

SEEK TO SOLVE EXCESS TANGLE

TWO ROADS FROM SALEM PLANNED

BILL PROPOSED TO THIS IS THE LATEST
CONGRESS DEVELOPMENT

Desert Land Board Wants Titles Con-
firmed for Settlers and Further
Patents Made Possible Where
Excess Acreage is Involved.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

SALEM, April 10.—The Desert Land Board has submitted to Congress a bill which, if passed, will straighten out the excess acreage tangle on the Central Oregon Irrigation Company's segregation. It will confirm title to tracts involving excess acreage which already have received patent, and whose validity hitherto has been questionable, and will enable the state to issue deeds to tracts as yet unpatented.

The bill will be presented to Congress by Attorney General Brown, who goes to Washington on other business, and is endorsed by every member of the Desert Land Board. It is said to be satisfactory to the company, and, so far as state officials can determine, it meets the approval of settlers, as its provisions undoubtedly will be helpful to them. However, it is stated that if any objections or suggestions are forthcoming the board will welcome them and hopes that settlers will take action at once.

On another page there is printed a comprehensive account of the entire excess acreage question as it has developed in Crook county, which should be of interest to everyone concerned with the development of the project.

Below is the text of the proposed bill:

"Relative to the confirmation of title in the State of Oregon to certain lands patented to said State by the United States, and authorizing the president of the United States to patent to the State of Oregon certain other lands.

"Whereas, through the erroneous classification as to the irrigability in certain tracts in Oregon Segregation Act No. 6, under the provisions of an Act of Congress of August 18, 1894, (the 'Carey Act'), title passed by the United States to the State of Oregon is defeasible and the patents to certain other lands are being withheld for the same cause to the injury of actual settlers on these lands who in good faith have endeavored to comply with the provisions of the Carey Act, schedule of such lands being hereto attached.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:

"Section 1. Title to lands in the attached schedule which have heretofore been patented by the United States to the State of Oregon is hereby confirmed and vested in the State of Oregon for the uses and purposes set forth in the Act of Congress of August 18, 1894, (the 'Carey Act'). The President of the United States is hereby authorized and empowered to issue or cause to be issued patents to the State of Oregon to any and all lands included in the attached schedule not heretofore patented to said State for the uses and purposes set forth in said Act commonly known as the Carey Act whenever it shall appear that the terms of said Act have been substantially complied with in every respect, provided, however, that the patent to no tract shall be withheld for the reason that water rights have not been purchased or secured for each and every irrigable acre with such tract."

Capital City Paper Says Proposition Is Double-Headed Affair—J. F. Mounce is One Promoter and Man Named Lynot is Other.

(Salem Messenger.)

If the rumors concerning the newly projected railroad, under survey by Mr. Lynot, have any foundation of fact, which the indications appear to substantiate, it would seem that the Salem-Stayton-Mill City-Bend railroad connection proposition is a double-headed affair and that, instead of one line, there will probably be two, if somebody does not "fall down." This deduction is made after a talk with J. F. Mounce, the original promoter of a Salem-Stayton line, who declares that he is still in the field with a complete survey and 80 per cent of the right of way secured and intends to put his project through this summer.

Mr. Mounce has been promoting a proposed Salem-Stayton railroad connection for two or three years and states that all that is deterring him from beginning active construction work is the delay on the part of the state land board, or the legislature, in granting him a right of way across the state lands which his survey traverses. He declares he has a 20 year franchise in the city of Stayton and that his right of way privileges extend indefinitely. Such of the right of way along his proposed line as he has not secured, he declares, he can get without delay or trouble and is only waiting action on the part

of the state for right to cross state lands.

Has Plenty of Money.

"I do not care to state who is backing me in the project," said Mr. Mounce to the Messenger representative, "but I will state that I have plenty of money back of my proposition, handled through a local bank, and it is up to me to put the line through at the earliest date. Needless to state the people behind my project have ample funds to carry out the construction of the line through to Bend and it is my intention to begin active construction work early this spring. My line affords practically a water grade route from Salem into the foothills of the Cascades and with little additional expenditure, laterals can and will be constructed to tap the rich horticultural and agricultural sections along the route—such as Liberty, Rosedale, etc. Unquestionably my line will be in course of construction during the coming summer."

On the other hand, Mr. Lynot, who is projecting the new survey is saying nothing but "sawing wood" and the citizens of Stayton and other communities along the line of the survey appear to have the utmost faith and confidence in the business like manner in which he goes about his work. He seems to have plenty of money and asks no favors which he is not willing to pay for. If both of these projects are "on the square" as it is hoped they are, or at least one of them, it begins to look as though it will develop into a race to see which is the first on the ground to secure the necessary privileges of right of way, etc.

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