

Mining Claims Said Used to 'Grab' Timber

PORTLAND, Nov. 15—(AP)—Charges that "land-grabbers" are using mining claims to snatch thousands of acres of rich timberland in the national forests were aired today by Oregon officials.

Federal foresters said the abuses of the 1872 U. S. mining act already had come under congressional subcommittee scrutiny.

State Senator Ben Day reported the land grab in one section of Oregon was "outrageous" and called for federal action. He said the claims were being staked out for the valuable timber and not the underground ore. Some 50,000 to 60,000 acres had been staked out by a few persons in the past two and three years, he said. The issue became the main topic today before the association of Oregon county judges and commissioners. They called for amendments to the old mining law.

Receive Revenue
Oregon counties are concerned because they receive from the federal forest service 25 per cent of revenue from sale of public timber in national forest within the county lines. This is done to compensate the counties for loss of taxes that would be paid to road and school funds if the land were privately owned.

Judge U. E. Reeder of Klamath county said congress should protect public rights in the vast timber domain. It was explained that for a \$1 filing fee an individual can stake 20 acres; an association can stake as much as 160 acres. There is a five-year period for "proving up" on the claim. This amounts to working the property.

Senator Day said those who abuse the law were merely "digging holes" on the claim.

Requires Work
The federal law requires \$100 worth of work a year to prove up the claim, but for 15 of the past 18 years congress has waived this requirement. There is no limit to the number of claims one person may stake and file on.

Judge J. B. Coleman of Jackson county said the association favors "fixing a definite period for proving up on a claim or forfeiting rights to it." Other speakers said there was no intent to hamper legitimate mining and that the mining industry leaders are worried over the recent trend. Once a claim is "proved up" and patented, the claimant can treat it as private property, selling the timber if he sees fit.

JORDAN UNIT MEETS

JORDAN — The Jordan home extension unit met with the Lyons unit Friday in Lyons. Miss Mary Frances Kelly, county demonstration agent, demonstrated cleaning, oiling and adjusting sewing machines. After a luncheon, the business meeting was held.

Trophy, Rabbit, Certificates Awarded to Outstanding 4-H Youth



Marion county 4-H club members had a big night during their annual 4-H achievement program at Bush school Tuesday when outstanding members were rewarded with trophies, awards and scholarships. In the upper left photo, Marvin Cage, Middle Grove, winner of the George Eyre award for having the outstanding swine project during 1959, is shown receiving the trophy from T. R. Hobart, Ladd and Bush farm representative. Upper right, Chet Fredrickson of Salem is shown presenting a purebred doe rabbit to Joe Mahelik.



Gervais, top 4-H Marion county rabbit raiser. Lower left, Mrs. Stanley Riches, Turner, is shown presenting the Marion county Jersey Cattle club award to James Burger, Hayesville, who won a purebred Jersey calf from Mr. and Mrs. Klein. Lower right, Tommy Thomas, Cloverdale, winner of the Denver Young award for outstanding work with non-registered sheep, from Marion County Sheriff Denver Young. (Photos by Les Cour, Statesman valley editor.)

Taxpayer Lines Shorten, Mail Mounts

Main floor of Marion county courthouse is expected to return to normal today, minus lines of deadline-beating taxpayers.

The queues of taxpayers dwindled considerably Wednesday from those of the two previous days, and only 1,256 persons paid, for a total of \$89,622.

Except for the piles of mail yet to be opened, no further payments will receive the 3 per cent cash discount. Any mail post-marked before last midnight will be eligible.

Sheriff Denver Young estimated 20,000 payment-bearing envelopes arrived Wednesday alone at his office, and an equal number was expected today. He said the electric mail-opener took three hours to cope with yesterday's mail.

Several weeks will be required to check all the mail and send receipts, according to Chief Tax Deputy Harold Domogalla. The payments must be compared with statements, discounts figured,

some idiosyncrasies of payment figured out, rebate checks written and questions answered. No receipts for mail payments will be given out at the office—all will be mailed.

The collection office reported no more trouble handling the payments than in previous years, although statements were mailed later than usual. The final few days before each annual discount deadline are featured by queues in the courthouse.

Among the larger payments known to be received by Wednesday was \$20,446.51 from Portland Gas and Coke company.

The total taken in over the counter up to yesterday's deadline was \$270,116, in 3,717 payments.

A second taxpayer waiting in line fainted Wednesday. He was Ben Winters, 77, of 895 S. 21st st. A woman fainted Tuesday.

INJURED BOY BETTER

FOUR CORNERS — Little three year old Jimmy Phillips came home Saturday after 8 weeks in the Providence Hospital in Portland. Jimmy was struck by an auto eight weeks ago receiving a fractured right leg just below the hip, a fractured skull and other injuries. Jimmy is at his parents home, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Phillips, East State street. He is improving slowly and can walk a few steps with help.

