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#### DELEGATES SHOULD FORMULATE PROGRAM

Governor Withycombe has issued a call for a conference, to be held at Salem, September 15 for the purpose of considering plans for disposition of the Oregon & California Railroad granted lands.

Clackamas County delegates are already being named and they are formulating the plans which they will present to the conference, claiming, as one of the countles with large acreage of the grant lands, that their plans should be given considerable weight.

Lane county should have even of an interest in the conference, for her acreage of the grant lands is even greater than is that of Clackamas. The county through its county court is entitled to a number of delegates, and the county should also receive a portion of the delegates appointed by the State Grange and other state-wide organizations.

The county court has named its apportionment, and the other delegates should be appointed within the next ten days, and then these delegates should get together and formulate some of the principles upon any plan adopted must be

C. Schuebel of Oregon City, heading a group of business and professional men of that place has outlined a plan or two.

He believes the state should buy the land from the railroads at \$2.50 an acre and then sell it to actual settlers. The profit made by the state, he suggests, should be applied to the school fund. With this plan, he said, the state would make a profit on the land and settlers would secure homesteads at a reasonable figure. He believes that the timber should be marketed separate from the land and in cases where the stump land is not fit for agricultural purposes, it should be reforested. In case this plan is found impracticable, he urges that the federal government buy the land and sell it to actual settlers, turning the profits over to the school fund.

The history of Oregon public lands has not been to the credit of the state in the handling of these lands, and it is somewhat of an open question as to whether it is not rather late to attempt to being a state forestry policy.

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Date of the first publication of this notice August 5, 1915. BERENICE NOEL

Administratrix of the estate of Stan slau K. Noel, deceased.

RESTORATION TO ENTRY OF

LAND IN NATIONAL FOREST TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the lands described below, er bracing 325.72 acres, within th Cascade, Siuslaw, Deschutes Nations Forest, Oregon, will be subject to set tiement and entry under the provi-sions of the homestead laws of the United States and the act of June 11, 1966, (24 Stat., 233.) at the United States land office at Roseburg, Ore gon, on September 30, 1915. Any set tler who was actually and in good faith claiming any of said lands for agricultural purposes prior to January 1, 1906 and has not abandoned same, has a preference right to make a homestead entry for the lands actually occupied. Said lands were list-ed upon the applications of the persons mentioned below, who have preference right subject to the prior right of any such settler, provided such settler or applicant is qualified to make homestead entry and the preference right is exercised prior to September 30, 1915, on which date the lands will be subject to settlement and entry by any qualified person. The lands are as follows: The SE%

NE¼ SE¼ NW¼, Sec. 4, T. 21 S., R. 3 E., W. M., 2.50 acres, application of We wish to extend to our James H. Chenoweth, Oakridge, Ore-many friends and neighbors our gon; List 6-1559. A tract of land withsincere thanks for their kind in Sec. 28, T. 17 8, R. 10 W., described services, and sympathy in the as follows: Beginning at corner No. 1, whence the quarter corner common to Secs. 28 and 33 bears S. 15 chains; and mother, and also for the extending thence N. 5 chains; thence N. 89 degrees 54 minutes E., 12 chains; thence N. 10 chains; thencs S 89 degrees 54. min. W., 12 chains, thence S. 63 degrees 15 min. W., 21.80 chains; SH thence S. 10 chains; thence S. 65 degrees E., 7.63 chains; thence N. 57
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