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### THE O. & C. LAND GRANT

Ex-Governor West is endeavoring to create a sentiment throughout Oregon to make an effort to secure the forfeited Oregon and California land grant for the benefit of the public schools of Oregon. The Tribune hopes he may succeed.

By a late decision of the United States Supreme court, the O. & C. railroad people, now the Southern Pacific, is entitled to an equity of \$2.50 per acre in these lands and no more. Sales, heretofore made by that company for a price greater than \$2.50 per acre and in quantities greater than 160 acres to actual settlers, are of doubtful title and subject to action at court.

Now as a large percentage of this grant is heavily timbered and is worth in the market from 75 cents to \$1.25 per thousand feet, the difference in the values belong rightfully to somebody and to whom?

The government's decision, in effect, passes the title to the railroad people. Hence the government has no equity in the lands. But the court holds the railroad people to the letter of the contract, that is to say, the sale price shall be \$2.50 per acre to actual settlers of no more than 160 acres each. Now who has created the increase of value to these lands?

When the O. & C. railroad was builded, timber lands in Oregon were of but small value. Only the lands fit for cultivation were sold by the railroad people for a time, then the timber speculator arose and bought large blocks of the land and then the railroad people concluded that the lands were valuable and refused to make further sales, either to actual settlers or to timber speculators. This was the condition of the far greater portion of the grant, when the forfeiture suit was begun.

Now, who in justice, should be the beneficiary of the increase in value of these timber lands but our pioneer settlers of Oregon? They created the demand for the building of the railroad; for without the 80,000 to 100,000 people in Oregon, largely in Western Oregon, Ben Holiday would never have undertaken the construction of the road and without the people the government would never have been able to give these now valuable lands to the railroad. The railroad people were well satisfied with the \$2.50 per acre when the grant was made, else they would not have accepted. The government, by the decision of the court, has no equity in the land nor has the railroad beyond the stipulated price of \$2.50 per acre to actual settlers.

Ex-Governor West has undertaken to accomplish an immense work for the school children of Oregon. In an open letter to Governor Withycombe, he has asked that the state take this matter up and that a special session of the legislature be called to take action in the matter.

Mr. West is not attempting to dictate to Governor Withycombe but, as a private citizen, he is deeply interested in the welfare of the state and, particularly, the school fund.

Knowing that our school lands were fritted away for a small fraction of their value, he sees the opportunity now to recoup from the wasting of what might have been, a splendid inexhaustible school fund. Can he be blamed for making the effort to secure the unearned increment of this land grant for the school children of Oregon? Ought not Governor Withycombe to give every possible aid in the matter?

Governor Withycombe, however, will be extremely leary of the matter. While he is a school man and has spent many years of his life as an instructor at O. A. C., he is a republican. He dislikes the idea that this plan to secure these railroad lands for the school children of Oregon, should be originated by a democrat and, especially by ex-Governor West. For this reason we may expect that he will be dilatory in taking any steps along this line.

Of course an extra session of the legislature would cost some money, perhaps \$20,000 to \$30,000. But what does this amount to when the state stands to win a property estimated to be worth \$50,000,000?

It is intimated by some Salem authority, that Senator Chamberlain and ex-Governor West have seized the opportunity of this agitation to rebuild or regain their political fortunes. This is mere rubbish. Have not these gentlemen, citizens, the right to champion anything that will advance the interests of the state of Oregon without being accused of being actuated by selfish, personal interests?

Every citizen of Oregon should be as deeply interested in this matter as is Oswald West. He is but one of the 100,000 people in Oregon but he has a deep interest in the welfare of Oregon and especially in that of the boys and girls. Shall he be required to sit down with folded hands in public matters, just because he has served a term as governor of the state? His plan for attempting to secure the land may be subject to amendment or substitution. His purpose is, The Tribune believes, to arouse the people of the state to the great importance of the matter and to, before congress meets, take such action in the matter as will wield the greatest influence with congress.

Governor Withycombe and the bunch behind him, seem disposed to make a sort of political weathercock of the matter, just because the movement emanates in the mind of a democrat, who wields a large influence in the state. Just such peanut politics as this caused the downfall of the republican party in 1912 and if persisted in, will cause Governor Withycombe to retire to oblivion when his present term is out.

There should be as complete an expression of the desires of the people of the state brought out in this matter as possible. If generally agitated among the people and our members of the legislature are rightly enthused, no better plan than an extra session could be devised. It would show to congress that the people of Oregon are intensely interested in the matter. It would so encourage our members of congress that they would work with increased energy.

It matters little what plan is adopted or who gets the glory. It is the bacon we want and, as there seems a possibility that if we make the best effort within our power, we may get it. Petty political jealousies should not be allowed to defeat the securing of so princely endowment for our public schools.

## CELEBRATION AT SWEET HOME

### Lebanonites Were Much in Evidence in the Mountain Town

Monday, the 5th, was a day of rest and celebration for the business men of Lebanon, and a quiet air of relaxation and pleasure prevailed the town. Many made visits to other towns. Sweet Home drew a crowd, and the pleasure of an auto ride through the picturesque country leading to the mountain town was enjoyed by the many who went there for the day. The town was in holiday attire and a hearty welcome was extended to the visitors. The diversions of the forenoon were a parade, a potato race on horseback and a literary program at the grove.

In the afternoon there was an interesting game of ball, Sweet Home defeating Brownsville by a score of 12 to 6, and this was followed by some hotly contested horse races. Music was furnished by the Sweet Home band which made a good appearance in their new uniforms. The only saloon in the county did a rushing business, but fairly good order prevailed and no arrests were made for drunkenness. A young man of Albany was arrested for having no auto license.

Many remained for the dances, which were conducted in two halls until a late hour. Mr. and Mrs. Rose, the hotel people, served good meals to a large number of guests. The celebration was continued today, with an oration by Prof. Jos. Benner and other exercises and races. Fast horses are there from different sections and racing may be continued for several days.—Lebanon Express.

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