



MUST PROTECT

COOS TIMBER

Would Take Right to Sell
From S. O. Company Until Case is Settled.

The latest development in the case of the United States vs The Southern Oregon Company is that Coos county and Douglas county may ask the court for an order restraining the company from any further sale or removal of timber from lands involved in the action until the final settlement of the case.

Sheriff and Tax Collector Gage says he intends taking up the matter with Mr. Brown and Attorney General A. M. Crawford who has been authorized to act as the legal representative of Coos and Douglas county in this litigation.

That this action is imperative is apparent to even the casual observer. For years the defendant company has been selling timber off the lands and the amount of revenue received therefrom has been enormous.

From one eighty-acre tract alone situated in section 5 township 28, range 12, near Coquille, they have sold approximately \$20,000 worth of timber. The timber on this land cruised over 9,000,000 feet and was sold to Aasen Brothers at \$2.00 per thousand. This timber has all been removed during the last two years, and demonstrates how rapidly the timber resources of the county may be depleted if the company is not restrained from further selling or removing it.

A number of years will elapse in all probability, before the case is decided and title to these lands finally adjudicated. During this time, if unrestrained, the company could dispose of vast quantities of the best timber to the irreparable loss of the county.

That such an injunction should be issued is beyond question.

The history of the action of the United States vs The Southern Oregon Company is fraught with matters of such vital interest to all the people of both counties that a brief review should afford interesting reading.

In 1869 the United States granted certain lands to the State of Oregon to aid in the construction of a military wagon road from the navigable waters of Coos Bay to Roseburg. In 1870 the State of Oregon transferred these lands to the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company, of which the Southern Oregon Company are the successors.

These grants were conditional ones and required that the granted build the road, and that the lands conveyed by the grant must be sold to any actual settlers who might apply for them, in tracts not to exceed 160 acres, and for a price not more than \$2.50 per acre, the proceeds to recompense the grantee for constructing the road.

An apology for a road was constructed, and was maintained as a toll road until the public refused to pay the toll charged.

Very little, if any, land has been sold by the company, although it is reported that many bona-fide settlers have applied for its purchase.

The United States has now brought an action in equity against the Southern Oregon Company to obtain a decree that the company has no estate, right or title in or to said lands and that they have been forfeited to the United States by the failure of the company to live up to the terms of the grant.

For many years Coos county has

Baby Passes Away.

William Claus, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sellmer, passed away at their home yesterday morning.

The little one came into this world on January 12th, but was destined to brighten the home for only a few short days.

Just why these little flowers bloom and are so suddenly taken away is hard to understand, but perhaps we may know some day. Mr. and Mrs. Sellmer have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement.

We are also asked by Mr. and Mrs. Sellmer to express their sincere thanks to all who so kindly assisted, and for the many expressions of sympathy.

Mothers' Meeting Friday.

Loren Davidson of Portland representing the Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective Society will speak to the ladies on Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the M. E. Church. All mothers urged to attend.

FOR SALE—Six, five acre tracts, fine for small fruit or chicken ranch. Some on Plank Road. H. H. Dufoort.

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found the Southern Oregon Company to be one of the most troublesome land owner within its borders. Assessments have been made on their holdings and taxes assessed but the collection of these taxes has been contested by the company and Coos county has been very frequently involved in legal proceedings for their collection.

At the present time their taxes on these lands for the years 1909 and 1910 remain unpaid. The amount of these delinquent taxes, together with the penalty, interest, and advertising cost for Coos county alone is as follows:

1909 Taxes delinquent - - \$14,734.43

Penalty and Interest - - 4,420.44

\$19,154.77

1910 Taxes delinquent - - 16,381.92

Penalty and Interest - - 2,943.75

\$19,330.76

Advertising Cost - - - 404.50

Total Coos County taxes due Nov. 30, 1911 - \$38,979.03

Total due to Douglas 6,318.25

Grand Total - - - \$47,298.18

In order to further avoid the payment of the above taxes and to prevent the tax collector from issuing certificates of delinquency, the Southern Company has recently secured an order of court making Coos and Douglas counties parties to the suit.

The company has also secured a temporary injunction restraining the sheriff and tax collector of both counties from issuing or disposing of any certificates of delinquency on their property.

