

# FULTON RESOLUTION IS HARBINGER OF DISASTER

Whole Valley in Arms to Protect Itself From Evil Resulting if Present Land Grant Measure Becomes Effective—Entire Grant May Be Reserved.

If the Hawley-Fulton resolution, which is urged in congress by the attorney-general, becomes effective it may result in largely increasing the government forest reserve in Oregon. Advice from Washington received by Portland men are to the effect that it is the plan of the interior department to withdraw from settlement all timber lands in the Oregon & California railroad grant should the proceedings now started end in the railroad company's forfeiture of the grant.

Such a disposition of these timber lands would thwart a very large number of men who have made homestead filings on railroad lands, as most of these people have placed their filings upon the best timber lands they could find within the grant limits. The withdrawal of the timber from homestead or timber filings would leave only the agricultural lands, and most of the filings made on railroad holdings would have to be done over again.

**World Class Titles.**  
The people of southern Oregon, where there is a very large area of unsold railroad lands, are naturally much agitated over the Hawley-Fulton resolution, which they say would place a cloud upon the titles of all lands that have been bought by bonafide purchasers from the railroad company since the grant was made.

A statement made in a Portland morning paper to the effect that the business interests of southern Oregon were not in sympathy with the stand taken by the Portland chamber of commerce against the resolution, is challenged by Jackson county men, who say they are unalterably opposed to attacking the titles of innocent purchasers, and believe the railroad company can be dispossessed of its unsold grant lands without involving the lands that have passed to private holders who bought them in good faith for lumber manufacturing, mining and agriculture.

Edgar Hafer, president of the Iowa

Box & Lumber company, at Medford, who is in Portland on business, said:

**Would Hasten Whole District.**  
"The writer of the statement in the morning paper has evidently taken a mistaken view of the actual sentiment of southern Oregon and the Willamette valley. The immediate effect of an attack on the titles to about 3,000,000 acres of privately owned lands in this grant is a blow that would have a disastrous effect on the people of western Oregon for years to come. There is nothing that creates such a feeling of unrest and distrust as the implied impairment of title. It immediately suggests in the minds of intending home-seekers or investors that possibly all titles in that particular section or even in the entire state are defective. The assumption is but natural.

"The effect of this feeling is first evidenced in an impairment of credit, a hesitancy to make any investments, and a general feeling of lack of stability is engendered which blights projects."

Mr. Hafer called attention to a statement in a recent issue of the Corvallis Times illustrating the point. The Times said:

"Owners of land bought of the O. & C. grant in Benton county are more or less aroused over what may be the effect of a resolution that has passed the senate and is now pending in the house, which proposes a forfeiture of the grant. There is no provision in the resolution which was introduced and passed through the senate by Senator Fulton for the protection of innocent purchasers of these lands.

"The landowners claim their titles would be clouded and their holdings be jeopardized if provisions have not been made in the Fulton resolution for an exception to be made as to them, in the forfeiture proceedings that congress will provide for in the courts. Many of them occupy lands that they bought 10, 15 or 20 years ago, and on which they have made important improvements. In many cases they have not only put the land under cultivation, but they built homes on them, making investments of hundreds and thousands of dollars.

"Though the railroad company acted in bad faith with the government in selling the lands, these purchasers in almost every case acted in perfectly good faith and should be protected. Any act of congress that would tend to cloud their title and prevent perfect freedom in the conduct of their affairs, would do infinite harm.

"A strong protest has been sent from southern Oregon against the Fulton resolution, requesting that it be changed so that innocent purchasers will be excepted from the litigation that will be ushered in by the passage of the resolution.

