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Vote To Leave Land Off Tax Rolls

A conference including delegates from all of the principal land grant counties except Jackson met at Eugene the first of this week to take up the matter of the taxation of the grant lands.

After the attorney general of Oregon had insisted that the act of June 9, 1916, revests title of the Oregon and California grant lands in the general government, thereby making it public lands and not subject to taxation, and he had declined to consider any of the factors leading to the enactment of the law, standing only on the text of the law, and after a member of the state tax commission had reiterated the advice of the commission that these lands be not put on the tax rolls, the conference adopted a resolution that it be the sense of the meeting that the lands be omitted from the tax rolls this year. The veto was eight to one, the negative vote being cast by T. J. Thrift, assessor of Coos county, who stated that he had extended the O. & C. lands on the tax roll before he had received the letter from the tax commission, and that he intended to leave the lands on the roll until the board of equalization had met. If they saw fit to remove them, he could do so easily.

In addition to this action, the conference authorized the president, Judge James Watson of Coos county, to appoint a committee of eighteen—one from each of the grant land counties—to take such steps as they deem necessary in order to protect the interests of the counties and to test the validity of the action of congress in revesting title to the lands in the federal government.

Formation of the permanent organization of the grant land counties was advocated by Attorney General Brown, but his suggestion was not that the validity of the act be questioned, but he urged that the counties use their influence to have the terms of the act carried out as speedily as possible and the lands sold by the government and returned to the tax rolls.

Portland Man Says "Nothing Like It"

G. F. Nickerson of Portland, who with his family camped in the auto camp ground this week, says it beats anything along the line. He has traveled extensively by automobile over the northwest and grew very enthusiastic over the accommodations here. Said he: "This camp ground is being talked about all along the line—more in other places than here. I have certainly seen nothing like it. There are a few other camp grounds along the line, but they do not compare with this one. The people don't realize what they have here. Why, two crowds from San Diego and Santa Rosa just raved over the grounds. Three machines from Crater Lake came up here to stay instead of stopping at Medford. Out of eighteen machines which came in last night (Monday), eleven went to the garages for some sort of repairs or supplies. This is a big thing for the garage men, and probably the grocers come next with the largest direct benefit. Not a single place in Oregon, Washington, Idaho or British Columbia where they have anything like this even when you eliminate all your mineral waters—positively nothing like it. This is certainly the most ideal thing I ever saw."

Mr. Nickerson is connected with the Automobile Club of Portland and is going to write up a report of the roads and parks along his trip for this organization.

Start Crushing Siskiyou Rock

Harry Hildebrun, Roseburg contractor who has charge of the rock-crushing contract on the summit of the Siskiyou mountains to furnish crushed rock for the Pacific Highway over the mountain, commenced operations Monday and is crushing about 150 yards per day. About fifteen men are at work. The state is hauling and placing the crushed rock and gravel under the direction of Engineer T. M. Davis.

Tidings "For Sale" ads are active little real estate salesmen.

CONCERT TONIGHT.

Because of the fact that the Ashland band leaves tomorrow for Chetco Cove and will not play the next Sunday concert, their place being taken on that day by the Dunsmuir band, a concert will be given at 8 o'clock this evening in Lithia park. An exceptional program is promised.

Auto Campers Still Coming

The following named persons, numbering about 170, registered at the kitchen in the auto camp ground during the period from late in the afternoon on August 22 to 5 p. m. on the 29th—seven days. This is at about the same rate as the previous week—an average of from 20 to 25 per day. Besides these, many come in and camp who do not register at all:

- Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hampton, Portland.
- Arthur Hippler, T. B. Davidson and Hattie Davidson, all of Yreka.
- Elton Schroeder and Laura Schroeder, Myrtle Point.
- Dora Berry, Medford.
- Alta Berry, Fort Klamath.
- Henry A. Schroeder, Myrtle Point.
- W. C. Ezell and family, Klamath Falls.
- C. L. Harvey, Lester Harding and Carl Sebler, all of Glendale, Ore.
- N. J. Malville, San Francisco.
- C. E. Pratt and wife, Peter Dewall and wife, and Mrs. R. A. Pratt, all of Albany, Ore.
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coretts, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tollenair and Margaret Tollenair, all of Spokane.
- Mr. and Mrs. R. Porter, Roseville, Cal.
- L. L. Whitman and wife, Pasadena, Cal.
- Ed and Albert Conley, Miss Grace Conley, Mrs. Ollie Conley and Louise Bloss, all of Eagle Point.
- Mrs. George F. Simeral and George F. Simeral, Pixley, Cal.
- Mrs. O. K. Kunenber, Jack Kunenber, George Kunenber, Mrs. Guy Dipple and Edyth Dipple, all of Bandon, Ore.
- Mrs. I. A. McIntosh, Allinas, Cal.
- Mrs. C. C. McClendin and Mrs. S. W. McClendin, Gold Hill, Ore.
- Charles Magell, Oagland, Cal.
- Mrs. Charles Magell, Reno, Nev.
- Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Martin and Robert and Maxine Martin of Little Shasta, Cal.
- Mrs. J. T. Long and Bruce Long, Montague, Cal.
- Mrs. Clara Johnson, John Johnson, Yreka, Cal.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pratt, Mill City, Ore.
- Mr. and Mrs. Peter DeWall, Albany, Ore.
- Mrs. R. A. Pratt, Mill City, Ore.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Boles and son, Central Point, Ore.
- Ethel Rice, Portland, Ore.
- Mrs. Wesledes and family, Glendale, Ore.
- O. R. Ostrander and family, Twin Falls, Idaho.
- J. F. Orr and wife, Sebastopol, Cal.
- Charles G. Turner and family, Portland.
- Carl A. Davis and family, Boise, Idaho.
- Sidney Terser, Mrs. Sidney Terser, William Terser and Julius Cohen, all of Portland.
- A. J. Harleson and wife and E. C. Harleson, Orland.
- Mrs. J. D. Stinebaugh, Mrs. J. H.

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U. S. Recruiting Officer In City

Sergeant E. L. French, of the Eugene recruiting station of the U. S. regular army, was in the city Monday making arrangements with Postmaster Kaiser regarding the recruiting of men for the army.

Through arrangements being perfected by the recruiting officers any young man of this valley who wishes to enlist can file his intention with Postmaster Kaiser at the local post-office. A man will come from the recruiting station and give an examination to the would-be recruit. If the recruit passes it he is given transportation to the post to which he is assigned.

The Tidings is on sale at Poley's drug store, 17 East Main street.

Railroad Strike of Tremendous Proportions May Start Monday

Strike orders have been sent out to the engineers, firemen, brakemen, conductors, switchmen and all members of the four brotherhoods, instructing a strike on Monday, September 4, providing some agreement is not reached by that time.

The Southern Pacific Company has issued a statement to the effect that all passengers who are on the road on September 4 may be subject to delay, and has issued a statement to the effect that the company will refuse all perishable freight which will not reach its destination by September 2, and accept non-perishable freight only subject to indefinite delay.

President Wilson has prepared a bill which is before congress today which it is thought will avert the strike if passed.

Effects. The strike, should it go into effect, will tie up the industries of the country.

Great loss in perishable crops will be sustained.

The Rogue River valley fruit crop would not suffer heavily, as there are sufficient cold storage facilities to stand off the loss for two or three weeks at least.

Food prices would no doubt go up and a food shortage might result.

Hundreds of automobiles would be impressed into passenger service, and trucks used where practicable for freight hauls. A gasoline shortage would occur in the valley.

The local railroad men believe that the strike would last no more than forty-eight hours if it does go into effect, but have a variety of opinions on how it would be settled.

Strike Order.

