

## THE GRANT LANDS

### Proposal to Spread It Over State.—Coo Bay Needs It Most.

As the Coo Bay wagon road land grant cuts a swath across Coo county from Isthmus slough by way of Sumner, Fairview, McKinley and Glukum to the Douglas county line and includes land adjacent to the city of Coquille and along the line of our water supply mains, the following from the Oregon Journal in relation to its present status will be read with interest:

Efforts to secure the revestment of the lands of the Coo Bay wagon road grant in the United States and their sale according to the terms of the grant are being put in motion by Oswald West, who has drafted a bill in tentative form for submission to Senator Chamberlain and presentation to Congress.

The Coo Bay grant lands are very valuable, being worth by conservative estimates, not less than \$3,000,000. They stand in the same relative position, so far as ownership is concerned, as the Oregon-California grant lands, which have been revested in the government and will be opened to entry and settlement provided the supreme court of the United States holds the Chamberlain-Ferris act to be constitutional and valid.

Terms of the Coo Bay Grant. Congress, by an act of March 3, 1869, granted alternate sections of land reaching from the navigable waters of Coo Bay to Roseburg, extending three sections on each side of a road then planned to be constructed between the two points. The grant was made to the State of Oregon, and provided, in general terms, that the lands were to be sold to actual settlers, at a price not to exceed \$2.50 an acre, and in tracts not to exceed 160 acres, to any one settler. The purpose of the grant was to procure sufficient funds with which to construct a wagon road from Coo Bay to Roseburg.

The grant provided that the lands should be sold as the work of constructing the road progressed, for the purpose of construction and for no other use.

The State, on October 22, 1870, passed a special law granting the Coo Bay Wagon Road company all of its interest in the lands, and the company assumed all of the terms and conditions of the original granting act.

Non-Observance of Terms. On February 4th, 1903, the government brought suit against the Coo Bay Wagon Road company, or its successor in interest, the Southern Oregon company, to forfeit the lands because of the non-observance of the terms of the grant. The contentions of the government were sustained by the United States district court at Portland, and the company appealed to the circuit court of appeals in San Francisco, which tribunal has recently rendered a decision in favor of the government on appeal.

The Oregon & California grant case soon to be argued on rehearing by the United States supreme court and the Coo Bay case are, practically speaking, parallel cases. The principal points raised in the first case are also involved in the second, so that the final decision of the high court on the Oregon & California grant case will, in a large part, be compelling in the second.

One Decision Rules Both. In other words, if the supreme court sustains the Chamberlain-Ferris act, as to the power of Congress to enact such a law and administer the Oregon & California grant as provided by its terms, the decision will settle to all practical intents and purposes, the power of Congress to enact a similar statute as applied to the Coo Bay wagon road grant lands.

It is the contention of ex-Governor West that the common schools of the state will be adequately cared for through the additions to the irreducible school fund coming from the proceeds of the Oregon & California grant lands, as allotted under the terms of the Chamberlain-Ferris act. He is suggesting therefore, that in any bill introduced in Congress to provide for the revestment and administration of the Coo Bay lands, provision be made that the proceeds be divided between the Oregon Agricultural College, University of Oregon and normal schools. He recently has held a conference with President Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural College, President Campbell, of the University of Oregon and President Ackerman of the Monmouth Normal school at which it was agreed that it would be a fair provision to apportion 50 per cent of the proceeds derived from the sale of the lands to the Oregon Agricultural College, 40 per cent to the University of Oregon

and 10 per cent to the normal schools.

Division Among Schools. A bill is being drawn by ex-Governor West providing for this division, and also providing that all taxes that have been paid by the Coo Bay Wagon Road company, and its successor, the Southern Oregon company, together with other necessary and lawful expenditures that may have been made by them, be refunded, that the lands be revested in the government and then sold to actual settlers at a price not exceeding \$2.50 an acre and in tracts not exceeding 160 acres to any one purchaser, as provided under the terms of the granting act.

