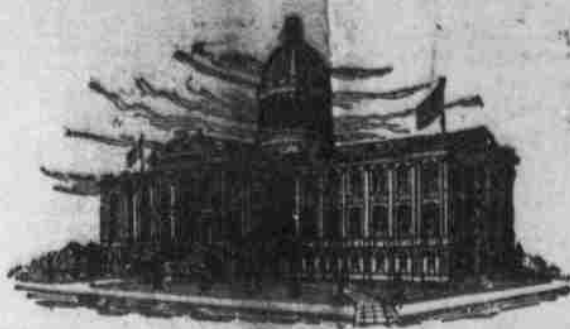


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ON THE LAND GRANTS.

Dolph's Recent Action Called in Question.

WHAT THE CONG. RECORD SHOWS

Reporting Adversely the Railroad Forfeiture Bills.

Following letter from a citizen of this county raises a very important question at this time:

MR. WHITE'S LETTER.
MARION, OR., Dec. 21, 1894.
ED. JOURNAL:—In your issue of the 18th inst. you quote under heading "For the Railroad," Senator Dolph as against the land grant forfeiture bill. As we are on the eve, through our representatives, of electing his successor, it will be interesting to your many readers to learn more in regard to this land grant and Senator Dolph's position regarding the same.

WHAT THE RECORD SAYS.
This is so important a matter that THE JOURNAL, which wishes only to be fair to Senator Dolph and his friends, has waited for the Congressional Record to arrive and finds on page 370, December 18, under "Reports of Committees," the following:

Mr. Dolph. I report from the committee on public lands adversely upon the bill introduced by me (S. 2354) to amend section 4 of an act to provide for the adjustment of land grants made by congress to aid in the construction of railroads and for the forfeiture of unearned lands, and for other purposes, and in this connection I report by direction of the committee a substitute, and submit a favorable letter from the secretary of the interior recommending the passage of the substitute.

The Vice President. The bill adversely reported will be postponed indefinitely.

This action of Senator Dolph, as well as his action on the committee, is subjecting him to severe press criticism and comes at a time when the people are aroused on this question as never before. The leading papers on the Pacific coast have been publishing petitions signed by thousands of people demanding passage of the land grant forfeiture bill and to take the side of the corporations in this instance would be flagrant disregard of the rights and wishes of the people by one of their senators. Senator Dolph at this critical time in the senate committee on public lands voted to report adversely the house bill providing for the forfeiture of the lands of railroad grants where the roads were not completed in the time specified in the bills, though built at a later period.

All citizens of Oregon who know anything about the matter are aware of the fact that millions of acres of our choicest farming and timber lands are held by these Pacific corporations for speculative purposes and all over the state in the mountains and in the valleys, where if they were government lands they could be had at \$1 25 an acre, these lands are held by these railroads at from \$8 to \$12 an acre and settlers are kept out. Furthermore these Pacific railroads are bankrupt, in the hands of receivers, and can never comply with the law to get a title.

Several Republican papers have recently dogmatically asserted that it is necessary to return Mr. Dolph to the senate, that the passage of the railroad land grant forfeiture bills may be assured. The people have wondered that their senator was not diligent at work and voting for measures that are generally understood to be to the interest of his constituents and now it is still more difficult to reconcile the action of Mr. Dolph on Tuesday last, when it is stated Mr. Dolph reported adversely on the passage of the forfeiture bill.

Senator Dolph's position is understood to be that congress has no right to forfeit said lands; second, that even if congress has the power to forfeit them, it would be unjust and inequitable to the railroad companies. In reply to this the Portland Sun says: "Companies who have always been unjust and inequitable with the government and with the people, with both the producers and the consumers of the public coast, who have and who do this day fail to pay to the government what is justly due by them to it, certainly are not in a position to appeal to equity. Equity can be secured only by him who first does equity."

