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OUR PORTLAND LETTER
Portland, Ore. Feb 21. (Special)
The transformation of a wilderness into a garden is planned for Western Washington and Oregon no less wonderful than the miracle wrought by irrigation east of the Cascades.

At the convention of the association, held the past week in Vancouver, the method of operation was shown and plans for the future discussed. Prof. Sparks of the State College at Pullman showed by actual demonstration how land may be cleared of stumps and roots with a minimum of money and effort and at the convention sessions prominent delegates outlined a scheme for pooling large stump land areas and making fertile farms of now almost worthless land.

The organization of a big company to handle the land, clearing it and placing it on the market in small tracts for the farmer, was forecasted. It was suggested that money be raised for the work by bonding the land, similar to the plan followed in irrigation districts. Easy payments for purchasers were favored and it was generally agreed that the resulting development in dairying, vegetable growing and fruit raising would be astonishing in its far-reaching benefits to the territory lying between the Cascade Mountains and the sea.

Twenty-two towns will be placed on the railroad map of Oregon by the operation of the Oregon Trunk up the Deschutes Canyon and on to Madras, which will be started March 1. These centers have never before had railroad transportation and the surrounding country will increase in productivity and wealth to a remarkable extent because of the markets placed within reach of the farmer by the coming of the railroad. Pioneer conditions will obtain no longer in Central Oregon. There is now no obstacle to its agricultural development.

Products of the Beaver State will have their inning during the two weeks beginning February 27, when the "Made in Oregon" exposition will open in Portland. Home manufacturers will show what they are doing to meet the demands of their own people for factory products, and the wide variety of articles to be shown will, unquestionably, prove a surprise to many. A local department store will house the exhibits. A similar exposition was held here some years ago and was a great success. The promoters of the coming show expect to outdo the former one.

A colony of Danish farmers is to be brought to Oregon during the coming Spring and established on lands in Multnomah and Yamhill counties. The immigrants will number about 100 and are all experienced in intensive farming. Small tracts will be used and vegetables, small fruits and poultry will be raised. Practically every foot of ground will be utilized by these thrifty farmers from abroad, and it is said that they can teach the American agriculturalist a few things in conserving all the resources of the soil.

The use of a portion of the Pendleton-Yoakum cutoff on the main line of the O. W. R. & N. was an event of the past week. This is the rebuilding of the track between the two points, eliminating curves and leveling grades. The work has cost \$1,250,000 and will be a great improvement for the fast and safe operation of trains.

At a meeting of the directors of the local telephone company, yesterday, it was decided to build a line out on The Dalles road as far as the Eastman place.

Will Oregon Stand For It
Here is something for the people to think about:
J. Pierpont Morgan, organizer of the Steel Trust, the shipping Trust and a dozen other gigantic combinations of capital, conceiving it to be good (?) for the people of this state, aspires to merge its independent telephone lines, which he either owns or controls with those of the Bell Company, which he also largely owns and controls.

A man does not have to be endowed with an inordinate amount of horse sense to perceive what is inevitable if the absorption of the independents by the Bell is allowed to go unchallenged. At conferences held in New York and Chicago a few weeks ago at which H. P. Davison, one of Mr. Morgan's partners, Theodore N. Vail, President of the Bell System, and representatives of the independents were present, it was openly stated that with competition ended rates could be raised and economies instituted that would enable the monopoly to place the stock of the independents on an 8 per cent basis. With both companies operating between practically the same points, under one management, it follows that one of them will be superfluous, and that it will cost less to pay dividends of the outstanding stock of the absorbed companies than to operate them under the circumstances.

Thus, the monopoly, which now owns the Western Union Telegraph Company and through that corporation has recently acquired six of the largest of the trans-Atlantic cables, will control every channel of communication on land, except the telepost automatic telegraph lines. It would probably buy this too, if the stock of that company was not tied up in a voting trust with Rear Admiral Sigsbee of the "Maine" and others sitting tightly on the lid to prevent just such a contingency.

With the end of the autonomy of the independents, every advantage secured by competition will be at once surrendered and every section of the state that has heretofore profited by the keen rivalry for business that has existed between the two systems will experience the same arbitrary inflation of rates as has followed the termination of competition elsewhere. The butcher, the grocer and the doctor will pay the freight. They can protest and anathematize the trust, call Morgan mean names and make the air heavy with sulphurous maledictions, but it won't do any good. In effect the trust will say: "If you don't like it, you need not have a telephone." But if you are without telephone connection in these days you cannot do business. The trust knows this. Will the great commonwealth of Oregon stand idly by the roadside while Wall Street in its greed for revenues imposes another burden upon this constituency, whereby it may extort new tribute from every community in the state?

