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BATTLE FOR R. R. LANDS TO BEGIN

Special Prosecutor to Arrive Soon to Take Up Proceedings in R. R. Land Test

Hon. W. C. Hawley, our representative in Congress, has been advised by wire that S. D. Townsend, of Fargo, N. D., would arrive within a few days to commence the proceedings which the U. S. department of justice will undertake, to enforce the terms of the railroad land grant of the S. P. in Oregon.

In view of the possible action of Congress with regard to these lands and the questions of what definition the courts might place upon the phrase "actual settlers" in cases involving lands valuable only for timber, grazing or mineral purposes, the act of Congress forfeiting lands taken under similar conditions by the N. P. R. R. is interesting.

By an act of Congress September 30, 1890, there was declared forfeited to the United States all lands theretofore granted to any state or to any corporation to aid in the construction of a railroad, where the terms of the grant had not been complied with.

This act provided that all persons who at the date of the passage of the act, were actual settlers in good faith on the land forfeited, should have the right to claim them under the homestead law and they should be regarded as actual settlers, from the date of actual settlement or occupation. The act further provides that where persons had settled said lands with a bona fide intent to secure title thereto, by a purchase from the state or the corporation, that they should be entitled to purchase the lands from the United States and that the United States upon being paid for said lands, should make a patent to the actual settlers.

Subsequent to that act of forfeiture and on January 25, 1896, Congress passed a law amendatory of the act forfeiting such railroad lands by adding to the said act or forfeiture the following proviso:

"Providing that actual residence upon lands by persons claiming the right to purchase the same is not required, where such lands have been fenced, cultivated, or otherwise improved by such grants."

It will be noticed that under this act all that is necessary is for the settler to have fenced the lands, cultivated them, or otherwise improved them. While this is a law, and not a court decision, it goes a long way in suggesting the radical difference between an actual settler within the purview of the homestead law and an actual settler for the purpose of purchasing lands of a railroad.

Strawberries Are Profitable.

At frequent intervals during the fruit season the Courier force is remembered by J. T. Morrison with generous samples of fruit from Fairview Fruit Farm that are proof positive that Rogue River Valley leads the word on fine fruit. Thursday Mr. Morrison brought in a half dozen boxes of strawberries that were perfect in size, color and flavor, and they were given a regular Fruit Growers Association pack for the middle berries were as good as those in the bottom and the bottom berries were as good as those on the top.

The time is at hand when Rogue River will be as noted in the markets of the East for strawberries as Hood

River now is for the berries there in addition to being of the highest quality have the firmness to stand shipment long distances. Mr. Morrison has been growing strawberries for several years and he finds them more profitable than apples or any of the other fruit that he raises. There has been fully 10 acres of strawberries planted near this city this past Spring and last Fall and there will be a larger acreage planted this Fall and Winter. Through the local market, the new cannery and the Fruit Growers Association the growers will have a ready sale at profitable prices for all the berries that they can raise.

R. E. Gilbert, who organized the Rogue River Mining and Development Company with mines on Blossom and Paradise bars on Rogue River, has resigned his position as superintendent of the company and has become interested in a mining property near Grants Pass, which he intends to develop.

FOR A WAGON ROAD TO THE COAST

Forestry Department Will Put Engineers in the Field to Make Survey.

The Grants Pass Commercial Club held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday and the evening was spent discussing live topics.

The irrigation question was taken up and move to enlist the reclamation service, started.

A resolution was ordered drawn up to forward to the Denver convention called for the purpose of discussing the land policy. The resolution reads as follows:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Grants Pass Commercial Club, voicing the sentiment in one of the richest mineral and timber regions of the state, that the policy of the Administration in creating, utilizing and protecting the National forests, assisting in opening up means of communication, encouraging agricultural settlement, mineral development, grazing and lumbering within their boundaries and regulating the streams upon which irrigation projects depend, is direct and far reaching in its benefits and is hereby endorsed.

