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Federal Appellate Court to Decide Lumber Rates Next May.

The Portland Country Club Withdraws From North Pacific Racing Association and Will Hold Meet in September.

Quarter Million Loss Result of Conflagrations in Quaker City.

Notorious Place Is Attached on Account of Firm That Furnished Furniture.

Girl Dresses in Male Attire and Swims River to Reach Patient.

Eastern Oregon Cattle King Declares Burkett Bill Plays Into Hands of Selfish Interests - Would Stunt Development and Kill Railroad Building.

William Hanley, the leader of Oregon's big cattlemen, has come out strongly against the Burkett bill providing for the leasing of government lands for grazing.

Mr. Hanley in an interview this morning declared that the leasing of government lands for 10 years would be playing into the hands of selfish interests, and would work a great harm to the western states which are in need of settlers.

Coming as it does from the man popularly supposed to be the chief advocate of the bill in Oregon Mr. Hanley's statement will be of great importance in the hands of the cattlemen and the sheepmen.

Change in Ten Years. "I am against the leasing system," said Mr. Hanley in the Portland office this morning. "I am against leasing because I think the country is better used for its land than to use it for common stock grazing. I do not think the country can be developed with the land leased for 10 years for such a purpose. No man has the right to say what is good land and what is bad land at the end of 10 years the man who does say any land is bad or good will say that he was a fool. Ten years will change the aspect of any country. This is the common history of every development.

Applying this to central Oregon, there is no show today to settle Oregon or to put people into the country unless they can get hold of the title to the land. The trouble now is that the land is too tight and demand too much of the citizen in perfecting his title.

"There is not latitude enough from the standpoint of government to get people to come in and settle on the land. Instead of allowing the homesteader 160 acres he should have 240 and the better part of the products of his own energy would aggregate \$10 per acre in getting title to the land.

Homestead Law a Farce. "As for the base of sending a man to the country to live a certain number of months it is a farce on the rights of a citizen raising a demand too much of him to go into a desert region and serve a given time as a settler, taking his children away from school, living in a little shack, simply put up to fulfill the requirements of a narrow law.

"The Burkett bill is more important to Oregon than any other bill in the union, as Oregon probably has the largest amount of vacant land of any state. One third of its territory is that

up in forest reserves, and about one third is represented by vacant lands. Anyone taking up a map of Oregon and going over the central portion of the state will find that with road grants, vacant lands and stock monopolies of land, only about 10 or 15 per cent is now titled, all the rest being vacant.

The evil in leasing is that it gives the lessee of the property a title to the land for 10 years, and while the bill nominally preserves the right of the settler as the method of simply favoring the measure with popular sentiment, it is really plumb out of reason.

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"The question of land monopoly is a bugaboo later in the worst investing any one can get, excepting for an immediate turn. The holder of any large amount of land is always exposed to the possibility of the will of the common people, and this hoodoo about monopolizing land is simply locking the stable door after the horse is stolen, and Oregon is the victim."

Mr. Hanley explains his stand on the leasing question in the following expressive language: "I'm from the common herd myself. And when I see anything that is going to hurt these in the common bunch I throw in my lot with them. The leasing act would benefit a few selfish interests and set back this state a good many years. I am anxious to see the land developed and not turned over to the cattlemen or any other body of monopolists.

"The leasing of the land as proposed in the Burkett bill would seriously discourage the building of new railroads into central Oregon, for there could be no centers of industry and stock raising in large bodies for grazing purposes. Railroads would never be built, merely to handle the cattle and sheep."

TWO MASKED MEN HOLD UP FIVE OTHERS AND GET TOTAL OF \$6.15

Two masked men held up and robbed three men in the Seven Corners saloon, Twenty-first and Division streets, last Saturday night shortly after midnight.

The two patriots entered the saloon there were but three men in the place, the bartender, J. M. Frelinger, and two patrons. One of the men, known by the name of Kaiser, the other man's name is unknown to the police.

HITCHHIKING CHARGES
SOON TO BE TAKEN UP

Some time within the next two weeks, it is expected, a meeting of the grievance committee of the State Bar association will be called to take up the charges filed against J. H. Hitchhins, who is threatened with disbarment proceedings.

ARMY TO GET MORE MONEY THIS SESSION

Washington, Feb. 6.—The military appropriation bill carrying \$85,000,000 for the maintenance of the military establishment in 1909 will be reported in the house this week. This amount is \$7,000,000 greater than the amount for the same purpose granted at the last session.

STORM KING'S BREATH HAD ONION STRENGTH

The wind attained a velocity of 84 miles in Portland last night. At the mouth of the river it blew 72 miles an hour and stirred up a heavy sea.

STORY JUDGES TO MAKE SELECTIONS

This afternoon at 4 o'clock the committee of judges appointed by Governor Chamberlain to select the prize winning articles on Oregon in the Commercial club competition will meet and divide the various articles into three sections.

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RAGLAND CONVICTED FOR PULLING GUN

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—R. E. Ragland, former president of the defunct Citizens State bank, was found guilty this morning of exhibiting a deadly weapon.

REINS BURNED IN TWO BY LIVE WIRE

The reins by which a three-horse team was being driven to a furniture van of the Plock Transfer & Storage company, were burned in a live electric wire at Third and Taylor streets this afternoon, and the animals, becoming frightened, started to run away.

HAWKES IS ON TRIAL FOR HORSE STEALING

J. F. Hawkes, who is charged with several horse stealing offenses, is on trial before Judge Hawley in the circuit court for the theft of an animal worth \$200 from A. F. Bingham, North Yakima, on August 10, 1907.

OREGON MAN MAY BE NEW PUBLIC PRINTER

Washington, Feb. 6.—William B. Turner of Portland, printing clerk of the senate, is being considered as a candidate to succeed Public Printer Stillems, whose removal was forced by the disclosure of his graft in the government printing office.

ANIMATED DEBATE ON BAPTISM

Silverton, Or., Feb. 6.—Over 1,000 people assembled in the opera house last night and listened to an animated debate between champions of the Lutheran and Christian faiths on the question, "What is Baptism?"

La Grande Firm Bankrupt

Thamer F. Douglas and Conrad Niederer, doing business as a firm at La Grande, filed papers with the clerk of the United States district court this morning requesting that they be adjudged a bankrupt.

Unknown Kills Himself

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—An unidentified man was found this morning in Golden Gate park with a bullet hole in his head and his lips and face burned with carbolic acid.

SAY BROTHER HOLDS MOTHER PRISONER

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Fearful of Snowfall

It was claimed by the eastern delegation that should their dates be placed later in the season, the Portland association offers about \$40,000 in purses during this meet, the eastern Washington and Idaho fairs will have to look to other sources for their attractions.

WELLS-FARGO MAY CHARGE COUPLE WITH GRAFTING BIG SUM

New York, Feb. 6.—In the Tombs police court today Pinkerton detectives charged the couple with larceny of \$25,000.

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NO COMPLAINT ON ARRIVAL OF TRAINS

Every one around the passenger station was pleased today.

Contractors Face Suit

Younger & Son, contractors for the new city hall at St. Johns, are being sued by the city of St. Johns for \$100,000.

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