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DECISION IN OLD O.-G. GRANT MEANS MUCH TO OREGON

Over 800,000 Acres in Oregon Are Classed As Agricultural Lands

ARE TO BE THROWN OPEN

Chamberlain-Ferris Act Provides That Vast Tract Shall Be Immediately Classified Lands

The importance of the decision of the United States supreme court in the Oregon and California land grant case can scarcely be realized insofar as it concerns the future development and settlement of the state of Oregon. The grant lands consist of approximately 2,300,000 acres, reaching from the California to the Washington boundary, and of that total probably 800,000 acres are capable of immediate agricultural development. It is estimated that more than 1,000,000 acres of the grant will be classed as agricultural land, and not only that, but thousands of acres of the agricultural land is as fertile and desirable as any to be found in the Willamette valley, through which the grant runs.

Lands to Be Thrown Open
The Chamberlain-Ferris act, which has apparently been fully sustained by the supreme court, provides that this vast tract of land shall be immediately classified and opened to entry, settlement and sale, under the general terms of the original granting act. Much of this work of classification has already been made and now that the supreme court has finally determined the controversy between the government and the railroad company, the lands will be thrown open to the public in the shortest possible space of time.

This means that the agricultural land will be subject to entry, under the general provisions of the homestead act, by actual settlers. The settlers will be required to pay the government \$2.50 an acre for the land, 50 cents at the time of filing, and \$2.00 when final proof is made. Final proof will depend upon settlement and cultivation to all practical purposes the same as under the homestead act.

Timber Shall Be Sold
The Chamberlain-Ferris act also provides that the timber on the land classed as timber land—that bearing not less than 300,000 board feet of timber to the 40-acre tract—shall be sold to the highest bidder, under competitive bids as rapidly as a normal market can be found. The purchaser of the timber is given a certain agreed time within which to remove the timber, and when that has been done the stump lands are to be classed as agricultural lands and thrown open to entry and settlement under the terms of the homestead act, but without cost to the settlers.

The mineral lands are subject to mineral entry and acquisition, under the provisions of the mining laws of the United States. Those lands most valuable for power sites are to be handled under the same rules and regulations as govern the use of power sites on government land at the present time.

Immense Tracts Available.
Immediately upon the passage of the Chamberlain-Ferris act, the land department began the work of classifying the grant lands. The work of setting aside the agricultural lands was first taken up and has been practically completed, so that as soon as the findings of the field forces have been checked by the general office at Washington and approved, these lands will be thrown open to settlement.

What the decision means to Oregon development can be visualized by the fact that it throws at least 800,000 acres of agricultural land open to settlers, in tracts of 160 acres, at a price of \$2.50 an acre.

History of Great Suit.
When the case was first before the supreme court, in 1915, the court reversed the Oregon federal district court's decree forfeiting the lands, but directed an injunction prohibiting future sale by the railroad at more than \$2.50 per acre pending action by congress to provide regulations for proper disposition of timber and minerals thereon.

Upon this suggestion, congress passed

the Chamberlain-Ferris act of 1915 absolutely forfeiting and "divesting" the railroad's title for breach of the settlers' sale price of \$2.50, providing for disposition by the federal government and for ultimate payment to the railroad of lands forfeited at \$2.50 per acre.

That the government was entitled merely to "regulate" sale of its granted lands, timber and minerals, but could not forfeit and keep the proceeds was contended by the railroad upon the second appeal to the supreme court. The railroad claimed all proceeds from the timber and minerals, being willing to sell "stumpage" or other land alone—exclusive of timber and minerals—at the \$2.50 acreage price.

The Chamberlain-Ferris act, the railroad contended, was unconstitutional and void, and not authorized by the supreme court's first decision. It provided that proceeds from timber, minerals, power and agricultural land sold should be divided as follows: 25 per cent to Washington and Oregon state school funds; 25 per cent for roads, highways, bridges, common schools, etc.; 40 per cent for reclamation work, and 10 per cent to the federal treasury.

Newlyweds Surprise Friends

The marriage of two popular young people of Springfield came as a surprise when it was learned that Miss Grace Collins and Walter Griffin were married two weeks ago, on April 19 in Eugene by the Reverend A. M. Spangler. Mrs. Griffin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Collins, of this city and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Newt Griffin of this city. The bride has been employed at the local telephone exchange, for several years. The young people will probably make this city their home.

