

RAILROAD'S LAND GRANT PRESENTS AWFUL MUDDLE

Titles May Not Be Cleared for 10 Years—Locators Still Prey Upon "Homestead Victims"—Townsend Opens Pepper-Box at Washington Hearing.

The purchasers of Oregon & California Railroad company's lands are watching with considerable interest the movement now being made in congress. The Fulton resolution which passed the committee on public lands, and Speaker Cannon has agreed to give it right of way in the house after the appropriations bills are out of the way. It is generally conceded that the resolution will pass without amendment. Another resolution is being prepared with a view of protecting those who purchased land in good faith. The exact language of this resolution has not yet been agreed upon and attorney-general Bonaparte's ideas will of course control.

Professional Locator at Work.
In the meantime the professional locator is abroad with land-seeking victims to locate upon railroad land, utterly unmindful of the fact that it may take 10 years before the titles to these lands are adjudicated, and in the interval all improvements would be made at the peril of the men who locate on the lands.

Attorney Lafferty, in last Sunday's Journal, pointed out very clearly the fact that actual bona fide residence on the lands is essential, hence allowing advertisements like the following are absolutely misleading, as they are calculated to create an impression that securing a title will be easy of accomplishment.

RAILROAD LAND GRANT—I HAVE just returned from southern Oregon, after having examined several good timber locations upon which I am ready to file applications. I guarantee the location and cures will be cheerfully refunded your money. Come early and secure the best claims. Fee very reasonable and I will take note for 1/4 to be paid after title is granted.

The postal department has under surveillance and investigation a local concern which has been flooding the country with literature offering to locate parties on railroad and wagon road grant lands and promising wonderful dividends.

All Should Beware.
E. S. Collins of Ostrander, Washington, who purchases several years ago a

quantity of Oregon & California land grant lands, said yesterday:
"Of course, I do not know what the final outcome of the litigation which is now being instituted against the Oregon & California Railroad company, and purchasers from them, will have on our titles, but it is possible that years to definitely decide the merits of the controversy. But speaking individually for myself, if the court decides that the railroad company did not have any title to these lands which they sold us, I sincerely trust that the land will be placed in a forest reserve, where the whole people will benefit from it. Instead of letting a lot of speculators gobble it up, under the guise of homesteaders, we will have a forest reserve, and the whole country is generally very broken and rugged, and for any sane individual to say truthfully that he is making land of this character to make his permanent home is simply rank fraud. He is after the timber and nothing else. We own some timber land in Washington which adds to the forest reserve and we consider we are very eligibly located. When the time comes that we need this timber the government will sell it at a fair price and that is all you can expect from anybody. In fact, it seems to me that the government should insist that all the timber land which is forfeited should go into the reserve, if purchasers in good faith are to lose their lands."

Massive Loss to Counties.
"Of course, if the government should decide to create additional reserve of some 3,000,000 acres, it would mean an enormous loss in taxation for the counties affected. The road and school funds would be very materially reduced for several years, until selection was made possible and titles passed to the forming areas by the government. But in the end it would come out all right."

Townsend Speaking for the government before the committee on public lands, plainly intimated that justice is after the man the department of justice is after.

The Detroit News in its report of the hearing said:
"Townsend plainly revealed, without saying so in set terms, that Harriman is the man the department of justice is after, and he intimated that a large crowd of Michigan men present

would have been better off if they had not come into the matter with a plan to obtain immunity from congress on the ground of being innocent purchasers from Harriman. He pointed out that the strongest case the government could put up would be to demand the restoration to the government of the 5,000 acre tract held by Harriman on the ground that Harriman had forfeited it by violating the terms of the grant."

"He did not say the government would proceed against the Michigan men, but he came near it when he said no special legislation was needed to enable the department of justice to proceed against them by the only method possible inasmuch as the government has not proceeded against the Michigan men, although having the power to do so. Instead of going after Harriman, it was at least to be inferred that Michigan people had kept still they might never have been molested. But the Michigan men were here and obstructing the legislature asked, and therefore Townsend peppered them to some extent in his remarks."

"Somebody speaking for the Michigan men stated that the bonds of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, sold through the Detroit Trust company, had passed into the hands of widows or orphans, charitable institutions and dependents. Townsend, referring to this, remarked that it must also be remembered that the Harriman railroad had bonds outstanding and that there were also widows and orphans on that side. He said that if widows and orphans were to be put up as an excuse for not punishing people for unlawfully seizing the public domain then the Harriman road had as good ground to ask immunity as the Michigan people. Widows and orphans were not mentioned in a very large share in corporation matters of recent years."

