

In this issue we publish, taken from the Oregonian, of the 5th, a batch of land contest decisions by Hoke Smith, which concerns, immediately, our county and the loss of the homes of some of our best citizens. We mean the homes of Peter Clemens, John Newman, S. Lampshire and some others.

The military wagon road company has decisions favorable to it from Secretary Hoke Smith. We do not know what action the above named parties will take in the premises, but do say it is an awful injustice for which somebody or the government is responsible. The three mentioned have proven up, money taken by the government and certificates or bond for a patent or deed issued by Uncle Sam, then comes in the road company pleading a prior claim, which is recognized and accepted by the Secretary of the Interior, and the settler braving the dangers and inconvenience of frontier life is the loser, not the government amply able, nor the road company which in the first place saddled a fraud on the state government, but the, pretended, much prized and respected frontiersman and "civilization pusher" is the one who bears the loss.

We are not here to blame the road company for pushing its claim but how it is possible for the government to trample on recognized squatters rights, is the conundrum we are called upon to unravel. This land was settled upon before it was surveyed, the settler entirely ignorant of how the lines would fall or as to the location of odd or even sections, but placing entire confidence in the government as he would his God, for justice, and taking a squatters claim believing in that power to protect him, spent his little all in the way of improvements on his claim, and then the government, which he revered, instead of compelling the party which obtained its right fraudulently to take lands in lieu, thereby perfecting the right of the settler, whose money had already been received, and voucher for his home given, have given land and improvements to the corporation, and left the settler out in the cold without sympathy, without a home, and subject to draft or conscription in case of war, to fight the battles of the corporation, to protect its property and homes, also the very land to which, in all justice, he, the settler, is entitled too.

It does look as if the road company, having two thirds of all the land on the route of the road to select from, could, in justice to the settler, select lands in lieu of that settled upon by the ranchers.

And can the government blame the abused settler for crying monopoly?

How many instances can be cited where the settler prevailed against the corporation? Not one where there was the semblance of right on the side of the monopoly.

We are aware of the fact that the state of Oregon accepted the report of the company and declared the contract fulfilled. At the door of the governor's mansion lies the first and primary sin, but is it right or

just to commit a second fraud to clinch the first? Does two frauds make one right? Who is going to pay the settler for all these years spent in hard labor improving a ranch which we all know was settled upon with honest intentions.

The present administration is not to blame, the road company is not to blame, but the state board that accepted the report of the company at the time the road was built and declared the contract fulfilled, the congress that allowed the land grant in consideration for services never rendered.

The rottenness of state and congressional legislation at the time the grant was made, is responsible for the present entailed loss of the homes of the Harney settlers who unfortunately settled on what is now known as road land.

The Supreme court has decided that neither congress or cabinet officers nor the president, can interfere in the behalf of the settler against the prior right or claim of the road company.

The inference to be drawn from the arts of Commander-in-chief Booth, of Salvation Army is that he regards allegiance to God secondary to allegiance to Great Britain

The favorite son game has now reached the explanatory stage, and Congressman Hainer, of Nebr., is one of the chief explainers.

The McKinleyites are losing no tricks by failing to claim them. They now say that McKinley will be nominated on the first ballot, if he can hold the southern votes pledged to him.

Who said John Sherman was unforgiving? He knows that the Cuban general Jose Maceo, when a common mountain bandit, plotted to kidnap him (Sherman) and hold him for a ransom, and yet he is a friend of the Cubans.

Even Senator Tom Carter has been mentioned at least one consecutive time for the republican Presidential nomination.

The Spaniards are hot blooded, but they are not fools. They will let off their surplus steam by talking, but will take good care not to start a war with the United States.

What's this? Dr. Lyman Abbott, who fills Beecher's old Brooklyn pulpit, says he doesn't believe the world was created as stated in the book of Genesis, but that it is the result of evolution. Where are those people who were trying to convert Bob Ingersoll?

Somehow the Nicaragua Canal people have lost their grip, and are not as confident of Congressional help as they were.

Korea is the bone and Russia and Japan the dogs which are ready to fight for its possession. Korea stands to lose either way.

When Maryland voted for a "reform" it had no idea that it would also be given convict officials. But it got 'em all the same.

McKinley's friends are beginning

to act like detectives in search of evidence to use in a breach of promise case.

Wonder what new political deviltry "Little Billee" Chandler is hatching? He didn't throw all those bouquets at Uncle Charlie Dana for nothing, but Uncle Charlie is a hard man to bamboozle.

It was bad enough to use the machinery of the G. A. R. for a political party, but the present commander seems to have gone a step further and to be using it for a candidate for the republican Presidential nomination.

Administrators Notice.

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H. M. HORTON, Administrator.

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