

TAX OPINIONS JAR; NEW RULING LIKELY IN LAND GRANT CASE

Attorney General Gregory Is
Put in Light of Having Re-
versed Own Reasoning.

PAYMENT IS CONCERNED

Deputy, Acting for Chief, Probably
Will Be Reversed When Mat-
ter Is Reviewed.

Washington, Aug. 6.—(WASH-
INGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)
—The opinion of Attorney General
Gregory may be produced to refute
and overthrow the opinion of his
subordinate, Assistant Attorney Gen-
eral Kearful, on the question of
payment by the United States of
taxes on the Oregon or California
land grant.

Mr. Kearful in his opinion brushed
aside the idea that failure to pay
penalties and interest on the taxes
would cloud the title to the lands,
saying he is "very clearly of the
opinion that this apprehension is un-
founded," because, he says, the taxes
are not due by virtue of state laws.
Under date of January 29, 1916,
Attorney General Gregory advised con-
gress at length concerning bills then
pending in both houses looking
toward the disposition of the land
grant. His views were contained in a
letter to Senator Myers, as chairman
of the committee on public lands.
Referring to the taxes, he said:

Taxes Are Problem

"These accumulated taxes, whether
technically valid or not, should, in
my judgment, be paid immediately
when congress resumes the title. I
suggest this not only in fairness to
the country, but because the taxes
would be a cloud upon the govern-
ment's title and would embarrass any
attempt to dispose of the land to
settlers."

In that opinion the attorney gen-
eral clearly foresaw the very diffi-
culty that now arises through the
opinion recently given in his name
by his new assistant, Kearful. The
two opinions can hardly be recon-
ciled, and this has caused the sug-
gestion to be made that upon closer
examination of the Kearful idea, the
attorney general himself may throw
it overboard.

While in one sense this is quoting
the attorney general against himself,
the facts probably are that Mr. Greg-
ory has not personally gone deeply
into the matter, relying in both in-
stances upon the opinion of officers.

First Ruling Signed

The opinion of January 29, 1916,
however, was signed by Mr. Gregory
himself, while the more recent pro-
duction of Kearful was signed by
Francis J. Kearful, "son of the at-
torney general, public lands division."

In an accompanying letter of trans-
mittal the attorney general apparently
adopted it as his opinion.

It is well known that the opinion
of January 29, 1916, was penned by
Francis J. Smyth, who was special
counsel for the government in the
land grant case, and was recently
appointed chief justice of the court
of appeals of the District of Columbia.
This was after Mr. Smyth had con-
ferred fully with the attorney general,
at a time when the entire question of
disposing of the land grant was be-
fore congress.

On the subsidiary question of pay-
ment of interest and penalties it is
less likely that the attorney general
gave much personal attention to it.

New Idea Natural

Kearful, who prepared the opinion,
was not connected with the matter at
the time the attorney general's opin-
ion of January 29, 1916, was given,
and probably had never heard of the land
grant at that time.

Kearful's practical reversal of the

Evangelist Sunday Thrills Vancouver

Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 6.—Hun-
dreds of people gathered on the grounds
north of the new Y. M. C. A. building
in the new pavilion here Sunday
afternoon and gave rapt attention to
the address by Evangelist Billy Sun-
day.

Mr. Sunday began his talk with a
resume of the wars in which this coun-
try has been victorious, beginning with
the Revolution and ending with "We
didn't start this war, but by the grace
of God we'll finish it."

He dwelt on the splendid manhood
and character of the men who have
led our great armies to victories, and
wished the soldiers' families pure lives,
to cut out booze and cigarettes and to
come back to their mothers and sweet-
hearts as pure as when they left them.

In the height of his enthusiasm he
shouted, "Hurrah for Uncle Sam, to
hell with the emperor."

Mr. Sunday concluded his address
with a history of his conversion.

A song service, led by Private Webb
preceded the address. A solo by Mrs.
W. E. Wright was one of the most
enjoyed number on the program. A
large number of people from Portland
motored over to be present at the
services.

**'RECKLESS' SPEEDERS'
FINES DOUBLE THOSE
OF THE CAREFUL ONES**

Judge Rossman Decides on
Sliding Scale of Penalties
With "Slide" Upward.

When reckless driving is combined
with speeding, the offenders will re-
ceive the heaviest sentences and fines
in accordance with the particulars of
the case, according to Judge Rossman
in municipal court this morning. Judge
Rossman endeavored to impress on
motorists the dire results of speeding
and reckless driving, and if it is not
stopped altogether will at least make
a determined fight to reduce it to the
minimum.

Thirteen speeders were arraigned in
municipal court this morning by Mo-
torcycle Patrolman Frank Ervin. In
each case Judge Rossman inquired if
the operator was driving recklessly.

