

GOVERNMENT WILL FIGHT RETENTION OF 2,500,000 ACRES BY O. & C. ROAD

O. & C. Land Grant.

- Contains total of \$3,250,000 acres.
- Of this, 750,000 are sold, 2,500,000 still unsold.
- Unsold portion worth average of \$25 per acre.
- Total value is \$62,500,000.
- If government wins, will be sold at \$2.50 an acre, or at total \$6,250,000.
- Grants contain greater area than Rhode Island and Delaware combined.
- Government will begin suit to recover these lands within 60 days in the federal court in Portland.
- Passage of Fulton resolution will mean a great rush of settlers to Oregon.
- Grant contains between 15,000 and 18,000 homesteads.

Within the next 60 days, probably much sooner, the government and the Oregon & California railroad company will be locking horns over the possession of the unsold portion (2,500,000 acres) in the lands granted to the company in the acts of congress in 1866 and 1869. The battle will be waged in the federal courts in the Oregon district, in other words the issue will be joined in Portland.

B. D. Townsend, the special agent of the interior department, who made an exhaustive investigation of the grants and who drew up the Fulton resolution, will come to Portland within the next 30 days and prepare to institute proceedings against the corporation on behalf of the government. The Fulton resolution was passed by the house Saturday by an overwhelming majority, and will be signed by the president within the next few days. As soon as that has been done, the government will proceed immediately with legal action.

Private advices received in Portland this morning are to the effect that Mr. Townsend has practically drafted the petition which will be filed here shortly after his arrival. The petition will be a bill in equity, asking the federal court to declare the unsold portion of the O. & C. grant forfeited to the government because of the violations of the act of congress perpetrated by the railroad company in selling the other part of the grant, approximately 800,000 acres in extent.

It is anticipated that the O. & C. company will appeal the matter to the supreme court of the United States, and in case the government wins in that tribunal; it is more than likely that the secretary of the interior will restore the 1,500,000 tract to entry, giving the public a chance to file on it under the homestead or timber and stone act.

As the matter now stands, following the adoption of the Fulton resolution, there is likely to be the greatest rush of actual settlers to all sections of the grant throughout the state within the next few months. Much of the land is very desirable, and while a good deal of it is covered with timber, it cannot be excelled for agricultural purposes when cleared.

Up to the present time only about 25 actual settlers have had the hardihood to settle on quarter-section tracts of the grant, about 20 of them in Columbia county and about five in Lane county. They have taken this step on the theory that the O. & C. company had no right to these lands, and under the law must sell them to bona fide settlers and in not more than 160-acre tracts and at a price not over \$2.50 per acre. These actual settlers have all pooled their interest, have placed their claims in the hands of A. W. Lafferty, a local lawyer, who declared this morning that the passage of the Fulton act is the greatest victory for the government imaginable, and will mean a tremendous rush of settlers onto these lands within the next few months.

"I believe there will be an unprecedented rush of actual settlers onto these lands from now on," said Mr. Lafferty, this morning. "Hundreds of people have been waiting to see what the outcome would be when Mr. Townsend took his fight into congress in the form of the Fulton resolution. Now that home-seekers, actual bona fide settlers see that the government is taking the matter seriously, they will flock to these lands at a faster rate than the state has ever known. I am confident that I look to see a good share of the most available parts of the unsold portions of the grant gobbled up within the next six months, not only by people in this state, but from all over the country."

Value of the Land.

"The railroad company, I understand, holds these lands worth about \$25 an acre, and the settlers under the law are entitled to buy them at \$2.50 an acre. The 21 suits which I have filed in the courts here are the only cases so far where people have undertaken to compel the Oregon & California company to live up to the law as set down in the acts of congress of 1866 and 1869."

Lafferty prepared a resume of the legislation and historical facts relative to the land grants to the O. & C. company for Attorney-General Bonaparte, and this resume was used effectively in the hearings before the public land committee of the senate and the house in the fight for the passage of the Fulton resolution.

"The contention of the railroad company has been all along," continued Mr. Lafferty, "that it had a clear title to these lands, and that it could not be compelled to sell for \$2.50 an acre or in tracts of only 160 acres each, and then only to actual settlers. They have sold a great deal of tim-

ber lands to the big timber syndicates in tracts of from 50,000 to 75,000 acres, and nobody knows how much they got for it.

