

EUGENE'S SIDE OF O.-C. GRANT LAND TAXES PRESENTED

To the editor: Your editorial "The Eugene Contention" is at hand. It appeals to me as a sane presentation of one phase of a question, devoid of the ridicule and charges of bad faith contained in some other presentations of the subject from your view point. It is a hopeful sign when newspaper discussion can be carried forward on a plane of pure argument instead of by accusations against the character and integrity of the opponent.

May I present a few questions that come to mind from reading your editorial?

You say, "the power that gave the right of taxation can take it away. As a matter of fact, has, or does, the federal government give the states the right of taxation. Rather, is not that right one that is inherent in the states? Is not the federal government the one that is limited in its right of taxation, these limitations being written in the federal constitution?"

Question at Time.

It is true Oregon, when admitted as a state, agreed not to tax the public domain, nor lands held by the government for public buildings, forts, schools, etc. The point raised in Eugene is whether or not the government, once having parted with title to these lands can reclaim it as a part of the public domain.

You write also: "Before the money is paid, waivers of the right to tax the grant lands must be signed by the counties." Examination of the act of revestment makes no mention of the matter of waivers of right to tax. It is possible that some of the department officials have read this into the act. (See section 9 of the act).

The Eugene contention is raised, not by fear that the act might be declared unconstitutional, but for fear it may be declared constitutional, in which case if the counties have not entered their claims by means of placing the lands on the tax rolls or some other means, it is feared the counties would have a hard time making a claim for taxes.

Question Is Complex.

In a question so complex as this railroad grant, it is quite possible for the courts to hold that the railroad has no further interest than the \$2.50 which it is to receive for the land, and at the same time the counties have some right in the premises. Testimony of the department of justice at the hearings on the Chamberlain bill clearly made the point that these back taxes were a first lien on the land.

Just one other point. The supreme court has held that the railroads have an equity in these lands, and congress recognizes this title by making provision for the payment to the railroad of \$2.50 per acre. In ordinary realty deals, title remains with the first owner until the purchaser has fully paid the price. If this is a true parallel, the counties would have a right to tax at least the railroad's equity of \$2.50 per acre until the government had paid for the land.

As to the time in which the land may be settled, and again returned to the tax rolls, granting the act stands and the government will pay no more taxes, is clearly upon which opinions may differ.

Just what action will be considered the best to be followed is the subject for discussion next Monday. Lane county, for one, dislikes to lose, for an indefinite period, the \$80,000 or more it has been receiving annually from the railroad lands.

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BLIND BEGGAR THROWN TO DEATH IN LAKE

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—"Blind Jimmy" who the police say begged from \$8 to \$10 a day from Chicagoans, was thrown into Lake Michigan and drowned, according to a report under investigation today. Two men who led "Blind Jimmy" are being held pending inquiry. The police were told they quarreled over which could have the privilege of leading him.

PROTOCOL IS SIGNED WITH HAITI REPUBLIC

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—A protocol amplifying financial, economic and administrative treaties with Haiti was signed today by Secretary Lansing and Minister Menos.

MOST CHILDREN NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO PARALYSIS

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Despite a belief that infantile paralysis seldom attacks more than one member of the family, figures prepared by the United States public health service show that in 227 families here more than one child has had the disease. In more than 200 of these families only two children were afflicted, while in twenty families three children have suffered attacks. In one family there were five cases.

Nevertheless, the health commissioner asserts that the averages indicate that the great majority of children is not susceptible to infantile paralysis. Of the first 7000 cases only 3.36 per cent were those of children whose sisters or brothers previously had the disease.

Most of the large department stores now are refusing to permit the return of children's clothing or toys after they have once been delivered, in order to prevent a spread of the epidemic in that way. Some of the department stores refuse to accept returns of any kind from buildings in which cases of infantile paralysis have occurred.

The department of health, however, has made no ruling on this matter.

Health department officials were encouraged by today's reports on the infantile paralysis epidemic, which showed a substantial decrease in the number of deaths and new cases. During the twenty-four hours ending at 10 a. m. thirty children died and 109 were stricken. This compares favorably with yesterday's figures, 42 deaths and 131 new cases.

CZAR'S SUBMARINE IMITATES GERMANS

BERLIN, Aug. 24.—The capture of the German steamship Desterro, with a cargo of iron ore, was made by a Russian submarine flying the Swedish flag, says the Overseas News Agency. Despatches from Stockholm say the Desterro was seized in Swedish territorial waters, having on board a Swedish pilot, who has now returned to Haparanda. The vessel was taken into Raumo, Finland.

"This flagrant violation of Swedish neutrality," the news agency says, "has produced excitement in Sweden and embittered the feeling of the people."

DECLARES OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR REPUBLICANS

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—Alvin T. Hert, manager of the western republican national headquarters today issued the following statement:

"Preliminary reports from the middle and far west are most encouraging. We are in daily receipt of advices from the chairman of the different state committees. Invariably these chairmen advise us in normally republican states that the republican majority this year will be larger than ever.

"Throughout the west the harmony with which the republicans and former progressives are working is even more complete than we anticipated."

DEFENDERS WIN FIRST POINT IN NAVAL MANEUVERS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The fleet of enemy transports, bringing an invading army to be landed on the Atlantic seaboard, has been found by the defending fleet and the first point in the big naval war game goes to the defending forces.

Early today the big wireless towers at Arlington picked up orders being sent from Rear-Admiral Helm's flagship, disposing his line to meet the developments.

