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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Land Grant Sale May Mean New Hill Railroads

COMPLETE JETTY AT MOUTH OF COLUMBIA

Big Land Purchase On Siuslaw Supposed to Have J. J. Hill Behind It

Portland, Oregon, April 5—The sale of the big land grants of the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Road company during the past week to capitalists said to represent the Hill interests indicate to many that the reported Pacific Coast outlet for the Burlington will become a reality. It is believed Hill will build west from Billings, the present terminus, to Boise and thence westward through Ontario and across Oregon to Coos Bay. The purchase price of this big land grant will run up into the millions. If its purchase by Hill can be confirmed, and this railway is built, it will mean a great development for Oregon for it will open up the most isolated sections to settlement.

It is expected to complete the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia River this season. Work starts today on extending it further and the dredge Chinook will operate on the bar during the summer. By the time the work stops in November, it is expected to have a depth of 30 feet on the bar at low tide.

One of the big wheat farms of the state was sold the past week when the lands of the J. A. Woolery estate, in Morrow County, passed to a syndicate of North Dakota bankers. The sale included 19,000 acres and the price paid was \$150,000. It will be cut up into small farms.

The purchase of a big track of timber land on the Siuslaw River between the past week by Porter Bros., believed to represent J. J. Hill, strengthens the belief that the east and west line across Oregon will be built.

The biggest shipment of spraying material ever sent to any fruit district in Oregon was received during the past week at Medford, when 90,000 pounds arrived. It will be used to fight fruit pests in the Rogue River Valley.

The tax statement of Umatilla County for 1909 almost reaches the half a million mark. The county has no bonded indebtedness.

An open River and Freight Rate convention will be held at Albany on April 14. It will be largely attended.

Work will soon be begun on the new Federal building at Pendleton, which will cost \$50,000.

Only four votes were recorded against the proposed \$40,000 bond issue to erect a high school at Lakeview.

About a quarter of a million will be spent by the Coos Bay Gas & Electric company in new equipment and extensions.

A canal will be begun soon to drain and reclaim 19,000 acres in the Wood River Valley, Klamath County.

The O. R. & N. farming de-

monstration train that was run through Eastern Oregon and Washington, returning the past week, was the most successful ever operated in this state.

Ike Santure and Bill Cook went down to Rock Creek this week in Cook Bros.' auto to see the "caterpillar" traction engine recently purchased by E. C. Rogers of this place, at work on the French Charley place, which Mr. Rogers has rented. The engine pulls 12 plows and a subsurface packer, and plows 40 acres a day. Mr. Rogers will sow 2000 acres in wheat next fall, he will also sow peas and corn as rotary crops, and it looks very like the day of idle summer fallow in Gilliam county is at an end. —Condon Times.

Report of Schools

Report of the schools of Polk County for the month ending March 25, 1910.

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time	62
Names of schools and teachers failing to report on time—Montgomery, Mrs. R. P. Nathany—Greenwood, Miss Stella Montgomery—Upper Salt Creek, Miss Georgia Miller	
Number of pupils remaining at last report	2314
Number of pupils registered new during month	21
Number of pupils registered secondary during month	28
Number of pupils readmitted during month	253
Total number pupils on register during month	2626
Number of pupils dropped during month	410
Number of pupils remaining at time of report	2216
Number of days taught during month	50
Whole number of days attendance	42434
Whole number of days absence	2433
Whole number of times late	338
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy	1900
Average number of pupils belonging	2236
Average daily attendance	2121
Per cent of attendance	92
Number of visits by parents	69
Number of visits by members of the school board	13

The following schools are placed on the roll of honor for the county for having made a per cent of attendance of 95 or more: Dallas, Eola, Red Prairie, Bridgeport, Ballston, Monmouth, Bethel, Perrydale, Gooseneck, West Salem, Buena Vista, Spring Valley, Popcorn, Harmony, Lincoln, North Dallas, Enterprise, Oakdale, McCoy, Teals, (100 per cent), Falls City, Black Rock, Pioneer, Oakhurst, Rock Creek, Highland.