"Whenever any people have settled on quarter sections and have gone to the land agents of the O. & C. company and tendered them \$2.50 an acre for this land, and demanded a deed, the railroad officials have laughed at them, but with the Fulton resolution now effective there is no reason why the entire tract from East Portland to the southern boundary of Oregon should not now be settled with amazing rapidity, for it gives bona fide settlers much greater guarantee that they will eventually win out than they have had up to this time."

The essential feature of the situation and the one that will mean great things for Oregon in the event of the government's final victory in the courts is the fact that no time is to be lost in bringing the matter before the federal court in this district.

On the other hand, the O. & C. company may be depended upon to put up a powerful fight, for the reason that the possession of \$60,000,000 worth of land is involved; a tract bigger than two entire states of the union, and increasing in value very rapidly.

AUTO ROAD TO THE SEA.

Portland Automobiles to Build Highway to Astoria.

Nineteen hundred and eight will see at least one big achievement by the Portland Automobile club, in the completion of the proposed highway from Portland to the sea, says the Oregon Daily Journal. This project has long been agitated in a desultory way by various interests, and until the Automobile club took up the work and directed concentrated effort upon it little progress was made.

With the active co-operation of the Astoria chamber of commerce and the county authorities of Columbia county, the road will become a reality within the next 90 days, and before the end of July a vehicle may make fast time from Portland to Seaside, over one of the most picturesque roads in the world. The road will follow the county highway out past Linnton and along the Willamette river through Holbrook, Scappoose, Warren, Yankton, Perlis, Pittsburg and Mist.

The Portland section of the road will end at Vesper, and from that point it will be built by the Astoria people. The latter have the west division already well under way, and will have their contract completed by the middle of July. The road will run inland some distance after passing Vesper, and will touch Jewell, thence back toward the Columbia. It will pass through Olney, and from there direct to Astoria, Warrenton, Gearhart and Seaside.

Between St. Helens and Vesper the new highway will open a region now comparatively isolated, but which will be developed into a rich dairying country.

The improvement of the road from Portland to Vesper will cost \$1000 per mile, and the distance is 40 miles. One-third of this amount will be raised by subscription by the Automobile club, and the other two-thirds will be paid by Columbia county.

Death Was On His Heels.

Jesse P. Morris or Skippers, Va., had a close call in the spring of 1906. He says: "An attack of pneumonia left me so weak and with such a fearful cough that my friends declared consumption had me, and death was on my heels. Then I was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery and after taking two and a half bottles I was a well man again. I found out that New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and lung disease in all the world." Sold under guarantee at Tallman & Co.'s drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

HERMISTON HOMESTEADS.

Excellent Opportunity to Get Homesteads Within Mile of City.

There is no government land now open to entry under the Hermiston project except through relinquishments by entrymen who filed prior to the entry of the government and who must now relinquish part of their land back to the government.

We have a number of relinquishments in the 20-acre farm unit within one mile of Hermiston which can now be filed upon.

FRUITT & OLIVER,
11-14 Association Block.

A Twenty Year Sentence.

"I have just completed a 20 year health sentence, imposed by Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which cured me of bleeding piles just 20 years ago," writes O. S. Woollever of LeRaysville, N. Y. Bucklen's Arnica Salve heals the worst sores, boils, burns, wounds and cuts in the shortest time. 25c at Tallman & Co.'s drug store.

According to a report from Roseburg, even the saloon men of Douglas county believe the county will go dry at the coming election. As a result of this fear, saloon property has taken a decided slump in value.

TEA

You will find no poor tea in packages bearing our name. If you find any such, you know what to do.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Best: we pay him.

Shirtwaists for a Song

The daintiest lingerie waist
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These Beautiful Creations for Friday and Saturday

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Backache and kidney ache are twin brothers.

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And you can't get rid of the backache until you cure the kidney ache.

If the kidneys are well and strong, the rest of the system is pretty sure to be in vigorous health.

Doan's Kidney Pills make strong, healthy kidneys.

B. Logadon, living at 1223 Y street, La Grande, Ore., says: "I have been subject to attacks of kidney trouble and backache for four or five years. The trouble was always severe and became more frequent as time went on. I had pains in my back, headaches and the secretions from my kidneys caused me to arise many times during the night. I had heard so much about Doan's Kidney Pills that I decided to try them and procured a box. I took them but a short time when the pains disappeared and my kidneys were restored to their former good health. I am glad to recommend Doan's kidney pills to others."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

OREGON'S OPPORTUNITY

Colonist Rates from all parts of the United States and Canada to all parts of Oregon and the Northwest will be again put into effect by

THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION COMPANY and the SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY.

(Lines in Oregon.)

