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THE DISPOSAL OF THE LAND

Suggestions Relative to Placing O. and C. Lands in the Hands of Settlers

The following extract from a letter from Oswald West of Portland to Governor Withycombe deals with the question of the lands recently involved in the U. S. Supreme court, held by the O. & C. company.

In as much as the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the matter of the O. & C. R. R. land grant, makes it necessary for congress to take early action in reference to its disposal, I am taking the liberty of submitting the following suggestions for your consideration.

If the lands should be taken over by the federal government its adopted policy would undoubtedly be along the following lines:

1. Reserve all timbered lands and the non-timbered lands not suitable for agricultural purposes, by making them a part of our federal forest system, and open to entry to actual settlers such non-timbered lands as may be adapted to settlement; or
2. Reserve only such timbered and non-timbered lands as are unfit for agricultural purposes, and open the balance to entry—the non-timbered tracts at once and the timbered tracts as soon as the timber could be disposed of and removed.

While either policy would result in the settlement and development of a large area of idle non-productive land, it would also result in the removal of a still greater area from our tax rolls.

Unless the state is prepared to offer some other definite plan we may expect the adoption of governmental policies along the above lines, and in view of this I respectfully submit for your consideration the advisability of acquiring and disposing of these lands through the medium of the state.

The grant in question covers about 2,300,000 acres and carries about seventy billion feet of timber which is worth at least 50 cts per thousand feet. This would give the timber alone a value of over \$35,000,000 as the amount to be paid, the railroad company could in no event exceed \$5,750,000, it would mean a huge profit for the state school fund. The company has already disposed of nearly \$5,000,000 worth of lands from the grant which after making due allowance for taxes and administration expenses paid would greatly decrease the amount to be paid the company account the lands now held.

While it is idle to ask the federal government to both re-imburse the railroad companies and grant the land to the state without cost, it would not be unreasonable to ask that the grant or such part of it as might be desired be turned over to the state on condition that it provide funds necessary to reimburse the railroad company for lands taken over.

If such a plan should be followed, the non-timbered agricultural lands should be thrown open to entry at once to bona-fide settlers and at little and no cost. The non-timbered tracts unfit for settlement should be held with a view of reforestation.

The timber on the timbered tracts should be appraised, and in due time sold to the highest bidders and on condition that it be removed within a certain period. As fast as the timber on a tract was sold the land, if suitable for agricultural purposes, should be thrown open for settlement. The lands from which the timber has been removed, found unfit for settlement, should be held for purposes of reforestation.

The decision of the court makes it necessary for congress to take some action towards the disposal of the grant at its coming session and it becomes necessary therefore, for the citizens of this state to formulate and present to congress, through their delegation, some definite plan for the taking over the grant that will be of public interest.

If the above suggested plan should be favored it would present a problem of financing which our legislature would have to meet, and I believe its importance would fully justify the calling of a special session for that

purpose.

This plan, proposed by Ex-governor West will receive attention at the hands of thoughtful men as will also another proposal from state citizens voiced in the Portland Telegram.

This plan is that the government act as a receiver for the companies under the charge of a commission appointed by the U. S. district court. They are to divide the tract into forty acre homesteads and offer it for sale at \$5 per acre or \$200 for the homestead. The extra \$2.50 is to reimburse the railroad for taxes and the cost of administration and interest.

As some 20,000 people have already filed on this land it will be seen that there will be no lack of demand for the tracts. In order to give all an equal chance it is proposed to have the lands awarded by lot.

U. S. Attorney Reames warns people not to pay locator's fees for being located on these lands as no squatters rights will be respected. All will have an equal show on the tract if this particular plan is carried out and the land is put up for settlement by the government.

The old problem of preventing speculation in these lands is the one that will be most difficult to handle. Had the railroad company eliminated speculation from its handling of the lands and been content to sell them at a reasonable price it is quite likely they would not have been disturbed in possession of them.

As it is, timber men who own alternate sections will doubtless try to absorb surrounding acres but the government will without a doubt, put forth strenuous efforts to see that the lands go into the hands of actual settlers.