In each case where the spirit of reck-
lessness appeared to enter into the of-
fense the fines were doubled.

Offenders in the future, according
to Judge Rossman, may expect to
find a sliding scale of fines with the
slide tending upward.

Those appearing in municipal court
this morning and the amount of their
fines were:

E. A. Geisel, \$7.50; W. A. Copeland,
\$7.50; Stella Severensky, \$7.50; J. M.
Gravelle, \$15; J. H. Starnard, \$10; C.
B. Swift, \$5; Mrs. M. E. Webster, \$5;
P. L. Adams, \$5; W. Olsen, \$15; P. O.
Bryan, \$5; H. Djorklund, \$25; Oscar
Olsen, \$15; and L. H. Manning, \$7.50.

Manning pleaded in court that he
used his speedometer to watch the
mileage mount up and did not have
time to see the speed, as he drives a
car for another party and is so in-
terested in watching the mileage, which
basis he is paid, that the speed
dial held little attraction for him.

department's opinion on the subject
may therefore lose some of its weight
when the circumstances are ex-
plained to the public lands committee
in connection with Senator Chamber-
lain's bill, if enacted, will deal "in
fairness to the country" and remove
"a cloud upon the government's title,"
in the language of the attorney gen-
eral's earlier opinion.

Army Officers Needed

Washington, Aug. 6.—Adjutant Gen-
eral McCain has reported to Senator
Chamberlain that it will be impos-
sible to assign an army officer to
give military instruction at the Uni-
versity of Oregon during the coming
school year.

President Campbell of the university
has for some time been trying to
secure an instructor from the
army and at one time it was an-
nounced that Captain Henry B. Dixon,
retired, could be had. Captain Dixon,
however, was not found physically
fit for active duty upon examination,
and it is now stated that if he
should be later assigned, it will be
necessary to send him to an institu-
tion already maintaining a unit of
the reserve officers' training corps.

There are 80 such institutions, it
is said, and there are not enough
officers to supply this number.

Survey Is Desired

Washington Aug. 6.—In behalf of
a survey for deep water in Young's
bay and harbor, near the mouth of
the Columbia, Representative Hawley
has presented to the board of en-
gineers statistics showing a growth of
commerce on this waterway of
150,000 tons from plants recently
erected or under construction. The
survey was authorized in the last
river and harbor act and the en-
gineers are asked to hasten their re-
port.

**A. W. Lafferty Home
From Training Camp**

A. Walter Lafferty, former congress-
man and a major in the officers' re-
serve corps, is back in Portland today
after having undergone the three-
month training camp work at the
Presidio. Lafferty, along with many
others, still retains his commission,
but goes on the inactive list.

"I'm on the job now to run for con-
gress again next year," said Lafferty
today. "Should they order me on the
active list for actual duty in the army,
I shall go, but my plans call for an-
other try for congress."

"The men they have selected for
active duty are the pick of the camp
and all are splendid men."

**Mrs. Faling's Estate
Worth Half Million**

The appraisement of the estate of
the late Xarifa J. Faling shows that
it has a value of \$532,091.10.

Among several of the assets listed
are notes and mortgages against
Ruby Wells Mead and her husband,
C. L. Mead, amounting to \$54,000 and
a note given by Thomas N. Strong
amounting to \$12,500.

Outside of a few minor bequests,
the greater part of the estate goes
to C. L. Mead and Thomas N. Strong.

MERCHANTS GATHER FROM AFAR FOR WEEK AS PORTLAND GUESTS

Early Registrations Show 250
in City; Cities of North-
west Well Represented.

BUSY WEEK IS PROMISED

Chamber of Commerce Arranges Ex-
tended Program—Tickets Are Pre-
sented to All Visitors.

From the two ends of the state
came the first two who registered for
Buyers' week. Fred Holman, repre-
senting the E. P. Voruz company of
Baker, Or., claims the honor of being
the first to register, and immediately
behind him came Cecil L. Brown, re-
presenting the Economy store of North
Bend, Or. Louis Hanson claims the
long distance record, registering from
Saskatchewan.

Up to noon today, about 250 persons
had registered for the fifth annual
Buyers' week, under the auspices of
the Chamber of Commerce. They come
from all over the state and many
points outside. It is a noticeable fea-
ture that the buyers are coming from
points farther outside the state than
usual. Idaho, Montana and Utah are
more represented than they have been
previously. Kansas City, Mo., is also
represented in some of the later regis-
trations.