When he acquired control of the independents, Morgan made an affidavit to the Supreme Court of Ohio that his purchase was for private investment and not for the Bell Company. To get around this he now proposes to turn the stock of the two systems into a single holding company, which is only another way of "whipping the devil around the stump", and accomplishing by indirection what he is legally proscribed from doing directly. Have the people of Oregon at whose pocketbook this move is aimed nothing to say? Have they no rights, which a Morgan must respect? Have they become so inert over the frequent abuse of incorporation privilege that they hesitate to assert themselves? If not it's time for them to get busy, before it is too late.

Miss Nora Hunter is confined to her home with a severe cold. C. T. Bennett is looking after Uncle Sam's interests at the post office in her absence.

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LOCAL TIME-TABLE
No. 7 West bound 7:25 a. m.
No. 1 " " 3:10 p. m.
No. 2 East " 10:35 a. m.
No. 8 " " 6:30 p. m.
No. 17, at 5:30 p. m., flag stop on Sundays only for Hood River and Portland.

A meeting of the Horticultural Society will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. in Lamb's Hall. "Pruning" will be the principal subject discussed and this should be of sufficient interest to fruit growers to insure a large attendance.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (PUBLISHER)
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, February 1st, 1911.
NOTICE is hereby given that Oscar E. Wilson, of Mosier, Oregon, who, on October 19th, 1906, made Homestead, No. 15866 Serial, No. 04011, for S[ection] 15, Sec. 15 and N[orthern] 1/2, Section 22, Township 1 North, Range 11 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation of the U. S. Land Office, at The Dalles, Oregon, on the 13th day of March, 1911.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (PUBLISHER)
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, February 4th, 1911.
NOTICE is hereby given that Jesse D. Lester, of Mosier, Oregon, who, on May 29th, 1909, made Homestead, No. 04924, for E[ast] 1/2, Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 11 East Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation of the U. S. Land Office, at The Dalles, Oregon, on the 29th day of March 1911.

Claimant names as witnesses: Wm. H. Gray, of Hood River, Oregon, Elijah Huskey, of Mosier, Oregon, A. E. Wells, of Mosier, Oregon, Max Vogt, of The Dalles, Oregon, E. Jacobsen, of The Dalles, Oregon.
C. W. MOORE, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (PUBLISHER)
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office At The Dalles, Oregon, December 30th, 1910.
NOTICE is hereby given that Robert W. Simpson, whose post office address is Mosier, Oregon, did, on the 21st day of February, 1910, file in this office Sworn Statement and Application, No. 06068, to purchase the SE1-4SE1-4, Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 11 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised, the timber estimated 60,000 board feet at \$1.00 per M., and the land \$40.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 15th day of March, 1911, before the Register and Receiver, of the United States Land Office, at The Dalles, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.
C. W. MOORE, Register.
(First publication July 13, last March 30)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (PUBLISHER)
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office At The Dalles, Oregon, December 9th, 1910.

NOTICE is hereby given that Oscar E. Wilson, whose post office address is Mosier, Oregon, did on the 28th day of February, 1910, file in this office Sworn Statement and Application, No. 06103, to purchase the NE1-4SW1-4, Section 28, Township 1 North, Range 11 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised, the timber estimated 270,000 board feet at \$5.00 cents per M, and the land \$50.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 24th day of February, 1911, before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat this entry.
C. W. MOORE, Register.
(First publication Dec. 16)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (Publisher)
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, January 17th, 1911.
Notice is hereby given that Robert P. Boyce, of Portland, Oregon, who, on March 16th, 1910, made Timber and Stone application No. 06232, for N1-2S E1-4, SE1-4SE1-4, Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 12 EWM., has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office, at The Dalles, Oregon, on the 4th day of April, 1911.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (PUBLISHER)
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, December 13th, 1910.
NOTICE is hereby given that Edwin F. Reeves, of Mosier, Oregon, who on February 9th, 1910, made Timber and Stone application No. 05886, for E1-2 NE1-4, and the E1-2SE1-4, Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 11 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final timber and stone Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office, at The Dalles, Oregon, on the 25th day of February, 1911.

Claimant names as witnesses: Ben Veatch, Roy Abernathy, Chester Kerslake, J. H. Reeves, all of Mosier, Oregon.
C. W. MOORE, Register.
(First publication Dec. 23)

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Adeline Sellinger, administratrix of the estate of George Sellinger, deceased, has filed her Final Account and Report with the County Clerk of Wasco County, Oregon, and that Saturday, the 25th day of March, 1911, at the hour of 2 P. M. of said day in the County Courtroom of the County Courthouse in Dalles City, Wasco County, Oregon, has been fixed by the court as the time and place for hearing said report.

All persons are hereby notified to appear at said time and place to show cause, if any there be, why said report should not be approved and an order made discharging said administratrix and closing said estate.
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