ANSWERING A SICK CALL

Mrs. Latin Makes Trip from Eureka in Less than Twenty Hours

One of the passengers on the last Speedwell was Mrs. Lattin of Eureka who was hurrying to a sick mother on South Slough. She made the trip from Eureka in less than 24 hours. She was rowed out over the Eureka bar and caught the Speedwell at 5 o'clock Sunday evening. Responding to the wireless call Bandon life savers rowed out over the Bandon bar Monday noon and brought her in. She promptly took an auto stage for her destination.

The Prodigal's Return

Another Letter from Charlie Barrows Detailing His Adventures in the Far Countree

I am going to start for home Wednesday morning and am sure anxious to get there. It is so hot up here. I have to take a wet handkerchief to get down to the lake. There isn't much work up here. Plenty at 10 cts an hour and board.

The kids gave me a surprise party. The girl I ate supper with was so bashful that she turned her back to me and talked to another girl. But when she turned around again I had eaten all her cake and drank her lemonade and had her plate up to my face licking it out. (gosh, I like cake) I asked her if she wasn't afraid to go home and she said "A little bit" and I asked her why she didn't bring her little brother along.

The cherries are about all gone but believe me, I had my fill.

I haven't seen any more jack rabbits. The people of Bandon must have thought I was awful green to try to catch a jack rabbit. When I read that piece in the paper I thought I would never go back to Bandon again.

I had one job where the table was only large enough for two. The old man and I ate first. We had beans for breakfast.

Grandpa Stillwell hasn't gained very much. Is some stronger. Grandma would like very much to come back to Bandon.

I am so unburned I look like an Indian. When I come home we can all sit around the fire and you can listen to my tale of woe.

CHARLES BARROWS

There was a slight accident to the Norma yesterday and she was not able to make her regular run back to Coquille and was towed back to Bandon by the Telegraph in the evening.

Commercial Club Comedy Cuts Continuous Capers

The Grand Theatre was filled to its capacity Thursday evening to witness the Commercial club benefit play, "A Cheerful Liar." The comedy proved to be filled with action and fun and kept the audience in an uproar from start to finish.

The plot of the comedy consisted of the efforts of the daughter of a Chicago real estate operator and a parentless young man to plight their troth. The real estate man objected to the attentions of the young man and the young couple fled to an Indiana town and sought out a rural justice to perform the ceremony.

The judge recalled the irate father as a friend of his youth and set about to placate him. The old gentleman's objection to the suitor seemed to be his lack of family standing so the judge set about supplying him with suitable parents. A minister who conducted a gold cure and an old maid school teacher were found who for a golden bait promised to pose as the parents.

But the housekeeper of the gold cure man exposed the fraud and a new deal had to be made.

At the solicitation of the father the judge promises to seek out the young lady and offer himself in marriage. The young lady hears of the threatened prospect; dresses as a sporty youth and pretends to be her brother Bill. The judge finds Bill a husky youth but his feminine looks appears to have

for the judge the suggestion of a joke on the would be bride-groom.

He asks Bill to change to woman's apparel and pretend to be a woman and he then will marry him to the infatuated youth and the whole will be a joke that strikes the judge hugely. This is done and leads to the final happy ending.

None of this takes into mention the judge's constable and factotum, perhaps the best comedy part of the play. Everard Boyle carried out the part very nicely and managed to have his finger in about all the pie that was passed. As the star actor, Roy Thom made a fine Kentucky judge. With accent and mannerisms he was right there all the time and won merited applause. Tom Laird, as the preacher who worked the gold cure to make a living did well with a difficult part and Dr. Sorenson was all that a love-lorn swain could be.

J. T. Lillard as the irate parent was choleric and tempestuous.

Mrs. Felsheim acted a difficult part with naturalness and ease and did excellently in assuming the part of her brother Bill. Miss Dorothy Gibson also did well and as the old maid school teacher Miss Pearl Crain had an inimitable nasal manner of talking.

The comedy went off nicely and "Try again" is the universal expression.