Reception at 8 Tonight

Events of the week will begin in
earnest tonight with the informal re-
ception at the Portland Chamber of
Commerce at 8 o'clock, in honor of the
visitors. This will include an im-
promptu program, an address by
Mayor Baker, a general meeting of the
delegates and refreshments. The so-
cial events are to be held mostly in
the evenings, to give the visitors a
chance to visit all the stores of the
city during the day. Each guest regis-
tering at the Chamber of Commerce
receives a long string of tickets, ar-
ranged in order and admitting the
holder to all the events of the week.

Automobiles will be furnished to take
the visitors to many places, including
the highway trip on Saturday, a visit
to the Supple & Ballin shipyards on
Thursday, when luncheon will be
served by the company.

Time Fully Occupied

Other social events will include a
box party for the women Tuesday
night, and the high links for the men
in the Chamber of Commerce building.
The Ad club luncheon at noon on Wed-
nesday, the merchants' conclave and
concert Wednesday evening in the Au-
ditorium, the jollification at the Oaks
on Thursday night, and an informal
banquet given by the Chamber of
Commerce on Friday evening.

The Ad club luncheon will be one of
the prime events of the week. Prices
will be given for the best two-minute
talks boosting the home town by per-
sons from various parts of the coun-
try. Some of the speakers already
listed are: Louis Hanson of Sas-
katchewan, Cecil L. Brown of North
Bend, Or.; Henry Ploeger of Myrtle
Point, Or.; J. C. Coe of Pon-
dickton, Or.; Charles Thomson of Hep-
ner, Dr.; W. P. Cressy of South Bend,
Wash.; and Joseph Newbold of Logan,
Utah.

Country Is Prosperous

The visitors who gathered in the
Chamber of Commerce rooms to talk
to some of their friends brought news
of fine conditions in their home lands
in everything except crops, which seem
to be falling down on account of the
lack of rain. J. A. Cox of the firm of
Cox & Cox of Springfield, Or., brings
the news of greatly improved condi-
tions in the lumber mills there.

"We have had several advances of
wages in the lumber mills," he said,
"and they are making lots of money at
that. They keep busy all of the time.
There are two large trucks hauling
lumber into Eugene to send out on the
railroad to places farther inland and
in the middle west. They keep the mill
running overtime trying to fill orders."

C. T. Barlow of Monroe, Wash., says
that conditions would be running
smoothly and swiftly in the lumber
business there but for the I. W. W.
They have just brought on a strike, but
Mr. Barlow expects that it will be over
by the time he returns.

Governor Sends Greetings

The week opened with a message
from Governor Withycombe, wishing
the week to be a successful one. The
message was sent to G. Clifford Bar-
low of Warrenton, Or., president of the
Oregon Retail Merchants' association.
Mr. Barlow has written letters to 2000
members of the association in the state
urging them to be in Portland this
week. As editor of the Oregon Retail-
ers' Journal, he has also given the
week a considerable boost.

The message read:

"On Behalf of the State of Oregon

Sipman Wolfe & Co.
"Merchandise of Merit Only"

A sale of

Stone Crocks

—Stone crocks—such as
these—have been scarce as
scarce can be in Portland
and we were wonderfully
glad to get this shipment
from the famous Red Wing
Pottery Co.

—You'll be doubly glad
when you see what low
prices we are able to quote:

2-gal. crock with cover 49c

3-gal. crock with cover 69c

4-gal. crock with cover 98c

5-gal. crock with cover \$1.19

6-gal. crock with cover \$1.39

8-gal. crock with cover \$2.19

10-gal. crock with cover \$2.59

12-gal. crock with cover \$3.19

15-gal. crock with cover \$3.98

20-gal. crock with cover \$4.98

Basement—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

may I extend a most cordial greeting
to the merchants attending Buyers'
week.

"At the present time our country
is striving in every way to economize
in and conserve food. The war de-
mands that the citizens of the United
States expend every effort to conduct
their various businesses wisely and
productively. The meeting of busi-
ness men attending Buyers' week is
a most timely one, from which much
relief can be derived. Oregon is de-
serving of extending every courtesy to
those participating in this business
assembly."

Registrations for the visitors is
going on every day. All women vis-
itors are receiving a box of candy.

The women of the city who are re-
ceiving the visitors include:

Mrs. C. C. Chapman, chairman of
the women's reception committee;
Mrs. W. F. Norman, Mrs. Carl Shal-
lenger, Mrs. T. S. Townsend, Mrs. J.
H. Mackenzie, Mrs. W. E. McWaters,
Mrs. R. M. Irvine, Mrs. Willis Fisher,
Mrs. May Pettit, Mrs. R. E. Bristol,
Mrs. James E. Kenworthy, Mrs. G.
L. Hill, Mrs. P. L. Bishop, Mrs. A.
M. Menzies, Mrs. W. K. Slater, Mrs.
E. T. Morris and Mrs. L. D. Freeman

Rivals Fight Duel

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 6.—(I. N.
S.)—Modesto Sylvas of Lankershim,
near here, is dead and Jose Alvarez,

keeper of the Universal City zoo, is dy-
ing as a result of a revolver duel be-
tween the two men last night when
Sylvas appeared at the Alvarez home
in Cahuenga Pass and attempted to
press his attentions upon the zoo
keeper's wife.

