

OUTLINES ITS POLICY

ESPEE WILL INSIST ON FULL VALUE FOR GRANT LANDS.

Company Declares Itself Prepared to Co-operate With Congress in Adjusting Difficulty.

An indication of what the Southern Pacific's attitude will be in the final settlement of the famous Oregon & California land-grant cases is contained in the company's annual report, issued to the stockholders Monday. "The railroad company will be prepared to co-operate with congress in securing appropriate modifications of the original restrictions on the sales of the lands," says the report of Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the board of directors, but then follows, in capital letters, the following significant statement:

"But it will insist upon observance of the conditions that the full value conferred by the granting acts is secured to it." The capitalized sentence uses, in part, the language of the Supreme court in its decision in the land-grant case, which the report quotes in explanation of the fact, that court practically referred the matter to congress by enjoining any disposition of the unsold lands or of the timber thereon "until congress shall have a reasonable opportunity to provide by legislation for their disposition in accordance with such policy as it may deem fitting under the circumstances and at the same time secure to the defendants all the value the granting acts conferred upon the railroads."

This positive expression by Chairman Kruttschnitt coincides substantially with the policy laid down by the Southern Pacific representatives at the recent land-grant conference in Salem. At that time the attorney for the company contended that the Southern Pacific has full title to the timber, the mineral and the other natural wealth contained in the land, in addition to the actual land itself, in which it has an equity of only \$2.50 an acre.

OPPOSED TO SPECIAL RATES.

Experience Teaches Local Hotel Man That There's Nothing In It.

Henry Serr, autocar of the hotel business in Dallas, is taking a great deal of interest in the approaching meeting of the Oregon Hotelmen's association at Portland, when the matter of transient rates will be one of the principal topics for discussion. It is customary with public hosts the country over to give certain classes of travelers, including show troops, a special rate. There are several organizations among traveling men and women that are maintained for no other purpose than to see that such rates are available to their members. But Mr. Serr had an expensive lesson last week with a show troop and he is a confirmed supporter of the movement on foot to abolish this rate system. He is listed to address the hotelmen's meeting on the subject.

In the case at hand Mr. Serr made a special rate on four rooms to the troop. The first demand was for extra towels, and the crowd used about a hundred during its stay. Each morning the occupants of the four rooms assembled to cook their breakfast on an electric stove, using much electric current. Later each one had a certain amount of laundry to do and this they ironed with Mr. Serr's electricity. In the afternoon each pressed an entire wardrobe of costumes and street clothes with some more of the same electric energy. After the troop had gone Mr. Serr figured things out and found that he was decidedly the loser on a gang that paid for one room with a bath and three without and all used the same white tub for their morning immersion.

ATTRACTING MUCH ATTENTION.

Polk's Exhibit at Land Show Creating Favorable Comment.

Those Dallas people who have viewed the Polk county exhibit at the Land Products show in Portland pronounce it one of the very best at the exposition, and predict that it will bring home high honors. The exhibit is quite advantageously located, and is among twenty-three others that are competing for the blue ribbon. Mrs. Winnie Braden, secretary of the fair board, is special representative of the county at the show, and has personal charge of the booth in which the great variety of Polk's products of the soil are being displayed. The Land show is attracting more attention this year than ever before, thousands of visitors from eastern states inspecting it while either going to or returning from the California exhibitions. In point of excellence it is superior to previous shows, and cannot fail to prove beneficial to the entire state. Polk county may reasonably expect good results from the showing it is making there.

Drives Auto on Court House Lawn.

One of the quaint motor-driven apparatus of the vintage of about 1907, and familiarly called an automobile, took a slanting aim at the Main street curb on Wednesday afternoon and, going full tilt ahead, made the court house lawn, all unmindful of the curbing, with no more fatal result than a badly twisted front axle and the total destruction of one front tire. The machine belongs to W. D. Calkins, but

BILL WHITE SMOKES REAL CARTRIDGES

While attending a meeting of the Masonic fraternity the other night, "Bill" White filled his pipe with tobacco and a 32-calibre cartridge, lighted it and unconcernedly sat down to enjoy the fragrance of weed and lead. But the draft was obstructed, and finding it difficult to successfully perform the feat he withdrew to the fireplace and there emptied the contents of his calabash into the palm of his left hand with a view to reloading it. It was then that he discovered that he had unconsciously attempted to demonstrate to his fellow lodgemen that his soldiery was of the fearless variety. The cartridge had been in a pocket with his pipe and had got into the bowl, which passed unnoticed as he filled "old com-fort." The business end of the cartridge was evidently in such a position that the fire had not reached it, but its steel nose almost burned his hand when it was emptied from the bowl.

the owner was not at the wheel when the accident occurred. The verdant beauty of the lawn was made slightly less beautiful over a distance of some six feet where the machine had cut its way, but, aside from the damage to the car, no other injury was done. The Apostolic Faith truck removed the remains.

SHERIFF GETS INSTRUCTIONS.

Tax Commission Gives Collector Pointers on Delinquencies.

Sheriff John W. Orr, as tax collector for Polk county, has received the following instructions from the State Tax commission relative to delinquent taxes:

"1. The final date of delinquency of unpaid taxes charged on the tax rolls of 1914 was October 1, 1915.