It is rather remarkable that the Ore-

gonian has made no editorial comment on this matter of 54,000,000 acres of land which Senator Dolph voted to be retained by the railroads. It is stated that \$100,000,000 would not be an exorbitant value for this land.

SHOOTING AND CUTTING.

Some Eastern Oregon Celebrates Celebrate Christmas.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 26.—On Christmas day, Frank Fletcher, of Milton, shot James Ashworth, of Dry Creek. Fletcher, who was pardoned by Governor Penneyer last June, was in the penitentiary for life for killing Chas. Petrie, on Lionton Mountain in September, 1892.

Reports by telephone says that Ashworth was shot in the leg but not seriously. Fletcher is not yet in custody. Sheriff Houser has deputies scouring the country for Fletcher who is supposed to be hiding in the Blue mountains. The shooting occurred on Basket mountain a few miles from Weston. Fletcher was drunk.

At Echo a big crowd was gathered for a Christmas dance, and several men drank too much whisky. During the evening a row ensued between Dick Williams, of this place, and Sam Atkinson of Echo. Williams drew a dirk and made a savage rush at Atkinson. Mat Smith and Robert McCulloch attempted to prevent a collision and Williams cut each one severely. He then succeeded in getting at Atkinson, slashing him in the groin and inflicting two wounds six inches long on his legs. Williams has not been arrested. Atkinson is in a precarious condition.

In studying the economy of the kitchen bear in mind that Dr. Price's Baking Powder, owing to its greater strength and purity, is cheaper than the low priced powders.

The Eastern Oregon Asylum Case.

The injunction suit to restrain building the Eastern Oregon asylum has taken a new turn. The attorneys for A. C. Taylor, of Polk county, claim the mandate to the lower court to annul the injunction, is inconsistent with the court's opinion. A motion has been filed to recall the mandate of the supreme court, reserving the lower court in the Eastern Oregon asylum case.

Attorney Bigger has filed an exhaustive petition in the case. The new question was the verdict of the lower court reversed. The decree of the circuit court was that the injunction be issued.

This it is claimed was reversed by the supreme court and the case remanded for further proceedings not inconsistent with this order. The question as to whether the preliminary injunction is dissolved or not is to be argued. The case comes before the supreme court January 7, when Judge Morland of Portland will argue against the motion.

THE STEEVES MURDER TRIAL.

Very Damaging Testimony Against Him.

PORTLAND, Dec. 25.—The principal witness in the Steeves murder trial this morning was "Shorty" Carroll, who gave damaging testimony against Steeves. His story today was substantially as told in the Kelly trial.

Christmas Murders.

LAKE CITY, Fla., Dec. 26.—Yesterday Jesse Cain, colored, shot and killed Alice Johnson, colored. The murder occurred in the heart of the town.

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Dec. 26.—Yesterday a tramp known as "Texas" shot and killed a West Indian sailor named Ferris. Ferris was advancing in "Texas" when the latter shot. The murderer escaped.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Dec. 26.—At a negro ball here last night Letta Dickson cut Josephine Johnson's throat, killing her instantly. The murderer escaped.

ARCADIA, Fla., Dec. 26.—Yesterday morning John Haygood, a young white man, was shot and killed by Miles Ward, a policeman.

White House Christmas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The president and the members of the cabinet spent the whole day at their respective homes. At the white House it was children's day.

Cleveland ladies enjoyed their first Christmas tree, which was placed in the library. It was beautifully decorated. Mrs. Cleveland putting on the finishing touches.

A Heavy Tax.

TAMPA, Dec. 26.—A five thousand dollar fire occurred at Wilkeson last night. A sporting man killed a lamp light because a smoking man was going against his wishes.

STEAMER IN DISTRESS

The Columbia, Off Point Reyes, Asks Relief.

SOME INDIAN AGENCY REFORMS.

