

STARTING LAND SUIT

Government Will Force Railroad To Sell to Settlers

CASE COMMENCED AT PORTLAND

Will Be First Chapter in Litigation for Valuable Lands That Have Recently Proven Veritable Bonanza for a Large Number of Unscrupulous Locators

Suit is to be brought at once by the Government for the purpose of taking from the Southern Pacific railroad about 10,000 acres of land in this state. B. D. Townsend, special attorney in the Department of Justice, is at Portland for the purpose of inaugurating the legal proceedings. The lands involved are the California & Oregon grant lands and are estimated to be worth about \$50,000,000, as most of the belt is heavily timbered. The lands were granted years ago. One condition was that they should be sold to actual settlers at the rate of \$2.50 an acre. The assertion is made that the railroads have not lived up to the terms of the grant, and in consequence the grant should be revoked. These lands are now worth far in excess of \$2.50 per acre and the Southern Pacific is slow to let go of the tract, and actual settlers on the land are unable to get titles to the claims that they have applied for. The matter was brought to the attention of the Government but before the suit could be instituted it was necessary to have a resolution passed by Congress. This required much red tape and considerable engineering on the part of the Government, for the railroad people were not asleep at the switch. Now that the Congressional end of the situation has been disposed of, the Government is ready to proceed with the suit.

for locations upon these lands. It has been stated that only actual settlers upon the lands would be given a preference right, but there are still many who are not convinced that they will be given no prior right because of having merely applied for the lands. There are no known cases in this county where parties are actually residing upon the grant lands. However, much interest is being taken in the government suit, for if it wins it will open up a large area of land for settlement as well as give back to the Government a large tract of timber land.

Remember Benefactor

Committees from all of the grades in the public school and the teachers and number of other students went to the cemetery this afternoon and decorated the grave of the late Joseph Conger, who in his will gave the greater part of his fortune to the schools of this city. Tomorrow will be Decoration Day, and the custom of remembering the benefactor of the schools on this day should be observed every year by decorating his last resting place. All of the pupils brought flowers, which were placed on the grave of the benefactor of the free educational system.

A. G. Duhme and J. C. Cravens, together with seven bear dogs, started for the hills this morning.

EXCURSION RATES BEGIN SUNDAY

W. R. Davis has received a telegram from Chas. S. Fee, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, stating that the tickets at the reduced rate to Portland would be placed on sale at Dorris on Sunday, instead of Monday, and would continue on sale until Wednesday. The time limit will be ten days and the placing of the tickets on sale on Sunday will enable parties from this city to arrive at Portland on opening day of the Rose Carnival. The cost for the round trip from this city will be \$25.35, and the Oregon & California Transportation Company will allow the same amount of baggage, 150 pounds, as is allowed by the Southern Pacific. The ruling to allow passengers 150 pounds of baggage on the boat and stage will be effect until further notice.

Another Automobile

Another machine has been added to the automobiles in this city. Willis E. Virgil went to Dorris this morning to bring in a car for W. T. Shive. It will carry four passengers and is modern in every respect. This makes the fourth automobile for this city.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE SEASON

W. K. Brown and B. F. Gould, two of the directors of the Buena Vista company, arrived in the city last night and will remain several days in order to decide upon the plan of improvement to be followed by the company this season. So definite action in regard to this matter will be taken until after the directors have their meeting which will be held either Monday or Tuesday of next week.

According to the terms of the franchise held by this company for a street car line they must operate an electric or motor car by the first of August and it is very probable that they will put on a motor within the next few months. Other plans pertaining to the development of the addition will be formulated while they are here and will be carried out by E. R. Reames, who is the local manager of the company.

The lecture by Judge C. B. Watson at the High School last night was one that was highly interesting to all who attended. Mr. Watson is a pleasing speaker and one who is well informed on the historic and scenic points of the state of Oregon. His lecture was a treat to the people of this city.

NEW CITY OFFICIALS

Organization Will Not Be Effected Until Next Tuesday Night

The newly elected city officials will take office Monday, but owing to this day being election day the organization of the new council will not be made until Tuesday night. It has not yet been learned as to whom the Mayor has slated to fill the appointive offices, nor are his policies known to the public. It has been learned that a number of the councilmen and also the Mayor are in favor of having made public all of the transactions of the council and it is

very likely that steps will be taken to provide for the publication of the proceedings of every meeting. The newly elected officials are all in favor of an economic administration and one of the chief aims will be to reduce the indebtedness of the city. The methods for accomplishing this have not yet been decided upon, but the members of the council are preparing to suggest several plans for increasing the revenue and also for cutting down the running expense of the municipality. It is very probable that the city will be bonded so as to provide sufficient funds to pay off the present outstanding indebtedness. The Mayor has views on this matter and will present them to the council after he takes his seat as the chief executive of the city.