"2. Four months after said date, or February 1, 1916, publication of the delinquent tax list should begin and continue once each week for four successive weeks, in the manner provided by law. (While it is true that certain taxes became delinquent on September 1, 1915, much confusion will be avoided, without injury to any taxpayer, by including all the delinquent taxes of the year in one publication.)

"3. Certificates of delinquency for taxes charged on the 1914 rolls should not be issued to applicants until at least six months from the date of delinquency and, in any event, not until publication has been made as required by said section 1 of chapter 301, laws of 1913.

"4. Certificates of delinquency for 1914 taxes should not be issued to the county before nine months from the date of delinquency, thus retaining the period of three months for issuance to individual applicants, as intended by law."

MILL PLANNER OUT OF REPAIR.

Force Works Until Midnight Getting Out Lumber to Fill Demands.

Because one of the planners at the mill of the Willamette Valley Lumber company here has been out of repair for some time the other machines of similar nature have been forced to put in many overtime hours. The idle machine is known as the American planer and its condition makes it necessary to use the others late into the night. The mill may be seen at work many hours after it should be closed down and has given the impression that a great wave of prosperity has struck the industry. As a matter of fact the mill is holding it head far above water in turning out the orders that are coming in and in maintaining the stock that is kept on hand at the mill. The Dallas mill, notwithstanding the dull market, continues to keep its large force of workmen busy, thereby being very welcome in the community. The men employed on the planer will be relieved from their midnight work as soon as the American planer is repaired.

MANY FISH IN SILETZ RIVER.

Judge Belt and J. C. Hayter Report Great Luck on Trip.

If mud cats were legal tender Judge H. H. Belt and J. C. Hayter could easily have paid the national debt and have had enough left to assist in building the inter-county bridge, if we are to credit the story the pair brought back from the Siletz. The judge and Mr. Hayter started several days ago on a fishing trip to the Siletz, and returned on Wednesday afternoon with reports of a great run of salmon trout just above tidewater on the Siletz. In fact the gentlemen caught so many fish that they are having two men bring the catch out for them. The mud is knee deep in many places. Mr. Hayter says, and the sportsmen had much trouble in plowing through. They walked from tidewater to Newport, a distant of 24 miles, on Tuesday.

Youngster Breaks Arm.

Glen Wick, the nine-year-old son of John Wick, broke an arm in a youthful exhibition of gymnastics on Tuesday evening. An improvised slide was rigged up by several children on the Frank Brown farm and when Glen had his turn he picked himself up at the bottom of the slide with a broken arm.

NEW RATE IS DEFENDED

M'INNIVILLE CLUB INDORSES SOUTHERN PACIFIC ACT.

Committee Is Named to Go Before Interstate Commerce Commission and Ask Approval of Out.

The freight rate fight has aroused the business men of McMinnville, and at a meeting held there by the Commercial club a strong resolution was adopted urging that the present plan of the Southern Pacific establishing a new rate for the Willamette lumber mills to California points be sustained. A committee composed of George S. Saram, E. C. Apperson and W. J. Liljeqvist will lay the matter before the Interstate Commerce commission within a few days and set forth the views of McMinnville citizens, business men, and, in particular, the position of the Commercial club.

The rate question was thoroughly discussed at the meeting. It was argued that the rate which recently went in effect was the most important matter for Willamette valley mills since seven years ago, when change in freight rates deflected the lumber business of the valley out of certain channels. One speaker declared that it means life or death for the Willamette valley lumber industry to maintain the present freight rate to California points, and that this rate has been attacked by certain lumber interests of Portland. Other meetings are rumored as likely within a few days in other valley cities.

POLK COUNTY

The farmers residing south of Sheridan, in Polk county, took the improvement of their highway into their own hands and graveled several miles of road.

The Circle at Ballston has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: G. N. Zelma Butler; P. S. N. Mrs. T. J. Short; advisor, Mrs. F. B. Gould; musician, Edna Tufford; banker, Leona Agee; attendant, Myrtle Sears; inner sentinel, Viola Gould; outer sentinel, Gynella Gilson; clerk, T. J. Short; managers, Amy Butler, Mary Wallace, Ed. Miller.

Miss Ellen Yocom of Ballston is teaching at Broadmead.

H. Sundberg of Ballston, who was recently married in Nebraska, is expected home with his bride about November 1.

H. Pointer of Ballston has bought the Chandler place there, and is now occupying the same.

There was a meeting at Buell last Friday night for the purpose of organizing a parent-teacher association. Refreshments were served.

Tom Ottinger has moved from near Sheridan to his place at Buell.

The Buell school has twenty pupils. Miss Audie Stone is teaching.

The Buell store has recently been enlarged to care for the increasing business.

A grass fire last week destroyed the line fence between Mr. Craft's place and the Clearview orchard lands near Buell.

It Makes a Difference.