The following schools are placed on the roll of honor for the county for not having any tardies during the month: Zena, Smithfield, Elkins, Red Prairie, Salt Creek, Number 15, Polk Station, Gooseneck, Brush College, Harmony, Lincoln, McTimmonds Valley, Sunnyslope, Concord, Oakdale, Lone Star, McCoy, Teals, Black Rock, Oakhurst, and Rock Creek.

The attendance this month was not as good as last but if all will keep working on the attendance will be able to secure the 95 per cent for the year, and that is what we are all working for.

There are only 7 schools in the county now without the drinking cups and only 5 without the windowboards; if your school is one of these, please do your best to see that it gets in line.

Yours Respectfully,
H. C. SEYMOUR.

G. N. Girard, of Independence, was here Wednesday helping Hoffman and Baker in their warehouse and milling business, Mr. Girard being a miller by trade.

NEWS FROM COUNTY SEAT

Court House Notes.

PROBATE

Estate of Jasper E Coad, deceased—will admitted to probate; George R Coad appointed executor; bond filed and approved. Estate of Mary Y Percival, deceased—report of sale of real estate set for hearing April 16 at 10 a. m.

Estate of Thomas and Ellinor Williams, deceased—administrator licensed to sell personal property.

Estate of Hannah Eames, deceased—estate admitted to probate; B Wilson appointed administrator.

Estate of Jasper E Coad deceased—bond filed and approved.

Estate of Hannah Eames, deceased—estate admitted to probate; B Wilson appointed administrator; bond fixed at \$300.

Estate of Jacob Brown, deceased—final discharge entered. Guardianship of Clyde W. Robbins, a minor—report of sale of real estate set for hearing April 16.

Guardianship of Alma Huseby, a minor—annual report approved.

Estate of William Livermore, deceased—sale of real estate confirmed; executor ordered to make deed to purchaser.

Estate of Thomas H. Denny, deceased—evidence as to certain claims taken under advisement.

REAL ESTATE

Henry Grazer et ux to C W Minnich, 8.75 acres, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$10.

Thomas J Ewing et ux to Dora E Truitt, lots in Independence Farm, \$1000.

William Fugate et ux to John C Clearwater, 157.71 acres, t 8 s, r 4 and 5 w, \$16,000.

John Applegate to David Marteny, 80 acres, t 6 s, r 7 and 8 w, \$700.

United States to John Applegate, 80 acres, t 6 s, r 7 and 8 w, patent.

Sarah E Riggs and hd to F F Myer, 97 acres, t 7 s, r 5 w, \$10.

J N White et ux to Eugene Osborn, 95.05 acres, t 9 s, r 6 w, \$950.

James M Wilson et ux to Moses and W H F Manston, land in Dallas, \$1.

J E Frary et ux to George W Bowerman, one-half int. in 7 acres, t 8 s, r 6 w, \$10.

A J and Laura M Barham to T P Jones, lots in Dallas, \$3000.

T P Jones to A J and Laura Barham, 160 acres, t 7 s, r 5 w, \$6000.

Ralph R Casey et ux to I N Woods and E Jacobson, one-half int. in 738. 10 acres, t 7 s, r 6 w, \$369.

E L Ketchum et ux to Silas D Coats, part lot in Monmouth, \$75.

T D and Mary E Mulkey to John A Foerste, 35 acres, t 6 s, r 6 w, \$1750.

John A Foerste to Ben Rose-nau, 35 acres, t 6 s, r 6 w, \$1925.

W H McDaniel et ux to I N Woods and E Jacobson, 50 acres, t 7 s, r 6 w, \$10.

B M Estes et ux to Anna M Cook, 16 acres, t 8 s, r 4 w, \$2300.

Edgar P Mitchell to W F Slaughter et al 280 acres, t 6 s, r 8 w, \$10.

Mrs. Unruh Coming

Mrs. Adah Unruh, state superintendent of the W. C. T. U. will lecture to the citizens of Monmouth, Sunday evening April 17, 1910, in the Evangelical church at this place.

Mrs. Unruh is not an unknown speaker in this place, hence, she needs no introduction and as she is laboring to up-lift humanity, attend and hear what she has to offer.

The service is to be a union service. All are invited.

The Entertainment

The Kendall entertainment last Friday evening was rather a pleasant affair and was well attended notwithstanding that the night was not a pleasant one on which to be out of doors.

