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SETTLING LANDS BY LOTTERY

REFERRING to the problem of opening for settlement the California-Oregon railway land grant—should it revert to the government, as seems probable—the Grants Pass Courier rejects the proposal to offer the parcels for public sale, and suggests that the land be homesteaded by the drawing or lottery method. This system of disposal has been notably used of recent years in the disposition of Indian lands in Montana and the Dakotas. It has the approbation alone of those who won in the governmental gamble.

While any mode of disposal that will head off the plain intent of speculators to possess themselves of these valuable lands is to be welcomed, The News ventures to assert that the plain, old-fashioned method of permitting actual settlers to possess and improve their holdings, under the homestead act, has never been supplanted by a better one. The land drawing or lottery plan is not eminently successful, its chief fault being that it is not selective. Under its operation the public domain is parcelled out as the wheel of fortune spins. The lucky ne'er-do-well or incompetent who "took a chance" at the registration is as apt to possess the choicest drawing of the lot as is the bonafide industrious settler.

Moreover, it is necessary for the applicant to travel in person to the point of registration—always located at or near to the district to be opened for settlement—and there make formal application to the God of Chance in the land lottery. Homeseekers of the right sort—frugal, industrious, and often fooled before—will seldom gamble the expense of a lengthy trip in a game where there are thousands of entrants and proportionately few prizes. The floater, the transient, the common "gay dog" of the cinder path, will drift casually to the point of registration and duly enroll as aspirants to 160 acres that require real men for development. With nothing to lose, he will always "take a chance." When he wins he seldom settles, or, if he does, he figures largely on the market value of his relinquishment at the earliest possible moment. Wherever the lottery method has been tried, thousands of disillusioned homeseekers have gone back to day labor and rented farms—with a confirmed grudge against the country which took their savings in a gamble where all the chances were against them.

It is to be suspected that the railroads, which profit enormously by the resulting passenger traffic, are chiefly concerned in the continuance of the land drawing lottery.

All of which is counting chickens which are still within the incubator. Should the government win the suit, even lottery is preferable to the disposal of the lands by sale—but the simpler expedient of merely opening them for homestead, while it would result in a temporary rush, should secure the largest number of settlers of the sort desired.

News of the Week

Kansas City captured the heat record for the year, the thermometer registering 97. A number of prostrations were reported.

Damage amounting to \$10,000,000 was caused in Los Angeles county, Cal., by the recent floods, says a report of the engineers.

California horticulturists will prepare resolutions asking the postoffice department to prohibit the sending of vegetables infected with pests through the mails.

More than \$20,000 damage resulted from a thunder and rain storm at Evansville, Ind. The First Avenue Presbyterian church was wrecked, at a loss of \$10,000.

The poll tax law of Utah was declared null and void because of the fact that it conflicted with the state constitution which guarantees equal rights to men and women.

First stake has been driven in the survey of proposed railroad routes in Alaska. The route undertaken is that between Chitina and the Matanuska coal fields.

A severe wind, lightning and hail storm swept the northern part of Ohio, Missour and Kansas report a heat wave and in Kansas the public schools were dismissed on account of the heat.

An anti-American demonstration at Tampico, started by some drunken peons, was put down by Mexican rebels, according to information sent to Washington by Rear Admiral Badger from Vera Cruz.

Imports have been increased and exports reduced, according to figures given out by the department of foreign commerce of the United States. Many beef cattle are coming in.

People in the News

President Wilson will attend the reunion of the Princeton class of '79, of which he is a member, at the college June 13.

Secretary of State Bryan will deliver a series of Chautauqua lectures this year, his first public appearance being at North Carolina, June 4.

Kermit Roosevelt, son of ex-President Theodore Roosevelt, was married at Madrid, June 10. The religious ceremony was performed June 11.

The corner stone of New Haven's new marble postoffice was laid by ex-President Taft. The building will cost about \$1,600,000.

Ex-Vice President Adlai Stevenson, who suffered a nervous breakdown following the death of his wife six months ago, is said to be in a serious condition in the hospital at Chicago.