The full text of the strike order which was issued to the railroad employees, to take effect Labor day, September 4, unless it is canceled by a satisfactory settlement, is brief. It is addressed to all members of the four brotherhoods (Locomotive En-

gineers, Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Railroad Trainmen, and Order of Railway Conductors), and is signed by the various general chairmen. It follows:

"Sirs and Brothers. This is to advise you that the vote of the employees in train and engine service on the eight-hour day and time and one-half overtime proposition was overwhelmingly in favor of a strike.

"Notwithstanding this, your representatives have been unable to effect a satisfactory settlement and a strike under the laws of the respective organizations becomes effective on September 4, 1916, at 7 a. m.

"Impart this information to those interested will understand that they are to promptly obey."

On a separate sheet the duties of members and officers in the conduct of the strike are set forth. Particular emphasis is placed on conducting the proposed strike as peacefully as possible. Among the duties of members set forth are these:

"No man in road service involved in the strike will perform any service after the hour set to strike, unless he has already begun a trip and has actually left the terminal. If the train has left the terminal he will complete the trip and deliver the engine and train at the end of the run, or tie up point if tied up under the law, after which he will perform no further service until the close of the strike. Men in other than road service will leave the service at the appointed time.

"So far as your legal right to strike is concerned, there is no difference between a mail train and a freight train.

"All men on strike will keep away from the company's property, except such men as are designated certain duties to be performed by the authority of the organization.

"Every man should understand that the laws of the land must be obeyed. Acts of violence of any nature will not be tolerated by the organizations."

Ashland Boy's Bat Beats Klamath Team

The sensational hitting of Kenneth Lilly, former Ashland high school star, now making his home at Weed, defeated Klamath Falls last Sunday in that city in a game which is said to have caused about \$6,000 to change hands and which upset all previous dope. Lilly performed like a big leaguer in the field, making several sensational catches, and got four hits out of five times at bat. One home run with three men on bases, one three bagger with one man ahead, and two singles with men on bases were included in his contribution. Klamath Falls defeated Weed a week ago last Sunday in a 14 to 3 score, and the defeat of Lyle Bigsbee in the return game was exceedingly costly to the Falls backers. The Klamath Falls Herald intimates that the general feeling among the fans is that Bigsbee "sold" the game, but those who know Lilly's batting of old attribute Bigsbee's fall to a "good day" for the former Ashlander's batting eye. Lilly will be a sophomore at Stanford this year and is conceded an excellent chance of making the varsity baseball team. It is understood that he has received offers from several coast league teams.

Eastern Star Picnic Largest

The Eastern Star eclipsed all the other picnics of the summer with the immense affair fostered by that lodge and held in Lithia park yesterday evening. Over two hundred and fifty lodge members, including probably 175 from out of the city, gathered at the picnic grounds and enjoyed a picnic dinner par excellence with coffee and watermelon served by the local lodge ladies. Rev. P. K. Hammond delivered a brief address of welcome which was responded to by Rev. C. W. Baker of Grants Pass. Miss Williams of Jacksonville gave a very well appreciated reading. The affair was a most successful reunion of old friends from throughout the valley and a revelry of "getting acquainted" combined. The list of names of those in attendance will appear in Monday's issue of the Tidings.

Fine Musical At Talent Next Week

Talent folks are much interested in a musical program to be given on Thursday evening, September 7, in Talent. On this occasion Mrs. H. T. Elmore of Ashland, a soprano who has recently come to the valley, will make her first public appearance. W. Carlton Jones, violinist of Medford, who is so well known and highly appreciated, will play alone and with Miss Alice Vanderslus, who will play for the last time this season before leaving for Eugene for the year at University of Oregon. A quartet of singers from Medford and George Anderson will also sing, making altogether the most notable musical program ever given in Talent.

This program is given by the Talent Choral Society under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Fuller and will greatly aid in arousing an interest in musical matters.