Arthur Hill Excites Applause.
"Then came Arthur Hill, of Saginaw, with great force and emphasis set an example which would make a national hero of Harriman if he would follow it."

"Mr. chairman, he said, 'I am a member of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, though not an officer of it. There are here present two other members of it, Mr. Blodgett of Grand Rapids, and Mr. Danaher of Detroit. The bonds of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, I take it, found their ready sale because of the character and standing of the men in that company. Speaking for Mr. Blodgett, Mr. Danaher and myself, I desire to say that the Booth-Kelly Lumber company will take care of its own widows and orphans, and is not here seeking an amendment of this legislation or their account."

Another Eye-Opener.
"Should this proposed litigation ever be pushed to the point where the list of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company would be affected, I desire to say to this committee that we, these members of the company here present, will see that the bonds are made good to the last dollar even if we have to go down deep into our own pockets to make them good."

"There was a little ripple of applause from some of the Saginaw men in the room, and then Mr. Hill, who is the committee another eye-opener. To show that the Michigan men had been deceived into believing the title to the lands flawless he said one of the sections they bought lay within the confines of a proposed national forest and the government wanted it. The Booth-Kelly company therefore sold it to the government and in buying it the government expropriated the title and also declared it perfect."

"Now," said Hill, "if the government itself found nothing wrong with the title of that property, with all its experts and all its means of investigation, is it any wonder that we should have been deceived into believing the title good?"

COLE FEELS CONFIDENT OF WINNING SUCCESS
Republican Candidate for District Attorney Making Friends Among Voters.

James Cole, candidate for the Republican nomination for district attorney, will have a busy week if he makes speeches at all the places he has been invited to attend. Tonight he will address a meeting of the North Albina Improvement club and during the rest of the week will make from one to three speeches each night.

So far as the campaign has gone Cole is more than satisfied with the support he has been getting from the voters who have been flocking around his standard. He said this morning that he was confident of receiving the nomination next week and would spend the rest of the campaign in going before the voters to tell them what they can expect of him should he be elected district attorney.

"You can tell the people that I am confident of winning the nomination next week and that I base this fact upon the assurances I have received from voters in all walks of life. When I entered the campaign I was somewhat dubious because of the short time which I had to devote to it. I wanted to go before all the people to tell them what they could expect of me if they should give me the office, and in that I have done this and feel confident that they have understood my motives and reasons for entering the contest. If I am elected I will do just as I have stated to them in the meetings and in my platform. That is about all there is to say. The people want the kind of an administration which I have outlined in my platform. I will get their support because they will live up to that platform if elected."

BLANCHE STODDARD INHERITS FORTUNE
Owing to the death of the foster mother of Miss Blanche Stoddard, leading woman of the Baker stock company, Miss Stoddard will be unable to play Rebecca West in the "Boomerang" matinee scheduled for this week and the matinee has been indefinitely postponed. Miss Stoddard left tonight for Chicago in order to assist in settling the estate, which is a large one. She will be absent two weeks and Miss Louisa will take her place in "The Eternal City" next week.

Red Checker Men
Float the red checkers from your checker-board in a bowl of water and you will know why blood is red. Blood has millions and millions of little red wheels floating in a clear fluid. The professor calls them red corpuscles. Well.

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The heart may be weak just the same as the eyes, stomach or other organs. It often happens that a person is born with a weak heart. Then again disease, fevers, over-exertion, anxiety, nervousness, rheumatism, etc. weaken the heart. The result is shortness of breath, palpitation, pain in the heart, or in some of the nerves of the chest or abdomen. The heart should be strengthened with a tonic, and for this nothing equals Dr. Miles' Heart Cure.

"I had LaGrippe last fall as I thought in a mild form. I was weak, tired, and short of breath, could hardly get up stairs, and a good deal of the time sort of an asthmatic breathing and extremely nervous. I began taking Dr. Miles' Heart Cure and Nerve and now I feel so much better in every way. I am so thankful that I began taking this medicine, and I beg to testify to all others how much good it has done me."

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MANY BUSINESS MEN WILL ATTEND

Portlanders to Journey to Lewiston to Participate in Blossom Festival.

Although nearly a month will elapse before the excursion of Portland business men to the Lewiston Blossom festival, a large number of prominent men have signed the list of excursionists. The date of the excursion is May 2.