It certainly was fortunate for Salem that the state's engineer did not make an inspection of the inter-county bridge immediately prior to fair week there, when 350 vehicles passed over the structure in an hour. It may be said incidentally that it is surprising, considering the "dangerous" condition of the bridge, that it did not collapse and send hundreds of human beings to a watery grave. Under present traffic conditions less than one hundred vehicles cross the bridge per hour, yet it has been condemned as "dangerous."

New Volumes at Library.

A number of new books that should offer pleasant and entertaining reading for the patrons of the public library were received this week. The new volumes are "Hopsy Burke," Westcott; "Emma McChesney & Company," Ferber; "Living Up to Billy," Cooper; "The Story of Julia Page," Norris, and "The Rainbow Trail," Grey. These books were purchased by the library board.

Fence By the Carload.

An entire carload of woven wire fencing was received by Guy Brothers this week and is evidence of the prosperity and progress of Polk county farmers. Rail fence is rapidly disappearing on the farms and ranches of the county, and animal proof woven wire is being erected in large quantities.

Dividends Are Large.

Dividends totaling \$1,437,944 were paid by the Wells-Fargo Express company during the year ending June 30, 1915, according to a report filed with the public service commission at Salem yesterday. The net income was \$2,938,677.47; operating revenues \$19,565,882.96, and operating expenses \$17,860,839.54.

Gasoline in Garage Explodes.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed Dimick's garage at Woodburn Tuesday night. Eight automobiles and several motorcycles in the building were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$25,000. Gasoline stored in the building exploded and blazing por-

tions of the building were thrown broadcast. The fire was prevented from spreading to nearby buildings.

Father of Dallas Girl Dies.
Beulah Bradway of Dallas received word on Friday of the sudden death of her father, A. L. Bradway at Coquille, Coos county. Mr. Bradway had been a sufferer for many years from heart trouble and it was this that caused his sudden death on Friday. Beulah is the only child and she went to Coquille on Tuesday evening to attend the funeral.

MOUNT HOOD.

(By J. T. Ford)
O slumbering mountain,
Hoary with snows untold,
Flashing like a diamond
Fresh from its prison mold,
Glim'ring in the sunlight,
Tow'ring in the sunlight,
Into the frozen air,
O'er Oregon's fair land;
Lovely as a picture
Painted on the azure sky,
Haunting as a vision,
Thy beauty ne'er can die;
But once a mad demon,
In ages long ago,
Aye, a red, fiery hell,
E're coming of the snow.

Ah! when first I saw thee,
'Twas in the long ago,
My soul looked with wonder
At the beautiful snow;
How came that ice-glazed crest
Why the dark wood below,
Whence thy gleaming glaciers,
Why that black crater's glow?
My heart was light and gay,
The world was to me new,
But I loved thy wild moods,
Thy smiles and anger, too;
Oft, in the still night,
In sweet dreams I did see
Thy lofty, snowy form,
Like a ghost haunting me.

O mystical mountain,
How weirdly strange thou art,
Thy face so beautiful,
With neither soul nor heart,
But what thrilling pictures
Thy story doth unwind,
Filling one with wonder
At the All-wise design
How from depths abyssal
Red lava upward flowed,
And lo, a diamond peak
With sparkling crystals sowed;
But 'tis the soul that sees
Symmetry in thy form,
Colors thy flashing gems,
Paints the wild, swirling storm.

Sable Night creeping o'er
The Cascade mountains toll,
Embraced thy lovely form,
Hailing thee, "King of all!"—
Then blazed the star-lit dome!
Bright Luna smiling down
Glinted on thy frozen brow
A sparkling jeweled crown,
Fair Venus from afar
Threw thee a kiss, O King!
Great Orion swung his sword
And made the welkin ring,
Fiery Mars fiercely blazed—
And he then brightly smiled:
"Hail! King of the Cascades,
'Pelion on Ossa piled!"

SUMMONS—CASE NO. 4720.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk.
Harrison B. Riley and William C. Niblack, Plaintiffs, vs. Mary Augi, Frank Laundry, and the unknown heirs of Joseph Augi, deceased, and each of them; and also all persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein, Defendants.
To Mary Augi, Frank Laundry, the unknown heirs of Joseph Augi, deceased, and also to all persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in and to Lot 6, and Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter and North half of the Southwest quarter, Section four, Township seven South of Range eight West, Willamette Meridian, Oregon.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit, on or before the 17th day of November, 1915.

And if you fail to appear and answer for want thereof, the plaintiffs will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in the complaint herein, to-wit:

A decree adjudging that plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple of Lot 6, the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter and the North half of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Tp. 7, S. R. 8 W., W. M., Oregon; that the claims of the defendants, or either of them, of any right, title or interest in or to said lands are void and of no effect, and that plaintiffs' title to said lands, and every part thereof be forever quieted against the claims of the defendants and all persons claiming by, through or under them, or either of them, and that defendants and all persons claiming by, through or under them, and each of them, be forever barred, enjoined and restrained from claiming or setting up any right, title or interest to all or any part of said land.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable J. B. Teal, County Judge of the above-named County of Polk, duly made and entered the 4th day of October, 1915.

Dated at Dallas, Oregon, this 4th day of October, 1915.

A. C. SHAW,
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J. D. SMITH,
Guardian of the estate of Henry M. Berry.
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