On January 23 the matter came up before the United States Circuit court and it will soon be decided whether the injunction will be dissolved or made permanent.

The interests of Coos and Douglas county will be represented by George Brown, Attorney, and by Attorney General, A. M. Crawford.

It is to be hoped that the injunction will not be made permanent and that Sheriff Gage will be given a free hand in regard to the collection of the taxes.

Should the permanent injunction be granted in the terms prayed for by the company, it will work a great hardship on both counties as they will be forbidden to enforce the collection of taxes assessed, from making further assessments during the pendency of the suit, and from issuing any certificates of delinquency.

—Coquille Sentinel.

Mail Ordered Through Without Delay

Some time ago it was announced in the RECORDER that the mail contractor who carries the mail from Roseburg to Myrtle Point was allowed the privilege of stopping over night at Camas Valley, thus putting the mail into Myrtle Point 24 hours later. A protest was sent to Congressman Hawley who took the matter up with the Post Office department, with the result that the contractor was ordered to resume the former schedule.

The following reply, received by Mr. Hawley from P. V. Degraw, fourth assistant postmaster Gen., is self-explanatory:

*Post Office Department
Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.*

Washington, January 17, 1912.

*Hon. W. C. Hawley,
House of Representatives.*

My dear Sir:
I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. transmitting protests from patrons of the post offices at Bandon, Coquille and Myrtle Point, against a recent change in the schedule of star route No. 73207, Roseburg to Myrtle Point.

In reply I beg to advise you that the recent change authorized in the schedule of the star route was made upon the recommendation of a representative of the Department to avoid night travel over the mountain during the winter season and afford greater security to the mails.

In view of the protests submitted, however, the contractor has been directed to resume his former schedule.

Very truly yours,
P. V. Degraw,
Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

Going in For Apples.

West Stayton, Ore., Jan. 25, 1912.—W. Wellington Phillips, of Spokane, Wash., an expert at setting out commercial orchards has been visiting various points in the Willamette Valley Irrigated Land Co.

and of several newcomers, to ascertain what will be the best fruit to grow on the irrigated lands of the Company around West Stayton. After a thorough investigation, he eliminated prunes as being a more difficult class of orchard to sell readily to newcomers. He eliminated pears as being eventually in danger of pear blight, especially on irrigated land and has decided that apples would be the best, and after carefully investigating various varieties he recommends the planting of Rome Beauty principally, and about one fifth Tokopkins King. About 150 acres will be set out right away.

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Referendum at Port Orford.

Word has been received here that parties opposing the organization of the Port of Port Orford had attempted to file a referendum petition against the levying of a tax by the commissioners for the present year.

The law provides that a referendum petition must be filed within thirty days. The petition was filed Thursday evening. The secretary holding that the thirty-day provision meant thirty days, and not thirty days and thirty nights, that the petition coming in after business hours on the thirtieth day was too late.

It is expected that the next step will probably be an application to the circuit court by the opponents of the Port for a writ of mandamus to compel the secretary of the Port commission to file the referendum petition.

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Grand To-night.

Three thousand feet of splendid pictures. "Western Hearts" a Selig film, very entertaining. "True to His Trust," a good dramatic story. "Bill Bunyer's Bargain," an Essanay comedy, nothing but laughs.

Public Reading Room, over Chas. Lorenz's store. Open every evening. Everyone welcome.

Important News of Oregon.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 28th (Special)—Country Life Week in Oregon has been fixed for February 5 to 10, when country school superintendents and commercial bodies will meet together in each part of the state to formulate the scheme of Country Life Education to be followed by Oregon schools. Much is hoped from this new departure in the State's educational system, and the allied influences behind the movement are such as to insure its success.

State bankers, the commercial bodies, the State educational authorities, Portland livestock interests and the Oregon Agricultural College are working toward the same end and during Country Life Week it is hoped to interest business men generally in the work. The following week the plan will be presented to pupils in the schools, and contests in gardening, general agriculture, domestic science, hog and poultry raising and manual work instituted.

A splendid list of prizes for children producing the best products in all these lines is being collected. The young farmers will first exhibit their crops in their own communities, next in the county contests, and then the prize winners will meet in competition at the State Fair at Salem next fall. Bulletins on the various agricultural subjects will be issued under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural College to serve as text books in the various farming classes in the schools throughout the State.