R. L. COE,
M. L. OPDYCKE,
A. E. VOORHIES,
Committee

Superintendent Anderson of the Siskiyou Forest Reserve and Wm. Cox of Washington, D. C., assistant U. S. Forester, were called in and explained some points regarding the forest reserve policy and the course of the evening the question of a road down Rogue river to the Coast was brought up. This question has been receiving the attention of Superintendent Anderson and on the following evening he and Mr. Cox met a party of miners from the Galice district and it was decided to place J. F. Richardson in charge of a crew and make preliminary survey of a route from Galice to John Mule creek. The expense of the road will be in the neighborhood of \$10,000 or more. The expense in the main will be met in the main by the government with the endorsement of Mr. Anderson and Mr. Cox who are enthusiastic over the proposition as the road is badly needed in the work of the Forest Service. Such a road would be of inestimable value to this place as it would open up a rich mining territory now practically shut off from trade centers. This road would eventually be extended and will open up Curry county.

NEW FEATURES ADDED FOR THE CELEBRATION

The Modern Woodmen Will Saw Wood and the Miners Will Drill.

As the 4th and 5th of July draws nearer the interest in the mammoth celebration at Grants Pass increases with enormous strides. New features are constantly being added to the already most elaborate program ever offered to the public in Southern Oregon.

The strong feature of the celebration is the large number of interesting athletic sports. The two ball games will be the best exhibition of their kind seen in Grants Pass for many years and great interest is being shown by the citizens of both towns in the outcome of these contests. Another new and interesting feature has been added in the way of log sawing contests both double and single handed. These contests have been put on as a favor to the Modern Woodmen and are open only to members of that order. The horse racing on the afternoon of the 5th is also creating great interest. There will be horses here from all the Southern Oregon towns, from Roseburg, south, among which will be some of the best horses on the coast and lovers of the turf will find great interest in the outcome of these races. There will be minor sports as racing, jumping, etc., also a drilling contest, which at least four teams will enter.

Ralph Berry, the aeronaut who is to make the balloon ascension and parachute jump on the morning of the 5th is now in Portland, securing the necessary paraphernalia and expects to give the most successful exhibition of any aeronaut ever in Grants Pass. Hundreds of people will be here from Medford, Gold Hill and various other Southern Oregon towns. Excursion rates of one and one-third fare will be given from all railroad points.

There will not be a dull moment in either day—some event will be going on all the time.

The parade on the morning of the 4th is creating a great deal of rivalry among the Grants Pass Merchants as to who can put on the most attractive float and each is endeavoring to be the leader. All the principal orders will be represented and the result will be an attractive and interesting parade.

ANOTHER OLD PIONEER PASSES AWAY

Dr. W. F. Kremer Dies in Nevada and Remains are Interred at Wilbur, Ore.

A message was received Thursday by George Calhoun from Roy Kremer stating that his father, Dr. W. F. Kremer, was dead and that the body would be taken to Wilbur, Douglas county, where burial would be made on Saturday with the funeral services conducted by the Masons. The message did not state when or where Dr. Kremer died, but as he went from here a month ago to Goldfield, Nevada, it is presumed that he died in that state.

Dr. Kremer was born in Pennsylvania and was 65 years old at the time of his death. He came to Oregon in 1888 and moved with his family to Grants Pass in 1886. He opened the second drug store in this place and erected the first brick building in Grants Pass. Dr. Kremer was a graduate of a St. Louis medical college and practiced his profession while a resident of this city and had a large practice. His wife died March 14, and was interred in the family burial ground and his remains will also be placed there. Three children survive, Dr. Maude Kremer, of Portland, Dr. Roy Kremer, of San Francisco and Clara Kremer, aged 15, who is making her home in Portland.