**Orders Are to Stop
Marine Recruiting**

Captain Pinkston, in charge of the
marine recruiting station, received no-
tice from Washington today to receive
no applications in the marine service
until further notice. This means, ac-
cording to Captain Pinkston, that the
service is becoming filled.

**Dr. Earl V. Morrow
Arrives in France**

Dr. Earl V. Morrow has arrived in
France, according to a cablegram re-
ceived by his father, Dr. J. W. Morrow,
this morning. Dr. Morrow is now on
his way to the base hospitals in
France, it is supposed. He was re-
cently promoted to the rank of cap-
tain, according to a letter recently re-
ceived by his father.

Captain Morrow spent some time in

the medical work in Belgium in the
earlier part of the war. In recognition
of his efforts, he was knighted by King
Albert of Belgium. He is now a cap-
tain in the United States army medical
corps.

Fire Believed Incendiary

Santa Rosa, Cal., Aug. 6.—(I. N. S.)
—Fire believed of incendiary origin,
damaged the depot of the Petaluma
& Santa Rosa Electric railroad at For-
estville today. Authorities suspect the
fire was started to destroy a large
shipment of dried apples stored in the
depot, in line with the campaign
against foodstuffs.

Comparative prices are misleading and often untrue—Note that we do not use them!

—Every woman should join Ma-
dame Richet's class in practical
dressmaking.

—The course of ten lessons begins
September 4th—\$1.00 pays for entire
course! Free preliminary lecture Sat-
urday, September 1st, 3 p. m.

Now comes the last lot of

Fireless Cookers at 1/2 price

They're to be sold on

easy payments—\$1.00

down—and \$1.00 a week

—There's a splendid reason

FOR THIS INITIAL SALE, AND A SPLENDID REASON

WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME INTERESTED IN IT

—Its purpose is to bring to your attention the importance of this

New Seventh Floor Department, and the completeness and exten-

siveness of its stock.

—It commands your particular consideration for the reason that

fully four hundred instruments show reductions in prices that are

not of ordinary occurrence.

PIANOS, BABY GRANDS, PLAYER PIANOS

New pianos going at \$148, \$195, \$223 and up

Priced as low as \$387 are new player pianos

Used pianos from \$80 up

—That matter of "Terms of Payment" can be arranged to your

convenience. If you are an out-of-town resident you are entitled

to every advantage.

—Every piano purchaser owes it to himself to investigate this stock!

Seventh floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Just here!

Mocha gloves

to sell at

\$2.50

—Mocha gloves are scarce as

scarce can be—and you can well

imagine that we were delighted

when the express brought these

on Saturday.

—These are extra quality Mochas

in a light weight, just right for

wear now—They're pique sewn

and have two toned embroidered

backs.

—Both fawns and silver grays

included!

—Main fl., Lipman-Wolfe Co.

One day only

7 piece

heavy hand engraved

Rock Crystal

Loganberry Juice

or Grape Juice sets

Pitcher and six tumblers.

Extra special

\$1.35

—Limit 1 set to customer. No

phone or C. O. D. orders.

—6th fl., Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

W. B. Nuform

Corsets \$1.29

—W. B. Nuform means corset

excellence! That's one reason

why there will be plenty of in-

terest in this advertisement. An-

other reason is the lowness of

the price.

W. B. Brassieres 89c

—As excellent in value as the

W. B. Corsets. Made of hand-

some allover lace. Sizes 34 to

46.

—4th fl., Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Boys' B. V. D.

UNION SUITS

59c

—The name B. V. D.—and the price

59c—tells all that any one wants

to know about the unusualness of this

item! Sizes 24 and 34.

—Main floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

10 yards NAINSOOK—half price at \$1.00 bolt

—It's not a perfect snow white bleach, that's the reason for this sensationally low price! It has a faint pink cast

to it that will more than likely bleach out in a washing or two! None of it will be sent C. O. D. or on approval—

no phone orders will be accepted!

—Second floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Portland agents for INNOVATION TRUNKS

Flowered petticoats 98c

featured on main floor 98c

—You'll find them on the Fifth-street

aisle table. They're lovely patterns in

pink roses, made with deep flounces

and elastic waist bands.

—Main floor, Lipman, Wolfe &