Prices of food articles are soaring in Vera Cruz and Brigadier-General Funston may open an army food market and appoint Mexicans and American army men to investigate the trouble.

By spelling 1400 words without missing, William Boselager, aged 11, of East St. Louis, won the spelling bee. Thirty-five boys and girls of the sixth grade took part and the contest lasted 11½ hours.

Misses Mary and Eleanor B. Bloomfield, daughters of Sir Arthur Bloomfield, managed to get inside of the Royal Palace, London, and offer up a plea for woman suffrage to the king. They were ejected.

Automobiles may be bought for an average of \$500 each and the upkeep will be about \$10 a month, within the next ten years, according to Dr. C. P. Steinmetz, in a statement at the National Electric Light association, Philadelphia.

Overdrafts (Secured & Unsecured)

B. H. L.

The Homesteader

It rained a little last night—Girl of my dreams, come back!—the garden is doing fine, but it's lonely here at the shack. It's quiet here at the shack and a fellow talks to the trees; they seem to answer at times when they stir to the western breeze. A fellow talks to the trees as he grubs in the garden loam, and they stir to the western breeze when he speaks of the Girl from Home. Here shall my cora grow tall, here shall the clover bloom; I'll plant my seeds on the upper field when I make the woods give room.

It rained a little last night—gee, but the shack was dark!—a coyote out on the ridge answered his partner's bark. The smell of the rain was sweet—but the shack it leaked a mite—the breath of the rain was sweet with pain, for you came to me last night. You came to me up the trail and I cursed myself when I woke, so I stuffed the chink in the roof and sat for a while to smoke. The smoke rose dim in the dark and drifted out of the door—I sat for an hour and dreamed, but you didn't come no more.

It rained a little last night—I think it rained on my heart, for I woke with the sun at six and I woke with a happy start. A quail called out of the brush, you could hear the joy in his throat; a stranger bird on the rail fence sang with a thrill in ev'ry note. The mist wreathed warm from the field, the sun was a dream in rose, when I hustled around for a nail to hold up my working clothes. Homesteader, am I then? Shacker and shiftless lout?—I know what this homestead needs—just wait till the mail goes out!

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Good prospects of oil have been struck at Lorane.

Governor West issued a proclamation declaring next Friday, "Rose Festival" day, a legal holiday.

Moving pictures of bears in their native haunts were taken in the vicinity of Roseburg. Traps were set in some instances.

The senate has passed the Chamberlain bill appropriating \$60,000 for erecting aids to navigation along the Alaska coast.

The case of Frank Stetler of Portland, to determine the validity of the new minimum wage law, has been put on the docket of the supreme court of the United States.

Timber men and mill owners of La Grande are planning to wage an extensive fight on forest fires this summer, and it is expected 30,000 acres of timber will be patrolled.

Three Portland boys entered a plea of guilty in the circuit court at Oregon City to a charge of burglary, and each was sentenced to a term of from two to five years in the state penitentiary. All were paroled.

For violations of sections of the interstate commerce law relating to the working of employes overtime, the O. W. R. & N. company was fined a total of \$3350 by Judge Bean in United States district court at Portland.

The department of commerce has notified Senator Chamberlain that it has requested the treasury department to detail a revenue cutter to patrol the course of the regatta at Astoria, July 2 and 3.

State Forester Elliott announces that he will appoint at once about 350 road supervisors and about 100 other persons fire wardens to work in districts which are not patrolled by regular wardens.

The Grants Pass commercial club has asked for advice on how to proceed in case the lands in the Oregon & California grant suits revert to the government. The persons interested are appealed to.

Despite threatening weather conditions the crowds at the Lebanon strawberry festival were greater on the closing day than on the first day. Auto parades were better than ever before.

Two Oregon items included in the sundry civil bill which will be reported to the senate are \$100,000 for Crater Lake and \$15,000 for the improvement of the Clackamas salmon hatchery.

Professor V. I. Saffro, assistant in the entomological department of the Oregon agricultural college has tentatively accepted a position as entomologist at the college extension station in Montevideo, South America.