Good Suggestions for Uncle Sam to Consider.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The passenger steamer Columbia, which left here yesterday forenoon, for Astoria and Portland, was reported in distress off Point Reyes last evening. The tug Fearless, which was hastily dispatched late last night, came back to port this morning, and reported that she could not find the Columbia. It is now believed that the Columbia was only temporarily disabled, her machinery having broken down, and that the damage was repaired at sea. It is believed the whistle was blown to attract the attention of the freight steamer George W. Elder, which belongs to the same line, and left port yesterday evening. The Elder was due to pass Point Reyes about the time the Columbia reported in distress, and it is thought the Columbia commander desired the Elder to stand by until he completed his repairs.

INDIAN AGENCY KICK.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A general complaint against the issuance of government rations to Indians is made in the annual reports of agents. Captain P. H. Ray, of Shoshone agency, Wyoming, says: "They will never become self-supporting as long as the government gives them any semblance of support." Another factor retarding development complained of by Captain Ray is the domination of the chiefs in being allowed to dictate to agents as to the issue of annuities, and other affairs of the agency. The removal of troublesome chiefs is recommended.

The progress made at the Tulalip agency, Washington, indicates that within a few years these Indians have become self-supporting, and that independent of government aid. Some definite action is urged upon the department to restore to the Yakimas their rights at their accustomed fisheries on the Columbia river, Washington. The Yakimas refuse to take allotments, but have marked off a line which they claim as their reservation in common. They are reported in bad financial condition, and in great need of government assistance.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Among the few members of the house who were at the capitol today the prevailing opinion seemed to be the Republicans had it in their power to pass or defeat the currency bill. The Democratic vote, it is said, by one who has fully canvassed the situation, will be about evenly divided. The Republicans are generally expected to vote against the measure.

THE JAPANESE LOSSES.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 26.—The Japanese forces commanded by Field Marshal Oyama lost two officers and 52 men killed, and had 15 officers and 350 men wounded in the recent engagement with the Chinese troops commanded by General Sun, in the vicinity of New Chwang.

A HEAVY LOAD.

The Korean government has decided to borrow \$5,000,000 yen from the Japanese government and the government of Korea will issue notes to the amount of 10,000,000 yen.

Lexow Committee at Work.

New York, Dec. 26.—Ex-Wardman Whaley was recalled before the Lexow committee today and testified that he served in the 11th regiment under Captains Webb, Delaney, Eakins and Shotts and collected monthly money from disorderly houses, pool rooms, policy shops and saloons which he gave to the captain or never retaining any.

A CHRISTMAS EPISTLE.

Governor Penneyer Again Addresses the President.

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—Governor Penneyer remembered President Cleveland yesterday by sending him the following letter:

"Christmas has again visited our stricken land with its prostrated industries and its idle throngs, willing but unable to work and unwillingly forced to beg or suffer. Your panacea, a change in the Sherman law and the tariff have been administered but there is no change in the sad condition of our unfortunate country.

"After two years of ruinous delay and mismanagement, you have, thank heaven, at last discovered the real trouble, although you have not proposed proper remedy. As you now concede, the country needs more money, but it does not want the worthless stuff you proffer. It needs gold and silver money with which to pay debts, and it does not want bank rags with which it cannot pay debts.

"Sixty years ago the Democratic party had a president who defied the banks in the interest of the people. Has it now a president who defies the people in the interest of the banks?"

"All traditions of the party which elected you are for gold and silver money and against bank currency. Do you aspire to furnish an example of treason to the cause entrusted to your care which will be without any parallel, except one in all the annals of American history?"

"Your party in both houses favors the restoration of silver as a standard money, the people who are actually suffering from the existing prostration of business favor it, and will you not stand with them in overturning the monometallic policy of the British modeled oligarchy which is fast degrading our fair country to the condition of a subjugated province and our hitherto free people to a condition of financial serfdom?"

"Always remembering the unemployed multitudes all over our broad land, I pray that God may give you light and strength to do the right."

Dr. Price's got highest honors at the World's Fair. Another baking powder, which was not exhibited, claims an award. The claim is officially declared to be "without foundation."

