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A REAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

IF the federal supreme court upholds the decision of Judge Wolverton, as seems probable, the Oregon & California railroad grant will revert to the government, and it is up to the Oregon delegation in congress to see to it that the property is not tied up in non-taxpaying forest reserves, but that the state receives the property to sell to actual developers.

This land was originally given to the railroad in order to promote the development of the state. The railroad failed to comply with the conditions agreed upon, and held the property for speculative purposes. It avoided payment of taxes for almost the entire period of ownership through keeping the property unsurveyed, and hence off the assessment rolls.

Failure of the railroad to comply with its agreement makes possible the use of the land for its original purpose—the development of Oregon. This can best be accomplished by turning the title over to the state, to sell at actual valuation, the proceeds to be used in development of the counties containing the property, either by the state or by the counties themselves.

This could be accomplished in several ways to the great advantage of the taxpayers and for the upbuilding of the territory. For instance, the land could be used as a permanent endowment for the state university, for the state Agricultural college and for the school fund, the money derived from the sale to be invested in four per cent county or state securities issued for highway building, railroad construction and other development projects.

Such a plan would relieve the taxpayers by furnishing ample funds for the schools, upbuild the latter by making them among the richest endowed in the country, and at the same time furnish the people cheap money to carry out development schemes that will enhance the value of isolated regions, increase the population and make possible development of natural resources.

The O. & C. land grant comprises 2,074,161 acres, estimated worth from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000. Much of it is valuable timber land—other mineral and agricultural land. Some is worthless except for grazing purposes, but it will average better than \$15 an acre. The following figures show the acreage in the various counties and the amount of taxation the counties are losing this year through the railroad's refusal to pay taxes:

Table with columns: Counties, Acres, Unpaid Taxes. Rows include Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, Yamhill, and a Total row.

It is evident that these western Oregon counties are the sufferers by the litigation over the land grant, and they will suffer still more if the lands are permitted to be grabbed by the government and either sold and the proceeds kept outside the state or placed in non-taxpaying reserves, 65 per cent of whose receipts go out of the country.

These lands are the so-called "Harriman preserves," held up by the railroad for the benefit of future generations of railroad speculators. It would be the irony of fate to use the lands to build a rival railroad to open up the country and break the railroad's monopoly—but it would be simple justice.

Jackson county's 441,791 acres would yield from \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000, enough to hard-surface all our main roads and in addition construct and equip a railroad to the sea.

Josephine's 167,481 acres would furnish \$2,000,000 capital to open up new sections, run branch railroads to mining regions and build a scenic highway down the Rogue.

Douglas county's 616,000 acres would yield from \$8,000,000 to \$12,000,000, a fund ample to network the county with modern highways and build a railroad to Coos Bay.

Other counties affected would profit similarly. An era of development unprecedented in the history of the northwest would follow. The population would increase by leaps and bounds and Oregon become the leader in the procession of material progress instead of the laggard she now is.

The occasion offers opportunity for real constructive statesmanship.

PREPARE DISPLAYS FOREXPOSITION FROM SOUTHERN OREGON

The Southern Oregon Exposition association, the members being Geo. M. Hyland, Professor H. O. Frohbach and the secretaries of the commercial clubs of Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and Roseburg, held a meeting at the Hotel Medford today.

Professor Frohbach was authorized to secure a complete taxidermy exhibit of southern Oregon animals and birds and the Helms collection, Secretary Quinlan to collect a mineral exhibit of Oregon ores.

Roseburg will send the famous Douglas county dining room set, made from over 700 pairs of antlers, and valued at \$6000.

Klamath Falls will furnish material and logs to construct two miniature Oregon buildings that will be placed in the agricultural and horticultural palaces. The fish industry will be represented by aquariums stocked with Oregon trout as well as splendid specimens preserved in glass jars.

Mr. Hyland advises that the Oregon building is practically ready for exhibits and Professor Frohbach will accompany Mr. Hyland to San Francisco and complete all arrangements for the space assigned to southern Oregon. D. M. Lowe is preparing a very large exhibit of Oregon fruits and vegetables.

The association is highly pleased at the progress already made to advertise southern Oregon at the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915.

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THANKSGIVING DINNER

We will serve a Thanksgiving dinner commencing at 11:30 a. m. in the regular cafeteria style—pay for what you get and get what you want.

- Oyster Soup, Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Oyster Dressing, Roast Young Pig, Sweet Potatoes, Southern Style, Celery, Pickles, Vegetables all kinds, Pumpkin, Mince Apple Pie, Cake, Coffee, Tea, Milk.

Everything else in connection with a first-class dinner. All Home Cooking. NASH CAFETERIA

CRYING FOR HELP

Lots of It in Medford But Daily Growing Less

The kidneys often cry for help. Not another organ in the whole body more delicately constructed: Not one more important to health. The kidneys are the filters of the blood.

When they fail the blood becomes foul and poisonous. There can be no health where there is poisoned blood.

Backache is one of the frequent indications of kidney trouble. It is often the kidneys' cry for help. Heed it.

