

ALL WONDER; NONE KNOWS

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land grant is shown by the fact that Acting Commissioner Eberlein a year ago announced in an official circular that the lands would be placed on the market during the year 1905. It was understood the sale would begin last spring, when a demand for cheap lands was expected from homeseekers who would take advantage of the low railroad rate from the middle west. Only one more month of the year remains, and the sale is to all appearances indefinitely remote. In his circular, Commissioner Eberlein enlarged upon the productiveness and value of the lands, the beauty of the region in which the grant lies, and emphasized the statement that the Southern Pacific company "desires settlers for these lands and proposes to make most advantageous terms to actual settlers."

To Enforce Statute Provisions.
It was the intention of the company to advance the price under the new classification of the lands, and prospective purchasers have been led to believe that the old prices would be nearly doubled. But recently there has appeared a disposition among a few purchasers to enforce compliance with the provisions of the statute providing that the company shall not charge more than \$2.50 per acre for the lands, and shall sell only to actual settlers, and in quantities not exceeding 160 acres. This law has been violated frequently for years by the company. Timber companies and syndicates have purchased tracts of hundreds of thousands of acres. The Booth-Kelly company bought in one tract 800,000 acres and C. A. Smith, Krebs and others purchased large bodies of the timber lands. The price, while not what the timber was worth, were far in excess of the government limitation.

Used Law Sometimes.
While the Southern Pacific company ignored the law in respect to quantity and price of lands, and character of purchasers, it is known that the statute was resorted to by the company less than a year ago to compel the Booth-Kelly company to pay over about \$175,000 in excess of the contract price of timber purchased some years ago by that company. Threat was made that unless the additional sum were paid the statute limiting quantity would be applied to and the contract of sale canceled. As the timber was in the first place worth a great deal more than the company contracted to pay and since that time had advanced several dollars an acre in price, the Booth-Kelly concern yielded. It is reported that more than \$500,000 was turned into the railroad company's treasury as a result of the year's work of the special force of examiners and legal intent employed by Mr. Eberlein to enforce subsequent contracts and complicated titles.

Settled Contested Cases.
In the case of J. D. Eaton, purchaser of lands from the Southern Pacific company in Clarke county, Washington, suit was brought by the company to recover possession of the land on the ground that payments and taxes were delinquent. Eaton pleaded, in part, that the contract of sale was illegal and that under the statute relating to the grant the company should be restricted to the price of \$2.50 per acre.

Ex-Judge Miller sitting on the superior court bench at Vancouver, tried the case, but did not pass on it, as the matter was settled out of court. Asked concerning it, the judge said yesterday:
"The point relating to the statutory price of the lands in the grant was raised by Eaton. It has never been passed upon, as the company settled the case before it came to a decision."

Some Other Cases.
W. C. Bristol, who assisted for the company in the Eaton case, was asked concerning the settlement. He admitted that the point referred to was set up by Eaton as a ground for nonpayment of his installments under the contract.

"Did Eaton offer the company the statutory price, \$2.50 per acre, as a basis of settlement?"
"He did, and I refused it," replied Mr. Bristol.

A parallel case, in which the company claims payments from L. C. Harper of Clarke county, is now in the hands of Judge Miller, counsel for Harper.

"I am not at liberty to talk about this case, as it has not yet got into court, and may be settled," said Judge Miller.

May Be Waiting a Rise.
A variety of reasons have been advanced to account for the withdrawal and continued suspension of the lands. It has been said that as a result of the exposition and consequent immigration the value of western Oregon lands is steadily advancing and the company is profiting by the settlement of the lands adjoining its own. Reasons relating to taxation also are advanced. The land grant is owned by the German bondholders of the Oregon & California Railroad company, while the railroad is under 27 years' lease to the Southern Pacific company, the leasing contract providing that the Harriman company shall pay taxes on the railroad, while the German bondholders shall pay the taxes on the lands. It is said the lands furnish a convenient object for taxation whenever county commissioners propose to advance taxes on railroad property. The average assessed valuation against the land grant in Oregon has advanced from 70 cents per acre to \$1.73 per acre in the last 10 or 15 years.

