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GOVERNMENT WINS IN O. & C. GRANT LAND SUIT

Forfeiture Upheld as Constitutional by Supreme Court of the United States

Southern Pacific's Claim to Ownership of 2,300,000 Acres Within This State, Worth \$30,000,000, Declared Divested.

Washington, April 23.—In deciding the Oregon California land case today the supreme court affirmed the Oregon federal court's decree enjoining the Southern Pacific railroad company from disposing of timber and minerals on its lands received by congressional grant. By the same decision the government won in its suit against the Southern Pacific railroad to regain nearly 2,300,000 acres of Oregon land worth \$30,000,000.

The Chamberlain-Ferris law of 1916 forfeiting and divesting the railroad's title to the lands granted by congress in 1866 and providing for federal sale of the lands, timber and minerals was upheld as constitutional.

Through Justice McKenna the court held that the Oregon federal court's decree enjoining sale by the railroad of timber and minerals on the land was entirely in accordance with the supreme court's previous orders. The decision was unanimous and entirely in favor of the government except as to costs of the litigation—a considerable sum—the court ordering that the government should not receive it costs.

CHAUTAUQUA MEET IS ENTHUSIASTIC

Ernest Purvance and S. R. Smith Are Re-elected President and Secretary of Association.

An enthusiastic meeting of chautauqua backers was held at the commercial club Tuesday evening. Arrangements were made for a booster meeting to be held May 15, at which time the campaign for a successful chautauqua will be outlined. A committee, composed of A. A. Richmond, Worth Harvey and K. K. Mills, was appointed to secure new members before that time.

Ernest Purvance and S. R. Smith were re-elected president and secretary. C. J. Kem was elected vice-president and Mrs. K. K. Mills was elected treasurer.

The meeting heartily endorsed a Fourth of July celebration.

PEOPLE OF CRESWELL PATRIOTIC AS ANY

Entertainment There Nets \$71.05 for Mess Fund of Company.

The people of Creswell, which city has given a number of boys to Cottage Grove's militia company, are as patriotic as if the company were stationed in their city. A program and basket social was held there Saturday evening at which \$71.05 was raised for the mess fund of the company.

The following program was given:

Piano Duet—Misses Patti and Eva Orr.

Address—Rev. Driver, of chapel corner.

Address—Captain Lee Roy Woods.

Chorus, "America"—High School Glee Club.

Address—Principal B. S. Wakefield.

Vocal Duet—Miss Ellen Johnson and Miss Gertrude Wackrow.

Address—J. S. Boyette, of Eugene, representing G. A. R.

Vocal Duet—Geo. H. Baxter and Wm. McDaniel.

Address—Rev. W. A. Orr.

Prayer—Rev. J. S. Bishop.

Red Cross Movement—Mrs. John Tryon, Eugene.

"The Star Spangled Banner"—Led by Honor Guard.

Presentation of Enlisted Men.

C. H. Sedgwick, mayor of Creswell, presided.

Flag Is Caught by Tree.

In a tall tree along the Row river road is a flag which evidently has been broken from somewhere by the wind and in being carried through the air was caught and upheld by the limbs of the tree. Even the trees of the Cottage Grove country are patriotic.

The Sentinel should be in every home of the Cottage Grove Country. m15ff

Pupils Enjoy Hawaiian Lecture.

The pupils of the schools enjoyed a treat Monday afternoon, when Prof. A. U. Hushaw, of Hawaii, gave his Hawaiian lecture, accompanied by moving pictures. The reproduction of the burning lava in one of the craters of the island was wonderful.

Is Fat Himself; Wishes Other Things Fat Also

EMERSON KEITHLEY, the London merchant, believes in having things fat. One can tell that by his glance at his own rotund avoirdupois. To prove this fact, the other day Mr. Keithley butchered a hog from which he took 110 pounds of lard. That is an unusual amount for one pig.