Springfield Has Quite a Sensation

Mrs. Marian Mason's Horse Demolishes Buggy, Harness And Eggs

Peaceful Springfield had a runaway this morning. A racing horse, dragging an upset buggy came tearing up Main street about 11 o'clock calling out citizens all along the street. The animal turned at Fourth and ran out that street several blocks, and was finally caught near the end of Sixth street. The buggy and harness were entirely demolished, a portion of 15 dozen eggs was rendered worthless, the horse's owner received a bruise on one arm, and the horse suffered minor scratches.

Mrs. Marian Mason, of Jasper, the owner had just driven the animal to the barn of her father, Silas Clark, in West Springfield. As she started to remove the bridle, the horse jerked back and started to run, and never stopped until he was caught here. Mrs. Mason, assisted by Heine Adriaan in a Ford car, recovered the animal in a short time, since some citizens who lived on Sixth street were able to stop it for her.

BASEBALL IS HERE AGAIN

Spring Weather Calls Out First Game of Season; to Be Played Sunday

Spring weather has done more than produce an epidemic of white shoes, and scores of amateur gardeners; it has also brought forth the first baseball game of the season. This will occur next Sunday on the Springfield grounds, beginning at 2:30 o'clock, when the Booth-Kelly team, resplendent in new suits, will cross bats with the "Mud Flat" team from Eugene. The grounds have been given a good deal of attention this week, and will be in good shape for the game.

Good Lecture Given

Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Parkinson, of Eugene, gave an illustrated lecture on a missionary trip and the progress of the missionary work of the Methodist church during the last 70 years Tuesday night. The lecture given by Mrs. Parkinson was divided in three sections, evangelistic, medical and educational. The lecture was very interesting and the views were very clear and good. A good sized audience attended.

Attend S. S. Convention

Rev. and Dr. Ferris attended the Lane County Inter-Denominational Sunday School Convention held in Junction City on Wednesday, and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ayers. They report the Convention as excellent.

EVEN BASEBALL PLAYERS DRILL FOR WAR



Members of the Yankees at their spring training camp at Macon, Ga., between innings are taken in hand by a regular army man and given some intensive military training.

SAVE THE BABIES TO SPRINGFIELD

Campaign Will Be Inaugurated Next Tuesday Evening

In the Iriquois fire the toll was 600 lives. The Pelee volcanic eruption cost 40,000 lives. When the Titanic went down 1,100 were sacrificed. Everyone knows these facts. They are so big that they strike us in a way which we never forget.

But, do you know how many babies die in this country every year. Do you know in what parts the infant mortality is greatest? Have you read how the whole world is taking up the conservation of babies?

Here are some facts. During 1915, 7,634 babies under 2 years of age died in Chicago alone. The health department estimated that 80 per cent of these deaths were preventable. Six thousand one hundred and fifty five babies died who might have grown up into good citizens. Six thousand one hundred and fifty five inhabitants made a good sized town. When we estimate this in national figures the amount makes disasters like Pelee and the Titanic shrink into insignificance. Unenforced birth registration makes comparative statistics difficult, but one quarter of a million babies under one year of age died last year.

Baby week will be observed in Springfield next Tuesday evening at a meeting held in the Baptist church. Come out and help in the campaign to save the babies.

Committee Makes Survey

The committee of which John C. Mullen is chairman, which was appointed to make a survey of the vacant lots available for cultivation in Springfield, has done so, and is now ready to receive application for the same.

NEED IS FOR CROPS WHICH GROW FAST

Oregon Agricultural College Will Be Clearing House to Farmers and Seed Sellers

Farm and garden crop seeds of suitable varieties are in Oregon in considerable quantities, but because the growers that need them do not know how or where to get them the agricultural college is cooperating in listing supplies and demands and is undertaking to act as a clearing house for this vital information.

The spring is so late and wet that only quick-maturing varieties of the slow-growing crops can make successful yields. Farmers, warehousemen, marketing associations and seed houses are requested to list with the farm crops department of the college the varieties, quality, amount and prices of seeds of this kind.

Farmers Should Inquire.