A Quiet Home Wedding Powers will Play Here

Miss Lucina Davison and William Stevenson Married Last Night

A quiet and happy wedding took place in Bandon Monday night when William Stevenson, cook of the Speedwell took advantage of the presence of that boat in this port to take unto himself a wife. The bride was Miss Lucina Davison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Davison, at whose home the ceremony took place. L. J. Bryon and wife acted as best man and bride's maid, the later being a sister of the bride. In the nature of the groom's calling as a traveler of the deep the ceremony had to be more or less impromptu. He had tried to persuade a fellow sailor of the Speedwell to be his groomsmen but the latter shied at the proceeding. He was accustomed to seeing splices made and knots tied but was afraid that the parlor kind was not in his nautical lexicon. Some dainty refreshments were served at the conclusion of the ceremony which was performed by Rev. W. S. Smith.

A few friends who had gathered outside gave the inevitable musical part of the program and the happy couple left on the Speedwell for Coos Bay from which they will sail on their wedding trip to San Diego and return.

Weather Report for June

Bandon, Oregon, July 1, 1915
Editor Bandon Recorder:

The rainfall for the month of June was 0.82. Days rainy and cloudy 7. Days part cloudy 4. Days clear 19.

The rainfall for the corresponding month of 1914 was 1.95, a difference of 1.13 less this year.

Respectfully,
O. WIREN, Co-operative Observer.

The net receipts of the Commercial club play was \$68.

Local Ball Tossers Will Endeavor to Return Favors in Sunday's Game

The base ball season will officially open next Sunday with a game between Bandon and Powers. This is a return game, exchanging visits for the day recently spent by the local boys at Powers. On that visit the locals were trimmed but they have made a number of readjustments in their line-up and hope to make a few more by Sunday that will enable them to reverse the score of that last game.

The boys have recently made a number of improvements to the ball park. They have repaired the fence and put in bleachers and a grand stand. They are not out to make money but with the right kind of patronage they will give local fans a full schedule of base ball.

They will charge an admission of 25 cts to the grounds with free admission to the grand stand.

The management is booking games now with other teams ad provided they are given an encouraging patronage will be able to offer some interesting sport.

The Elizabeth had a long list of passengers when she came in Friday. Following is the list: Mr. and Mrs. A. P. McMillar, Dorothy Darling, Mrs. A. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Rosa, Mr. and Mrs. C. Adams and child, Mike Ezdiek, G. B. Lenberg, and wife, Arthur, Anna and Cora Lenberg, O. H. Mottley, Thos. Cosgrove, Frank Blich, Frank Slembecker, Ralph Houston, H. W. Motley, Joe Mudock, E. J. O'Connell, C. M. Beemer, L. E. Greeland, T. J. Coughlin, Chris Lessne, G. G. Hert, A. Peters.

The list of the Brooklyn is: Charley Willard, Frances Green, William Gaffey, D. G. Weal.

John Shaft and Ed Bowman represented Powers in Bandon Sunday.

INTERESTING BANDON RELIC

Dance Ticket of First Fourth of July Celebration Held in the City

Mrs. J. L. Kronenberg has a relic which is very interesting at this time. This is a dance ticket for the first 4th of July celebration ever held in Bandon. The ticket reads: "Grand Benefit Ball, Bandon, Oregon, July 4th, 1878. Tickets \$3.00, including supper. Proceeds to be used in improving the mouth of the Coquille." This celebration was arranged for by a company of men of whom Mrs. Kronenberg's father, Captain Judah Parker, was the leading spirit. It was to raise funds to make the first harbor improvements. Originally the mouth of the river wound among the rocks of the beach. The first improvement was to make the outlet direct to the sea. Senator George and General Joseph Lane made a visit to this section at about this time and observing the struggle the people of Bandon were making to get a boat outlet for the river to the ocean brought the matter to the attention of congress and secured the first appropriation for harbor work.

Made His Pard Dance

Archie Madden of Beaver Hill Aims Revolver at John Lowe's Feet and Bids him Dance the Can Can

A real western melodrama was enacted last Wednesday at Beaver hill. Two ranchers, Archie Madden and John Lowe had lived together peacefully until, enthused by liquor, Madden worked up a quarrel with Lowe as to where they should buy their groceries and he wound up by drawing a revolver and bidding Lowe to lift his feet and dance.

