

## LAND CLAIMS BEING PROBED

### Two Thousand Applications Await Action

Honest Claimants Will Have no Trouble Getting Their Homestead and Timber Patents. But Fraudulent Claims Will be Thrown Out.

The question whether approximately 2,000 homestead and timber land claims in Oregon shall be patented or be rejected by fraud is being determined by special inspectors Thomas H. Neuhansen and a corps of special agents and assistants with headquarters in the third floor of the customs house. The investigations will probably continue until October before the task is completed.

For the past three weeks Mr. Neuhansen has been pushing the investigations and has a staff of ten men carrying on the work. A vast amount of examination is necessary to enable decisive reports to be made to the general land office at Washington, and it is frequently found necessary, in addition to looking over the papers in the case and the previous reports of special agents, to make an examination on the ground when a homestead claim is at issue and its regularity depends upon compliance with the laws relating to roads and improvement. So much care is not required in timber land cases, the main object being to ascertain whether there existed a prior agreement to convey the land to a corporation, syndicate or other interest apart from the original applicant.

Neuhansen has large discretionary powers vested in him in connection with the pending examination. His recommendation is accepted at Washington as practically conclusive and his policy is to report favorably on all cases where no evidence of fraud is disclosed. Where there is a taint of fraud, however, the applicant does not fare so well.—Telegram.

#### The Limit of Life.

The most eminent medical authorities are unanimous in the conclusion that the generally accepted limitation of human life being years below the attainment possible with the present knowledge of which the race is now possessed. The current period that determines its duration, seems to be between 50 and 60, the proper care of the body during this decade must be too strongly emphasized, being fatal to longevity. Nature's best helper after 50 is Electric Bitters, the scientific tonic medicine that revitalizes every organ of the body. Guaranteed by Benson's Pharmacy, 50c.

#### Visit of Honolulu Ladies.

Mrs. Edythe Touce Weathered was in the city Tuesday, and made this office a very pleasant call, Wednesday morning, she in company with some friends took a trip to Disston, the end of the O. & S. E. road. While there she had the misfortune to wrench her left knee in such a manner to make walking painful for a few days. Mrs. Weathered is on her way to Honolulu, where she goes to chaperone a party of Honolulu ladies on a trip to the Pacific coast. They will visit all the principal cities in Oregon and while in Cottage Grove will take a trip over the O. & S. E. where they will see some of the prettiest scenery in the west. Re-

turning in the evening, they will be the guests of the city at a reception given in their honor. This visit of the Honolulu ladies is a return call of the Oregon girls made them last year.

#### Begins Survey of Eugene-Siuslaw Railroad.

S. Klowdahl, the civil engineer, began work this morning running the preliminary survey for the Eugene-Siuslaw railroad. It is understood that a definite agreement as to the articles of incorporation and organization has not been reached between Mr. Carver and the committee representing the local stockholders.

The articles of incorporation have not yet been filed.—Guard.

#### Everybody Should Know

Everybody should know that Benson's Electric Bitters is the quickest and most effective relief ever applied to a sore throat or wound, or to a case of piles. Try it and know what it's worth. Guaranteed by Benson's Pharmacy, 50c.

## IN NEW QUARTERS.

### The Post-Office Removed to Its New and Commodious New Home.

Many of our people were April fooled on Monday morning when they made a bee line for the post office to get their mail and mail their letters, for they found the old building deserted and given over to the rats and solitude, for on Sunday night the officials made a clean sweep and moved to their new quarters in the brick structure on Fifth street. Cottage Grove can now boast of as fine a post office as there is in the state. Neat, clean, commodious and light, it is worth being proud of. Fine new and up-to-date, keyless lock boxes, and every convenience that is required by the public, has been installed and the employees also have been supplied with every necessary for the quick handling of the mail. It is a source of great gratification to know that the postal business of Cottage Grove demanded such an office and also that they had an official with push and energy enough to secure it. Everybody, and especially our merchants are well pleased with the new order of things.

For the distribution and handling of the mail the system is of the latest in every respect and as full as it is thought necessary for some time to come, but other necessities will be added as fast as it becomes needed. The registry and money departments are conveniently supplied with drawers, pigeon holes and cupboards for preserving all papers and documents connected with the office. The distributing tables are convenient and ample and a 16-bag rack is necessary even now and is the only thing that will probably have to be increased at present. A lavatory and wood room is in connection and the whole will be well lighted with electricity, making it an institution that is second to none and giving Cottage Grove the air of a city of the first class.

#### Council Meeting.

Monday night was the regular meeting of the city council, but on account of the absence from town of some of the members, there was no quorum so the meeting adjourned until next Monday night.

