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MORE KNOTS TIED O. & C. LAND GRANT TAX PAYMENTS

WASHINGTON, July 16.—More knots were tied in the Oregon and California land grant tax tangle when the report from the attorney general's office became public, revealing that the interior department has been advised that no authority exists for paying any penalties or interest on taxes, either before or since the passage of the Chamberlain-Ferris act.

The situation now is so much confused that no one will predict what can be done. It appears certain that congress will not do anything to relieve the situation in view of the attorney general's stand, which also has the indorsement of the interior department officials.

Lawsuit Is Suggested.

A lawsuit to determine whether penalties and interest are incumbrance on the land is thought by some to be the only solution. The land office officials are in a quandary and have reached no decision. They are advised that they can go ahead and open the lands and let others worry about the payment of penalties and interest if the Oregon counties insist they be paid.

Interpretations May Differ.

"No account should be taken of penalties and interest," he said. "Under some circumstances," he continues, "the word taxes might include penalties and interest, but not in this case where the intention of congress was clearly expressed."

"Taxes are not due by virtue of state laws," continues the report, "but solely by force of an act of congress. The obligation to pay is that of the United States, not of any individual, and it cannot be supposed that congress intended to make such obligation a lien upon lands which is assumed ownership. If the state or any municipality should be advised it is entitled to a larger amount than is certified for payment, it may resort to the proper tribunal for a decision on its claims."

Could Settle Question After Sales.

"I have no doubt the interior department may proceed at once to dispose of reverted lands and timber thereon as provided in the act, regardless of any question concerning the amount due for taxes." The opinion says that congress in providing for the payment of taxes did so as a matter of grace and liberality. The new development puts an end to chances for Senator Chamberlain's bill which has already passed the senate, authorizing the payment of penalties and interest up to the date taxes are paid. The amount involved in penalties and interest, computed to March 1, 1917, is \$370,000.

DYNAMITE CAPS IN I. W. W. SACHEL

JEROME, Ariz., July 16.—Two boxes of caps used in dynamite work and correspondence alleged to reveal details of industrial workers of the World plans to tie up the copper mining industry in Arizona, were found here today in a suitcase said to belong to James (Red) Thompson, known here as a leader in I. W. W. activities recently in Washington state. Thompson was deported with 62 other men last Tuesday and is now being held at Prescott. The suitcase and its contents were turned over to federal authorities.

THE CENSUS BUREAU'S JOKE.

THE new estimates of population issued by the federal census bureau, based upon the military registration are as far from being correct as the first estimates, which were based upon the population increase from 1900 to 1910, and therefore were incorrect as far as the Pacific coast states were concerned.

Population, particularly in new and undeveloped regions, is based upon economic and industrial conditions prevalent, and it apparently never occurred to the census bureau to consult local authorities with a view to securing a correct estimate. The school census and the registered vote were never consulted, any more than the conditions prevailing in the section were studied.

The years from 1900 to 1910 were years that witnessed a great influx in immigration to the coast country—a period of favorable crops, of development and exploitation—boom years. Following the collapse of the boom came year years of depression and poor harvests, of stagnation in railroad building and the one great manufacturing industry, lumbering—and hence a loss of floating population that follows a boom. But from one extreme, the census bureau has gone to the other.

The census of 1910 gave Oregon a population of 672,765, an increase of 62.7 percent over the census of 1900. The first estimate of the census bureau for military registration in 1917 was 862,240 and because the military registration proved this an over-estimate, the cry was raised that Oregon young men were slackers and did not register. When enlistment statistics proved Oregon led the union in numbers of volunteers, it was up to the census bureau to revise its estimates, and this it has done upon the basis that every section had proportionately the same number of men of registration age. The result is a shift of estimated population into counties where large lumber manufacturing plants are in operation, and the floating population large. The new estimates give Oregon 675,992 population.

The 1910 census gave Jackson county 25,756. The first estimate for military registration gave 34,558, manifestly too high. It is not claimed that the country's population is much greater than in 1910, when there was more or less floating population. But there has been no decrease. There is a larger acreage under cultivation, and many more mines being developed. The county has held its own. Yet the new census estimate gives Jackson county but 14,807—which is ridiculous as it is just about the same population shown by the census of 1900 with less than half the development now existing.

The absurdity of this census estimate is shown by a comparison with the registered vote, 9801, of which 5580 are males. At the usual census estimates of five to one, this would give a population of 27,900, probably near the truth. This estimate is also borne out by the school census.