Oregon Pacific Matters.

CORVALLIS, Dec. 26.—The excitement caused by the sale of the Oregon Pacific has not yet subsided, and general sentiment is against the confirmation, although by all persons fully conversant with the properties, it is thought best to have the sale confirmed and allow these people to put it upon a profitable basis. Bonner and Hammond, the successful bidders, mean to complete the road to its eastern terminus if the court confirms the sale. Court sits here on January 3 in an adjourned session for the purpose of considering this matter, and anxiety will not subside until after that time. The wagon road legislation talked of through the Cascades is not considered at all likely at this place.

Tariff Relations With Spain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Interesting developments are expected as a result of the strained relations between the United States and Spain over the tariff. Secretary Gresham has directed Minister Taylor at Madrid to notify the Spanish government that if the United States is not removed from the list of countries not having satisfactory treaties this country will retaliate. It is not believed Spain will yield to the protest of Secretary Gresham, in which event President Cleveland will probably issue a proclamation closing all American ports to the products of Spain.

The first effect of this will be to shut out the enormous shipments of raw sugar which comes to this country and cause a sharp advance in price, besides closing up refineries and throwing out of work many thousands.

H. L. Vinton has sold his crop of 42,000 pounds of hops to Uihman & Co., of San Francisco, for 5 cents per pound.

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THE GEORGIA RACE WAR ENDED.

The M. b and the Videttes Have Gone Home.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Ex Police Captain John L. Stephenson was sentenced by Judge Ingraham today to three years and nine months imprisonment in Sing Sing, and to pay \$1000 fine. The captain was found guilty of bribery, he having received four baskets of peaches from Martin I. Edwards, a produce dealer.

RACE WAR ENDED.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 26.—The race troubles of Brooks county are over. The Valdosta Videttes have returned to their homes and the mob has disappeared. Waverly Pike, for whose capture the mob was organized, is still at large.

No better proof of the value of character can be found than the high reputation enjoyed by Dr. Price's Baking Powder. Its good name and good work cover a period of over forty years.

Hawaii Safe.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—No concern or alarm is felt at the Hawaiian legation over the new rebellion to overthrow the present government and to restore the queen. Mr. Hastings, the charge d'affaires of the legation, received telegraphic reports from his government via San Francisco, after the arrival of the Australian about ten days ago, and the Arawa a week later, which says that everything is quiet.

He says the natives are peaceful and willing to accept the new government as it is, and have never been inflamed or stirred up since its foundation. He fears no danger from the bands of men, who are now reported as having designs against the government, and says there is but one full native-born in the list and asserts that there is no fighting men among them. The result of the revolution would be needless bloodshed and defeat.

From the Czar.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—President Casimir-Perier, yesterday, received General Tcherkoff, the special envoy from Czar Nicholas to formally announce the latter's accession to the throne of Russia. The reception took place in the palace of the Elyses. Troops were drawn up in the courtyard, and General Tcherkoff was received with high honors. Speeches were exchanged.

Snow in Nebraska.

OMAHA, Dec. 26.—Various points in the state along the northern border report a heavy snow fall last night. The farmers are very much in need of moisture. For the first time in years, plowing is going on in Nebraska at Christmas.

Howard of Enterprise.

"That was a good article you had in the paper this morning, Mr. Wronner, giving the details of the method by which an expert burglar opens a combination lock without having to blow the side to pieces," said the editor. "I have instructed the cashier to give you \$10 extra for it. Sorry to part with you, Mr. Wronner, but we shall not need your services any longer."

"What?" gasped the reporter. "You give me \$10 extra for that article and then discharge me?"

"Yes, sir. I discharge you for knowing how to write it."—Chicago Tribune.

Irish bog oak is probably the best known example of workable wood dug from the ground. It is perfectly black and has good grain for carving.

The Roman catacombs are 200 miles in extent, and it is estimated that from 5,000,000 to 15,000,000 dead are there interred.