

### CAPITAL PEOPLE SAY SOUTHERN PACIFIC IS PLAYING BLUFF GAME

Officials Engaged in Digging Into O. & C. Grant Question Easy to Understand.

### RAILROAD RIGHTS SMALL

Leave No Room for Claiming Anything Better Than \$2.50 an Acre, And Perhaps Not That.

Washington, Dec. 29.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Officials engaged in digging into the Oregon & California land grant question sometimes pause to ask the question: "What is the southern Pacific's game?"

Answer to the question is usually made by the man who asks it. There is a very general opinion that the railroad attitude, in making claim to ownership of timber and stone, in asserting that it cannot be compelled to sell, and in threatening further years of litigation, is a game of bluff.

No work of framing legislation to meet the situation is going on without any large consideration of what the railroad is claiming.

**Railroad Decisively Defeated.**  
The decision of the supreme court, as reflected in the decree entered in the Oregon district court, is regarded as a decisive defeat for the railroad, leaving it no room to hope for anything better than \$2.50 an acre for the unsold lands.

If held strictly to the terms of the grant, it will not receive that much.

Viewing the matter in this way, it is thought the railroad may yet abandon a dog-in-the-manner attitude, and assent to legislation that will allow it the full sum of \$2.50 an acre. If the railroad shows a disposition to "come through" something more than this may be conceded, such as an allowance for back taxes.

**Suggestions for a Solution.**  
Using the Chamberlain bill as a basis, several suggestions are being offered for a complete solution. One of these is the addition of a section allowing the railroad company 60 days in which to accept the plan outlined and providing that if acceptance is not filed, the United States takes over the lands for disposition in the manner provided upon the outright payment of \$2.50 an acre.

This proceeds upon the idea that \$2.50 an acre is "all the value the granting acts conferred," and more since much of the land unsold will not bring that much. In this form, it is contended, the Chamberlain bill would

be secured against attack on the ground that the railroad is not "compellable" to sell.

### Granting Acts May Be Amended.

It is pointed out also that the granting acts are likewise laws that congress may amend or repeal, within certain limitations. They are supposed to be in the public interest and are still "touched with the finger of the law." As one official expresses it, in a peculiar way, the government not being subject to all the restrictions that would bar further action in a transaction between private interests.

Nowhere in official circles can support be found for the railroad contention that it owns the timber apart from the land, that it has any greater interest than \$2.50 an acre, or that it can hold title indefinitely without giving effect to the terms of the grant.

### Questions Under Discussion.

The questions discussed are those of the exact power of congress in further legislation, and how far the exact terms of the grant may be departed from in directing the disposition of the land.

The Chamberlain bill meets favor because it would shut off any "grab" by speculators, would avoid the necessity of federal aid, "as the latter would provide an equitable division of surplus funds, and at the same time meet the requirement that the railroad shall as a donation claim value conferred by the granting acts.

### Mrs. Martha Hill, a Pioneer of 1847, Dies

Married in 1851, She Settled on Donation Land Claim Where City of Independence Now Stands.

Independence, Or., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Martha Hill, mother of ex-State Representative Verd Hill of this city, passed away at the family home in this city early Sunday morning after a long illness. She was a much respected and revered pioneer citizen, and known to all "as the mother of Independence." She married Henry Hill in July, 1851, when only 16 years of age, and with her husband settled on a donation claim, where the city of Independence now stands. Her husband laid out the townsite of this city in 1858, calling it "Hill's Town" and later changed to Hill's Independence.

Mrs. Hill was born in Green county, Kentucky in 1834, and while very young moved to Missouri, from which state she crossed the western plains with the pioneer Hiron family in 1847. They walked most of the time and it took six months to make the journey from Missouri to Oregon.

She was the mother of nine children, four of whom survive her. Verd Hill, former representative of this county, I. R. Hill, Homer Hill and Mrs. Gardard Hill (Gohrs), all of whom were with her at the time of her death. Her husband died in 1904, and since that time she had been the head of her own household, living on the same donation land claim, the old home being just outside of the city limits.

The funeral services were held from the family residence today. Interment was made in the old pioneer cemetery at Ripkirk, Rev. Charles H. Dunmore officiated.

### COLLEGE PRESIDENT SAYS SLANG SHOWS MENTAL DEFICIENCY

President of Willamette University Says It Leads to Loose Thinking.

