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A number of Morrow county people are interested in the Northern Pacific overlap lands. N. P. Nelson's land is effected and he recently received the following from The Land Office:

The Dalles' Ore., March 6, 1906
Nels P. Nelson,
Lexington, Oregon.

Sir:

As your claim is affected by a recent ruling of the Department of the Interior in reference to the grant of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, I enclose you herewith a copy of the letter from the Hon. Commissioner of the General Land Office dated May 31, 1905, and a copy of the Secretary's decision, dated April 25, 1905

Respectfully,

Anne M. Lang,
Receiver.

Washington, April 25, 1905

The Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:

Herewith I transmit letter from the Acting Attorney General, dated the 10th instant, advising this Department that he caused the suit of the United States v. The Northern Pacific Railway Company, et al., No. 5664, concerning Sec. 23, T. 2 N., R. 22 E., Willamette meridian, "to be dismissed because it was concluded that a suit to recover the value of lands by reason of this alleged overlap cannot be maintained."

The overlap here referred to is the overlap of that portion of the grant for the constructed branch line in the state of Washington with the withdrawal made on account of the unconstructed main line down the Columbia river to Portland, Oregon. Within this overlap the Department has heretofore held that the grant made on account of the constructed branch line was only of a moiety of the lands (Sec. 11 L. D., 625), and the railroad company was required to elect which of the alternate odd numbered sections within this overlap it would take in satisfaction of the moiety, the remaining lands being restored to entry and since disposed of. The decision arrived at in the Department of Justice, which is communicated in the letter herewith enclosed, necessitates a change in the departmental holding, and in the adjustment of this grant the company must be credited for the full amount of the odd numbered sections within the primary limits of its constructed branch.

You will be governed accordingly in the adjustment of this grant and such of the odd numbered as have been disposed of under the former rule will be listed for relinquishment by the railroad company under the provisions of the act of July 1, 1898 (30 Stat., 597, 620).

Very respectfully,
(Signed) E. A. Hitchcock,
Secretary.

The other letter is instructions to

the officials in the Land Office at The Dalles and contains nothing that has not been mentioned in the one above.

Several parties here have purchased some of this overlap land from parties who settled on it, made proof and obtained patents from the government. While some have been inclined to criticize the officials in the land department, we believe it would be better to withhold judgement until we see what disposition is to be made of it. It is not likely that the government would attempt to take back improved land without fully reimbursing the present owners and occupants.

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LEXINGTON IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE

At the citizens meeting last Friday evening a temporary organization was effected and a committee was appointed to draft a constitution, which was to report at a meeting to be held Monday evening. On Monday evening the meeting was called to order by temporary chairman, S. A. Thomas, and the following officers were elected for the permanent organization: President, S. A. Thomas; Vice-president, W. F. Barnett; Secretary, R. C. Warren. Treasurer, W. E. Leach. The committee on constitution made their report and the constitution was adopted. It is the intention of the League to become identified with the Oregon Development League and do considerable advertising for this part of Morrow county. Lexington is situated in the heart of the best grain producing part of Morrow county and there is no good reason why Lexington should not become better known by the outside world. The Morrow county exhibit at the Portland Exposition was classed among the best county exhibits, and a majority of the grains in that exhibit were grown by Lexington farmers.

The Lexington Improvement League has a membership of 25 and asks everyone interested in the improvement of this vicinity to become members. The help of all is needed.

The Wheatfield prints the news.

Thousands of people actually think themselves to death every year by allowing their minds to dwell on morbid subjects. The idea that one has some incipient disease in one's system, the thought of financial ruin, that one is getting on in life without improving prospects—any of these or a thousand similar thoughts may carry a healthy man to a premature grave. A melancholy thought, that fixes itself upon one's mind needs as much doctoring as physical disease. It needs to be eradicated from the mind or it will have just the same result as a neglected disease would have.

Every melancholy thought, every morbid notion and every nagging worry should be resisted to the utmost, and the patient should be protected by cheerful thought, of which there is a bountiful store in every one's possession. Bright companions are cheaper than drugs and plasters.

The morbid condition of mind produces a morbid condition of body, and if the disease does happen to be in the system it receives every encouragement to develop. We need more mental therapy.

The Wheatfield has just completed arrangements with the Oregon Journal whereby we are able to furnish the Oregon Daily Journal, including the Sunday issue, and The Wheatfield, one year \$7. The Daily Journal and Wheatfield one year \$5. The Semi-Weekly Journal and The Wheatfield one year \$1.75.

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