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OREGON WEATHER

Weather tomorrow: Fair,
 westerly winds.

O. & C. GRANT LANDS

A settlement of the O. & C. grant land problem and the throwing of the same on the market for purchase and settlement has been held up by the filing of an opinion by one of the lawyers in the attorney-general's office named Kearful, to the effect that under present legislation the government has no authority to pay any interest or penalties on the taxes due on these lands.

The amount of this interest and penalties aggregate about \$425,000. Their amount up to the passage of the Chamberlain-Ferris act is over \$238,000.

Under the terms of this act the federal government is to pay the back taxes on these grant lands. On the assumption that the attorney general's office would report in favor of the government's paying the interest and the penalties on the back taxes up to the passage of the Chamberlain-Ferris act, Senator Chamberlain secured the passage through the senate of a bill providing for the payment also of all of the interest and penalties up to the time the taxes were actually paid. When the bill reached the public lands committee of the house they referred it to the attorney-general for an opinion. Assistant Attorney-General Kearful's letter was sent in reply.

The matter of the money consideration involved is the small half of the trouble. With the government holding that present legislation does not warrant the payment of these interest and penalty amounts and with the same standing on the tax books of the several land grant counties as liens against the land, the situation is anything but encouraging from the standpoint of those who want an early adjudication of the whole matter is that the lands can get in the hands of settlers and users.

At this writing it looks as though either further legislation would be needed or the several counties would have to execute contracts with the federal government waiving any claim on account of the above mentioned tax interest and penalty delinquencies. If a suit were brought to test the correctness of the opinion expressed by the attorney-general's office and the federal government won, the matter would stand just where it is today and more delay would follow.

LAND FRAUD CASE

One of the sharp fights in the last session of the legislature was over a bill appropriating \$5,000 for the use of the attorney-general in prosecuting suits on behalf of the state against the Pacific Livestock company, involving alleged frauds in securing something over 30,000 acres of land in Harney county. The bill

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made the money available only in case the state land board instructed the attorney-general to proceed with these suits.

The bill passed the house but was recalled for further consideration and on such, was defeated by a narrow margin. This action was anything but creditable to those members of the legislature responsible for it.

It is gratifying therefore to note that the state land board has recently instructed the attorney-general to proceed with these suits and has secured from the emergency fund the money necessary to defray the expenses thereof.

TRAP SHOOTERS HOLD MEET AT PORTLAND

Portland, July 21.—Trapshooting experts from all parts of the northwest will have the Everdin park traps of the Portland Gun club in the tenth annual tournament of the Pacific Indians tomorrow. The tourney will last four days. Tye Schem R. Everding has arranged an attractive program.

This is the first time that the Indian shoot has been held in Portland and all sportsmen, whether they are members of the Pacific Indians or not, are invited to participate in the slaughter of clay birds.

Daily lunches served by the women of the organization, a baseball game and several social affairs are among the features of the tourney.

NATIONAL FOREST RECEIPTS INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

Washington, July 21.—The gross receipts from the national forests of Oregon, Washington and Alaska for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, were \$644,937.57. This is \$150,000 more than the receipts for the preceding year.

A classified ad brings results.

Victor Distillate Burning Attachments

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TELEPHONE PLANS MERIT PROMOTIONS

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company has recently inaugurated what it calls a "Plan for examination for promotion and the increased compensation for employees."

This plan provides for detailed but practical examinations to be conducted under the direction of examiners chosen from plant supervisory forces such as district superintendents, wire chiefs and foremen. All employees are eligible who can show a preliminary service of one year. No deductions are made in the compensation of applicants for time required by examinations, and even the cost of transportation is allowed to and from the places where such examinations are held. The wages and standing of applicants not passed are not affected, and liberal privileges as to further examinations are provided for. In general, examination questions are directed in the efforts to ascertain the abilities of the applicant bearing upon his particular knowledge of the work in which he has been employed, his familiarity with other lines of telephone work associated with his own, his knowledge of "safety first" measures and rules, and of public regulation applicable to construction and his responsibility in his particular territory.

TRUAX TELLS ABOUT THE RECENT AUTOMOBILE SMASH

The erroneous statements that have been circulated and printed in the papers in regard to the collision of the Truax and Riggs cars near Patrick's creek need correction. The Buick car driven by Miss Valasca Truax was coming down the grade so slow that the car was stopped still without recourse to the emergency brake in half the length of the car and before the Riggs car struck it, which was flying up the smooth grade and by some loss of control struck the Buick car, recoiled and struck it again. The injured car is the one stopped, the occupants of the moving car are the ones thrown into the wind shield, always. Had the Buick car rounded the curve at a high rate of speed as reported and struck it the Riggs car would not have been able to turn around and return at once to Grants Pass. The Buick car was laid up two days by a bent axle.