Mr. Kendall is gifted with a magnificent voice, musical and of splendid range, and he has added to this by cultivation until he is able to amuse to a high degree, and persons of almost any temperament.

While a general entertainment, like the one Friday night, might not come up to the anticipation of each attendant, yet we believe that along other lines he would be able to satisfy the desire of almost any individual.

A Shower Party.

A miscellaneous shower was given Miss Letha Tupper by the Loyal Daughters of the Christian church, at the home of Miss Ethel Lucas, on Tuesday evening. Miss Tupper leaves her home at Dilley, Oregon, Sunday. She received many nice and useful presents, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Light refreshments were served, after which they all departed for their homes.

Those present were: Misses Letha Tupper, Ruth Wood, Anna Wood, Nettie McNeil, Olea Shore, Leto Wolverton, Lorena Daniel, Hazel Lovell, Sara Hynde, Loetta Shore, Elva Lucas, Agnes Clark, and Lydia Powell.

J. S. Wright, of Forest Grove, was in this vicinity the fore part of this week purchasing horses. So far as we have learned he had secured only one.

W. A. and John Middleton, of Rickreall, registered at Hotel Hampton Monday.

Andrew Kershaw to W F Slaughter et al, 80 acres, t 6 s, r 8 w, \$10.

Harry M Kershaw to W F Slaughter et al, 40 acres, t 6 s, r 8 w, \$10.

Anna M Cook and hd to B Wilson, 16 acres, t 8 s, r 4 w, \$1000.

Thomas J Flippin et ux to R E Williams, 160 acres, t 7 s, r 7 w, \$2450.

John R Fouch et ux to Clarence Powell, lots in Falls City, \$1500.

W J Atchison and William McEardy to Tracy Staats, land in Dallas, \$1400.

T D McLain to E F Black et ux, lots in Buena Vista, \$500.

E F Black et ux to T D McLain, lots in Buena Vista, \$225.

H E Cole to Mary E Emmons, lots in Buena Vista, \$700.

Annie Foster et al to Fred Peter, 20 acres, t 6 s, r 7 w, \$400.

INDEPENDENCE NEWS BUDGET

From Our Regular Correspondent.

DAILY HAPPENINGS IN OUR SISTER CITY

Scan This Column For News on Importance From the Riverside.

Mr. Knowles has sold his large farm near Rickreall for \$135 an acre.

Mrs. Bohannon and Miss Ethel Whiteaker were Portland visitors this week.

Mr. Albiker sold his farm of 12 acres in the west part of town for \$2,500.

Frank Skinner is moving to Salem this week, where he will make his home.

Cleve Robinson has returned from Eugene where he has been working in a barber shop.

Mr. Bolem, a hop buyer of Salem, was in town the first of the week trying to buy hops, but his prices were too low.

Among those that were in Salem last week were: Mr. J. Dorn-sife, Mrs. Dr. Hewitt, Mrs. Davis, and J. S. Cooper.

Rev. Maynard R. Thompson has returned from Portland, where he spent several days attending the Missionary Convention.

Verd Hill has returned from a trip to Old Mexico and New Orleans. Mr. Hill says of all the country he saw there was none as good as Oregon.

The basket social given by the pupils of the public school in the pupil house last Saturday evening was well attended. The baskets brought over \$35.

Work commenced the first of the week on the new Methodist church. The building is to be raised eight feet and a basement built. The old building is to be made over into a new church.

Mr. Mott has returned from Klamath Falls where he went to look the country over. Mr. Mott says he would not live in that country, and he will stay here where he will build a new house.

On Monday evening a reception was given E. C. Davis and family in the auditorium. Over 100 friends gathered to bid them farewell. Mr. Davis and family leave this week for a few days' visit with friends in Newberg and Portland. Mr. Davis will go to San Francisco, where he will meet a brother-in-law, and together they will go to St. Johns, Kansas, where they will make their home.

George H. Williams Dead.

Judge George H. Williams, termed the "Grand Old Man" of Oregon, was found dead in his bed at Portland, early Monday morning, having passed peacefully away. The past year has taken many of Oregon's pioneer citizens from time to eternity, and in Mr. Williams it has removed one who has been closely associated with Oregon interests from her territorial days.

We want your Jobwork