### DEFINES REAL EDUCATION

In Address to Teachers Gathered for Convention Tells Four Essentials of Progress.

Medford, Or., Dec. 29.—"American slang," said Carl G. Doney, president of Willamette university before the delegates of the State Teachers' association Tuesday, "is a sign of mental deficiency and tends to encourage loose thinking which is such a serious menace to constructive progress in America."

"One of our greatest needs is accurate speech, for accurate speech means accurate thinking and accurate thinking means steady progress along desirable lines. Language is the man, for no matter how lofty or profound our ideas, they do not exist until we have command of the words to express them."

The text of President Doney's address was the test of an education which he defined as clear thought, accurate speech, breadth of vision, effective force in daily affairs, and culture not for its own sake, but for service to the state.

The most important work of the convention thus far has been the adoption of a new constitution which unites the teachers of Oregon into one body, makes Portland the permanent meeting place of that body and allows a definite constructive program through proper committees throughout the year.

The convention will close Wednesday with the reports of committees and the election of officers.

### Year Ago in War

December 29, 1914.  
French and British fleets gather in Mediterranean for attack on Dardanelles to open the road to Constantinople.

Russia wins victory in Galicia, forcing the retreat of the entire Austrian line of 175,000 troops.

French attack on a 12 mile front near Arras.

Europe's largest turbine is a 15,000 horsepower affair, installed by a Swiss hydroelectric plant.

# 2 More Days of the Year-End Sale

## With Economies From All Over the Store

**Royal Society Package Goods—for Spring 1916**  
Are Now on Exhibition and Sale  
—Each package contains a stamped article with thread for embroidering.  
—Fifth Floor

Mail and Telephone Orders Filled by Expert Shoppers  
**Sipman Wolfe & Co**  
"Merchandise of Merit Only"  
Pacific Phone Marshall 5000 Home Phone A-6691

All Purchases Made Thursday and Balance of Month Will Be Charged on Feb. 1st Bills

## There Are 18 Open Stock Patterns in This Year-End Dinner Sale

### At One-Third Off Regular Prices

### Women's Raincoats of Gabardine and Cravenette AT HALF PRICE

Coats That Sold Formerly From \$15.00 to \$30.00  
—Now is the opportunity for buying a raincoat that is absolutely necessary for winter weather. This sale embraces some of the best looking loose and belted models in full lengths. Shown in tan or gray.  
—Third Floor

### Coats for Boys Now Reduced

Including our entire stock of up-to-date models

—New styles, new patterns for boys 2 to 18 years. Finest, warm overcoats, that are just right for all winter wear.  
Regular \$ 6.50 to \$7.50 Coats now ... \$ 5.95  
Regular \$ 8.50 Overcoats now ... \$ 6.95  
Regular \$10.00 Overcoats now ... \$ 7.95  
Regular \$12.50 Overcoats now ... \$ 9.85  
Regular \$15.00 to \$16.50 Coats now ... \$11.85

### Boys' Raincoats at Special Prices

—Splendid rubberized raincoats in slip-on style, in tan, also wool surface coats in gray and tan mixtures. All sizes for boys 6 to 18 years.

\$3.50 Raincoats \$2.35. \$5.00 Raincoats \$3.95  
Regular \$6.00 and \$7.50 Raincoats for ... \$4.95  
—Fourth Floor

### Linens, Outing Flannel, Wool Batts

At Year End Prices You Can't Afford to Miss

**PURE LINEN LUNCH CLOTHS 69c EACH**  
—Size 36x36 inches, neat hemstitched finish. Made of fine quality pure linen.

**MUSSED LINEN TABLE CLOTHS WITHOUT NAPKINS SPECIALLY PRICED AT \$1.75 TO \$9.50 EACH**

—Pure Irish linen, perfect cloths, slightly soiled for display, but one washing will make them like new. A large assortment of patterns, mostly size 2x3 yards.

**12 1/2c TWILLED OUTING FLANNEL 10c YARD**  
—Extra heavy quality for night robes and underwear. Full 27 inches wide. In white only.