The bites and stings of insects, tan-sandhorns, cuts, burns and bruises are relieved at once with Phosvalve Carbolic. Acts like a poultice, and draws out inflammation. Try it, 25c. Sold by New Era Drug Store.

## NEW ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT

### Expected to be in Operation by August 15

The New Building Well Under Way, and the Machinery on the Ground—The Willamette Valley Company Rushing the Work to Completion.

The citizens of Cottage Grove must certainly admire and give credit for the energy displayed by the Willamette Valley Company aided by its resident Manager Hiram Griggs, for the progress made in rebuilding its electric light plant at this place. But two short weeks have passed since it was destroyed by fire, but Phoenix—like a new building already shows the proportions on which they propose to erect their new plant.

Most of the machinery is also already on the ground ready to be installed as soon as the foundations are complete and which will double the power of the former plant. Manager Griggs now expects that all will be in place and the lights turned on again by the 15th of this month, which certainly means rapid work, but it will be nothing surprising as the company is not dribbling along with a few men, but have a large force at work, and in fact use every man they can get that can be worked to advantage.

The new building will be entirely of corrugated iron, with fire proof roof, and be 140x30 in size, with an L of 64x40 being much larger than the old one. They will also install fire protection, by placing hydrants at suitable places, having a plentiful supply of hose and will also have its own reservoir and not depend solely on the city supply of water.

The dynamo, which will be twice the size of the old one, will be run by a 375 horse power Russell engine will give ample power for running the machinery for our various industries, which have nearly all contracted for motors, besides giving Cottage Grove one of the best systems of arc and incandescent lights of any town in the state.

Manager Griggs is also entitled to the thanks of the community for his energetic efforts in assisting the company to push the work in every way possible, which is highly appreciated by all our residents who now more than ever realize the convenience of the system.

#### Endorsed by the County.

"The most popular remedy in Osego county, and the best friend of my family," writes Wm. M. Dietz, editor and publisher of the Osego Journal, Gilbertsville, N. Y., "is Dr. King's New Discovery. It has proved to be an infallible cure for coughs and colds making short work of the worst of them. We always keep a bottle in the house. I believe it to be the most valuable prescription known for lung and throat diseases." Guaranteed to never disappoint the taker, by Benson's Pharmacy. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Judge Landis has assessed a fine of twenty-seven million dollars against the Standard Oil Co. This the public will have to pay by an increase in the price of oil, which it can be wagered safely will be high enough to pay the company interest for the trouble they are put. Thus are the robber trusts punished.

## A PANACEA FOR ANARCHY

### All Immigrants Should Serve Time in Army

Would Cut Down Immigration and be a School of Patriotism to Those who Did Come and Engender in Them a Respect for our Laws and Country.

It is gradually creeping into the minds of the American people that the liberty guaranteed by the Constitution is being greatly abused, and the time is not far distant when it will have to be curtailed. Gatherings in our large cities, the real object of which is to spread the doctrine of anarchy, such as was lately allowed Emma Goldman in Portland, should not be, and then such actions as displaying the red flag and the more recent insult by the disciples of Haywood insulting our president and through him our nation, would not occur.

Along this same line the Goodwins Salt Lake Weekly says:

"We do not believe that an American ever led a strike, or ever save in two or three instances, preached anarchy."

We believe that nearly all the trouble that has come to our country, excepting of course the great Civil war, has come through the work of foreign born men. By this we do not mean to convey the idea that foreigners are not most welcome. In truth our nation today is made up of a blending of foreign races, a commingling of foreign blood. But a percentage of these immigrants are unlettered men, another percentage are naturally bad men who have no appreciation of what Real Liberty Means and no love for the country they have come to. And the peril of these comes grows, for the quality of immigrants is deteriorating year by year. Then our naturalization laws are most lax. Almost any foreign-born man can get naturalized and vote within a brief time after landing. In our large cities the politicians see to that.

We believe that a good way to settle all these conflicting things would be for the Government to pass a law that every immigrant coming without means to this country, coming to make for himself a living, should, if between the ages of 18 and 30, be at once enrolled in the army or navy, and made to serve one year or two years. That upon receiving an honorable discharge, that discharge should be sufficient proof before any naturalization court to entitle him to citizenship papers. In addition such soldier or sailor should, while in service, in time of peace, receive two hours' instruction daily on the principles of our Government and the duties of citizenship.

Of course that would cut down immigration materially; it would keep out those who now leave their native land to avoid conscription, but it would be a good thing for the country, a good thing for the immigrant. It would Americanize him; it would make him a citizen; it would give a direct interest in this country; it would give him a knowledge of free institutions and his obligations as a citizen. It would be far better than to leave him to fester in the slums of our cities and to learn a thousand ways

thro' which his life would be tainted; it would be to him a school of patriotism, the school most needed today. We suspect, too, that it would make any exclusion acts unnecessary, for it would sweep away all those who now seek our shores merely to plunder the country for a few years and then return.