"Anti" in Error

In the issue of the "Anti," appearing a few days ago, the publishers failed to furnish us with an exact copy of the affidavit of Geo. Chastain in regard to the amount of licenses received from the saloons by Klamath County since July 1, 1907. The following is a correct copy of the same as furnished to the saloon men: State of Oregon,) SS County of Klamath,)

I, Geo. Chastain, County Clerk of Klamath County, Oregon, do hereby certify that the following liquor licenses have been granted by the Hon. County Court of Klamath County, Oregon, since July 1st, 1907:-
July 3rd, 1907, J. W. Dyar, 6 mo, \$200.00;
July 3rd, 1907, Fleishmann & Fischer, 6 mo, \$200.00;
July 3rd, 1907, Hoyt & Wheeler, 6 mo, \$200.00;
Jan. 3rd, 1908, J. W. Dyar, 6 mo, \$200.00;
Jan. 2nd, 1908, J. H. Wheeler, Ft. Klamath, 6 mo, \$200.00;
May 6th, 1908, Edsall Bros., one year, \$400.00;
May 9th, 1908, Berry & Hettinger, 6 mo, \$200.00;
Total \$1000.00

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of Klamath County, this 25th day of May, 1908.

Geo. CHASTAIN,
COUNTY CLERK.

The discrepancy lies in the omission

BIDS ARE REJECTED

Secretary Garfield Turns Down Clear Lake Proposals.

CONTRACTORS WANT TOO MUCH

Also Required Per Cent. of Lands in Upper Project is Not Signed For Government Irrigation—No Plans for Future Have Been Announced

of the dates of the licenses. This omission would be immaterial but for the fact that it was evidently made with the intention of placing the Anti-Saloon Committee in a wrong light. In a circular issued some days ago the committee stated that the county had received \$1000 in licenses from the saloons since June 1, 1907. This statement was correct at the time the figures were taken from the County Clerks books, during the first week in May. \$600, the difference between the report in the "Anti" and that issued by the committee, was paid into the county on May 6 and May 8, as may be seen by the clerks affidavit, after the figures used by the committee had been secured. It will therefore be seen that the report of the committee was correct at the time it was made.

ANTI-SALOON COMMITTEE.

Candidates' Last Chance

Saturday night at the Opera House in this city will be the candidates' last chance to help themselves in this campaign. The occasion will be a grand ball at which a special effort will be made to have every political aspirant meet all of the voters and everyone who might be able to influence a vote. This will be the last opportunity for the people to get acquainted with the persons who desire to serve them, so it will be to the advantage of all to attend, and besides those who do not care about politics will be shown a good time without their having to talk politics. This being the case there is no reason why there should not be a large crowd and an exceptionally good time for everyone.

Case Is Submitted

A. W. Lafferty and Dan Johnston returned last night from Lakeview where they had been on land business. Mr. Lafferty appeared as the lawyer for a number of the parties mixed up in the 37-10 case. He says that it took two days to submit the evidence before the Register and Receiver, and that it will likely be some time before they will render a decision. Mr. Lafferty feels confident of winning the lands for the settlers.

Advices have been received from Washington that the Secretary of the Interior has rejected all of the bids on the Clear Lake dam because they were too high and because the required amount of land was not signed for government irrigation in the Upper Project. It is said that both of the bids that were received by the Government are far in excess of its estimate. The bids received were Mahoney Bros., at San Francisco, who bid \$115,770 on the two schedules, and by Maney Brothers & Co., who bid \$188,080 on the two schedules.

The high bids and the fact that only about 75 per cent of the lands are signed up, the Government demand being 80 per cent, are responsible for the rejection of the bids. It has not been decided what action will be taken in the matter. The Service may decide to readvertise for bids or it may decide to undertake the work by force account. However, until the required per cent of land is signed up it is not likely that any actual work will be done on that part of the project.

Litigation Continues

Parties returning from Lakeview say that the litigation accruing from the land rush of last Fall is still on in full blast and that in many instances one contest is being filed on top of another. In most of the cases appeals are being taken from the decisions of the Lakeview office and the indications are that the fight for the lands will continue for several more months. Most of the lands filed on as homesteads last year have since been relinquished and timber and stone filings placed on them. The Lakeview Office still has a large amount of work piled up.

Public School Closes

In so far as active work goes the public schools of this city closed today. Next week will be devoted to examinations and the correction of the papers. The year just finished has been a highly successful one and teachers and pupils are ready for the well earned vacation. The instructors have not yet made definite plans for the summer, but most of them will leave here for at least part of the vacation months.



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