and Darrow assumed the direction of his own case. Consulting specialists last night decided that unless Rogers abandoned all work he would die or lose his reason. Rogers insists, however, on appearing in court.

BUCKET SHOP CASES ENDED

Eight Pay Fines Aggregating \$50,000 After Making Hard Legal Fight.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Eight men caught in the government's anti-bucket shop crusade in 1910, pleaded guilty of nole contumacia in the district supreme court here today and paid fines aggregating \$50,000. The defendants had appealed in vain to the supreme court of the United States and today's action ends all the bucket shop cases but one, Price & Co., which will be tried later this month.

TODAY IN CONGRESS

Routine Proceedings of National Legislators.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—In the senate, Senator Smith of Michigan introduced a resolution calling on the president for the reasons of American interference in the Nicaraguan revolution.

The Inter-oceanic canal committee deferred action on the Root Panama canal amendment until next week.

Senators Oliver, LaFollette, Root, Smoot and Cummins were appointed a legislative steering committee.

The conferees of the senate and house considered the Lever and Page bills for agricultural and vocational school extension with a view to forming a compromise measure.

The house resumed the debate of the agricultural appropriation bill. Alaskan affairs was the subject of a hearing before the territories committee.

BEACH NOT GUILTY

Millionaire Broker Goes Free in North Carolina.

AIKEN, N. C., Feb. 7.—Millionaire Beach was found not guilty of assaulting his wife with intent to kill. The jury was out one hour and forty-five minutes.

NEW OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

Annual Meeting of Marshfield Chamber of Commerce Will Be Held Tonight.

The annual meeting of the Marshfield chamber of commerce will be held this evening and officers will be elected for the ensuing year. The Mill Slough matter will be discussed and plans made for the reception of the Adeline Smith next week. The report of the committee sent to Washington on the jetty and bar matter will also probably come up for discussion. Plans for the coming year's campaign will also be discussed and it is expected that arrangements will be made for a vigorous boosting campaign. It is expected that D. C. Green will be re-elected president. Valentines at Coos Bay Cash Store. Prices, one-half cent up.

True Developments in Struggle With Turks Very Difficult to Obtain.

ONE DENIES CLAIMS MADE BY THE OTHER

Bombardment of Adrianople Continues—Bulgarians Claim Small Victory.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—War reports thus far received are viewed with considerable skepticism since it is well understood that they merely reflect the views which the respective army headquarters desire to spread. Yesterday's report from Constantinople of the losses inflicted by the Turkish fleet on the Bulgarian army advancing through the peninsula of Gallipoli was declared today by the Bulgarian war office at Sofia to be unfounded. The Bulgarian staff asserts also that the Ottoman force which attempted yesterday to advance from Tehtalja in the direction of Izodlu was quickly repulsed by the Bulgarian troops, after suffering a heavy loss. The bombardment of Adrianople continues without any appreciable advantage to either side.

CLAIM OF ROUMANIA

Urges Bulgaria to Settle Question Soon.

BUCHAREST, Feb. 7.—The Roumanian government has instructed its minister to Bulgaria to arrange a resumption of the negotiations between the two countries in regard to Roumania's territorial claims. The Roumanian minister will urge on Bulgaria the necessity of bringing the matter to a speedy conclusion. The Roumanian claim is to a strip of territory which will extend her coast line on the Black sea.

NORTH BEND TO RAISE LICENSE

Will Increase Saloons from \$500 to \$1000 Per Year—Work Ordered.

The North Bend city council at a meeting yesterday afternoon instructed City Attorney Mullin there to draft an ordinance increasing the saloon licenses from \$500 to \$1000 per year. The number of saloons there will be limited to six; the same number as are being conducted now. The saloon ordinance provides that the number of saloons cannot be increased until the population increases sufficiently so that the ratio is not more than one saloon to each 500 people.

The council is also planning to enact an ordinance prohibiting any one entering or being in saloons more than thirty minutes after closing hour at midnight, until the opening hour the next day, and also prohibiting anyone entering saloons on holidays on which they are required to close.

Engage Engineer

The North Bend council yesterday also closed a contract with Mr. Richardson of the engineering firm of Stannard & Richardson of Portland to make a survey of all of North Bend south of the north line of Virginia street, the thoroughfare between the old Myers building and the First National bank, and between Pony Inlet and the Bay. He is to establish grades, prepare maps and profiles and get all data necessary for street grading and putting in sewers. He is to be allowed \$1,000 for the work, the maps and profiles and engineering data to be turned over in good form to the city of North Bend on the completion of the work. The plan is to make a model town and have things so that the improvements although done piece by piece will connect up properly. He started in work today, having brought assistants with him.

Contour Big Hill

The reason that the whole town was not included was to give the property owners on the Sherman avenue hill and that vicinity an opportunity to have it contoured. It can be made much more attractive and the work can be done much more cheaply by the contour plan. However, it will have to be done by the cooperation of the property owners as if the city did it, the condemnation costs would make it prohibitive. Engineer Richardson said that in order to do it right, a topographical map would have to be prepared and this and the preliminary engineering might cost \$2,000 or so. Mr. Richardson has been on the Bay a couple of times before, having made a report on the water supply around the Bay.