### PURE OREGON WOOL BATTs AT SALE PRICES

—The best batts made, of pure, sanitary wool, with or without cheesecloth covering. Crib or full sizes.  
Crib size, 45x60 inches, special, \$1.25 each.  
Full size, 72x84, weight 2 pounds, \$2.50.  
Full size, 72x84, weight 3 pounds, \$3.50.  
Full size, 72x84, weight 4 pounds, \$5.00.  
Full size, covered, weight 2 pounds, \$3.25.  
Full size, covered, weight 3 pounds, \$4.50.  
Full size, covered, weight 4 pounds, \$5.50.  
—Second Floor

**\$3.00 Wool Velour, \$6 Inches Wide \$2.35**  
**\$3.00 Striped Broadcloth, 56 Inch Yard**

—Wool Velour, shown in the most wanted colors, navy, black, helio and brown, is being used more for fine garments than almost any other of this season's fabrics.

—Striped Broadcloth in a beautiful finish and quality in a full color line, such as Russian green, navy blue, Copenhagen, black, etc. Full 56 inches wide.

**56 Inch Tweed Suitings, Special \$1.93 Yard**  
—The finest grade of wool suitings for high grade garments in checks, stripes and mixtures. Patterns suitable for suits, coats and skirts for present and early spring wear.  
—Second Floor

Shirts will be cut FREE when materials are purchased here—choose your own style.  
—Second Floor

### Corsets

**\$2.25 Nadia Corsets Special \$1.79**

—For the average figure, in sizes 19 to 28. Medium low bust models, long over the hips and back. All bones finished with silk floss. Made of fine batiste.

Discontinued \$5.50 to \$18.00 Models for \$3.95 to \$9.95

—Etoile de France, La Vida and Bien Jolie Grecian Treasures of coutil, silk batiste, broche, elastic and tresco. Curved and straight lines in a good assortment of broken sizes.  
—Fourth Floor

### But Two More Days To Buy

### Sewing Machines At \$15.00

—These machines were made by the Free Sewing Machine company and \$15 is the lowest price ever quoted on a machine of this character. A full set of nickel plated attachments goes with each machine.

—Sold on easy terms.  
—Fifth Floor

### Dress Forms To Make Sewing Easy

New Shipment Just Received of Hall-Borchert Forms.

—Now that spring is not very far away, you will begin to think of making new garments and with one of these collapsible dress forms it will take just about half as long and your clothing will look twice as well. Hall-Borchert forms are the most perfect forms made—the most complete—the easiest to adjust.

12-section Forms \$12.00  
14-section Forms \$15.00  
24-section Forms \$18.00  
28-section Forms \$20.00  
—Second Floor

### Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs 17c

—Hand embroidered corners, colored borders, all white linen, etc., in great variety, with neat hemstitched hems. They are unusual at 17c each.  
—First Floor



- \$22.95 American Porcelain Dinner Sets in 100 Pieces, Special \$15.30
- \$10.89 American Porcelain Dinner Sets of 50 Pieces, Special \$ 7.26
- \$69.85 Copeland's Spode English Porcelain, 100 Pieces, Old Bow Design... \$46.57
- \$34.87 Copeland's Spode English Porcelain, 50 Pieces, Special \$23.25
- \$48.95 Haviland Dinner Set of 100 Pieces, Special \$32.63
- \$22.09 Haviland Dinner Set of 50 Pieces, Special \$14.73
- \$78.05 Haviland Dinner Set of 100 Pieces, Special \$52.03
- \$33.53 Haviland Dinner Set of 50 Pieces, Special \$22.35  
—Sixth Floor

### Undermuslin Specials Worth While

**\$1.25 and \$1.35 Lingerie Camisoles**  
—The daintiest garments of fine lingerie, with net or lace sleeves, deep yokes of embroidery, lace and insertion, ribbon drawn. One style with wide insertion run with 3-inch satin ribbon.

**To \$1.25 Muslin and Crepe Gowns**  
—Fine longcloth gowns slipover style with set-in sleeves, some trimmed to match yokes of embroidery, medallions, lace and ribbon. Crepe gowns of fine quality, trimmed with two-tone pink and blue silk braid and others with yoke and sleeves trimmed with flowered crepe. At 59c these gowns are extraordinary in every way.

**\$1.50 and \$1.65 Combination Garments**  
—Of flesh colored batiste, trimmed with fine tucks and lace. Or of fine longcloth trimmed with organdie insertion, insets of embroidery lace, embroidery and ribbon. Four styles at  
—Fourth Floor

### Good Styles in Shoes at Economical Prices that will Please Particular Women

—You will find it to be unfaillingly true that for the price there are no better shoes anywhere than we can offer you in this sale.