The secretary of the Interior has awarded to W. E. Mason, of Klamath Falls, the contract for the construction of the Lost River diversion channel of the Klamath irrigation project, at a cost of \$19,922.

Revival of the old wars between cattlemen and sheepmen is indicated by information received of depredations, supposedly by owners of cattle, among sheep on the government range on Dixie creek, west of Durkee.

Summons for Publication in Foreclosure of Tax Lien

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Jackson.

R. H. Moore, Plaintiff, vs. John S. Smith and Phoebe M. Dekum, and also all other persons or parties unknown, claiming any right, title, interest, lien or estate in the property described in the application herein.

To John S. Smith and Phoebe M. Dekum, and also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, interest, lien or estate in the property described in the Application herein, the above named defendants:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You and each of you are hereby notified that R. H. Moore is the holder of Certificate of Delinquency numbered 1033, issued on the 5th day of May, 1914, by the Tax Collector of the County of Jackson, State of Oregon, upon the real property assessed to you, of which you are the owner, situated in said County and State, and particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 2, 4, 5 of Block 7, and Lots 9, 10, 11 of Block 1, of the City of Gold Hill according to the recorded plat thereof; for the amounts set opposite the descriptions of said lots below, the same being the respective amounts then due and delinquent for taxes for the year 1910 together with penalty, interest and costs thereon upon said several lots respectively, equalling in the aggregate \$27.88:

Lot 2, Block 7, Gold Hill, \$6.18
Lot 4, Block 7, Gold Hill, 6.19
Lot 5, Block 7, Gold Hill, 6.18
Lot 9, Block 1, Gold Hill, 3.14
Lot 10, Block 1, Gold Hill, 3.10
Lot 11, Block 1, Gold Hill, 3.09

You are further notified that said R. H. Moore has paid taxes on said premises for prior and subsequent years with the rate of interest on said amounts as follows:

On Lot 2, Block 7:

Years Tax	Date Paid	Tax Rec't No.	Amt.	Rate of Int.
1908	May 5, 1914	241	\$2.55	15 pct.
1909	"	"	242	4.49 15 pct.
1911	"	"	13858	4.04 15 pct.
1912	"	"	13859	4.43 15 pct.
1913	"	"	7341	4.09 15 pct.

On Lot 4, Block 7:

Years Tax	Date Paid	Tax Rec't No.	Amt.	Rate of Int.
1908	May 5, 1914	241	2.56	15 pct.
1909	"	"	242	4.50 15 pct.
1911	"	"	13858	4.05 15 pct.
1912	"	"	13859	4.43 15 pct.
1913	"	"	7341	4.09 15 pct.

On Lot 5, Block 7:

Years Tax	Date Paid	Tax Rec't No.	Amt.	Rate of Int.
1908	May 5, 1914	241	2.56	15 pct.
1909	"	"	242	4.50 15 pct.
1911	"	"	13858	4.05 15 pct.
1912	"	"	13859	4.43 15 pct.
1913	"	"	7341	4.08 15 pct.

On Lot 9, Block 1:

Years Tax	Date Paid	Tax Rec't No.	Amt.	Rate of Int.
1908	May 5, 1914	241	1.17	15 pct.
1909	"	"	242	2.24 15 pct.
1911	"	"	13858	3.91 15 pct.
1912	"	"	13859	4.43 15 pct.
1913	"	"	7341	4.08 15 pct.

On Lot 10, Block 1:

Years Tax	Date Paid	Tax Rec't No.	Amt.	Rate of Int.
1908	May 5, 1914	241	1.16	15 pct.
1909	"	"	242	2.24 15 pct.
1911	"	"	13858	3.91 15 pct.
1912	"	"	13859	4.43 15 pct.
1913	"	"	7341	4.08 15 pct.

On Lot 11, Block 1:

Years Tax	Date Paid	Tax Rec't No.	Amt.	Rate of Int.
1908	May 5, 1914	241	1.18	15 pct.
1909	"	"	242	2.27 15 pct.
1911	"	"	13858	3.92 15 pct.
1912	"	"	13859	4.44 15 pct.
1913	"	"	7341	4.08 15 pct.