A full program will appear in next issue.

Rebekahs Dance After Park Picnic

Every town in the valley was represented at the picnic and dance given by the Rebekahs last Tuesday evening. Delegations from Grants Pass, Rogue River, Gold Hill, Central Point, Medford, Phoenix, Talent and Ashland were present. Varying from the usual order of the picnics which have been given this year, the Rebekahs met at 6 o'clock in the evening at the Lithia park picnic grounds and gathered around tables loaded down with good things. A jolly time resulted at the picnic grounds until about 8 o'clock, when the entire assemblage adjourned to I. O. O. F. hall, where an evening of dancing was enjoyed. The picnic was one of the most successful of those held this season, about one hundred and fifty being in attendance.

Mrs. C. F. Olson, Marmie Olson, Edith Olson and Mary Bebb, all of Medford, spent the day in Ashland and had a picnic dinner in Lithia park today.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

STRIKE?

The local Southern Pacific Railroad Company office has been notified that all passengers who can not reach their destination by Sunday night, September 3, may be subject to delay. No indication of the reason for the announcement has been given out, but the impending possibility of a strike is generally supposed to be the cause.

Lake States Picnic In Lithia Park

Last Monday afternoon the valley people from the three lake states of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin had their picnic dinner, program and a general good time in Lithia park.

The total registration as members of the association numbered about 115. From \$0 to 100 were present in the park to partake of the refreshments and festivities.

The officers of the association are H. F. Pohland, president; Mrs. O. G. Howard, vice-president; H. O. Frohbach, secretary; Mrs. J. R. Moxedon, treasurer; J. H. Doran, C. A. Banta and F. R. Merrill, trustees, representing Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan respectively.

About 2 o'clock President Pohland called the meeting to order and acted as toastmaster. H. O. Frohbach spoke for Wisconsin, J. H. Doran for Minnesota and H. G. Gilmore for Michigan.

Remarks were also made by Mrs. E. C. Gard and O. L. Young. Following these felicitations everybody joined in talking over old times and various past experiences.

The names on the register are as follows:

- Michigan: Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Merrill, H. G. Gilmore, Mrs. L. W. Rogers, M. J. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gorham, Rev. B. Franks and family, and Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Watkins.

Minnesota

- W. M. Victor and B. Nell Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Banta, Mr. and Mrs. B. Walcott, James H., Ger-L., Vernon, Fannie, Alice, T. F., Amy, Mason and Alma Doran, Mrs. Wm. Hardy, L. A., Hazel and Lloyd Crowson, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moxedon, Donald, Helen, Frank and Janet Walker, Ada T. Jensen, F. E. and Winifred Watson, H. S. and Mrs. Grace Palmerlee, E. D. Briggs, Mrs. H. O. Butterfield, Mrs. Ada M. Judson, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Wilson, W. N. Cole and family, Carol Lee Van Nuys, Mrs. C. Prescott, Harold H. Millican, Miss Elsie Cole, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Leavitt, Alice, Amy and Rosa Leavitt, H. O. Butterfield, Mrs. E. C. Gard and family, H. F. Pohland and family, O. L. Young and Nels Thompson.

Wisconsin

- Mrs. D. P. Blue, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Howard, Caroline Schuermer, Carrie R. Minkler, W. W., Bessie D., Maria, George W., Constance and John Caldwell, Mrs. Lulu Howard, H. O. Frohbach, E. Lucile and Mabel Frohbach, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Walker, Mrs. Eugenia Atkinson, Mrs. Jessie Rondeau, Mrs. G. C. Murphy and family, Mrs. Helen Shaver, Mrs. Byron Shaw, Mrs. Denmore, Mrs. J. R. Wick, Sarah R. Fox, Susie L. Allen, F. E. Wilson and family, Mrs. Harold H. Millican, John Laueremann, J. M. Denmore, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. McWilliams, E. M. Stannard and D. L. Minkler.

