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SOUTHERN PACIFIC LAND CASE DECIDED

Federal Court Awards Railroad \$4,077,478 for Land Recovered by Government.

Portland, Or.—The last chapter, unless an appeal is taken, in the historic Oregon and California land grant case, involving title to 3,727,889.94 acres of land granted by the government to the Oregon & California railroad, or its predecessors, in the '60s, was written when Federal Judge Wolverton handed down a decision in the court allowing the Southern Pacific railroad \$4,077,478.35.

The Southern Pacific company absorbed the old Oregon & California company many years ago and the suit was really an accounting between the government and the defendant company. The railroad sought an award of about \$8,000,000 for the land involved and the government originally conceded \$1,200,000.

In the decision the court held that the railroad company was entitled to \$2.50 an acre for the land, totaling \$9,319,724.85, but that the government had a counter claim of \$5,242,246.50 which was deducted.

The suit just decided was brought to determine the total amount of money the S. P. Co., as former owner of the grant, secured when it leased the O. & C. road, should receive from the national government as a result of its taking over the land grant in 1915.

The entire land grant which the government took back is now valued at approximately \$30,000,000 and includes 3,727,889.94 acres.

STANFIELD DECLARES ARREST IS FRAME-UP

Baker, Or.—Statements by eyewitnesses that Senator Stanfield was drunk, charges by the arresting officer that the senator resisted arrest and used profane language and charges by friends of Stanfield that his arrest was a frame-up and an outrage were made as a result of the arrest of the senator at 6 o'clock Sunday night and his booking at the Baker police station on a charge of being "drunk and disorderly."

Senator Stanfield, released on a \$50 bond furnished by Blaine Hallock, Baker attorney, left shortly after 7 o'clock Sunday night by automobile for Boise, where he attended another hearing by the senate lands committee Monday.

Boise, Idaho.—Senator Stanfield of Oregon, when interviewed upon his arrival in Boise, declared his arrest at Baker to be a frame-up. He denied that he was intoxicated or that he had even been drinking.

LEASE VALUATION AFFIRMED

University Grounds Tract Assessment of \$600,000 to Hold.

Olympia, Wash.—The state tax commission, sitting as the state board of equalization affirmed a decision of the county board of equalization of King county, which refused to increase the assessment of the Metropolitan Building company's leasehold on the University Grounds tract.

The leasehold comprises a 10 acre tract in the heart of the business district of the city of Seattle, covered with modern buildings, including the new Olympic hotel. It is the income from this lease, which has 29 years to run yet, that gives value to the leasehold, since the land itself, together with the buildings, belong to the state and is exempt.

Packer Prosecution is Dropped.

Washington, D. C.—The merger of the Armour and Morris packing companies was declared legal by Secretary Jardine, who dismissed the complaint initiated in 1923 by the late Secretary Wallace. The complaint dismissed charged the merger violated the packers' and stockyard act by creating a monopoly in restraint of trade to control prices and cause unfair competition.

Olympia Primary October 26.

Olympia, Wash.—A primary election to nominate two candidates for mayor and four candidates for city commissioners will be held here October 26, with the final election to elect a mayor and two commissioners set for November 6.

Portland Honors Pershing.

Warsaw.—General John J. Pershing has received the order of Virtuti Militari from President Wojcieszowski. General Pershing becomes the 19th member of the order.

Oldest Mason Dies at 107.

Breckenridge, Mo.—Dr. Joseph Singer of Halstead, 107 year old, said to be the oldest Mason in the United States, died at his home here.

JOHN F. NUGENT



John F. Nugent of Idaho, member of the federal trade commission, who may resign to run for the United States senate. Mr. Nugent, a democrat, was formerly senator from Idaho.

PROHIBITION FACES SUPREME TEST NOW

Washington, D. C.—A belief that prohibition in the United States is facing a supreme test, with the final outcome in doubt was expressed in a report compiled after months of investigation by the research and education department of the Federal Council of Churches.

"No one can say with positiveness what the ultimate outcome of the test will be," said the report. "No cocksure optimism is warranted, nor is pessimism or defeatism justified by the facts. Much seems to depend upon the development of public opinion in the near future."

An "unfavorable and disquieting" trend since 1920 in the social consequences of prohibition was seen by the investigators in statistics gathered from many sources, but the report declared no available statistical data could be accepted as conclusive.