Ingenuity Awarded by Present of Check Protector

M. C. Cochran is in possession of a \$40 check protecting machine, the total cost of which to him was only 43 cents. The machine, which is a new one direct from the factory, came into his possession in the following manner: An agent, in trying to sell Mr. Cochran the machine, made the statement that if Mr. Cochran could write a check that the agent couldn't raise he would make Mr. Cochran a present of the machine. Mr. Cochran took up the offer, put a piece of fine wire screen behind a blank in his typewriter and wrote the check. The wire screen perforated the paper in such a manner that no change could be made without detection. The representative endeavored to back out of the bargain, which was only an oral one, but a few days ago Mr. Cochran received the machine by express direct from the factory.

TRAVELING MEN WILL PICNIC HERE

Drummer's Ball Team Will Cross Bats With Organization From the Business Men.

A traveling men's picnic will be held here some time in May, probably on Friday, the 25th. A committee of business men has the event in charge. The picnic will be held at some appropriate spot on Row river. There will be a ball game in the afternoon and a dance in the evening. Music will be furnished during the day and for the dance by the band. The traveling men have their own team and their opposing team will be made up from the business men of Cottage Grove.

Teachers in Near-Fatality.

Probably few Cottage Grove people know how near they came to being without several of their perfectly good school teachers this week. Not that they intended getting married, although it came pretty nearly being as bad as that. Miss Hester Bemis, Miss Neita Hazelton, Miss LaVilla Buell and Miss Carolyn Schelling were out for a ride in the Bemis car and were returning from London. In going up the approach of the Boyd bridge, Miss Buell attempted to throw the clutch into intermediate. The clutch refused to work and the killing of the engine was the result. The foot brake also refused to work and in backing down the bridge the car went through the railing, one wheel dropped off the bridge and only one plank, projecting further than the others, saved the car and its occupants from dropping into the ravine below. Help soon arrived, the car was rescued from its perilous position and the trip to the city completed. The car was not injured.

Win Palmer Pins.

The following pupils of Miss Buell's room have won the Palmer system pins awarded by the Palmer company to those becoming proficient in this method of penmanship:

Oliver Jensen, Johnnie Gilbert, George White, Henry Reule, Kenneth Baker, Evelyn Veatch, Irvin Clark, Mildred Cochran, Bertha Howe, Sara Stewart, Cleo Lewis, Charlie Roberts, Dale Weeden, Ray Potts, Hazel Stephens, Ruth Bede, Ruth Powers, Bilda Schuele, Katherine Schuele, Carl Thornton, Harold LeRoy, Alfred Pleuand, Estor Porter, James McGee.

HYDRANT BLOWS OUT; INDUSTRIES SHUT DOWN

The electric power plant and the Brown Lumber company's mill were shut down a couple of hours Tuesday forenoon because of the blowing out of a hydrant on Tenth street. The water in that part of the city had to be shut off while the repairs were made.

PUPILS WILL GATHER OLD PAPERS, RUBBER AND IRON

During next week the pupils of the high school will collect old papers, magazines, old iron and rubber. In addition to helping clean up the city, the pupils hope to make some profit from the sale of the junk which they collect. Those having any of these materials they are willing to donate will favor the pupils by notifying any one of them or calling the high school, when someone will be sent to get it.

Sell Farm, Move to McMinnville.

The J. D. and J. P. Humphrey families, who have resided in the Loraie valley for a number of years, have sold their farm and are moving to McMinnville. D. C. Caster, of Tacoma, is the purchaser of the farm.

Jury Gives \$31.25.

The case of C. B. Bailey, of Eugene, against Mrs. P. H. Gray was tried before Judge J. E. Young one day last week. The sum asked was \$45, alleged due for electrical treatments. The jury rendered a verdict of \$31.25 for the plaintiff.

Wins Prize for Essay.

Leonard Morgan, of this city, is one of the winners of the prizes offered by Senator D. W. Wood, of Hillsboro, for the best arguments in favor of good roads. The prize was a \$5 gold piece, and was the head prize for the county.