There Are Few people who know how to take care of themselves—the majority do not. The liver is a most important organ in the body. Herbine will keep it in condition. V. O. Simpkins, Albu, Texas, writes: "I have used Herbine for Chills and Fever and find it the best medicine I ever used. I would not be without it. It is as good for children as it is for grown-up people, and I recommend it. It is fine for La Grippe." For sale by National Drug Co. and by Demaray.

MANY NEW SCHOOL BOOKS ARE CHOSEN

New Common School Books Selected by the State Text Book Commission.

The State Text Book Commission has announced its selection of books for the public schools of Oregon, and in the common schools all are new selections excepting four, and the books retained are the fourth and fifth Cys readers, Thomas Elementary History and the Reed Speller. The eight-year course will require 35 books, the aggregated cost of which is \$9.14. If a pupil should exchange an entire set of old books for a complete set of new ones the difference he will have to pay is \$4.51.

The principal changes are the substitution of Wheeler's readers up to the third book for the Cys reader; the adoption of Smith's arithmetic instead of Wentworth's; the adoption of Buehler's grammar in the place of Reed & Kellogg's; the adoption of the natural geographies in the place of Fry's, and Doub's United States history in the place of Thomas' advanced history.

List of Books Selected.

Readers—	Exchange	Retail
	Price	
Wheeler's Graded Primer	\$.10	\$.25
Wheeler's Graded 1st Reader	.10	.25
Wheeler's Graded 2d Reader	.15	.35
Wheeler's Graded 3d Reader	.30	.45
Cyr's 4th Reader	.35	.50
Cyr's 5th Reader	.30	.60
Geographies—		
Natural Introductory Geography	.27	.54
Natural School Geography	.57	1.18
Arithmetics—		
Smith's Primary Arithmetic	.18	.35
Smith's Practical Arithmetic	.33	.65
Mental Arithmetic—		
No separate book adopted; will use written arithmetic.		
Thomas' Elementary History	.60	.80
History of U. S., by Doub	.70	1.00
Grammar—		
Buehler & Hotchkiss' Modern English Lessons	.30	.40
Buehler & Hotchkiss' English Grammar	.30	.55
Civil Government—		
No separate book adopted—history to be used		
Physiology—		
First Book in Hygiene, (Krohn)	.15	.35
Graded Lessons in Physiology and Hygiene, (Krohn)	.30	.60
Nature Study—		
Agriculture for Beginners (Burkett, Stevens & Hill)	.38	.75
Writing—		
Outlook Writing books, 1 to 7	.05	
Outlook Writing Slips, 1 to 6	.05	
Outlook Practice Books, A, B, C, D	.05	
Empire Writing Speller	.05	
Spelling—		
Read's Word Lessons	.12	.22
Music—		
New Educational Course:		
First Book	.15	.30
Second Book	.15	.30
Third Book	.18	.35
Fourth Book	.30	.50
Fifth Book	.25	.50
Drawing—		
Art Education Drawing Books 1 to 8, first three books, 15 cents; last five, 20 cents.		

The "vertical system" of writing was thrown out of the curriculum and the new text-books is a semi-slant system of writing that will meet with the approval of the people at large much more than the vertical style.

JACKSON COUNTY TO HAVE MODEL POOR FARM

Have Purchased 50 Acres of the Ammerman Donation Claim, Near Talent.

County Commissioner Patterson, of Talent, was in Medford a few days since on business connected with equipping the county poor farm, which has recently been moved to the old stage stand on the Ammerman donation land claim, near Talent, where the commissioners have purchased 50 acres of land and have secured the service of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Copeland as keepers of the home at a salary of \$1000 per year.

The inmates, 11 in number, all males, have been taken from the De-Robocam place, near Jacksonville, to their new home and are now temporarily quartered in buildings which were on the place and in tents. Plans have been made for the erection of a new home and work on it will be commenced at once. It will be 30x54 feet in size, two stories high, with a wide porch, extending entirely around it. There will be a basement and in this will be placed a hot air

heating furnace, with which the entire building will be heated.