On the question of public sentiment, the report declared there could be little doubt as to the mood of the country when prohibition was adopted, but that since that time various elements had somewhat complicated the situation. On one subject, however—the saloon—the evidence appeared more decisive. It was said that "there seems to be not the least doubt that the country has accepted with satisfaction the passing of the saloon."

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Two masked bandits held up the Mountaineer, the Soo Line crack train, near Minot, N. D.

A giant airplane, capable of carrying 30 passengers and equipped with a restaurant, is the latest addition to air service between London and Paris. Portland was host this week to the National Association of Buttermakers. More than 1000 visitors from all parts of the United States were in attendance.

China's desire for liberation from the "yoke of extra-territoriality" was energetically voiced before the league of nations assembly by Chao Hsin-Chu, Chinese charge d'affaires in London.

British Foreign Secretary Auston Chamberlain has announced that a note had been drafted inviting Germany to a conference of foreign ministers over the proposed allied-German security pact.

The world series will open Wednesday, October 7, in the city that wins the National League pennant. It was announced following a conference of leading club officials of both leagues with Commissioner K. M. Landis.

Population Estimated at 114,340,000.

Washington, D. C.—The population of the United States on September 1 was 114,340,000, according to a treasury department estimate. The population on September 1, 1924, had been estimated at 112,922,000. The total amount of money in circulation on September 1, this year, exclusive of funds held by the treasury and the federal reserve banks, was \$4,784,024,000, compared with \$4,772,578,000 on September 1, 1924. The per capita circulation on September 1, 1925, was \$41.84, compared with \$42.28 a year ago.

Promotion Rewards Flier for Heroism.

Washington, D. C.—Commander John Rodgers, rescued after nine days afloat in the mid-Pacific in his plane, PN-9 No. 1, was appointed assistant chief of the navy's bureau of aeronautics.

397 Stations May Alter Auto Lights.

Salem, Or.—A total of 397 motor vehicle headlight adjusting stations have been inspected and authorized by the state traffic division, according to an announcement made here recently.

PRESIDENT APPOINTS AIR INQUIRY BOARD

Committee of Nine Named to Conduct Sweeping Investigation of Subject.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge took first official recognition of the controversy stirred up in his last congress over the adequacy of American air power by appointing a special board of nine men to conduct a sweeping investigation into the subject.

Announcement of the president's action was made in a statement issued at the White House, which said that members of the board had been asked to meet with him to organize and proceed immediately with its study with a view to submitting a report by the latter part of November.

Mr. Coolidge's action followed the Shenandoah disaster, in which 14 naval air officers lost their lives, and sweeping criticism by Colonel William Mitchell, demoted assistant chief of army air service.

Those named on the board were Major-General James G. Harbord, retired, of New York; Rear-Admiral Frank F. Fletcher, retired, of Washington, D. C.; Dwight M. Morrow, of Englewood, N. J.; Howard E. Coffin, of Detroit; Senator Bingham of Connecticut; Representative Vinson of Georgia, ranking democrat of the house naval committee; Chairman Parker of the house commerce committee; Judge Arthur C. Denison, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and William F. Durand of Los Angeles.

GRAIN CROPS UNDER FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE

Washington, D. C.—Crop yields this year will be, on the whole, well below the average of recent years, the department of agriculture's crop reporting board announced in its September production forecast.

Corn deteriorated on account of dry weather in large areas and indicated production now is 2,885,000,000 bushels, a loss of 65,000,000 bushels in the last month. The indicated crop is 448,000,000 bushels more than was produced last year, but slightly under the average of the last five years.

Spring wheat yields are running slightly higher than early expectations. The crop is now forecast at 248,000,000 bushels or 21,000,000 more than early August conditions indicated, and 1,000,000 more than was produced last year. Winter wheat, already harvested, is estimated at 415,000,000 bushels making the country's total prospective wheat crop about 700,000,000 bushels, or 22,000,000 bushels more than was produced last year, but 137,000,000 bushels less than the five-year average.

FLIERS WARMLY WELCOMED

Honolulu People Wild in Plaudits for Brave Aviators.

Honolulu.—With bands blaring martial airs, thousands of cheering men and women lining the approaches and business suspended all over the city, Commander John Rodgers and his crew were officially welcomed by Governor Farrington and his staff of officials.

Never has this city experienced the emotion that has been evident since the fliers were discovered. The emotion could not be controlled. It broke all boundaries. The wildest enthusiasm prevailed when the five aviators, apparently none the worse for their experience, marched up the steps to be congratulated by officials.