Eugene, Cottage, Grove, Roseburg, Grants Pass and other commercial bodies have wired and urged Representative Hawley to use his influence in their behalf. The prostration which would naturally follow from the tying up of the title of such a large and important section of Oregon could only result in throwing the state 10 years back pending the adjudication of their titles. Mr. Hafer said:

**Land Under Cultivation.**  
"The fertile valley of Rogue river contains large tracts of Oregon and California lands which have been sold and are now occupied or in process of development. There is not a more progressive or wide-awake section in the state than in the country surrounding Medford. Sentiment is expressed along

the same lines in the local papers. The Mail says:

"Senator Fulton's joint amendment concerning the grant of the Oregon & California railroad, if passed, without the insertion of a clause protecting innocent purchasers of railroad lands, will work a great hardship on many people of Oregon, and retard development work throughout the state. There have been many thousands of acres of railroad lands throughout the state purchased in good faith by actual settlers, and to annul the grant now would lead to endless litigation and consequent loss to people who are least able to stand it. Some of these have been sold and resold several times, so that it can be readily seen what a chain of complications would arise."

"I simply quote the following extracts from the papers to show how our people feel in this vital question. An injury to one is an injury to all."

The trade paralysis that would follow the beclouding of private titles would be very serious," said Mr. Hafer. "Medford and all towns in southern Oregon have expended thousands of dollars to invite immigration to our state. No state in the union needs settlers more than Oregon. Are we to undo all the effort and progress we have made by failing to ask the house committee to amend this resolution and protect our homes and interests? If they could only counsel to Oregon and we are they are they would not hesitate to help us."

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**Resolutions of Sympathy.**  
Last night the students of the Holmes Business college met and passed resolutions of sympathy upon the death of J. Claude Hankins, who died last week at the Good Samaritan hospital following an operation for appendicitis. A letter was sent to the parents of the young man, who reside at Tennesseep, Bighorn county, Wyoming. A floral tribute was also sent by the class.

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**Letters in Cowles Estate.**  
J. O. B. Scobey has applied for letters on the estate of Augustus B. Cowles, who died in Olympia on February 10. The property in this county consists of an account for \$1,830 in the Oregon Trust & Savings bank.

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# CHINESE WOMAN IS ORDERED SENT BACK

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Little Leong is wanted in Oakland on a charge of grand larceny. It is claimed that she robbed a wealthy Chinaman of \$700 in cash and valuable jewelry. The California authorities are anxious to take her back to stand trial, but will be unable to do so until the case is settled in Portland. When arrested Leong and her lover had their tickets and reservations on a steamer for China, which land the woman left 14 years ago. All this time she has been in the United States illegally.

# CHO-TERS TO GET THEIRS FRIDAY

At a meeting of the city automobile commission the members decided to hold the first examination for chauffeurs at the city hall Friday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock, and Saturday morning from 10 to 12 o'clock. There are about 40 applicants for chauffeurs, all of whom will have to take the test to be provided by the commission.

An interesting point raised by the new law is in the case of two men owning one machine. According to the rulings made thus far, only one person can take out an owner's license for one machine. If the man's wife or children wish to run the auto they are required to pass the chauffeur's examination. Now the point comes up as to whether one of the owners will have to take the chauffeur's examination. If so, which one?

The commission will try and decide this question when it meets Friday, as well as several other vexing problems which have arisen in interpreting the law. The commission consists of R. D. Inman (chairman), Dr. C. B. Brown and R. G. A. Pherson.

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# The Easter Gown Need No Longer Be a

## Perplexing Problem to the Woman Who Reads The Sunday Journal for March Twenty-Second

The Woman's Section of the paper will on that date be printed in enlarged forms, so as to give to its readers the best selection of fashion material ever furnished by an American newspaper.

There is no lack of hints to the woman who makes her own garments. Articles, too, about the newest materials from the fabric factories, the colors and shades likely to have first call on popular favor, and even suggestions as to the style of trimmings and of fashions in shoes, stockings, parasols, and all the accessories that go to make a woman's wardrobe more attractive. The first view of the best productions of the best makers made this number possible. Fashion magazines, have had an opportunity to see it and follow its suggestions

A SPECIAL staff of artists and writers in Paris has found and presents what is best in the center of fashion creation. To illustrate what they write of the fashions there, JEAN-NETTE HOPE, the eminent fashion artist, has sent drawings for two newspaper pages. Henri MANUEL, first among photographers of fashions, has sent pictures that will decorate four other pages of the special number.



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