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PLANNING DISPOSAL OF THE LAND GRANT

THE DECISION of the Supreme Court enforcing the original terms of the O. & C. R. land grant in Oregon, has called forth any number of proposals for the disposal of the tracts to the greatest benefit of the state. Of these many are impractical and not a few are crassly selfish.

Oswald West, late of Salem statehouse, would petition congress in the name of the state to permit the purchase of these lands by the Oregon commonwealth. At a maximum figure allowed by the terms of the grant this would involve an expenditure of \$5,750,000, for which we would receive title to the timber aggregating \$35,000,000, irrespective of land values. The West plan would turn this profit, or such as might be realized, into the school fund, throw the non-timbered agricultural land open for settlement at once, selling the standing timber on forest land and afterward open for settlement, casting unsuitable tracts into a reserve for reforestation.

It is indicated that congress, left to its initiative, will undoubtedly turn a large part of the lands into government forest reserve, or cause such delay in the removal of timber and the opening of lands for settlement that the state will sorely miss a not inconsiderable portion of taxes to which it has been accustomed.

Upon one point all Oregonians agree. The lands, or such as are desirable, should be purchased by the state, even though it be necessary to specially convene the legislature for action in the matter of perfecting financial arrangements.

To districts which possess a large quota of the timber wealth the West proposal does not appeal. For years they have seen their development retarded by the selfish corporation grasp of the grant, only to find that, with relief in sight, an intention to distribute their wealth wholesale is active. The swelling of the state school fund would be largely at the expense of such districts. This is the Southern Oregon attitude, and Southern Oregon is the inheritor of most of this natural wealth.

The West plan is to persuade congress to relinquish to Oregon, as the party of greatest interest, title in the lands within its borders, upon payment to the railroad company at the terms of the old grant. The Southern Oregon demand is identical on a scale once removed. It will ask of the state only that which is its own, and in which it is most vitally interested.

George Putnam, in the Medford Mail-Tribune, voices a majority of local sentiment when he advances that mineral lands be segregated and the title thereof be restored to the government, preserving in perpetuity the rights of prospector and miner. Those who believe in the future of the Oregon mining industry agree. It is proposed that provision be made for the sole sale of the timber on mineral lands. Timber land would be sold according to its cruise.

Upon one point only there is disagreement; namely, the suggestion that agricultural lands be sold at actual appraisal. This, we think, would tend to create a community of non-producing land lords, or center title to much of the land in out-of-state investors. It would deny to the ambitious husbandman, whose wealth is his brawn, the right to a home. Perhaps a better arrangement would be the homesteading of the land by actual settlers at a minimum value per acre—whatever the state paid, regardless of real value. The advantage to selling lands at their appraised valuation would be the creation of a surplus for use in development projects—highway construction and irrigation. The disadvantage would be the practical shutting-out of an actual agricultural class.

One thing is certain. To receive a look-in for the jack-pot, Oregon must prepare, by special session of the legislature and otherwise, to make a strong case before congress, where opposition to state rights and local development is always to be expected—without subsequent disappointment.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

One year ago Monday the Austrian archduke, Francis Ferdinand and his wife were shot and killed in the little Bosnian town of Sarajevo by Garvilo Princip. It was the act of Princip, a poor student, which ultimately resulted in 11 nations going to war. These nations are, on one hand, Great Britain, France, Russia, Serbia, Japan, Belgium, Italy and Montenegro, and, on the other, Germany, Austria and Turkey.

The war to date, according to conservative estimates compiled from the best available reports, has caused a loss to the various belligerents of more than 6,000,000 men, dead, wounded and prisoners, and more than 500 ships. Of these, about 120 were war vessels. It is 11 months since Austria declared war on Serbia.

Hammering by Teutonic armies

against the Russian forces in Galicia continues without cessation, but apparently with less success than in most of the many battles fought during the long weeks of the Galician campaign for the possession of Przemyśl and Lemberg.

Neither French nor German statements indicate operations of immediate moment in the western arena. The French admit lack of progress, due in many places, it is declared, to storm-ravaged ground, while the Germans set forth the repulse of all French attacks and the regaining of some of the trenches.

Accounts of German military activity in Russian Poland come at the same time as reports that many big guns from Essen, Germany, are being shipped into that region, possibly in preparation for another drive at Warsaw.

Overdrafts (Secured & Unsecured)

B. H. L.

Oration at Cottonwood Crossing

Friends, fellow patriots and neighbors all—the murmur of you stream is Freedom's call. Upon this here occasion we are met, in memory of a day that none forget. The murmur of you stream is Freedom's call. It whispers, as it hurries through the loam, of the good brotherhood that binds us all. It speaks of home.

You've draped a flag among the titan oaks. What does it mean to each of us, good folks? That flag which waves o'er stream and forge and corn? This here's the day that there old flag was born. What does it mean to each of us, good folks, who know it over school and country store? We never left our oxen in the yokes—to meet no more.

Look—how the sweet breeze blows it back a fold! Yonder's a vision of the times of old! Behind it, on the meadow, stands revealed the litten memory of a glorious field. Yonder's a vision of the times of old. Beyond all latter day inconsequentials, stand ragged men who laugh at war and cold—the Continentals!