Would Start With 'Clean Slate.'
Among the reasons suggested for

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postponement of sale of the lands the one most generally advanced is that the company desires no transactions, and no agitation, until the statute of limitations has run against all deals made by the old regime in the land department. It is said if everything in the past can be outlawed and the sale start in with a clean state, the company may place whatever prices it wishes on the lands and proceed with the sale with entire safety, depending upon precedent to bear it out in the policy of ignoring the statute that restricts price and quantity of lands sold.

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snow in the evening and snow fell during the night. There was also a light fall of snow last night. There is a total precipitation of 1.21 inches and a snow fall in Ashland of about three inches. Eight inches of snow fell at Astoria. The temperature dropped to 27 degrees last night, and to 15 degrees at the same hour at Klamath Falls.

The storm, which has been severe, is not over here yet. This is the first snow in Ashland this season, and it clung to the trees, which old-timers say is a sure sign of a big fruit crop. Miners are happy at the chance to resume placer work.

BIG FLAKES MELT.
Fringe of White Lines Lower Columbia and Slight Fall Strikes City.

Although the cold snap did not become so severe at Portland as was expected, the first snow of the season began to fall at an early hour this morning. It came down in big flakes, but melted soon after touching the earth. Rain mixed with snow is expected tonight and tomorrow by the weather bureau.

A FUEL FAMINE.
Snow Throughout Palouse—No Coal or Wood at Pullman.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pullman, Wash., Nov. 28.—The Palouse country is completely covered with snow, varying from three to six inches in depth. The storm began with rain, which turned to snow. The weather has turned cold and it is freezing hard. The roads are in a bad condition and travel by team is suspended. Pullman is suffering from a coal and wood famine, and unless fuel is secured within a few days actual suffering will ensue. Many families are without fuel. Railroaders claim they cannot get cars. Urgent telegrams to officials, insisting that something be done to prevent suffering, have been sent by Pullman citizens.

SNOW AT DALLES.
Heavy Storm—Raging on Klickitat Hills and Mountains.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
The Dalles, Or., Nov. 28.—The first heavy snow of the season fell in the surrounding hills last night. It began snowing in town this morning, melting as it fell. The weather is moderate. There is a heavy storm on the Klickitat hills and mountains west of here.

First Snow at Elgin.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Elgin, Or., Nov. 28.—The first snowfall of the season to amount to anything fell in this section Sunday and Sunday night. Along the river and in the valley the fall was not very heavy but the surrounding mountains was covered with about 12 inches to 18 inches. Lumbermen are very jubilant as it makes logging operations much better.

Four Inches at Condon.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Condon, Or., Nov. 28.—Four inches of snow have fallen in this vicinity during the past 48 hours. The weather is mild now and improves crop conditions.

O. R. & N. TO INSTALL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., Nov. 28.—The O. R. & N. company announces that in order to doubly safeguard traffic on its line a system of telephones will be established all over the system in connection with the telegraphic communication.

HEARST GETS RECOUNT OF NEW YORK BALLOTS

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Nov. 28.—The application made by William H. Hearst to open final ballot boxes and recount the votes in them, cast during the recent mayoralty election in this city, has been granted by the supreme court. It was expected that the boxes would be opened tomorrow, but today in view of the fact that an appeal may be taken from Justice Amend's decision, and the delay that will be occasioned in the selection of a judge to preside at the recount if he is not thought the boxes will be opened before a week from next Wednesday.

