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FRENCH-GLENN RANCH SOLD

CHRISTIAN FEDERATION GETS IT FOR COLONIZATION PURPOSE.

(Hundred and Sixty-Four Thousand Acres Secured for Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars.)

Last Tuesday's Oregonian says: The day of the cattle king has passed, and the largest stock ranch in Oregon, and one of the largest in the United States, where 20,000 head of cattle and 1000 head of horses have been handled annually for years, will be converted into homes for 10,000 people, if the plans of the Co-Operative Christian Federation are carried to success.

Contracts were signed in Portland last night for the sale of the French-Gleason ranch of Harney county, comprising 164,000 acres, to the Federation. F. C. Lusk, of San Francisco, attorney and general manager of the company, approved the contract for the owners, and the local executive board members—J. Frank Watson, Samuel Connell, N. J. Blapen, R. L. Durham, L. O. Ralston, C. E. S. Wood, Wallis Nash and H. S. Wallace—signed for the Federation, agreeing to pay \$1,800,000, the first installment of which must be forthcoming within 90 days. The property is 60 miles in length, 25 miles wide, has more than 500 miles of fencing, and the price for the land is \$10 an acre, with \$400,000 for personal property, and is considered a low valuation. Of the real estate, it is stated that fully 100,000 acres can be irrigated without storage other than a series of low dams along the Blitzen River, more than 50 miles of which is absolutely controlled, together with numerous tributary streams between the Steins Mountain and Malheur Lake.

Peter French and his partner were pioneers in Eastern Oregon, realizing the opportunity there presented for one of the greatest stock ranches in America. As early as 1872 they started acquisition of lands, first claiming springs and streams and running a small herd of cattle. Additional acreage was procured from time to time, the number of livestock multiplied until the standing number of the herd has been for years kept at about 20,000 cattle, with a very great number of horses and some other stock. Small stockmen came into the region later and the range wars that called for human sacrifice on the altar of greed centered at this vast estate. Peter French was killed in one of the conflicts by being shot, and the death of Glenn followed a few years later from natural causes. Then the heirs organized a California corporation that has since operated the property.

When the founders acquired the land it was with due regard for the physical features that enabled building of fences on their own property along both sides of the Blitzen River, up to the mountains at the south, thereby enclosing between their successive lines of ranches an area several times greater than the deeded acreage, larger than many counties of Eastern states and without violation of the rulings of the Interior Department prohibiting fencing of public lands. This will be the first of the big ranches to be cut up for homes of settlers in the northwest. Its desirability has long been realized by persons seeking large holdings and the Mormon Church has been one of the recent prospective purchasers making investigations, while agents of an Eastern syndicate were also after it. The directors of the Co-Operative Federation therefore lost no time in bringing negotiations to a close after receiving reports. The time before the first payment falls due will be consumed in obtaining an expert examination and report upon the property, and it is the purpose to have the property ready for colonization at an early date.

According to the reports submitted, the ranch comprises 45,000 acres of meadow, 45,000 acres of

sagebrush and bench land, 14,000 acres of tule swamp lands, and 16,000 acres of other grazing lands. The meadow land may be adapted to almost any desired agricultural purpose and the bench and sagebrush land is of the same character of the richest and most productive wheat lands of the Inland Empire of the Northwest. It has been well demonstrated that all kinds of grain crops may be grown with success. The tule swamp land is said to be incomparable in fertility for any kind of farm crops, and the work of draining it has been undertaken by the use of a steam dredger now at work and that has dug a ditch 18 feet wide, nine feet deep and 15 miles in length, across the swamp. Now a lateral ditch will be run the length of the swamp, which will make the land available for alfalfa, with the water supply and facilities for irrigation controlled to make its yield certain and beyond variance at whims of the weather.

Located at an elevation of about 4000 feet, the climate is said to be very similar to that of like altitudes in Colorado and Nevada, with a superabundance of sunshine. In winter there is some extreme cold but usually not prolonged, without the severity of blizzards that sweep the great plains. Ontario, on the Oregon Short Line, Baker City, on O. R. & N. and Winnemucca, Nev. on the Central Pacific route, are the nearest railway shipping points, each about 150 miles distant from the ranch. It is the announced intention of the federation to tap the region with a line connecting with one of these roads, thereby insuring transportation of products to market, and which it is anticipated will not only quickly populate the large area but will start an immense immigration into the section.