The county agent's office has been designated a branch of the public employment bureau, of Portland, and farmers desiring help may file their needs with the county agent.

Legislators as I Saw Them

By ELBERT BEDE

CHAPTER VIII

Lane county had three members at the last session. In fact, it always has three members, but this year the three members were more distinctly three members than ever before. As far as I could observe the three worked out their own problems, had little in common with one another and paid little attention to what the others were doing. There seemed to be no community of interest.

And in nature and characteristics they were as dissimilar as anything



LOUIS E. BEAN
Representative from Lane county

could be. Their ideals were entirely different. Their manner of doing things was entirely different.

I have already written of Walter B. Jones. I will in this, the concluding chapter of this series, speak of the other two members, L. E. Bean and Allen H. Eaton.

Both are experienced legislators, Eaton being the dean of the house with a record of 12 years.

It is a rather difficult problem to classify Eaton as a legislator. He is a character unto himself. While he seems to have little ambition to distinguish himself by the enactment of great legislation, it is not because he hasn't the ability. He has that and to spare. The nearest I can come to classifying him is to say that he acts as a sort of governor on the affairs of the session. With his experience he was an absolute authority on parliamentary practice. He was an absolute authority upon how to do certain things, or how certain things couldn't be done. He was frequently consulted by the younger members, and not infrequently by the older members—and was always ready and free with such advice.

Although having little legislation of his own to look after, yet he was one of the busiest members and had much committee work to attend to. In his part as governor of the body he was quick on the floor, clear-cut in his expressions and seemed to be able to get through to the meat of any subject under consideration.

LEXINGTON ANNIVERSARY IS OBSERVED IN SCHOOLS

The anniversary of the Battle of Lexington was observed last Thursday with exercises at the high school under auspices of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. The old soldiers marched to the school building from the bank corner.

The exercises opened with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, accompanied by the military salute. Dr. D. L. Woods, representing the G. A. R., spoke briefly and introduced the principal speaker, Rev. D. A. MacLeod, who delivered a splendid and stirring patriotic address. Remarks by other old soldiers were followed by the regular school salute and the singing of America the Red, White and Blue.

The first roses of the season brought to The Sentinel office were given by Mrs. Van Allison. The original slip came from the old Nesmith home.

Because he had little ambition to initiate legislation, because he was an authority on parliamentary rules and practice and seemed eminently better qualified to direct than to propose, because always affable, agreeable and fair-minded, it always struck me that he would make an ideal presiding officer. He narrowly missed that honor a couple of times.

It is not so hard to classify L. E. Bean. He was a defeated candidate for speaker and, therefore, a member of the



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minority, but that did not militate against him in his work. His character was so forceful and his ability so clean-cut that he was often referred to as the ablest man on the floor. Certainly he was connected with some of the most far-reaching legislation. He was the author of the \$1,800,000 bond bill to raise money to match the federal money provided in the Shackleford bill and he also took an active part in all road legislation. It was his idea to remove the specific gravity test from gasoline which resulted in decreasing the price one cent a gallon although not decreasing the efficiency of the fluid. The measure in which he took the greatest interest was the one to place the Oregon & California land grant lands back on the tax rolls. He took the position that no one, not even the United States government, could take from us lands owned on the rolls. He was particularly interested in keeping these lands on the tax rolls because of his capacity as representative of the port district which has bonded itself heavily, using these lands as basis. To take these lands off the rolls throws a heavy burden upon the lands remaining. This measure was referred to the people for their action in the special election June 4.

Although, because of his fight for the speakership, Bean did not get as well looked after in committee appointments as he might have, he was one of the best result getters of the entire membership and was a recognized leader wherever placed. THE END.

METHOD OF ORGANIZING GUARD IS YET IN DOUBT

Arrangements for the organization of a home guard have not yet been completed. As congress has not yet taken action to legalize organizations of this kind, the method to be pursued probably will be the organization of a rifle club, the members buying their own rifles. Old government Springfield rifles can be bought for not over \$3 each, and Frank Woodruff, who is taking an active part in the organization of the guard, thinks it may be possible to get them from the government for as low as 75 cents each. He has written the commanding general of the western division, with headquarters in San Francisco, for further information.