March 1, 1908

and will continue daily throughout March and April. From the principal cities of the Middle West the rates will be as follows

FROM	TO	RATE
KANSAS CITY	COUNCIL BLUFFS	\$30.00
ST. LOUIS	OMAHA	\$35.00
CHICAGO	ST. PAUL	\$38.00

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The Colonist Rate is the greatest of all homebuilders. Oregon has unlimited resources and needs more people who desire homes and larger opportunities.

Oregon people can accomplish splendid results by heralding this opportunity to all the world. Send Oregon literature giving good, reliable information about the state, far and wide. Call on the on the above railroads for it if necessary.

FARES CAN BE PREPAID.

Here at home if desired. Any agent is authorized to accept the required deposit and telegraph ticket to any point. Call on F. J. Quinlan, local agent, or address WM. M. MURRAY, General Passenger Agent, Portland.

Irrigated Lands for Sale

I have the best proposition on irrigated lands that is now open to the investing public. It has passed the experimental and speculative stage and is recognized by all as a safe and profitable investment.

This land is on the Deschutes river in Crook county, and the government reports of the United States Irrigation Commission class the Deschutes river as the "BEST RIVER FOR IRRIGATION IN THE WORLD." Those are the exact words used in the report. This river is higher, by about 12 inches, during the months from May till August, than at any other time of the year. It never has a freshet or flood in the spring as other rivers do, but a gradual rise of about 12 inches during the summer months.

The Deschutes Irrigation and Power Co. have now 86,000 acres under their ditches, over 46,000 acres being already disposed of, and nearly half of that amount will be cultivated and improved this year.

No land anywhere can beat this for grains, grasses, vegetables and root crops, and few can equal it for winter apples.

I talked with one man who sold last year \$2400.00 worth of vegetables from 16 acres of ground, and another man only a short distance from him sold \$1600.00 worth of vegetables from 8 acres of ground. These men are good farmers and have had experience, and have proved what the land will do if properly handled.

Such land, improved and cultivated, is worth \$200.00 per acre to any man who will use it, and make the most out of it, yet you can buy that same land before May 1st for \$33.00 per acre. After May 1st the price is \$40.00. These prices include a perpetual water right. You pay one-fourth, (or \$8.25) per acre down and the same amount each year until all is paid. After the first year you must also pay 80 cents per acre maintenance fee, for keeping up the ditches and canals.

Any man who will go onto this land and work it can pay out on it, from the second year's crop and have money left, and his land will be worth four times what he gave for it. If it is not cultivated it will double its value in two years, and if the railroad reaches the country within two years, as is now expected and predicted by all, a man who owns land near Bend or Redmond may put his own price on his land, and it will sell. The climate is delightful, being near the mountains, and timber reaches down to the city of Bend, making a source of great wealth and industry, that will help to make Bend a large city within the next five years.

The Deschutes river has a fall of nearly 700 feet in 12 miles above Bend, furnishing about 250,000 horse-power, to be used in manufacturing industries, electric railroads and all kinds of development of the country.

These resources surrounding this land make it the best proposition now open to the small or large investor, and by buying within the next few days, you save \$7.00 per acre. The land is cheap at \$40.00 and no other irrigated land is offered at such a price.

If the railroad were already there, this land would be placed on the market at \$100 per acre or higher.

Can you find a safer or more attractive investment?

Select a piece of this land from my plate, and if you are not satisfied with it, you may change the location any time within 90 days. You have all to gain and nothing to lose.

R. E. TARBET

Agent for Deschutes Irrigated Lands.

Nominees for June Election

J. Hudeman

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
At the election to be held June 1, 1908.

Ralph Folsom

(Present Incumbent.)
REPUBLICAN NOMINEE
FOR COUNTY CORONER
At election to be held June 1, 1908.

G. W. Phelps

(Present Incumbent.)
REPUBLICAN NOMINEE
FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY
At election to be held June 1, 1908.

T. D. Taylor

(Present Incumbent.)
DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE
FOR SHERIFF
At election to be held June 1, 1908.

Horace Walker

(Present Incumbent.)
REPUBLICAN NOMINEE
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
At election to be held June 1, 1908.
My platform: "Permanent Improvements."

John Q. Peebler

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE
FOR RECORDER OF CONVEYANCES.
At election to be held June 1, 1908.

C. P. Strain

(Present Incumbent.)
DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE
FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR
At election to be held June 1, 1908.

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J. P. Sullivan, Prop.

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CEDAR BROOK

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Large stock of leading brands
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A cool, orderly stopping place
for men.

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Mixed Drinks.

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