**Shoes at \$2.45**  
—Of dull leather in button styles.

**Shoes at \$2.85**  
—Patent leather shoes with cloth tops, button and lace styles, with plain toes.

**Shoes at \$3.45**  
—Patent leather shoes and dull calf shoes in lace and button styles—plain toe models.  
—Second Floor



## Good News for Portland

The people have spoken. The Hofbrau will stay.



It means much to the public as well as to the community. It means, first, that the proprietors have undertaken a tremendous task.

But they do it enthusiastically and confidently, in appreciative response to the unanimous expression of appreciation by the people in favor of Portland retaining her popular-priced Hofbrau—demonstrated by the tens of thousands of votes in the affirmative that have been received within the past few days.

It means, first, that the proprietors  
—will dispense overnight on January 1st with the income from the buffet;  
—will retain exactly the same number of employes;  
—will retain the same high-class music and entertainment;  
—will maintain and, if possible, improve upon the cuisine and service, and  
—will endeavor to merit the patronage of ALL for this distinctive institution, to be conducted solely as a popular-priced restaurant under new and vastly changed conditions that will be in vogue after January 1st.

The people of this community have likewise undertaken a task.

By actual count of the ballots returned, enough patronage is in sight to assure the success of the Hofbrau under its new policy after January 1st.

But it will require persistence and cooperation by all—to induce every man, woman and child in Portland to fully appreciate and visit it early and frequently, and to see for themselves that it is a place noted for a certain distinctive individuality—two new features shortly after January 1st being a breakfast-room and soda fountain.

This community effort and the effort of the proprietors to save a worthy industry and a big annual payroll for Portland is worthy and commendable and the proprietors pledge the best that experience, attention, courtesy and service can contribute in making the effort successfully cooperative.

# The Hofbrau

## Economy Basement Store

"WHERE YOU SPEND THE LEAST AND GET THE MOST FOR IT."

**95c Hemmed Table Cloths**  
—Splendid quality full bleached mercerized table cloths in dice and stripe patterns. Size 57x84 inches. Just the cloth for hotels, restaurants and general use.  
75c

**10c Extra Large Huck Towels**  
—With neat red borders, size 18x36 inches. A rare opportunity for boarding houses and hotels to stock up. 90c dozen or  
8c Each

**Blue Bordered Bath Towels**  
—Closely woven, cream white towels. Size 17x32 inches. Blue bordered.  
12 1/2c Each

**Wilton Carpet Rugs, 27x27, Sale 59c**  
**Wilton Carpet Rugs, 27x54, at \$1.33**  
—Just 500 of these fine carpet samples from a famous manufacturer, which we have had made up into handsome rugs, with firmly bound edges, which will give the most satisfactory wear. Oriental and conventional patterns in color combinations for every room in the house.

### Women's Corduroy Suits \$10.75

Practical, Attractive, New  
—A price that marks a new record for this high grade of suits. You can find nothing more desirable for outing, sports and street wear than corduroy, which is also one of the newest, most popular materials of the season.

—Jackets made in jaunty Norfolk style, belted and lined with satin. Skirts in the newest flaring style, just right for walking. Colors black, navy, brown and green.

### Cleanup Sale of Ribbons

—Odd pieces and remnants left from Xmas selling. Including velvets, taffetas, satin taffeta and fancy ribbons. From 3 to 4 yard in length, widths from narrowest to the widest sash ribbon, offered at less than half price—per length  
15c

**All 35c to 50c Veiling Lengths**  
—One full yard in each length. White, black, brown and navy veilings, in a great variety of different meshes. Length for  
17c

### MEN A Great Cleanup Sale of 75c

(Percale and Madras Shirts)  
—We have never offered better shirts than these at such a remarkable price. Plain negligee style, with stiff or soft French cuffs. Made of fine, durable qualities of percale and madras, in neat, attractive patterns. If you need shirts, buy now and save. All sizes from 14 to 17 1/2.

### Women's Plisse Crepe Gowns

—In several different styles, all white or with light blue or pink trimmings. With kimono sleeves, some embroidered, others with plain colored bandings.  
59c

### \$1.00 Flannelette Gowns

—Soft, warm gowns in all white or pink or blue striped flannelette. Double yokes, turn down collars.  
79c

### \$1.35 Flannelette Gowns

—Slip-over styles with scalloping and ribbon trim. Open front styles with turn down collars, wide braid trimming. All white or fancy stripes.  
98c