Oregon Coast Artillery companies will hold the annual maneuvers at Fort Stevens for ten days next summer, beginning August 15th. Both the regular troops stationed at the fortifications on the coast, and the National Guard forces will participate. Coast defense will naturally be the object of the maneuvers. James J. Hill has been invited to attend Portland's official rose-planting on Washington's Birthday, as the chief guest of honor. The rose planting will take place in one of the parks of the city, and boys and girls will set the rose bushes in the ground while some church dignitary will conduct the ceremonial of blessing the roses.

Dates were arranged the past week for the State Convention of the Grand Theatre commencing Wednesday, January 31st, free of charge to all who ask for a copy; after you have read the story pass it along to your friends who might want to read it. This program will enable you to enjoy the pictures to a much greater extent than if you were entirely unfamiliar with the story.

The admission price will be 25¢ to everybody.

Prof. Kausrud is now arranging special music to accompany this great Feature Film.

Remember the date—Monday and Tuesday, February 5th and 6th at the Grand Theatre.

W. C. SELLMER, Mgr.

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Basket Ball Friday Night.

The basket ball game between the Bandon and Marshfield high schools at the old opera house Friday night promises to be one of the most exciting games of the season as the teams are quite evenly matched, and the Bandon boys are determined to win this game and will play accordingly. One big feature of the evening entertainment will be a game between the fat and lean of Bandon, playing off the tie games of last year. You know how funny that was, well this will be a side splitter, and cause you to forget all the troubles you ever had, so don't fail to see it.

The famous Mrs. Mary Walker, who wears men's clothing, has discovered that the collar button, worn at the back of the neck, is responsible for much of the insanity among men. Now if Mrs. Dr. Mary will kindly locate the button which is responsible for insanity among women, we shall be very grateful.

Not being an M. D., and unable to give a skillful diagnosis, yet wishing to earn the gratitude would suggest that possibly the button on hubby's pocket may be somewhat responsible.

"Mrs. Mary."

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WANTED—1000 empty sacks at Central Warehouse.

BOATS ARRIVE

AND DEPART

Shipping Business Continues
as Brisk as Ever at Coquille River.

The Elizabeth sailed Sunday morning with 300,000 feet of lumber, 22 tons of freight and the following passengers: Alfred Johnson, Nels Sagen, W. C. Laird, R. A. Wieder and wife, R. Rubendall, R. R. Demingo, M. J. Maynard, E. G. Lewis.

The Brooklyn arrived this morning with 50 tons of freight and two passengers. The Brooklyn will sail again Thursday.

The Fifield will probably leave San Francisco today for Bandon.

The Elizabeth will probably leave San Francisco for this port today or tomorrow.

Gus Buckingham and family left Saturday for Monroe, Oregon, where they will make their future home. The Buckingham family have been among Bandon's most highly respected citizens for some time and their hosts of friends are sorry to lose them from our city, but all will wish them well wherever they may go, and Bandon people will be glad to see the Buckinghams back to our city at any time.

A. C. Gabernache, a discharged employee of the Coos Bay Times, put both of the linotype machines of that office out of commission, so that Friday's and Saturday's papers both had to be gotten out partially by hand composition. The culprit has been arrested and will probably have to answer a serious charge, and should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Owing to an oversight the sailing dates for the Breakwater were not changed in the Breakwater ad. today; but the Breakwater will sail from Coos Bay for Portland on Saturdays, Feb. 3-10-17-24 at service of the tide, and from Portland for Coos Bay, Tuesdays, Feb. 6-13-20-27.

The work of constructing the concrete foundation, and building and cementing the basement for the new Presbyterian church was commenced yesterday and will be rushed to completion as rapidly as the weather will permit. C. E. Klepfer will have charge of the work.

Alfred Johnson and W. C. Laird of Coquille both left Bandon on the Elizabeth, for San Francisco, Sunday morning.

ESTRAYED, to my place about a month ago, a three-year-old red steer, with white spot in forehead. J. E. Young, near Johnson's Mill. 5-13

A Check Account

Helps your credit. Insures against loss. Creates business habits. Teaches economy. Open an account at this bank today. Pay your bills by check. One dollar is all the money required to start your account.

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State Depository

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