The warm weather of the past two days has brought out with a rush the fruit blossoms and the tree leaves which are a month behind.



HONOR GUARD

The proceeds of a DANCE

to be given in Moose Hall, Saturday evening will go to a fund to be used by the Honor Guard Girls in buying SEED POTATOES

Help the girls help increase the army of producers.

Says Hotel Service Is Best This Side of San Francisco

Cottage Grove frequently is complimented upon its splendid hotel service, but a compliment of unusual character was paid the past week to the Hotel Oregon. Prof. A. U. Hushaw, who is traveling along the coast with his Hawaiian lecture and moving pictures, made the statement that the service, price considered, was the best this side of San Francisco. He was especially complimentary about the quality of the meals served.

Call Expected Any Moment.

Dispatches have appeared in the daily papers saying that the calling out of the Coast Artillery has been asked for. Although Captain Woods can give out no definite information it is probable that the local company may be called out any day.

PREPAREDNESS CARS HERE TUESDAY

Special Is Run by College and Railway to Stimulate Production and Encourage Saving.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, April 24.—Citizens of Cottage Grove and specialists of the state agricultural college will join in a big food preparedness movement on Tuesday, May 1, when the lecture and exhibit special operated by the Southern Pacific company and the college extension service reaches that point on its western Oregon tour and will spend the day.

The purpose of the train is to take to the people of the larger towns some of the latest and most helpful information on the subjects now uppermost in the minds of patriotic Americans—how best to produce, preserve and use food materials to feed their own and their allies' people. The work centers in the use of back yards and vacant lots in growing vegetables and poultry, in canning, and in the substitution of cheaper, home-grown foods for high-priced farm staples. Wiser selection of all food materials and greater economy in their use will be made the subjects of a great deal of the work.

An effort is being made to coordinate the work of the college and the railway company with that of local organizations in the districts visited, in order to secure continuous effort throughout the season. The system of work is so planned that it will neither duplicate nor interfere in any way with the other food campaigns.

T. L. May, advance agent for the preparedness special, was in the city yesterday completing preparation for its appearance. Lectures and demonstrations will be held at the high school assembly room from 9 to 10 a. m. The exhibit car will be open from 9:30 to 11:30.

An afternoon session will be held from 1 to 4 p. m. on one of the cars, which will be on a sidetrack near the depot.

At the morning session food preparation, home canning and vegetable growing will be discussed. At the afternoon session poultry raising, vegetable growing, food preparation and home canning will be discussed.

At a meeting at the commercial club yesterday afternoon Superintendent W. G. Beattie was elected president of a local committee, whose business it will be to keep up the interest of the children of the city in vacant lot gardening.

COMMERCIAL CLUB IS IN FAVOR OF TWO MEASURES

The commercial club, at its meeting Monday night, endorsed the measure ordering the replacing of the O. & C. land grant lands on the tax rolls and also the measure limiting the introduction of bills at a legislative session and increasing the pay of legislators, which will appear on the June ballot.

Real Estate Business Changes Hands.

J. S. Milne has traded his real estate business and car to Captain F. L. Evans, until recently in the mining business at Elkhead. Mr. Evans has entered into a working agreement with George H. Brainard, who has been in the real estate and insurance business here for several years, whereby both will occupy the building vacated by Mr. Milne. The room vacated by Mr. Brainard will be used by the Oregon hotel for a writing and rest room.

Submarine H-3 Floated.

Washington, April 23.—The navy department announced late today that the submarine H-3, which went ashore on the California coast several months ago, has been floated. She is under tow to the Mare island navy yard for repairs.

This is the submarine which Harold T. Sams, of this city, a member of the crew of the Milwaukee, had a part in trying to pull off a reef.

Restaurant Is Remodeled.