Under the new census estimates, Klamath county is given 13,176 population, or almost as much as Jackson county, altho its registered vote is but 4366, 44 percent of Jackson's. Malheur with a registered vote of 5310 is given almost as great population as Jackson by an estimate of 13,208. Other county estimates tell the same inaccurate story of poor, unscientific guesswork, whereby the temporary population of lumber and construction camps are used as a basis upon which to estimate permanent population.

Jackson and other agricultural counties of Oregon are shy on the proportional number of men of registration age, because the high wages offered by war industries has tempted them out of the county temporarily to find more remunerative employment elsewhere.

Outside of the slam handed Jackson county by this joke of an estimate, no damage can result, as it will lessen the number of youths drafted and leave them for much needed work at home.

COMMUNITY PLAN OF APPLE PACKING PROVES SUCCESSFUL

WASHINGTON, July 16.—Community apple-packing houses are likely to solve the problem of labor in handling, in a short period, the increasing apple crop of the Pacific northwest. The success of the centralized packing plants in 1916, not previously tried to any considerable extent, in this region, was indicated by the wide adoption of this plan last season when perhaps one-fourth of the crop in Oregon and Washington was packed in community houses. Investigations of the new enterprise last season conducted by specialists in the office of markets in the United States department of agriculture, and now published as a preliminary report, make available for interested organizations and individuals, suggestions as to best methods of constructing, equipping and operating such packing plants.

Advantages Many.

The advantages of the community over the individual or ranch plan of packing, according to the specialists, are better and more uniform grading and packing, obtaining experienced labor more readily and using inexperienced labor more effectively, using expensive labor-saving equipment such as sizing machines and gravity conveyors which the small grower could not afford, and the simplifying and facilitating of inspection work.

The community packing-house scheme is new and consequently an unperfected phase of the apple industry. Altho the idea was widely employed last year, its adaptations were largely experimental. Investigation by department specialists was undertaken to sift from the various plans tried, the best and most economical method of handling apples thru all the operations of picking, hauling from the orchard, receiving at the packing house, grading, sizing on the cars.

Sixty Packing Plants.

Sixty packing-houses at or near Spokane, North Yakima, Wenatchee, Cashmere, Entiat, Pateros, Brewster, Okanogan, Omak, and Walla Walla, Washington, and Hood River and Medford, Oregon, were included in the study. Of these 60 houses, 33 were operated as community houses, seven were operated by dealers somewhat on the community plan, and twenty were ranch houses. Individual or ranch packing houses and operations were included in the investigation so that the efficiency and economy of the two systems might be compared.

While the investigators preferred not to draw definite conclusions from a single season's work, the discussions of equipment, organization and personnel, a floor unit, general operation, and specifically the operations in two typical houses, which make up the report, provide for growers of the northwest what should prove a helpful summary of methods that were most successful last year.

SPANISH ARMY SUPPORT CLAIMED BY REVOLUTIONISTS

MADRID, July 16.—Barcelona newspapers published a note saying that the assembly of members of parliament from Catalonia will be held on Thursday, notwithstanding all denials, and that the organizers of the movement count on the support of a large part of the army.

Various defense committees on the other hand, have held meetings to protest against and such manifestations. It is asserted the army will remain aloof from politics and obey the government.

Sixty Catalonian senators and deputies asked the Spanish government recently for administrative autonomy for all provinces and decided to call a special meeting of parliament in Barcelona unless the government summoned parliament. The government declined to convene parliament.

RED CROSS MAKES LAUGHING GAS

PARIS, July 16.—Announcement is made that all private organizations which desire to give medical aid to American troops must be under Red Cross military control and supervision.

The Red Cross is now constructing the largest nitrous oxide plant in the world. The product, commonly known as laughing gas, will be used as an anesthetic in all American dressing stations and hospitals.

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Medford, Oregon, Jan. 15, 1917 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, had very severe stomach trouble and had been bothered for several years and last August was not expected to live, and hearing of Gim Chung (whose Herb Store is at 241 South Front street in Medford) I decided to get herbs for my stomach trouble, and I started to feeling better as soon as I used them, and today am a well man and can heartily recommend anyone afflicted as I was to see Gim Chung and try his Herbs. (Signed) W. R. JOHNSON, Witnesses: M. A. Anderson, Medford. S. B. Holmes, Eagle Point. Frank Lewis, Eagle Point. Wm. Lewis, Eagle Point. W. L. Childreth, Eagle Point. C. E. Moore, Eagle Point. J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point. Geo. B. Von der Hellen, Eagle Point. Thos. E. Nichols, Eagle Point.

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