The commissioners have adopted a new plan of caring for the unfortunate dependents, in that they proposed to furnish themselves all the requirements of the inmates and as well have a keeper. The 50 acres tract of land which they have purchased is very fertile and it is expected that enough of vegetables and fruit can be grown on it to supply the home with all needs, and besides being a matter of economy there will be an opportunity given for those of the inmates who are able to do a little gardening and tinkering around and thus add diversion and profit to their lives.

The institution will be under the supervision of Commissioner Patterson and he proposes to so cause the farm to be conducted as will be as little expense and nearly self sustaining as is possible and at the same time make the declining years of inmates pleasant and comfortable.—Mail.

MORE LANDS OPEN FOR SETTLEMENT

Fulton Act Results in Opening Lands Temporarily Withdrawn.

Recently lands temporarily withdrawn with the view of permanently adding the same to the Ashland, Siskiyou and Cascade Reserves in Southern Oregon have been restored to settlement and entry. Now it is announced from Washington that the secretary of the interior will soon order the restoration to entry of all land in Oregon and Idaho temporarily withdrawn for forestry purposes but not heretofore made part of forest reserves. Under the Fulton amendment this land could not now be reserved except by act of Congress, and as it is impossible to secure such legislation, it was considered good policy to throw this land open to entry. The order of restoration has not yet been made, but will probably issue in a few days, stipulating that the land effected be opened to settlement in 30 days and be subject to entry after 90 days.

The restorations which have been recommended by the Forest Service comprise the following land withdrawn with a view to enlarging the forest reserves named:

Oregon—Goose Lake National Forest, Klamath and Lake counties, 195,480 acres; Fremont National Forest, Crook county, 350,880 acres; Wenaha National Forest, Wallowa county 17,920 acres; Wallowa National Forest, Union county 41,360 acres.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to the many friends who have been so kind and generous to us since our recent loss of our house and furniture by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Darnelle and family.

FRUIT GROWERS AND FRIENDS WILL PICNIC

Hacks Will Run to Vannoy Creek Every Hour Next Thursday.

The fruit growers picnic, to be held next Thursday at A. T. Martin's farm, on the Hill road 4½ miles west of Grants Pass, under the auspices of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association will afford a profitable day to those interested in the fruit industry as well as a delightful outing to all. The picnic will be held in a beautiful grove on the banks of Vannoy creek. The grove is large and clean and there is no poison oak, or sticker grass or other annoying features, and adjoining is open woods where teams can be left. The creek is running a large stream of clear water and along its banks the azalias and other wild flowers are now in bloom. The fruit growers are to meet Monday afternoon to put the grounds in order and to arrange the seats and other conveniences for the picnickers. To accommodate those attending from Grants Pass, who have no conveyance, an arrangement has been made with Gilmore's livery stable for hacks to run between this city and the picnic grounds. The hacks will leave the Courier office every hour, except the noon hour. The leaving time will be 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30 and 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, and on the assurance that there would be a large number of passengers, Mr. Gilmore has agreed with Secretary Meserve to give the special low rate of 35c to each person, 50c for the round trip. Comfortable rigs will be used and quick time will be made and as the Hill road affords a fine view and a handsome drive the trip will be one of the added pleasures of the day. To enable the settlers about Wilderville to reach the picnic grounds with but a short distance to drive a boat will be at the old Vannoy ferry to bring them across Rogue river and a team will be there to transport them to the grounds.

A program on topics pertaining to the fruit industry will be carried out. The speakers will be leading fruit growers of Rogue River Valley and prominent business men of Grants Pass. Two special features of the exercises will be addresses by Austin T. Buxton master of the Oregon State Grange, and by M. J. Anderson, superintendent of the Siskiyou forest reserve. Mr. Buxton, who is a successful farmer of Washington county, will speak on what the Grange is doing in bettering the conditions for the farmers, and Mr. Anderson will speak on the benefit that would come to the fruit industry of Rogue River Valley were the hills and mountains about the Valley covered with a growth of timber.

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