H. L. TRUAX.

COAL DEALERS ADVISE EARLY FUEL BUYING

London, July 3.—(By mail)—Coal dealers are sincere about it this time in advising householders and owners of big buildings to stock up with coal for the winter. On July 31 the coal controller will take command of the supply and no more deliveries will be made, except under special permits, until a certain reserve for the London district has been accumulated. As the price of coal is controlled by the government there is no reason why the dealers should hold their stores for a higher price.

Last winter's coal supply problem caused hardship to thousands, both rich and poor. As the trouble was simply a matter of transportation, the same situation can be avoided this year by summer deliveries.

At the Churches

Newman M. E. Church
 Preaching service at 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor entitled, "The Silent Forces that Mold the World." Solo by Mrs. P. B. Herman. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Epworth League at 7 p. m. Evening preaching service dismissed for union summer services at the railroad park. A cordial invitation to all.
 Melville T. Wire, pastor.

Baptist Church
 "The Religion for Today," will be the morning subject. Sunday school at 10 a. m., Paul Kiker, superintendent. Young people meeting at 7 p. m., Genevieve McCracken, president. We join in the union service at the railroad park at 8 p. m. A kindly welcome to all.
 S. A. Douglas, pastor.

Bethany Presbyterian Church
 Morning service at 11 a. m., sermon, "Encouraged By Our Enemies." Sunday school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. Evening service union of all churches in railroad park at 8 p. m.
 L. Myron Boozer, minister.

Christian Church
 Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Gospel service 11, sermon, 11:30. Christian Endeavor at 7. In the evening we will join with the other churches in a union service at the railroad park.
 J. H. Harmon, minister

First Church of Christ Scientists
 Christian Science services are held every Sunday, in the W. O. W. hall, at 11 a. m. Wednesday evening meetings at 8 o'clock. The subject for today is, "Life." The reading room is open daily from 2 to 4 p. m. except Sunday. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the reading room.

COMING EVENTS

July 23, Monday—O. A. C. canning and drying demonstration, 10 a. m., Provolt; 2 p. m., Williams Grange hall.
 July 24, Tuesday—O. A. C. demonstration, 2 p. m., Spence hall, Holland.
 July 25, Wednesday—O. A. C. demonstration, 10 a. m., Wilderville; 2 p. m., Murphy.
 July 26, Thursday—O. A. C. demonstration, 2 p. m., Hugo.
 July 27, Friday—O. A. C. demonstration, 2 p. m., a Chamber of Commerce rooms.
 August 6-11, Monday-Saturday—Buyers week at Portland.
 August 13, Monday—Hearing of contest cases before water board.

WASHINGTON WARNS AGAINST COUNTERFEITING

Washington, July 21.—The department of justice has issued a warning against the purchase of unapproved sticking plaster, as a result of the official investigation into the alleged German poisoned court-plaster recently peddled about in several western states.

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REBEKAHS HAVE ENJOYABLE PICNIC AT RIVERSIDE PARK

The Rebekah picnic held in the park Tuesday evening was a most enjoyable fraternal gathering, even though the thermometer did register above the 100 mark. The officers and table committee were on the ground early and spent the time in fancy work, visiting, carrying and placing tables. The long white tables had been neatly arranged when a miniature hurricane arrived which caused a lot of uneasiness for a few moments. However, blown off dust covered linen and silverware were soon replaced together with a tempting picnic supper from the well filled baskets. It had been thought

there was table room to spare, but after there was no more seating room a number had to be served standing. The setting sun had long before bid good night to a busy world when the last picnicer left the table for the cool green of the park grounds or to visit the tourists in the camping ground.

BRITAIN TO COMMENCE REPRISALS FOR AIR RAIDS

London, July 21.—Samuel Samuel, a member of parliament, announced today that the British government intends to adopt a policy of reprisals for German air raids. Just what form these will take or when they will commence was not disclosed.

Job work at the Courier.

FAREWELL IS GIVEN HETZEL AT O. A. C.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, July 21.—A farewell reception was given to Professor R. D. Hetzel, extension director of the Oregon Agricultural college and the president-elect of the New Hampshire Agricultural college, Saturday night by the extension staff. A feature of the entertainment was a banquet made up from the products of the gardens planted this year by members of the staff. Professor Hetzel will leave for his new work early in August.

Calling cards at the Courier.

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