

# MISMANAGED.

## The Public Lands of Oregon.

### Governor Lord's Plain Words on the Subject.

We quote the following from Governor Lord's message on the subject: STATE SCHOOL LANDS.

The successful management of state lands depends upon laws enacted to promote the object for which they were granted, and their strict administration. Oregon has been the beneficiary of large land grants for various objects, and much legislation has been devised and enacted in regard to them, but our state has not realized the benefits and advantages which it should have received from them. All that can now be done is to take care of and dispose of what remains, so as best to promote the objects and distribute the benefits of these grants. It is greatly to be regretted that the law did not make better provision for the segregation and mapping of state lands, for indexing all sales of them and disclosing their location, and further providing that the officers in charge of the land office, when requested by a purchaser, or other interested person, should give the information asked, as appears from the record. It would have saved purchasers much unnecessary expense, and greatly aided in conferring the benefits designed to be given by the grants. But, without legal provision, the land department office ought to have adopted rules and regulations that would have served this purpose. The records of the office ought to have been kept in such a way that a person desirous of purchasing a certain piece of state land could easily ascertain its location, whether it was taken or was for sale, without incurring the unnecessary expense of hiring a third party. By neglecting to do so, it was only possible for its officers, or those who had acquired special knowledge of the location of state lands, to consult the record as kept and ascertain the desired facts. Such a mode of doing public business offers too much temptation for wrongdoing and scandalous practices to justify its existence or continuance. Some of our statutes, however, seem to have been expressly designed to encourage despoliation of state land purchasers. Our statute, repealed in 1895, was framed in such a way that a party desiring to purchase a piece of indemnity land, was compelled to take the risk of title to the land which he selected, but as could obtain no assistance from the records of the land office as kept, he was forced by the necessity of the case to seek a land attorney who could find a base before he could make his selection and consummate the purchase. This usually involved the payment of fees, often equal to the price of the land desired, and was a service that, under proper practice, was wholly unnecessary. What was the result? It now appears that many of the bases selected by these land agents were not subject to be taken, and, the title failing, the purchaser falls back upon the state and asks to be indemnified for his purchase money. The case is a hard one. He has paid for his land and the state has his money, but he has received no title to such land, and he is out the price of the land and the other sum—whatever that may be—paid to the land attorney. Even if the person whom he hired to select the land was liable, which is perhaps doubtful, he would probably prove a poor resource for his losses. The case is one of a bad statute working in combination with a bad office practice. The state, under such circumstances, imposed upon the purchaser an impossible task, if it desired to sell its land, which is reasonable to presume. When it imposed the risk of title upon the purchaser of the land he selected, the state ought to have required that the records of its land office should be kept in such a way that he could consult them, and obtain all necessary data about the land, and then, if he made mistakes, the fault being with him and not in the office, he should take the consequences. But

when the fault lies not in him but in the practice of the office, forcing him to seek outside agencies, the responsibility of risk of title is inconsistent with the duty imposed upon the purchaser, and he should not be held answerable, and his purchase money should be returned to him without interest. The aim of the present land board has been to make the land office serviceable and inexpensive to those having business with it, and, under the direction and management of its efficient clerk and his subordinates, the records have been classified and arranged, indexed and notations on the maps have been made and rules and regulations have been adopted, designed to simplify and expedite the public business, and make inexpensive the doing of business in the land department.

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Provision.  
Portland, April 7. Wheat valley, 75c. Walla Walla, 74.  
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Potatoes, Oregon, 50@65c per sack.  
Hay, Good, 13@14.00 per ton.  
Hops, 10@11c.  
Wool, Valley, 10@11c; Eastern Oregon 7@9c.  
Mohair, 15@17c.  
Millstuffs, Bran, 14.50; shorts 16.50.  
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 33 00@40.00; turkeys, dressed, 12 1/2@14c.  
Eggs, Oregon, 9 1/2@10c per doz.  
Hens, green, salted 6 lbs 6 1/2c; under 60 lbs; sheep, 10@12c.  
Tallow—2 1/2@3c.  
Onions—2.00@2.25 per 100.  
Wheat Bags—Calcutta, 00 per 100.  
Beans—small white, 1 1/4@1 1/2c; lima 3 1/2.  
Hops Heavy, 4.25.  
Butter, 1st dairy, 21@30c; fancy creamery 45@50c.  
Cheese, 12 1/2c.  
Dried Fruit—Apples, evaporated, bleached 6 1/2@7c; unbleached 3 1/2@4c; sundried 4@5c.  
Plums—5@6c.  
Peaches, 7@8c.  
Prunes—1 1/2@2c.  
Veal—small 4 1/2@5 1/2c; large 4 1/2c per lb.  
Mutton—Weathers 3.50@3.75; dressed mutton, 6c.  
Beef—Steers 3.25@5.00; cows 2.25@2.50; dressed 6.  
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Lard—in pails, 7c.  
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Hops, Best, 9 a 10c.  
Eggs, week a 7c.  
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Plums—4c.  
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