O. M. Baldwin has completed some extensive repairs to his Palace restaurant. In order to give privacy to diners he has installed private booths the entire length of the west side of the dining room. The kitchen has been completely remodeled and a cabinet installed. All the improvements are with the idea of cleanliness and service.

The county's scarifier is at work on the road between here and Creswell. The county's tractor was found too light for hauling the scarifier and a farm thresher tractor has been put on the job.

DEBATE ON ROAD BONDS PLANNED FOR GROVE

Commercial Club and Grange Co-operating for Livest Meeting of Its Kind in State

E. J. Adams, Member of State Highway Commission and Chief Exponent, to Meet C. E. Spence, Grange Master, Chief Opponent.

Cottage Grove proposes to hold the liveliest discussion of the road bonding bill of any community in the state. Arrangements are under way for a joint debate between C. E. Spence, master of the state grange and chief opponent of the issue, and E. J. Adams, member of the state highway commission and one of the chief exponents of the measure. The grange and commercial club are co-operating in arranging the meeting and a date convenient to all interested will be arranged.

Word has been received from Mr. Adams that he will be more than pleased to be a party to the debate. Mr. Spence has not yet been heard from but it is expected that he will welcome the opportunity to discuss the issue with Mr. Adams.

MRS. B. LURCH DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Wife of Pioneer Merchant Fails to Benefit by Removal Made on Account of Ill Health.

Mrs. Ben Lurch, who had been in California for several months for the benefit of her health, died Friday at Oakland. The body passed through here Tuesday forenoon on the Shasta limited en route to Portland. A number of the business men of the city and a large delegation of members of the Eastern Star were at the depot as the body went through. Floral pieces were sent to Portland by the Eastern Star and commercial club and business men. The funeral was held at Portland Wednesday, with interment in Beth Israel cemetery.

Mrs. Lurch was 57 years of age and was one of the best known of Cottage Grove pioneers. Mr. Lurch being one of the earliest of the pioneer merchants. The business was sold off last year on account of Mrs. Lurch's health. Surviving children are Mrs. Henry Krueger, of Butte, Mont., and Mrs. James McCreddie, of San Francisco. Mrs. Lurch was a member of Cottage Grove chapter, Order Eastern Star.

COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL BACK BOYS AND GIRLS

The Cottage Grove commercial club is taking an active part in promoting the cultivation of vacant lots by school children and members of the Honor Guard. A committee has been appointed to raise funds to be used in the cultivation of the land and in the purchase of seed. The boys and girls have secured some four acres of ground which they propose to plant to potatoes.

Deer Runs Into Man.

Divide, Ore., April 25.—(Special to The Sentinel.)—To have a big buck deer run right into you is a rather unique experience, but such is the story told by Pete Tonoli. He says that while operating his gasoline saw in the woods the buck, frightened by a train, ran right into him, but quickly saw the error and headed for the tall timber. Pete could have put his arm around the animal, but was too surprised to do anything but watch the deer disappear.

Bicycle Smashed by Auto.

Pearl Plaster narrowly escaped injury in an accident Saturday noon. He was riding on a bicycle and being "towed" by the England car. Mr. England, who did not know anyone was hitched on behind, made an unexpected turn, the pedal of the bicycle caught in the wheel of the auto and the rider was hurled over the handle bars. The bicycle was badly smashed and Mr. Plaster sustained a bruised shoulder and a badly skinned arm.

Nothing Does So Much and Asks Such a Trifle

MYRTLE Point Enterprise: A local newspaper is absolutely necessary to any community. It is the home paper that keeps the people of the community in touch with each other by giving them all the news of their own neighborhood and county. For that alone they are of value and worth far more than the small subscription price. They keep the local pride and progressive spirit around and in various ways are worth far more to a community than a community ever spends on them. The daily paper, with its large news service and quicker facilities may, in some instances, overshadow the weekly, but the weekly home paper fills a place in the hearts of the people that a daily cannot fill. It comes to your home as an old and tried friend while the daily comes as a stranger.