#### Lane County School Apportionment.

Lane county's share of the State school fund as apportioned by the state treasurer, is \$13,908.63, for 8,859 children of school age. One notable fact about these figures is that Lane county is shown to be the second county in size of population in Oregon, outside of Multnomah, and rubs Marion pretty close for first place. In another year or so, at the rate Lane's population is increasing, our only competitor will be Multnomah, in fact we stand second now to the metropolis in everything except number of inhabitants, and they are pouring in from all directions at a marvelous rate.—Register.

## RAILROAD SELLS LANDS.

O. & C. Transfers Disputed Holdings to Curtis and Hammond Companies.

Albany, Or., July 31.—The Oregon & California Railroad Company has transferred a great portion of its holdings in Linn county, through the agency of the Union Trust Company of New York, to the Curtis and Hammond Lumber Companies. Tuesday a deed was filed conveying 3,762.68 acres in township 10 south, range 3 east, to the Curtis Lumber company for \$18,813.40.

The transfer to the Hammond Lumber company is much the more important as it covers a total of 14,533.75 acres in townships 11 and 12 south and in ranges 1, 2 and 3, east.

The consideration in the Hammond transaction is given as \$116,269.92. The deeds were executed May 1 and April 17, respectively, this year.

An interesting feature is the fact that it covers practically all the lands applied for by the parties expecting to purchase from the railroad in the event of the government making good in its attempt to throw the lands of the Oregon & California on the market and makes the land subject to purchase in accordance with the terms of the grant by congress.

## SOLDIERS TO PHILIPPINES

### Four Transports to Leave During the Next Thirty Days.

Large quantities of merchandise, ammunition and supplies of every kind for use of the army in the Philippines are being forwarded to the islands. Within the next fifteen days, four transports—the Logan, the Warren, the Crook and the Buford—will sail for their destination loaded to their full capacity with mail stores, from San Francisco. In addition they will carry 3,000 men of the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-ninth infantries and casuals besides a number of prominent officers. Of this fleet the Warren will sail on August 3, the Logan on the 8, the Crook on the 10, and the Buford on the 15.

A new hotel, a new dwelling house, a new drug store, a harness shop, a new post office and a new livery barn are all under course of erection in Creswell, which goes to show that Cottage Grove is not doing all the building in the county.

## TO PRESERVE TIMBER

### Open Tank Method for Treatment of Timber

Apparatus so Simple and Comparatively so Cheap as to be Within the Reach of Small Contractors, Farmers and Mill Companies.

A marked saving in three directions—cost of equipment, of materials and labor, and of transportation—is being effected by the introduction of what is known as the "open-tank" method of treating timber. The general practice of preserving timber has hitherto been retarded by the heavy cost of closed retorts and other complicated equipment ordinarily used and the need of experienced men to operate them. Not until the kinds of timber long used and considered almost indispensable for certain purposes grew scarce and rose alarmingly in price did wood users consider seriously the possibility of consuming less wood by making it last longer.

As a rule preserving plants have been located at lumber centers, where a large business might be expected, and it has often been necessary to pay transportation charges to and from the treating plant on timber needed for local uses, such as for ties, posts and poles. The equipment of the open-tank method which consists of an open tank, capable of withstanding heat and either equipped with steam coils or so arranged that fire can be placed underneath, is so simple and comparatively so cheap that it is within reach of the smaller companies, contractors and farmers. The fact that it is portable gives it a distinctive value, since it can be taken, if necessary, into the heart of the forest, and even into the mountains.

One of the chief advantages of the open-tank process is that it can be effectively applied to parts of timbers which are especially subject to rapid decay, such as the butts of fence posts and telephone poles, without wasting preservatives on other parts.

It is also especially adapted to the treatment of mine props, small dimension timbers, cross-ties, piling, and shingles, and timbers in small sizes of loblolly pine, black and tupelo gum, western yellow pine, and lodgepole pine, and similar kinds of woods. Fairly good results have been obtained in the treatment of arborvitae, chestnut, and red oak, but the experiments thus far do not warrant the application of the method to the treatment of piling and ties made of these woods.

The open-tank treatment is being rapidly developed, and while it ordinarily does not secure so deep a penetration of the chemicals as the retorts it is sufficiently thorough to protect timber for practical purposes in many situations and it is probable that future experiments will further extend its application.

Circular 101, just issued by the forest service, United States department of agriculture, describes and illustrates the open-tank equipment. It can be had upon application to the Forester, United States department of agriculture.

For legal blanks—Nugget office,