No word has come of the whereabouts of the hostile battle fleet commanded by Admiral Mayo, but it is supposed to be near the transports.

Admiral Helm is sweeping the ocean toward the last known position of the enemy with a line of scouts covering several hundred miles.

An inner line of scouts also is being maintained, and close into the coast, behind the defending battle fleet, the submarine flotilla is ready should the enemy evade the outer line.

Early today the navy intelligence officers discovered a "plot" to blow up the storage oil tanks at Narragansett to destroy the magazines in the shore stations.

COAST OF ENGLAND RAIDED BY ZEPPELINS

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The east coast of England was visited again last night by a hostile airship which dropped bombs in the fields, but did no damage. The British official statement concerning the raid says: "A hostile airship crossed the east coast shortly before midnight last night. A number of incendiary and some high explosive bombs were dropped in open fields. No damage or casualties are reported. The airship went to sea again before 1 o'clock this morning."

LUDWIG STRICKEN WITH APOPLEXY

PARIS, Aug. 24.—King Ludwig III of Bavaria has been stricken with apoplexy and his condition is grave, according to a report from Switzerland, says a Rome dispatch to the Petit Parisien.

King Ludwig III is 73 years old. He married the Archduchess Marie-Therese of Austria and ascended the Bavarian throne in 1913. He was appointed a field marshal of the Bavarian army last year and visited the Bavarian troops on the battle line in France in January last.

FIRST WOMEN VOTERS TO WELCOME HUGHES

LARAMIE, Wyo., Aug. 24.—A committee of the first women voters of the United States will attend the reception to Charles E. Hughes here at one o'clock tomorrow for an hour's stop.

Women voted here in 1872.

GERMANS FORCE FRENCH VILLAGERS TO WORK IN FIELDS

PARIS, Aug. 24.—What measures can be taken at the proper time against the emperor of Germany and other persons held to be answerable for compelling inhabitants of the in-

duced cities of northern France to work in the fields, and the immediate steps which France might take in behalf of these people are questions to be raised in the approaching session of the chamber of deputies.

Deputy Bouyssson, in a letter to Premier Briand, in which he severely criticised the acts of the Germans toward the population of the invaded region, gave notice that he would interpellate the premier on these subjects.

MADRID, Spain, Aug. 24.—The recent note of the French govern-

ment to neutrals protesting against the treatment of the French inhabitants of Lille, Roubaix and Turocoing by the Germans will be the subject of serious study by Premier Romanones, so as to permit him to act according to strict neutrality, the premier states. The Spanish government also will consult other neutral nations regarding their attitude before giving France an answer, he adds. Premier Romanones has already taken steps to learn the opinion of the American government as well as that of other neutral nations on the matter.

SITUATION GROWS WORSE IN TURKESTAN

BERLIN, Aug. 24.—Reports received through Stockholm that the situation in Turkestan is growing worse, says the Overseas News agency statement today. General Kuropatkin, who was recently appointed governor general of Turkestan, has been compelled to issue severe orders to cope with the conditions, the advices declare.

A PLAIN STORY Told in a Plain Way READ IT!

To make a long story short, and to put the matter before the public in plain words I Will Begin at the Beginning

Last spring Mr. Daniels of the Daniels for Duds Store held a special sale. It was a big success. In fact one of the greatest sales ever held in Medford. It is no secret. Everyone knows. He was satisfied. The public was satisfied. Mr. Daniels sent for me. "No excuse," says Mr. Daniels.

"NOW, THEN, Mr. Craig, I am willing to turn this store over to you—stock and all. Can you turn merchandise into money at once?"

I answered "YES."

"Then it's up to you," answered Mr. Daniels.

I want to say to the buying public that I have to make good with Mr. Daniels. Second, I have got to make good with the people who will come to this store, expecting real bargains. There must be no fooling. There must be no IF'S and AND'S. I have undertaken a big job and I've got to make it go.

How Will I Make Good?

First, I must hold a successful sale. How can I have a successful sale?

By Giving the Buying Public Bargains

I am going to give the public bargains—yes, genuine bargains. It's up to me—no one else—and I'll do it.

I Will Cut and Slash and Slaughter Prices Right and Left

I want every man, woman and child in Medford and in this entire valley to come to this store. I want you to see for yourself. This must be the greatest sale ever held in Medford.

Whatever you do, don't fail to come—to the biggest, the greatest sale of Men's Apparel ever held in this valley.

WATCH THE PAPERS---See the Big Ad Tomorrow

It will be a real sale—a chance of a lifetime.

Sale Will Start Saturday 10 a.m.--Aug. 26

For particulars see Friday's papers. Experienced Salesmen Wanted



Bud Fisher jumped the old-time rut when he invented Jeff and Mutt. For years, with that amusing pair, he's chased away the people's care, and made them laugh and throw their hats, and cackle till they broke their slats. The tired, the sad, the weak, the worn, have laughed with Bud, and ceased to mourn; the lame, the halt, the blind, the deaf, have whooped with glee o'er Mutt and Jeff. Where does he find the joyous jests which break the buttons from our vests? You'd think the fount would have to fail, but never once has he been stale. When he sits down to hatch a plot in which his heroes will be caught, he lights his pipe, and soon a joke emerges from Tuxedo smoke. He swears by "Tux" and so will you, when you have tried a jar or two.



BUD FISHER
Famous Cartoonist, 1900
"Tuxedo has made a pipe my favorite form of smoking. It's cozy and makes me feel like a real pleasure."