The navy seaplane PN-9 No. 1, which was missing for nine days was found floating in the Pacific ocean 15 miles east of the island of Kauai, the most northerly of the Hawaiian group.

Caillaux Given Full Authority.

Washington, D. C.—Information conveyed in press dispatches from Paris that Finance Minister Caillaux was coming to Washington with full authority to negotiate a landing settlement for the French debt to the United States was received by members of the American debt commission with considerable satisfaction.

Farmers Held Able to Pay.

Chicago, Ill.—The western bank of fields appeared at the western freight rate advance hearing here to testify that agriculture and livestock interests of the west are today in the "best condition since 1920" and able to pay the proposed 5 per cent increase in freight rates.

Stockraisers Grazing Permits Drop.

Baker, Or.—The number of stock raisers grazing herds in the Whitman national forest is decreasing steadily, a report here shows. In 1921, 448 permits for cattle and sheep were issued; in 1922 there were 420; in 1923, 275, and last year only 332.



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MANY PEARLS FOUND IN ANCIENT TOMBS

Chillicothe, O.—Colorful costumes of 2000 years ago were found in the magnificent pearl-strewn tombs of mound builders near here, Professor H. C. Shetrone, curator of the Ohio Museum, said.

Knave-high royal tunics of intricate design were found near four skeletons—probably two men and two women of royal lineage.

On the walls and floors are "more pearls than the United States will produce in a decade," Shetrone declared.

Over the skeletons was a large canopy of logs, uprights and cross pieces, over which a less permanent roof work had been built. The logs had rotted and turned to carbon, but were solid enough to be removed in large pieces.

Many tortoise shell ornaments were found in the ancient burial place. All were intricately etched and polished, the prevalent design being those of birds.

The findings also indicated the dwellers who buried their dead in those tombs were peaceable. No weapons were found.

OREGON'S FLAG GIVEN UP

G. A. R. Post at Retail, Wash., Returning Banner to Warship.

Salem, Or.—Schofield Hayden post, Grand Army of the Republic, with headquarters at Retail, Wash., has notified Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state that an old flag which was part of the equipment of the battleship Oregon at the time it passed around the horn will be returned to this state and restored to the warship, which is anchored in Portland harbor.

The flag has been in the possession of Retail post for many years, it was said, but was relinquished to the state of Oregon at the request of W. B. Day, sergeant major of the organization.

French Follow up Gains in Morocco.

Paris.—The French offensive in Morocco is reported to be progressing under excellent conditions. The French troops have reconquered the entire territory which they evacuated last May and they continued their march forward with the Moors in full flight to the north.

Building amounting to nearly \$200,000 was started in Albany last week with the building of the Albany-Lebanon section of the Santiam highway leading the list with \$97,093.

THOS. P. COOPER



Thomas P. Cooper, dean of the agricultural college, University of Kentucky, who was recently named chief of the bureau of economics of the Department of Agriculture.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

The hardware store owned by C. V. Carmichael at Monitor, 12 miles south of Canby, was destroyed by fire with a loss of \$10,000.

An increase of at least 20 per cent in the entering class is indicated by records at the registrar's office of Oregon Agricultural college.

The Portland community chest campaign this year will open Monday, November 16, and is scheduled to close Tuesday, November 24.

Threshing was delayed in Oregon by rain, but in many localities is practically complete, says the weekly crop summary of the weather bureau.

One thousand ninety-six new students have applied for admission to the University of Oregon for the fall term, 144 more than applied a year ago.

Roger D. Pinneo, traffic manager for the port of Astoria for the last five years, has written to the port commission expressing his desire to resign.

The largest salmon hatchery in the gouthwestern part of the state is to be established on a tributary of South Coquille river, about 3 1/2 miles from Powers.

F. S. Hinkle of Corvallis was shot and killed on the Yachats river. It was stated that Hinkle was moving in the brush and was shot when mistaken for a deer.

Forest fire danger is not yet over in western Oregon notwithstanding the recent heavy rainfall, according to Nelson F. Macduff, supervisor of the Cascade forest.

The Eugene Farmers' creamery of Eugene has been awarded first prize in the creamery butter competition at the California state fair at Sacramento, according to word received.

Offers of 23 cents have been made for new crop Oregon hops, and a limited amount of business has been done in clusters at that price, but growers as a rule are holding out for 25 cents.

Railroads operating between Salem and Portland filed with the public service commission new tariffs reducing materially the rates on canned goods in carload lots between the two points.