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Notice to Water Users
Water will be cut off January
15th if all back rents are not paid.
Oregon Water & Power Co.

Cow Wanted
Fresh or soon to freshen; part or
full Jersey preferred. Also some
hay and a dozen chickens. Wm.
H. Searle, at Gold Hill Bank.

Sunday Chicken Dinner
The Gold Hill Cafe serves usual
dinner order at 30c every Sunday,
also Sunday chicken dinner at 50c.
Fresh oysters in cans.

I am getting a large shipment
of Tokay grapes and can quote
prices for small either in large or
small quantities. J. E. Day,
Woodville or 216 Front St. North
Medford.

Stray Notice
There came to my place on Mays
creek in December, 1909, one red
bull about three years old; no mark;
brand either "J V" or "I U;" small
bell; one brass rivet in the collar.
Owner can have same, by proving
animal, and paying all charges.
L. E. Neathamer.
R. F. D. No. 1 Woodville, Oregon

Stolen
Sometime between November 26th
and December 25th, one set of six
new, silver filled, pie forks. Des-
cription—sweet pea pattern,
smooth place on handles for initial,
on the back is printed, "Paragon
Triple." Valued as a keep-sake.
\$5.00 reward for information lead-
ing to the return of same. Address
Mrs. J. W. Milken,
Foots Creek, Oregon.

Stray Notice
There came to my place on
Evans creek in January, 1907, one
red cow, marked Swallow fork out
the right ear and under bit; the
left ear Swallow fork and under bit;
Brand on the left hip W. and the
said cow is now a coming five year
old.
Owner can have same by proving
animal and paying all charges.
D. E. Neathamer.
R. F. D. No. 1 Woodville, Oregon
Right now is a good time to pay
your subscription.

"THE TOWN WITH A FUTURE"

GOLD HILL is a city of destiny. Nature made the site for a city here, at the natural entrance to the Rogue river valley proper, and when the final adjustment occurs, the best that puny man can do is to conform to nature's plans. Not only is Gold Hill the natural gateway to the best part of southern Oregon, but Crater Lake and the national park and all the scenic beauties of the upper Rogue lie just beyond.

An amazing list of natural resources has been placed contiguous to Gold Hill, and so placed that the industries resulting from their development must be located here. Gold, iron, copper, lime, cement, brick-clay, timber, waterpower—all in abundance—lie right at the very gates of the city-to-be. The scenes are set and the plot has been laid by nature. It remains for man to enact a drama the unfolding of which means the biggest and best town between Portland and Sacramento—perhaps the greatest interior town on the whole Pacific Coast. Gold Hill is a city of destiny.

The editor of the Medford Sun raises a hoarse hee-haw over the article which appeared in The News last week, entitled "A Vision of the New Year." He seems to think the idea that Gold Hill is to be a metropolis is just a joke. Perhaps it is. As he is a joke of purest ray serene himself, one is constrained to trust implicitly to his instinct in the matter, even in the face of facts indicative of the contrary.

Takes Homestead on Railroad Land

The Oregonian of recent date tells in the following interesting way how one man has taken possession of a quarter section of railroad land and is improving it, despite orders of the company officials to vacate. His plan may lead to a wholesale settlement of railroad grant land, and may help to solve the problem of ownership of same. The Oregonian says:

W. R. Smith and the northwest quarter of section 27, township 7 south, of range 1 east, Willamette meridian, conjunctively make a big thorn in the side of the Southern Pacific company. Smith has persistently held down the 160 acres of land, as technically described, laughed at threats of the Southern Pacific to oust him, parried the innuendoes and suggestions of astute attorneys and field agents of the railway company, and not only continues holding his homestead down but says he will sue the big corporation to compel it to accept \$400 in gold as payment for the land and give him title.

Smith on July 18, 1907, located on 160 acres eight miles east of Silverton on the Cedar Camp road between Silver Lake and Absqua. It was a portion of the land grant to the Oregon & California Railroad company, which carried with it a contract to sell the 6,000,000 acres given the railroad company at a maximum rate of \$250 an acre. Smith began chopping trees and clearing land and erected a house. He then made a trip to San Francisco and tendered the Southern Pacific company, successors to the Oregon & California Railroad company, \$400 in gold in payment for the land, or the maximum rate specified in the land grant. The company refused to accept the money and told Smith to vacate.

Instead of vacating, Smith returned to the homestead and began cutting more timber. About a year after he located a field agent of the Southern Pacific called upon him and suggested that he vacate.

"I told the agent," said Smith, who is in Portland to institute proceedings to compel the railroad company to take his money and give him title to the land, "that he was a private citizen, and, as such, had no right to even interview me about my private affairs. I told him not to trespass on my property, that if he did I would cause his arrest. I also told him that if the Southern Pacific had any claim on the land the proper place to present it would be in the courts. I defied him and the railway company to bring proceedings to oust me or have me arrested for holding possession of the land. At that time I had cut 50,000 feet of timber and built a house. He told me to stop cutting the timber, and I told him I would continue cutting timber, and I have done so.

"Then the company sent its lawyers to see me and I told them the

same thing. The last lawyer asked me if I would use a shotgun if he trespassed on the land. I told him I would not, but that I would arrest him myself, if I could not get other process, and take him before the court.

"Up to the present time I have cut 150,000 feet of timber have 100,000 feet stacked up; and propose to cut more. I have cleared five acres of land and set out an orchard and now I am going to get title to the land. The railroad company has refused tender of payment for the land twice and this time I am going into court to compel the company to take my money and give me title."

Smith has not only been a settler, but has made considerable money locating other settlers on the railroad company's land grant, has furnished lumber to build their homes from timber cut on his land, and has sold what he had left in the open market or to sawmills. There are now fifteen settlers in his neighborhood, who are looking to Smith to pilot them through, and he came to Portland this week to bring suit and set a precedent to give others encouragement.

"Representative-elect Lafferty has brought suit against the Southern Pacific to return the land to the government," said Smith, "but that does not alter my status. If the land goes back to the government my claim is still good. I took the land in good faith, under the provisions of the government contract with the Oregon & California Railroad company, and the government is back of me."

Smith is not an ordinary settler, as representatives of the Southern Pacific have recognized. He is quiet-mannered, but determination is written across his countenance. He has shown no violent temper and has been calm under fire. During the controversy, Smith has consulted lawyers and judges of the superior and supreme bench, and conducted a voluminous correspondence with various departments of the government. In this way he has gathered an abundance of legal information with which he has backed his defiance of the big corporation.

"I have a right to the land; it is mine," continued Smith, "or the railroad company would have brought legal proceedings long ago to make me get off. I have invited all the suits threatened, and none were brought. If the company had legal status it would use it. The fact that no legal effort has ever been made to compel me to vacate is sufficient evidence that I am right."

A. E. Kellogg
DECORATOR
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Carriage
Painting
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