Chemicals Put Out Blazing Automobile

The fire truck was called out to the neighborhood of the White House grocery last Saturday evening about 10 o'clock to extinguish a blazing automobile.

The car, which is the property of George Barron, was not badly damaged, the electric wiring being burned a little. The blaze was extinguished with the chemicals. The fire alarm system has not been working well lately, the firemen being called together by the truck siren, if they happen to hear it.

Commercial Club Meeting.

The members of the Commercial Club will meet in their rooms Monday evening, September 4, at 8 p. m. All men interested in the progress of Ashland are invited.

Ex-Councilman Cunningham Dead

Cushman Cunningham, one of the best known and revered of the public-spirited men of Ashland, passed away at his home on Alta avenue Sunday morning, following a sudden attack of blood poisoning. On Saturday afternoon he was in his usual good health and was out in the yard directing a man who was pruning some fruit trees. He ran a silver into his finger, went down town and had it removed, but in some manner infection set in and he died Sunday morning.

For eight years prior to January 1 Mr. Cunningham was a member of the city council of Ashland, most of the time president of the council and chairman of the finance committee. He gave unstintingly of his time to city work and was regarded as an authority on city finances. According to Recorder Gillette, Mr. Cunningham kept a notebook regarding the finances of the city which would make very interesting reading, and was an absolute record of the finances of the city. Every problem relating to finances in the city received careful study from every angle by Mr. Cunningham, and his opinions were of much weight in matters financial.

Mr. Cunningham was 84 years, 3 months and 16 days of age. He was born in Worcester, Ohio, but came to southern Oregon from Leavenworth, Kan., in 1885. He lived on a ranch at Port Klamath for a number of years, but fourteen years ago sold his ranch and moved to Ashland.

He is survived by his wife, who is in very poor health, three sons and two daughters. A son, John, is deceased. Allen A. resides in Portland and is here for the funeral, as are also Burton L. of Palo Alto and Mrs. H. T. Chitwood of Klamath Falls. Howard C. lives in southern California and Mrs. Ellen Dalrymple at Portland.

The funeral was held this afternoon from the Episcopal church, Rev. P. K. Hammond, assisted by Rev. Carnahan, officiating. Interment in Hargadine cemetery.

Says Dry Law Effective Here

Portland Oregonian: Prohibition is really prohibiting even in the counties of Southwest Oregon that border on wet California, according to the testimony of Mrs. Jennie M. Kemp, state president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, who spoke to the Union Dry committee at its Sunday afternoon meeting in the Central library yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Kemp told concertly of conditions in the parts of Curry, Jackson and Klamath counties that she visited.

"Crescent City, Cal., just below the Curry county line, and Dorris, Cal., below the Klamath line, are to a limited degree doing for their respective territories what Hornbrook, Cal., is doing, but I believe that much less in liquor is being brought across in autos than commonly is supposed," said Mrs. Kemp.

"At Port Orford I was told there would be a flood of liquor at the Agate carnival, and so I tried to aid as far as I could in the enforcement of the law there; but few arrests were made for drunkenness after all. Similarly I heard in Coos county that shiploads of liquor were to come in for the Marshfield celebration, but as last night's paper said only one arrest had been made for drunkenness. There appears to have been little intoxication at the Ashland Round-up also, although rumors said there would be plenty of liquor there.

"The marshal of Merrill, Klamath county, which is two miles from the California line, and accordingly quite susceptible to the Dorris influences, told me he had made but one arrest for drunkenness since January 1, and you don't know how different that is from the old days," he said.

"A woman who has lived in Jackson county for 25 years told me one would scarcely know Medford because of the transformation."

Mrs. Kemp, since July 27, has visited seven Oregon counties and two in California, and has filled 29 appointments. She complained of lack of information in Southwest Oregon on the dry amendment and the brewers' dryment, and urged the Union Dry committee not to fall in a campaign of publicity through local papers.