Said John S. Smith and Phoebe M. Dekum, as the owners of the legal title of the above described property (The person appearing of record to be the legal owner thereof being the Gold Hill Development Company, a corporation, which was dissolved on January 20, 1906, by proclamation of the Governor of the State of Oregon pursuant to Section 6716 Lord's Oregon Laws, and said persons above named being the owners of all the stock of said corporation at the date of said dissolution and at all times since) and each of the other persons above named are hereby further notified that R. H. Moore will apply to the Circuit Court of the County and State aforesaid for a decree foreclosing the lien against the property above described, and mentioned in said certificate. And you are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the first publication of this Summons, exclusive of the day of said first publication, and defend this action or pay the amount due as above shown, together with costs and accrued interest and in case of your failure to do so, a decree will be rendered foreclosing the lien of said taxes and costs against the land and premises above named.

This Summons is published by order of the Honorable F. M. Calkins, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Jackson and said order was made and dated this 2nd day of June, 1914, and the date of the first publication of this Summons is the 6th day of June, 1914.

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HUERTA RESCINDS ORDER TO BLOCKADE

Washington.—General Huerta later suspended the order to blockade Tampico against the delivery of ammunition by the steamer Antilla to the constitutionalists and averted a new crisis between the United States and the Huerta government, which had threatened mediation of Mexican affairs.

Although the Washington officials expressed satisfaction over Huerta's action, it was persistently suggested outside of official circles that the blockade had been suspended only conditionally as a result of conferences between the South American mediators and the Mexican and American delegates at Niagara Falls, and that the Antilla's cargo of arms might not be delivered at Tampico at this time.

Washington.—A new crisis in the Mexican situation was brought about by President Huerta ordering gunboats to blockade the port of Tampico and to seize a cargo of ammunition en route there for rebels aboard the Antilla, from New York, flying the Cuban flag. Huerta notified the powers of his intention to blockade the port and that he proposed to seize the cargo consigned to the belligerents against his sovereignty as contraband of war.

Indictments Found Against Plumbers.

Des Moines.—Indictments were returned against 36 officials and members of the National Association of Master Plumbers and officials of state organizations in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa by the federal grand jury. The indictments charge conspiracy in restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Congressmen are considering a new treaty covering deep sea craft, with the object of safeguarding lives of passengers, as result of the disaster to the Empress of Ireland.

During the first year's operation of the corporation department, since the enactment of the blue sky law, the receipts of the department amounted to \$225,252.47, according to figures given out by Corporation Commissioner R. A. Watson.

A Chinook salmon weighing 27 pounds was caught in the lower Columbia by H. P. Nelson, a gillnetter. The fish may capture the \$30 prize offered by Schmidt Co., of Brookfield, for the largest salmon which will be sent to the fair at San Francisco next year.

Efforts will be made through the Oregon delegation in congress by the Portland chamber of commerce to secure an amendment to the homestead act which will reduce the amount of clearing necessary on the part of the settler on a homestead in the coast counties of Oregon.

Determined to win for Portland the 1915 national convention of the American Osteopathic association, members of the Oregon association will convene Friday and Saturday. Osteopaths from all over the state will be in attendance and the Portland contingent has arranged its affairs to be present at all the sessions.

On representations of Senator Chamberlain, Major Boggs of the isthmian canal commission has ordered new bids called for for canal supplies. Objection was made that the term supreme limited tenders to a proprietary cattle food. Portland millers said supreme was the name of a proprietary cattle food, which only one firm could furnish.

Secretary of State Olcott announces that the bounty appropriation of \$40,000 made at the last session of the legislature for the capture of wild animals had been exhausted. A law passed in 1909 provides that the bounties on predatory animals shall be paid by the state and counties, each paying half. Mr. Olcott has notified the county clerks that the appropriation has been exhausted and has asked them to discontinue forwarding claims until another appropriation is made.