Scholarship Cups Awarded

Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Chi Omega are tops among Willamette university social groups in scholarship. They received trophies at a students' chapel program Tuesday.

The Sigma Chi foundation trophy went to the Betas for its record of 3.04 grade average of a possible 4.0. The sorority's average of 3.01 won a gold cup sponsored by L. G. Balfour.

Betas have won the scholarship trophy since 1946. The women's group has led in grades the past three semesters.

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Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT

Rosalie Smith vs Ernest W. Smith: Plaintiff granted custody of minor child; defendant ordered to pay \$25 monthly support money.

Asbury Transportation Company of Oregon, Inc., and others vs George H. Flagg: Russel E. Pratt, doing business as Northern lines, allowed to intervene as party defendant.

Norma Straley vs Lowell Straley: Default of defendant entered. Evelyn Bjerke vs R. M. Morgan: Suit dismissed without costs, on

motion of plaintiff.

School district 65 vs Walter M. Bernard: Complaint seeks judgment of \$20,000 for damages allegedly sustained because of defendant's failure to construct properly and to follow specifications for school building.

State vs George Higgins: Defendant pleaded guilty to charge of larceny by embezzlement, sentenced to nine months in county jail.

State vs Troy H. Perry: Defendant's parole on third degree arson conviction revoked, sent to state penitentiary for 18 months. State vs Robert E. Wilson: De-

fendant pleaded guilty to charge of sodomy, sent to state hospital for 30 days' observation.

State vs LeRoy Smith: Defendant sentenced to one year in county jail, sentenced suspended, placed on three years' probation to make restitution.

State vs George F. Herschbach: Defendant pleaded guilty to charge of non-support, six-months county jail sentence suspended, placed on two years' probation provided he support family.

Lyle Dean Workman, Lyle Francis Workman and Jerome Higdem: Continued to November 17 for arraignment on charge of conspiracy.

MUNICIPAL COURT
Joseph P. DeAngelis, Hollywood, Calif., charged with obtaining mon-

ey by false pretenses, held for Polk county authorities on \$2,500 bail.

PROBATE COURT

John Calvin Evans guardianship: Sale of personal property authorized.

Gertrude Hensel estate: Hearing on final account set December 18.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

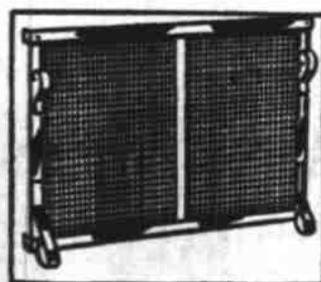
Augustus O. Hewitt, legal, clothier, 563 Court st., and Hazel C. Shutt, legal, secretary, 640 N. 14th st., both of Salem.

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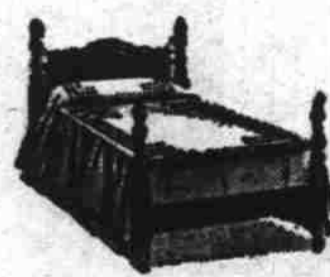
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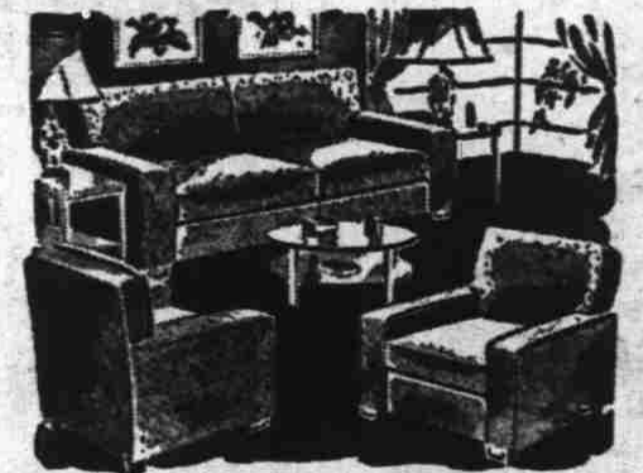
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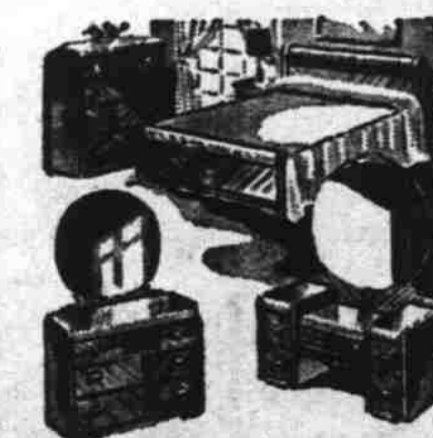
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