Read what Doan's Kidney Pills have done for overworked kidneys. Proof of merit in the following statement:

Daniel Flaten, C St., Jacksonville, Oregon, says: "It was six or seven years ago that I used Doan's Kidney Pills, but I can't forget how much good they did me. I suffered from weakness of the kidneys and all the disorders that go with kidney complaint. I ached all over. Doan's Kidney Pills soon fixed me up in good shape."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Flaten had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

THE DUNBARS MALE QUARTETTE AND BELL RINGERS NATATORIUM HALL THURSDAY EVENING 8:00 P. M. This is the second number of the Medford Entertainment Course. Season ticket holders will note that the date has been changed to Nov. 26. There are three other excellent numbers in the course. Season tickets \$2.00, single admissions 50c and 75c. Get your tickets now at Haskins' Drug Store.

PLAN THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR POOR

Medford will observe Thanksgiving tomorrow in old-fashioned style. There will be any number of family dinners, with turkey as the chief article on the table. Those few homes that know the pinch of poverty will be provided for by the Associated Charities. To that end, anyone who knows of a stricken family is requested to report the same. All who have donations to give are requested to bring them to the Associated Charities storeroom in the Mail Tribune building, between 9 and 11 o'clock a. m.

There will be a general suspension of business in honor of the day. The stores and public offices and banks will be closed all day. The barber shops will keep open until 11 o'clock. There will be union services of the churches of the city at the First Methodist church, the Rev. Harry Tucker of the Christian church preaching the sermon.

FISH SCREENS ON EXHIBIT, EAGLE POINT

Game Warden Hubbard has installed in the Eagle Point ditch three varieties of fish screens, so that ditch owners may observe their operation and select the type they think best adapted to their own ditches to keep trout and salmon fry out of the conduits.

The screens installed are the Aitken screen, the invention of Jack Aitken of Medford; the Forward screen, officially adopted in California, and the Bernard Schuler screen, an Eastern Oregon invention. Representatives of each screen will be present to explain operations next Saturday and all farmers of that vicinity are asked to be on hand.

Following the exhibit at Eagle Point, a similar exhibit will be made in the Applegate section, and later in other districts of the county, as all irrigation ditches must be screened as soon as possible.

THE DUNBAR COMPANY. The Dunbar Company has been upon the Lyceum platform for thirteen years and has toured many times across America. In all they have traveled more than 300,000 miles, equal to twelve times around the world. They have given more than 2,000 concerts. There is scarcely a large concert in the United States that has not had this company at one time or another. Seventy-five per cent of their dates are return dates. The Dunbar Company's vocal quartet work represents but one portion of the



THE DUNBARS. evening's program. As an instrumental trio their work is greatly appreciated. In this work they use the piano, flute and cello, and the music which they render is entirely new. In fact, for the most part it is in manuscript form, prepared especially for them. Carrying 200 bells, the Dunbars give a demonstration of bell ringing the like of which has never before been heard here. They carry a duplicate set of bells for their practice work. They have perfected several improvements in bell construction. The Dunbars appear at the Natatorium hall Thursday evening, November 26.

MERLIN STORE TRADED FOR TWO ACRE TRACT

E. Jones, one of the oldest residents of Merlin, Or., has just sold his hardware stock and building at that place to Eugene G. Dow of Medford. Mr. Dow turned in as part payment his two-acre tract and bungalow, which is located on Sunset avenue and Humphrey street. Mr. Dow is in charge of the store now and is experiencing a good trade. Mr. Jones has taken possession of the bungalow mentioned and will take life easier from this time on, as he was compelled to do this on account of his age and his health. The consideration was around \$5000. C. A. McArthur and E. H. Fehi negotiated the deal. With Medford trade is Medford made.

EVACUATION PLEASES PRESIDENT GUTIERREZ

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—On behalf of Provisional President Gutierrez and the Aguas Calientes convention, Enrique C. Llorente today expressed satisfaction at the evacuation of Vera Cruz. Senor Llorente, designated as the Washington representative of the convention, said the withdrawal of the troops was a splendid example of the altruism of the United States. With Medford trade is Medford made. John A. Perl UNDERTAKER Lady Assistant 66 S. BARTLETT Phone M. 47 and 47-39 Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

PAGE THEATRE Wednesday and Thursday THE RETURN Two Parts. Splendid Western Drama. With Robt. Frazer and Edna Payne SPECIAL FEATURE: REDEMPTION Two Parts. A Thrilling Drama of the Rockies. All star cast, including WM. SHAY, HOBART HENLEY, WM. WELCH and VIOLET MERSEREAU Miss Mersereau has an excellent opportunity in this production. HER BOUNTY One Part. Featuring Pauline Bush. HEINIE'S OUTING One Part. Sterling Farce Comedy Splendid Musical Program by LARGE PAGE THEATER ORCHESTRA Admission—Lower Floor, 15c; Balcony, 10c; Children, 5c. Special Thanksgiving Engagement Two Acts From Orpheum Circuit HAYCO "THE SHACKLE KING" The man who breaks loose from Handcuffs, Straitjackets, Insane Irons, Etc. Every person owning a pair of handcuffs or other irons used for holding criminals are invited to try them on HAYCO. BABY VIOLET THE WONDERFUL CHILD ACTRESS. NOTE—No increase in admission. Lower Floor, 15c. Balcony, 10c; Children, 5c.

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