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ROYAL VISITORS ARE WELCOMED TO LAHORE

(Journal Special Service.)
Lahore, Nov. 28.—The Prince and Princess of Wales reached Lahore today and were accorded an enthusiastic reception by an immense crowd. The city is filled with visitors from all parts of the Punjab and the town and people alike are bedecked in the gayest holiday attire. The principal military and civil officers of the district met the party at the railway station and escorted them to a canopied platform, where a civic address of welcome was presented to the prince.

MAXINE ELLIOTT'S COUPE KNOCKS DOWN A MAN

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Nov. 28.—Miss Maxine Elliott's electric coupe, driven by Maurice Gebhardt, her driver, knocked over William Mack of 227 West Sixty-eighth street Saturday night at 10 o'clock at Broadway and Sixty-seventh street, in front of the Hotel Antoinette. Mack got confused dodging a trolley car and ran directly in front of the coupe.

MARSHALL FIELD, JR., CROSSES GREAT DIVIDE

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, Nov. 28.—Marshall Field, Jr., who was accidentally shot on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 22, died at 5 o'clock last night at Mercy hospital. Immediately upon being notified of Mr. Field's death the coroner made preparations for an inquest. A jury was empaneled and sworn at the hearing then adjourned until next Friday afternoon. Mr. Field was the only son of multi-millionaire Marshall Field of Chicago.

EUGENE PLANNING TO ESTABLISH Y. M. C. A.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., Nov. 28.—Prospects are now bright for the establishment of a Y. M. C. A. in Eugene in addition to the association of the University of Oregon. The matter has been talked of for a long time and it is now beginning to assume definite shape. Samuel Roove, Rev. J. S. McClintock and H. W. Hall have been appointed a committee on preliminary arrangements looking to organization. They have called a mass meeting to be held at the M. E. church next Sunday at 2:30 p. m., at which time the matter will be thoroughly discussed.

Digging New Sewer System.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Grants Pass, Or., Nov. 28.—The double key engines and drilling machines that will excavate the deep ditches for the additional sewer system in this city, have arrived and a crew will begin work this week. Though Grants Pass has a very good sewerage system, the rapid growth of the city has made additional mains and laterals necessary, and \$19,000 will be expended for this purpose this winter.

Exchanged Piano Sale Begins December 1
We have selected about 30 Pianos out of 50 instruments taken in exchange during the last few months.
Every instrument is of standard make. The cases have been refinished and the Pianos carefully tuned.
These 30 Pianos represent the instruments chosen from over 50. They were chosen because they were absolutely all right except for being scratched and out of tune.
Many of these instruments are better than new. Any Piano is better for having been used judiciously.
They will sell for from \$100 up to \$250.
Every Piano offered is easily worth twice the price asked for it.
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PENDLETON GIRL HAS EYE TO MAIN CHANCE

There is a girl in Pendleton whose money she is easily plucking to Treasurer Ben Bell of the Jewish relief committee. She has written the latter, in which she explains that she is a warm sympathizer with the Russian cause, then explains that Pendleton people are about to hold a church fair to raise funds to paint the interior of the chapel and expresses the hope that Mr. Bell will contribute liberally to the event. After an appeal so delicately worded there was, of course, but one thing for the merchant to do. He sent a check and asked his correspondent to advise him when they got ready to paint the exterior and he would help out again.

Contributions are still coming in with each mail. Walter Markay, a newcomer to Portland, presented \$20 today, as did J. Bernsten & Sons of Salem. O. H. Anderson contributed \$5. Yesterday's donations included the "Yallou" Allen & King, \$20; Solomon & Dunaway, \$10; George Williams, \$9.50; Ira S. Smith, Marston, \$10; Judge Olat Anderson, Astoria, \$5; A. Friend, Astoria, \$2.50; W. Hildebrand, Astoria, \$10; J. W. Babble, \$2.50; George Lindstrom, Astoria, \$2; Henry Heinonen, Astoria, \$1; C. J. Tronholm, Astoria, \$2.50; H. M. Lorstam, Astoria, \$5; A. Friend, Astoria, \$2; McAllen & McDonald, \$10.