Farmers and gardeners wanting seed that cannot be had of their regular dealers are to send to the college a list of their requirements, after which they will be informed, so far as possible, where to get their supplies with the least delay.

Western Oregon Kinds.

For Western Oregon list Red Fife, Marquis, Red Houston, Minnesota Wonder and Defiance wheat; Hanchen and Odabuker barley; Shadeland Climax, Three Grain and Victory oats; Minnesota No. 13, Oregon Dent Pride of the North, Golden Glow, Hartman silage corn; Minnesota No. 23, Oregon Dent, Hartman and other early Dent varieties; Lady Washington, Mexican Tree or Mexican Wonder or any other early varieties of white or colored bean.

It is imperative that every available acre be planted. With the lateness of the season and the extreme wet planting period early varieties are especially in demand.

Society Doings of the Season

WOODMEN ENJOY MONTHLY SOCIAL

About 150 people enjoyed the regular monthly social of the Woodmen of the World in the W. O. W. hall last Tuesday night, by members and their families and the Women of Woodcraft circle. Past Deputy Head Council F. R. Tichnor was present, and gave a splendid talk. Others contributing to the program were Reverend H. W. Davis of Eugene who gave a recital of some very interesting experiences on board a U.S. battleship; Reverend Chris H. Jensen who spoke of his 7 years of experience in the U. S. army and navy; and a mandolin selection by the two young Cowart brothers. At the close of the evening, ice cream and cake were enjoyed. The committee in charge of this very successful affair was: H. E. Warker, Arther Clark, and H. C. Bird.

17 BOYS AND GIRLS HAVE HAPPY OUTING

The star class of the Baptist church chaperoned by Miss Lila Miller the teacher, entertained the boys K. H. club, Saturday April 21, from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M.

They spent the morning in playing numerous games at the church, then everyone ate a hearty dinner and started for a walk about 2 o'clock.

They were soon overtaken by Mr. Jackson in his car, and taken for a joy ride to Goshen and back which they all enjoyed and appreciated more than anything during the day, excepting the dinner. There were seventeen present, nine girls and eight boys.

MISS GOLDIE JONES IS GIVEN FAREWELL PARTY

A farewell party was given in honor of Miss Goldie Jones, by the Loyal Alpha Sunday School class of the Christian Church at the Lambert home on Fourth and C streets, Friday evening, April 20. The guests were entertained the fore part of the evening by a few sleight of hand stunts by Ervin Ludeman the Magician. Later games and music were enjoyed. Refreshments were served. The guests of the evening were: Goldie Jones, Lena Tilton, Ellen Lambert Dale Lorah, Vera Senseney, Sadie and Gene Lambert, Glen Ditto, Leslie Fisher, Oscar Lee, Dan Fisher, Ervin Ludeman (Eugene) Roy Reder (Mabel) Ray Vincent, and Mr and Mrs Lambert and Lucile.

The Kensington club will meet at the home of N. W. Emery tomorrow afternoon.

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COLLEGE EXPERTS TO GIVE LECTURES ON FOOD GROWING

O. A. C. Demonstrators Will Hold "Preparedness" Meetings in Springfield

NEXT MONDAY IS THE DAY

Experienced Instructors Will Be Here to Aid Local People With Food Raising And Conservation

T. E. May, representing the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural College's food preparedness demonstration train, was in Springfield this morning, arranging two meetings to be held on next Monday, April 30. The first will be held in the High school from nine until ten o'clock, which every student is expected to attend, and the other will be held in the Bell theatre from ten o'clock until noon. The purpose of the trip, which is being made to many Willamette Valley cities, is to help teach the people what to plant and when, and to instruct in the conserving of food.

A special attraction to Honor Guard girls and also to almost all women and girls of this section will be the home canning lecture by Miss Helen Cowgill which will be a feature of the demonstration here.

"We usually send out the truth in the interest of the farmers," Mr. May said, and added that they are trying to aid the country in a little way. "We are trying to install into the citizens of every town the idea of being self-supporting. We think, that even if the war should stop tomorrow this would be a good move. The high cost of living is nothing now to what it will be next year, unless something is done in a sane and practical manner along this line."

Demonstrations and lectures on vegetable gardening, home canning, poultry raising and food economy will be given at the different stops, the object of the tour being to furnish practical information on the utilization of vacant city property and back yards for food production.