Rev. Ira R. Hicks, the St. Louis weather sharp, has accounted for the unbearably hot weather from which a large part of the country has been suffering recently. Mr. Hicks attributes the heat to a large healthy spot that has just made its appearance on the sun. Just why the spot on the sun should make the weather hotter is not made clear, but the spot does the damage according to Mr. Hicks. The spot now visible is one of the three largest on record, says the weather sharp.

"When I first saw the huge depression in the sun's surface," Mr. Hicks goes on, "it was on the east limb of the sun. It is moving westward over the sun's surface. The sun's is 900,000 miles in diameter. This double spot is about 175,000 miles in area, and you can see just how big it is. I predicted ten months ago that hot weather would be the lot of St. Louis the last of July. I calculated on the sun spot when I made that announcement."

"Any currency bill of the United States with the eagle on its face and of a higher denomination than \$1 is an altered bill and should not be accepted by any business man. Any note with the eagle on its face and with the figure \$10 on it, has been raised from \$1 to \$10. Be careful how you accept \$5 bills. By a skillful process the eagle on the face of the \$1 bill has been erased and the head of the Indian that appears on the face of the \$5 bill has been substituted."

This warning was issued on Wednesday morning by Stephen A. Connell, operative in charge at the United States secret service bureau at Portland.

A close examination will show that on the genuine \$5 bill the lettering "United" in United States of America is squared on a straight block, while on the raised bill it is swerving. This is one thing that people who accept payment must look to.

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CHRISTIAN COLONY WORK

REV. H. S. WALLACE EXPLAINS FEDERATION METHODS.

(Goes into Detail Concerning Proposed Big Bond Issue and the Establishment of Large Industries.)

"Progressive Christianity" was the subject of the sermon of Rev. H. S. Wallace, president of the Co-Operative Christian Federation, recently organized, delivered last evening at the Central Baptist Church. Mr. Wallace endeavored to show the brotherhood of mankind and the fatherhood of God, with quotations from the Scripture, preliminary to an account given at the close of his address of the purposes of the Co-Operative Federation in some printed matter, which was distributed to the congregation. Mr. Wallace is very enthusiastic for this great enterprise, which has been capitalized for \$50,000,000, and which is now being placed on a substantial basis, says the Oregonian.

"It is for the purpose of purchasing large and mainly undeveloped properties," he said "on which enterprise of various kinds can be established; to pay for such properties by the proceeds of a bond issue of a new kind, embracing certain safeguards which will protect the bondholder absolutely from loss of principal, secure him the interest for the first five years and leave him no risk of loss of future interest, considering that the revenues and earnings of all properties are pledged to pay it, with the increased value of five years' development to secure it. To manage all properties bought for or by the Federation by trained, competent, well-known men, associated in a trust for that purpose; to vest all the properties of that trust in such a way that no interference with their management by any or all the members of the Federation could be practicable; to supply the necessary labor for all such enterprises, so far as possible, from the active members of the Federation, resident in the model towns and settlements established."

"The bondholder gets 5 per cent interest on his bonds fixed, but another 5 per cent contingent on profits. Workers get wages at current rates. A member gets the social advantages of a house in the Federation town at a stated price paid for on the installment plan. There will be free schools, classes, medical attendance, provisions for widows and orphans, welltrained and managed towns. Shares also in the net profits from the whole enterprise, which will represent about 65 per cent of such profits.

"The principle of the Federation is fraternal, not paternal. It is no church, but is based on the ethics laid down in the teachings of Jesus Christ. If quarrels and differences arise they are to be settled by arbitration, for which full arrangements are made in the constitution. If a member breaks the moral law, or becomes unfit for membership in the Federation, he can be expelled, but he shall receive back whatever he has paid on his house. Any interference with any special religious tenets or affiliation of any members is expressly forbidden."

Rev. H. S. Wallace, the originator of the Federation, is an Oregon man, and has brought the plan to its present standstill. After full consideration with Eastern upholders and friends of the enterprise, it was decided to issue \$50,000,000 in bonds, the bonds to carry 5 per cent interest fixed and another 5 per cent conditional interest.

