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THE OREGON-CALIFORNIA LAND GRANT

The trouble in dealing with the Oregon and California land grant, of some 2,400,000 acres, is the widely divergent character of the land and the vast difference in values.

At \$2.50 per acre, the price fixed in the grant, at which the lands should be sold—the total value would be \$6,000,000.

It is claimed, however, that these lands contain seventy billion feet, board measure, of timber; and that this is worth not six million, but sixty million dollars.

Large portions of the grant cover rugged and inaccessible mountain sides; other portions have been burned over; others still are rocky, barren and practically worthless. Some quarter

sections would be dear as a present; others are worth as much as \$20,000.

If the government took over the grant it would have to sell a portion of the lands at more than \$2.50 per acre, or lose on the transaction, for some of the lands would never be sold.

If the lands are put on the market at \$2.50 per acre the available timber lands would be taken up at once, and most of them at the behest of big timber interests.

No one could honestly acquire them under the homestead law, for the lands cannot be cultivated, and in most cases they have no value other than the timber. It will be seen from this that whoever located them would do so for the purpose of selling them to the big owners; for they could do nothing with them themselves, and the big fellows could and would therefore get them practically on their own terms.

The Ferris-Chamberlain bill, which is indorsed by Congressman McArthur, is the only one offered so far that in any way solves the problem, and this is meeting much opposition. This bill proposes to classify the lands as agricultural, timber and mineral, and to dispose of them as such, and as the law provides. There are objections to this just as there are to all other proposed solutions: as there will be to any others that may be suggested.

Oregon is interested in having the matter settled in some way soon, so that the lands may bear their proportion of taxes, and she is not concerned so much as to the means taken, or bill passed to accomplish this. Chamberlain's bill is perhaps as good as any that can or will be offered.—Salem Capital Journal.

Interviews with prominent citizens, published in the News Monday forecast in a measure the possibilities the future hold for Springfield. Undoubtedly we are about to enter upon an era of business activity that will put the city far ahead. Just how far ahead will depend upon the activity with which the Springfield people take hold of the problems presented. There are a lot of splendid plums in the trees just above Springfield's head. Some of them are bound to fall into our hands, but some will have to be picked. And right now is a most excellent time to do some practice work as a plum picker.

With gravel trains operating out of Springfield for a month or more, and log trains coming into Springfield for two months or more, it would seem that the actual eastern terminus would logically be Springfield.

Honest to goodness, Elizabeth Ann, we thought Springfield had come, but we fear we were mistaken. Perhaps, after a season, we will be having the summer we want.

CHURCH NOTICES

Methodist Church.
 Corner Second and B streets
 James T. Moore, pastor, phone 117-W.
 Next Sunday—10 A. M. Sunday school.
 This school is growing rapidly. Join its ranks and help swell the tide. Build up the school so that when we move into the new church we will have a class for every room.
 11 A. M. Sermon. Subject, "The Best Things."
 6:30 P. M. Epworth League.
 7:30. Sermon. "God's Way of Answering Prayer."
 Wednesday, 2:30. Ladies Aid society.
 Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Choir rehearsal.
 Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer meeting.
 All these services are of interest and will be helpful.
 You are welcome.

First Baptist Church.
 Rev. Will N. Ferris, minister.
 Bible School at 10:00 A. M.
 Let Teacher and pupil study this "Be Thou" lesson well. Come on time and bring another. Gilbert Miller, Supt.
 Divine Worship at 11:00 A. M.
 Dr. James W. Ford will be present and report the "Layman's Movement Conference." Don't fail to hear this.
 6:30 P. M. Senior and Junior meetings.
 Evangelistic service of song and sermon at 7:30 p. m. Theme of sermon by Rev. Ferris will be "The Matchless Orator." Mrs. J. E. Richmond will sing.
 All are cordially invited.
 Strangers always welcome.

Church of Christ
 9:45 A. M. Sunday school, Mr. Ferguson, Supt.
 11:00 Junior Christian Endeavor Mrs. Lansbury, Supt.
 11:00 a. m.—Communion and morning sermon.
 6:30 P. M. Christian Endeavor
 7:30 P. M. Evening Services.
 Wednesday 7:30 P. M. Prayer Meeting.
 Thursday 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
 E. C. WIGMORE,
 Pastor.

Free Methodist Church.
 Sabbath School at 10 a. m.
 Preaching services at 11 a. m.
 Prayer and praise service at 7 P. M., preaching at 7:30 P. M.
 Tuesday, 7:30 P. M., Young people's prayer meeting.
 Midweek prayer meeting on Thursday at 7:30 P. M.
 A cordial invitation is extended to all.
 M. F. CHILDS
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ROBERT BURNS Lodge, No. 78, A. M. F., Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Universal and Symbolic Free Masons meets first and third Monday evening in W. O. W. hall. Visiting brothers welcome.
 P. A. Johnson Secretary. L. K. Page, R. W. M.

BANNER FRUIT CROP IS 1916 PREDICTION

A banner fruit crop for this locality is predicted for this year is the opinion of the local fruit growers.

"The weather the last two weeks has been ideal for spraying purposes," said J. O. Holt, manager of the Lane County Fruit Grower's association. "We have sent about 5,000 gallons of 30 test lime and sulphur mixture every week to fruit growers. This, when mixed with water ready for use, makes 40,000 gallons of spray."

It is too early at present to note the condition of the San Jose scale "scab" but fruit men express the opinion that more people are spraying this year than last.

M. H. Harlow, pioneer fruit grower or Lane County, said: "Last year was perhaps the worst season in many years for the development of scale, probably due to the weather conditions. The poor apple crop, however, was not due to scale, because the scale did not develop until after the apples were out of the stage where harm could be done. The "scab" was more harmful to them than the scale."

Last year the warm, wet weather, was very favorable to the development of "scab," while this year will probably check it with the present cold weather. J. O. Holt says that apples were very cheap in 1914. This was in a measure, he says, responsible for the negligence in regard to spraying.

In years past many people have neglected spraying during the first good days and were prevented from doing so by bad weather, until it was too late.

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