The Lewiston Commercial club has received acceptance of an invitation extended to Charles Francis Adams of Boston to attend the festival and participate in the program. Mr. Adams is credited with having been the first man to force the great possibilities of fruit culture in the Clearwater valley, and to invest heavily in the industry. Among the Portland men who will go are:

Theodore E. Wilcox, Frank C. Kelsey, Ben Lombard, W. C. Bristol, Ernest R. Webb, Oscar Huber, Richard W. Montague, John D. Carson, E. B. Piper, John F. Carroll, Oregon Daily Journal, Allen & Lewis, J. B. O'Bryan, John Stewart, Tom Richardson, W. A. Montgomery, R. W. Lewis, McCargar, Bates & Lively, Dr. E. J. Labbe, William Warren, Charles H. Davis, W. F. Burrol, C. E. Greig, William Brewster, Otis B. Wight, George McMillan.

Was Prize Winner.
Robert Schliecher, a prominent Lewiston vintner, which was open to our assistance in promoting the excursion, said:

"I am afraid that I may be accused of unbecoming immodesty when I tell you that I took the gold medal for a display of grapes I made at your own festival, the great in competition with all California. I was successful, not because they were grown by me but simply because they were grown at Lewiston."

"We have exactly the right climatic conditions for the proper maturing of the best table varieties of grapes. We have the advantage in many hours more sunlight during the growing season than have California grapes, which are grown in our more northerly latitude. The fact that we are the 'farthest north' in possibility of grape culture gives us an excellent market and consequently a big profit. I know one man whose net profit for nine years from 14 acres was \$50,000."

LITTLE ONES WORK FOR CALCUTTA POOR
At the residence of Hazel Harcourt, 800 East Thirtieth street, on Saturday afternoon, the children of the city, 60 children, celebrating the second anniversary of the Asha (Hope) mission board, an organization of its only boarding and educating a child widow in

a private mission school in Calcutta, India. The children started out to care for and educate for the position of medical missionary an eight-year-old girl named Horidass, at a cost of \$25 per year. The first year the total sent more than \$100 to the school, and this last year have remitted \$127.82. Pieces of clothing, 12 books, eight dolls, five yards of ribbon and six articles of jewelry. Through the instrumentality of another child is being supported and educated for a similar station, and another band has been organized at Sellwood last year the children bought a Singer sewing machine for this school, and have provided beds and bedding to a large extent. Every dollar is sent to the school direct, and not through any church board or other organization.

FUNERAL HONORS FOR CLARK W. CARNAHAN
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Astoria, Or., April 6.—The funeral of the late C. W. Carnahan, collector of the port, took place at noon yesterday and was attended by an immense throng. The floral emblems were profuse and in many respects magnificent. Active pall-bearers were the attaches of the custom-house, as follows: Allen T. Anderson, chief clerk; C. H. Haddix, A. Karinen, Nello Johnson, G. B. Blessing, inspectors; and Captain Al Beard of the United States steamer patrol. Honorary pall-bearers were: F. L. Parker, acting collector; T. S. Cornelius, G. C. Fulton, C. F. Lester, J. C. Clinton and R. C. Lee.

Jumping Ropes Free.
Forty labels of the Butter-Nut and Buster Brown bread will get the finest jumping rope that ever came to Portland. Trimmed with bells and made of spiral wire. Save the labels and get one for the little girl.

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BIG CHORUS DOES MAGNIFICENT WORK IN REHEARSAL FOR BIG EVENT
Those who were privileged to attend the big chorus rehearsal at the Hellis yesterday afternoon have already entered into the spirit of the coming musical festival. Some 800 voices sang out the strains of the three oratorios and cantatas to be presented the last of this week when the Chicago Symphony orchestra is here, and they sang inspiringly under W. H. Boyer's baton.

The various sections of the chorus are well balanced and many of the prominent professionals may be seen taking part in the cantata and upholding their sections. The chorus has been well drilled and sings well together, with attention to details of fingerings and numbers that need final polishing, but these rough bits served to show how well some singers must do on the earlier numbers.

The "Messiah" music went perhaps the best, for in spite of its elaborate ornamentation it is so well known that it would be hard to find one in three who is not familiar with all its music. "Fair Ellen," Max Bruch's charming cantata is well sung and the chorus goes with a swing that betrays the work. The music is to the extent of dignity and warmth and the work of the chorus is most pleasing and shows the true spirit of the composer.

A Goring Thomas' "The Swan and the Skylark" is a beautiful composition new to the chorus, and is more difficult than most of the other good work with it. Mrs. Warren E. Thomas plays the accompaniment on

the piano. When the orchestra is here to fill in with breath and roundness of tone the effect should be delightful. Another rehearsal will be held this evening at Eilers' hall and a large final rehearsal Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the Armory. "Fair Ellen" is to be given Friday evening; "The Swan and the Skylark" Saturday evening, and "Messiah" Sunday evening.

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