A bill, similar in terms but providing for the repeal of the legislative act of October 22, 1870, and the administration of the grant lands by the state land board, was introduced in the 1913 session of the legislature by Senator Neuner.

Fate of Similar Bill in Oregon.

This bill was referred to the judiciary committee of the senate, at that time composed of Gus C. Moser (chairman), L. E. Bean, R. E. Butler, John A. Carson, W. Lair Thompson, Claude C. McCulloch and W. A. Dimick. The measure was adversely reported by the majority of the committee consisting of Moser, Bean, Butler, Carson and Thompson, while McCulloch and Dimick signed a minority report in favor of the passage of the bill. Moser fought for the adoption of the majority report which effort failed by a vote of 17 to 11, the bill then being indefinitely postponed.

The developments in the Oregon & California case and in the Coo Bay litigation since then have so changed conditions that it is now considered more feasible to have the legislation for the administration of the Coo Bay grant come through Congress.

It would seem to the Sentinel that the proposition for the national government or the State of Oregon to take over these lands is not exactly the fair thing. The government granted these lands in Coo and Douglas counties to be sold for the purpose of obtaining funds to construct a wagon road between Coo Bay and Roseburg. Such a highway of anything more than a primitive character yet remains to be built.

We would suggest that this point be strongly presented to the authorities both at Salem and at Washington by the people of the two counties, and that the county courts at Coquille and Roseburg insist that so long as a modern highway has never been constructed across the coast range no other disposition of these lands should be entertained than one which will provide that the funds derived from the sale shall be used to build a road by the best available route between Coo Bay and Roseburg. These lands are all in Coo and Douglas counties and they were originally donated by Congress for the purpose of furnishing the means to build such a road.

### Enthusiastic For Silos.

There are four ranchers on Daniel's creek who last year built silos of various types, and each of these are now enjoying the benefits of their investment. All of them would have been out of feed and would have been buying hay from January until spring crops are harvested were it not for the supply of succulent feed held in storage in the silo.

Owen Moore was here today and stated he would not take four times what his cost and do without it. Further he stated that those who cannot afford a concrete silo, which he considered the best type, should not hesitate but build one within their means. His silo is 10x30 feet and the material cost about \$50. It has saved him fully \$400 this winter alone. He filled it with anything green he said, no matter what it was. Peas, corn, hay, that had been rained on, wheat, etc., goes into the silo. His advice to the ranchers is to build a silo, a good one if possible, but build whatever can be afforded.—Coo Bay Harbor.

### Much Lumber to be Cut.

The McDonald and Vaughn Logging company is busy grading for a mile of railroad spur from the center of Beaver Hill to a timber tract north of the town, where they will cut an area of land for the Smith-Powers Logging company. There is about 7,000,000 feet of logs in that section and it is the last owned by the Smith interests in that section. The McDonald and Vaughn company will build a new camp at once and the officers expect to be ready to commence delivering logs by the first of April. The logs are mostly fir and will be sawed at the large Smith mill. Three donkey engines which were used at the old camp of the McDonald and Vaughn company northwest of Beaver Hill, will be moved to the new camp and most of the remainder of the equipment will remain on the ground, having been sold to the North Bend Mill & Lumber company which is tapping that district by a railroad from Davis Slough.—Record.

### Was Not A Spotter.

Sheriff Gage, who was here from Coquille Monday, declared that he did not think there was any truth in the report circulated here that the steamer taken off the Dunbar Lumber Company's vessel, Hardy, at North Bend Saturday was a "spotter."

The report had it that McIntyre was either an Internal Revenue officer or a hired detective to get a line on the alleged liquor shipments on the Hardy and that when he was discovered, he feigned insanity lest the crew should discover his mission and treat him severely.

Sheriff Gage said that he was sure that he was not a revenue officer and he doubted if he was a "spotter." He said that McIntyre was evidently a sailor and looked as though he was recuperating from a prolonged spree. He said that McIntyre was unclean, suffering from vermin.—Coo Bay Times.

Send the Sentinel to eastern friends.

### NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executor of the last will and testament of S. M. Kirkpatrick, deceased, has filed his final account as such executor and the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Coo County, has fixed Monday, the 2nd day of April, 1917, at the county court room in the county court house in the City of Coquille, Coo County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

Dated and first published March 2nd, 1917.

M. O. Hooton, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of S. M. Kirkpatrick, deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has, by order of the County Court of Coo County, Oregon, been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Margaret A. Hudson, deceased; and that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified that they are required to present same, duly verified, and with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at the office of A. J. Sherwood in Coquille, Coo County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 26th day of February, 1917.

C. D. Hudson, Administrator of the Estate of Margaret A. Hudson, deceased.

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received for the construction of concrete sidewalks at the Coo County Court House, at Coquille, Coo County, Oregon, according to plans and specifications on file in the Office of the County Clerk. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the contract to a bidder not the lowest should they deem it for the best interest of the County.

All bids are to be filed with the County Clerk on or before the 9th day of March 1917 at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. on which day such contract shall be let. A certified check of five percent, of the amount of bid to be deposited with the County Clerk with bid to be forfeited to the County in case contract shall be awarded and the contractor shall fail, neglect or refuse for a period of ten days after such award is made to enter into a contract and file his bonds to the satisfaction of the County Court as required by law.

A set of plans and specifications may be had upon deposit of the sum of \$2.00 to the County Clerk.

Dated at the City of Coquille, Coo County, Oregon, this 23rd day of February A. D. 1917.

L. W. Oddy, County Clerk.

### NOTICE OF SALE OF CITY IMPROVEMENT BONDS.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Coquille, Coo County, Oregon, a municipal corporation, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter V of Title XXVI of Lord's Oregon Laws, and the provisions of sections 70 to 75, both inclusive, of an act enacted by the people of the City of Coquille, at the general election held on the 12th day of May, A. D. 1913, has issued \$6 Improvement bonds, Series B for the improvement of all that portion of Second street from the west side of Henry Street and running east therefrom to the west side of Myrtle Street.

Also, all that portion of Third Street from the east side of Henry Street and running east therefrom to the east side of Collier street.

Also, all that portion of Coulter Street from the south end of Coulter Street and running north therefrom to the south line of Fourth Street.

Also, all that portion of Heath Street from a point ten feet south of the north line of First Street and running north therefrom to the south

line of Fourth Street.

Also, all that portion of Beach Street from a point ten feet south of the north line of First Street and running north therefrom to the north side of Third Street.

Also, all that portion of Collier Street from a point ten feet south of the north line of First Street and running north therefrom to the north side of Third Street.

Also, all that portion of Division Street from a point ten feet south of the north line of First Street to the south line of Second Street.

Also, all that portion of Maple Street from a point ten feet south of the north line of First Street to the south line of Second Street, all of said proposed improvements and said streets hereinbefore named being in Elliott's Addition to Coquille City and Nottley's Addition to the town of Coquille City, in Coo County, State of Oregon, according to the plats of said additions on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk of Coo County, Oregon, within the corporate limits of the said City of Coquille, bond number one of said series being in the sum of \$387.86 and bonds numbered two to 36, both inclusive, of said series, being in the sum of \$500.00 each, and all of said bonds bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from the 20th day of February, 1917, pursuant to and subject to the provisions of said Chapter V and the said Charter of the City of Coquille and the provisions in said bonds contained.

Said bonds will be sold for the highest price obtainable, but for not less than par and accrued interest and payable in lawful money of the United States of America.

Sealed written proposals for the purchase of said bonds, or any of them, accompanied by certified check in the sum offered, or United States money order, or lawful money of the United States, will be received and same opened and considered and the sale thereof made by the mayor and City Recorder of the City of Coquille upon and after the 10th day of March, A. D. 1917, and between equal bids, sale will be made to the person first filing proposal, and if made at same time to either or any of such equal bidders.

By order of the Common Council of said City of Coquille and dated this 22nd day of February, 1917.

J. S. Lawrence, City Recorder.

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