Lowe, declining to furnish the entertainment, Madden pulled the trigger. On the third snap the weapon exploded and a bullet plumped itself into Lowe's leg below the knee and striking the bone.

Lowe proceeded to Coquille and had the bullet cut out. Then he proceeded to the justice's office and swore out a warrant for Madden's arrest. After which a constable took the warrant and proceeded to arrest Madden.

It took some hard work to put the romantic Madden in jail. He was incapable of helping himself and being large the officers found carrying him to be warm work. He is held to the grand jury in \$1,000 bonds, furnished by a brother.

Wedding at Installation

Wednesday, July 14th will be colored in red letters on the calendar of the local lodges of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. The date is their regular night for the installation of officers and in addition there will be a wedding celebrated. L. I. Wheeler, Bandon's photographer will be a principal actor in both instances. He will be installed noble grand of the Odd Fellows and will be one of the contracting parties at the wedding, his bride to do, being Mrs. Margaret Ogren will also be installed warden of the Rebekahs.

A grand banquet will follow the wedding and installation to which only lodge members are invited.

With three big attractions on this week, Manager Sellmer is doing his best to give patrons of the Grand something for their money.

Young Couple United at a Church Wedding

Ralph Dippel and Miss Edna Gallier Married on Last Wednesday of June

The most notable wedding which this city has witnessed in many moons occurred in the Episcopal church here in the evening of last day of the month of brides and roses. The contracting parties were S. Ralph Dippel and Miss Edna Gallier, favorites in Bandon's social circles.

A large company of invited guests were present to witness the nuptials. The ring ceremony was used with all the formalities of a church wedding. Stephen Gallier, father of the bride gave her away. Miss Gladys Strader was maid of honor and the bride's sister and cousin, Gladys and Alice Gallier were bridesmaids. Lentner Gallier was best man and little Margaret Tuttle, dressed in white, carried the ring. Reed Gallier and Clarence Tuttle acted as ushers.

The bride was dressed in white chiffon over white poplin and wore a veil with a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses.

The wedding party entered the church at 8 o'clock, to the music of the wedding march played by Mrs. Geo. Geisendorfer.

Friends and relatives of the bride had been busy decorating and the interior of the church was resplendent with flowers, Shasta daisies and pink and white roses furnished the coloring banked with green. A feature of the decorations was a bell fashioned of daisies, suspended in front of the altar.

Rev. Wm. Horsefall performed the ceremony at the conclusion of which a reception was held in the grill room of the Gallier hotel with covers laid for thirty six.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and costly presents including a chest of silver, a sewing machine, a cut glass water set and many other similar articles.

The bride who is a daughter of Stephen Gallier, senior of the brothers conducting the hotel of that name is a graduate of the Bandon High School of this year's class and is highly esteemed. The Galliers have lived together, practically as one family for years and Mrs. Dippel is the first to break from the circle.

Mr. Dippel is a son of H. C. Dippel councilman and real estate man and is popular with all. The young couple have the best wishes of the community for health and prosperity in their matrimonial voyage.

Promptly following the wedding luncheon the up to date stunts of wedding horse play were gone through with. Both bride and groom were kidnapped by separate parties and the former taken ten miles beyond Myrtle Point and the latter to Langlois, to be returned to Bandon at about six o'clock in the morning. Suspecting a rescue, the boys tried to put Geo. Lafaw's car out of commission but the latter was on the alert and succeeded in a partial way in rescuing both bride and groom from their joy riding experiences.

Death of Young Woman

Miss Florence Counts Passes Away at the Age of Eighteen

Last Friday on the morning of her wedding day, Miss Florence Counts was taken seriously sick, conveyed to a hospital. She died on Saturday night. Her funeral was held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Ellingson undertaking parlors and was largely attended. Rev. C. Mayne officiated speaking words of comfort to the bereaved. The floral offerings were many, there were literally bushels of flowers and the body was laid to rest in the Knights of Pythias cemetery.

Deceased was 18 years and 40 months old and had many friends. Recently she had been working in the cannery plant, she was a daughter of A. J. Counts, one of the owners of the Bandon road district. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the community in their affliction.



Royal Hawaiian Singers & Concert Co. at the Grand, July 10th