This issue will be made by the Titie Guarantee & Trust Company of New York, as soon as the necessary papers prepared by the Oregon counsel of the Federation have been passed on by the New York counsel. The funds retained from the subscription for the guarantee of repayment of the principal of the bonds at maturity will be held and invested for that purpose by the Trust Company of American

5 per cent on the bonds for the first five years will be managed and invested by local institutions, in co-operation with the Commercial Trust Company of New Jersey. A strong New York syndicate has undertaken all the expenses of the issue, and a far-reaching work will be undertaken at once in advertising the advantages and resources of Oregon, which will be of great importance to the state. Large areas of land in Eastern Oregon are to be acquired and developed by irrigation, cultivated and settled. Such settlements are to be brought into close communication with Portland.

In Western Oregon, suitable lands will be acquired that can be selected as the center of the Federation work. There the chief Federation city will be established. Manufacturers of divers kinds will be set on foot there, which will give employment to the active members of the Federation. There will be creameries, cheese factories, woolen mills, flax factory, clothing factory and kindred industries. These are the objects aimed at by Mr. Wallace, as set forth in the explanations given last evening, and which are now assuming form and substance. As soon as the \$50,000,000 bonds are disposed of in the East, then trained agents will purchase the tracts of lands needed for the settlement, and the working out of the plans of the Christian Co-Operative Federation.

Why We Lose Teeth.

Sir Oliver Lodge, in opening the Dental Hospital at Birmingham, England, the other day, said that the general neglect of the teeth was remarkable. An eminent surgeon told him that the bad teeth among civilized races was due to the development of the brain. It appeared that brain and teeth could not exist together. The more brains one had the fewer teeth one had, unless they were artificially provided. Possibly the nervous condition produced by high civilization increased the secretion of acid, or it might be that the gentleman, whoever he was, who discovered fire and the method of cooking food, laid up a store of indigestion for his descendants. Teeth promised to become extinct parts of the human organism, as he expects our toes would be if we persisted in wearing boots, and Lord Rosebery's museum of the future might be expected to contain a special set of natural teeth as a curiosity. If we had lived on vegetables and nuts, with an occasional raw bird thrown in as a delicacy, possibly we might have preserved our incisors. What we wanted was more brains and more science. At present we had just enough of the latter to make a mess of things.

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There is no longer any doubt of the efficiency of Harney county's exhibit at the Lewis and Clark to attract attention and bring many inquiries and some people already. It is a success in this respect far greater than was anticipated by those who suggested our participation and who have worked so persistently to make the exhibit one that would be a credit. Our county court is to be commended for its good judgment and foresight in responding liberally with an appropriation making it possible to carry out the plans of energetic, public-spirited citizens to bring the possibilities of this promising country before the world.

While the exhibit may not be responsible, or rather given the credit of doing all this missionary work, the same influences that promoted it have been the cause. From careful investigation it is found that almost every individual coming to Harney county to look for a home or seeking investment, has been attracted by our display at the fair, through reading the pamphlet "The Great Harney Country," or reading copies of The Times-Herald, or through correspondence with the local development league. These results can be traced directly to one or all of these influences. It is natural that such proof is gratifying to those who are responsible and the general public should take an active interest in such work and assist.

It is now up to the people of this section, and the business men of Burns particularly, to "make good." The people are coming to see us; many have already come, and with hardly an exception are favorably impressed and most of them will become citizens of Harney county; they will be followed by many who will help to develop this magnificent section and offer greater inducement for a railroad. It therefore behooves the business men of our little city to exert themselves toward entertaining the strangers within our gates and see that they have every opportunity of seeing the country and brought in contact with reliable people. Give them a warm welcome and any information that will help them. Try to give them a good impression of the people and make them feel at home among us. It is an injustice to expect a few to do the honors for we are all equally interested.

The Times-Herald suggested last week the advisability of re-organizing the Board of Trade. It should be done at once. If ever there was need of such an organization it is at this time. We really cannot afford to allow people to come here for the purpose of locating and be neglected. Since this effort on the part of a few to show up and advertise this section has met with success the business men should use their best effort to keep every man here that comes, or at least form such a favorable impression that should he depart he would have nothing but praise for the Harney country.

With an active organization this matter could be properly looked after. In fact there are many matters that should have attention and we should be ready for any emergency. We all realize a future for Harney county; we know its advantages and possibilities; we also know that population and the cultivation of the soil are necessary to bring about the desired results. It should therefore have the first consideration of the business men.

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