Friends, they are real; as real as you and I. I tell you that the craven only die! This here's the flag that valor brought to birth. This picnic ground, they made it freeman's earth. I tell you that the craven only die. Dear God, we thank Thee that Thou cast these few—and gave us something to remember by. Friends—I am through.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The board of regents of Oregon Agricultural College has established a course in rural architecture.

Four carloads of homeseekers have been in the vicinity of Burns during the past week viewing properties.

The 1120 acre Lillard ranch north of Baker has been sold for \$50,000 to Mrs. Selma N. Ernest of Manitou, Colo.

Miss Anna Yantis was chosen by the Salem commercial club as queen of the Cherry fair, to be held July 2-3.

Henry Pitt Jackson, perhaps the most prominent Indian on the Klamath reservation, died at Bonanza at an advanced age.

Physical connections of the Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric railroads at Albany are demanded in a complaint filed with the state railroad commission.

Four hundred and thirty-two students were enrolled at the summer session of the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth, when actual class work commenced.

The Oregon City Woolen Mills has been awarded the grand prize for all woolen exhibits, both foreign and domestic, at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

Accompanied by Oswald West, United States Senator G. E. Chamberlain is on a tour through central Oregon to inspect various projects which are under way and in contemplation.

W. F. King of Prineville has just completed placing signs of direction along the Central Oregon highway from the Columbia river to the Crook and Lake county boundary line.

During the month ending June 15, the Oregon registrations show that, at an average of \$750 per car, the people of the state have invested approximately \$600,000 in gasoline driven vehicles.

The 2700-acre W. B. Potter ranch, located near Spray, was sold last week to the William Nichols family, of Milton, Umatilla county, for a consideration reported to be in the neighborhood of \$60,000.

At the meeting at Salem of the third annual Western Oregon Girls' Conference, the following officers were elected: President, Miss Madge Humbert, Eugene; vice-president, Miss Margaret Gibson, Albany; secretary, Miss Aline Henson, Portland, and treasurer, Miss Olive Clark, Portland.

Preliminary organization has been effected by the Woodburn Agricultural association meeting at Salem for action toward draining over 20,000 acres of farm lands in the French prairie district, and have the federal government assign a drainage engineer to make the necessary drawings and surveys.

At a meeting of the directors of the Oregon Hopgrowers' association at Salem, the executive committee reported that the organization had a membership of 666; that the capital stock of \$100,000 had been subscribed and a part of it paid, and that the association now controls more than 50,000 bales of hops.

Bids will be called very soon for the construction of the proposed terminal buildings for the O-W. R. & N. at The Dalles and Pilot Rock Junction below Pendleton. The company has already awarded the trackwork to Twohy brothers and this with the structural work will represent a total expenditure of \$400,000.

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200 acres near Beagle, finely improved, including stock and all agricultural implements, all for \$40.00 per acre. Terms.

604 acres in one solid body five miles out, Sams Valley district, nearly all under cultivation, no better alfalfa or grain land in this county. Price \$100 per acre.

120 acres on Footh Creek, 7 miles out, 45 to 50 acres under cultivation, as much or more could be easily cleared and cultivated, almost unlimited range for stock, good house, two large barns, hog and chicken houses, good stream through it. Price \$75.00 per acre.

160 acres near Asbestor, 20 miles out, some under cultivation, small house, large amount of small fruit, small bearing orchard, most of this is heavily timbered, unlimited range for stock, several good large springs. This is a bargain at \$4500. Considerable stock and implements go with the place at that price.

Several other farms, large and small, several fine garden tracts from two up to 50 acres, improved and unimproved, several of them are decided bargains. If you want anything in this line it will pay you to call and see me, or write for particulars on any of the above.

C. S. REDFIELD—GOLD HILL, OR.

Plans have been completed for the new \$50,000 training school building that is to be erected at Monmouth for the use of the normal school in training teachers for grade work. The architect's work has been approved and ground will be broken July 25. The structure will be erected on a three-acre tract purchased last year.

Work on the construction of a large mileage of new trail and telephone lines in the government forests in Oregon and Washington is to be begun the first of July, according to announcement made by Acting Assistant Forester Buck. In all he says the department plans to construct 394 miles of trail and 438 miles of telephone lines, besides 22 lookout stations and two bridges.

One hundred and eighty accidents, three of which were fatal, were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week. Of this total, 103 were subject to the workmen's compensation act, 46 were from public utility corporations and 31 were from other firms and corporations not under the compensation law. Railroad operations headed the list with 38 accidents, sawmills were second with 36, logging third with 26 and construction fourth with 17. William Cross, Marshfield, and Steve Sawuke, Clatskanie, were killed while logging, and A. E. Day, a trespasser, was killed by a train at St. Johns.

Dignitaries of the Catholic church from all parts of eastern Oregon are expected to be in Baker June 29 to take a prominent part in the silver jubilee of Right Rev. C. J. O'Reilly, bishop of eastern Oregon.

The Columbia highway will be open for travel from Portland to The Dalles on or after July 10, according to Roadmaster John Yeon. Until that time it will be necessary to ship automobiles to The Dalles as heretofore.

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