The movement is in line with the nation-wide campaign now on for the conservation of the available food supply and the increased production of food-stuffs for the country. Operation of the train will be in charge of H. A. Hinshaw, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific company, and R. D. Hetzel, head of the O. A. C. extension service.

Organizations of local committees in each of the towns visited, to follow up the work of the demonstration train is planned.

MOHAWK COUPLE MARRIED

Simple Service Unites Leona Dowdy and Everett Wilkinson, Yesterday

A wedding that will be quite a surprise to a number of their friends was that which occurred at 2:30 o'clock yesterday, when Miss Leona Dowdy of Spores became the wife of Everett W. Wilkinson of Yarnell, Reverend C. H. Jensen reading the simple service which united the two.

Those who were in attendance at the wedding, which was held at the pastor's home on Fourth and B streets in this city, were: Mrs. George Spores, Miss. Carrie Spores, Marvin Spores, Clyde Moore, Mrs. E. B. Keister, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilkinson, parents of the groom, Oris Wilkinson, Miss Leona Boggs, and Mrs. Chris H. Jensen. The bride was attired in a dainty, Springlike dress of white.

The young couple will make their home on the E. E. Morrison ranch three-quarters of a mile north of Hayden Bridge, and will leave for that place immediately.

C. M. Dority Administrator

C. M. Dority was yesterday appointed by the court as administrator of the estate of Charles Jenkins, who died at Springfield April 12, 1917, at the age of 63 years.

Self Delivery Team

The Springfield Feed company, sold its delivery team and wagon to Henry Wolf Tuesday morning. The team will continue to do the delivering until other arrangements can be made.

12 YEAR OLD LAD PASSES

Thomas A. McPherson Dies of Peritonitis Tuesday Night

Thomas Abeene McPherson, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. McPherson of Eugene, died at 1:00 o'clock yesterday morning at the Springfield hospital where he had been taken for treatment Sunday evening. Cause of death was peritonitis, or inflammation of the bone.

The boy is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. McPherson, and three brothers, Loyal Adkison, Loren McPherson, and Robert Adkison. Mrs. Ronald Roberts of this city is an aunt of the deceased lad.

Interment was made at the Mulkey cemetery this afternoon, preceding which, services conducted by Reverend Chris H. Jensen were held at the W. F. Walker chapel.

Youngsters Send \$3.50 to Help Poor

Anti-Can't Class of Little Girls Raise Money to help Needy Ones of the City

An inspiration to older folks might be gleaned from the recent action of a number of little girls, members of a Mount Vernon Sunday school class, called the "Anti-Can't's." The following letter to their teacher, J. T. Donaldson, is self-explanatory:

"We are sending you \$3.50 that we want you to use to help the poor people in Springfield. Of this amount the girls' Charity Club gave us \$2.83, we gave an entertainment to earn the rest of it. Helping what we can help in God's work with this.

Anti-Can't class,
Sarah Davis, secretary,
Myrtle Chase, president.

CUPID WORKING OVERTIME.

April Weddings Come Thick And Fast Among Springfield Folks

June is supposed to be "wedding month" but it has nothing over April in Springfield. The latest marriage to add to the already quite long list of ceremonies performed for local people this month is that of Miss Geneva E. Lambert and Charles W. Martin of Eugene, which took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lambert on Fourth and D streets, last evening. Reverend Chris H. Jensen read the service.

The groom took the evening train for Great Falls, Montana, where he has a position, and Mrs. Martin will follow in June. The young folks have the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

Opal Whiteley to Speak

Miss Opal Whiteley, University freshman from Springfield, will speak next Sunday afternoon at the Eugene Y. M. C. A. on nature subjects and the out-of-doors. The talk is public to everyone, but is expected to be of particular interest to children and lovers of nature. Miss Whiteley has made extensive study of plant and insect life and will exhibit a rather elaborate collection of specimens gathered herself in the out-of-doors.

Warehouse Will Add Equipment

The Springfield Feed company has begun extensive repair work in its warehouse. A new floor will be laid over the old one, storage bins will be built to hold grain in bulk and additional machinery will be installed to handle grain and clover seed faster and to better advantage.