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LAND GRANTS AND RESULTS.

THERE WAS A TIME when it was considered the proper thing to give any bunch of men that wanted to build a railroad at someone's expense besides their own, anything they wanted in the shape of a land grant. There seemed to be a general idea that the people had more land than they could use otherwise, and that it was all right to give it away. There was a further idea that most of the lands belonging to Uncle Sam were worthless, or practically so, and that it was really good business to wish them onto someone. Acting on this theory, among other gifts were those to the Southern Pacific Railroad company.

Besides a strip running from Ogden, Utah, to San Francisco, and lieu lands for all such as had been already located by private owners, there was another vast tract given in southern California. Still another tract was given to aid in the construction of the road from San Francisco to Portland. Recent developments show how badly mistaken the lawmakers were, who gave away these vast tracts, as to their value. Recently Judge Wolverton, of the federal court, declared forfeited more than 2,000,000 acres of the grant here in Oregon. What its value is would be hard to say, but \$100,000,000 would be a conservative estimate.

The railroad stands to lose this through its own greed and its failure to comply with its part of the contract. It was supposed to sell these lands to actual settlers at not to exceed \$2.50 per acre, but it did not do this, as it knew that the lands were worth much more.

Now, a suit is under way to forfeit oil lands in southern California, valued at \$500,000,000, the suit being brought on the grounds that oil lands were excluded from the operation of the grant.

However this suit may be decided, it calls attention to the remarkable increase in values of land, due to the discovery of oil in that section, and it also calls attention to the necessity of the people holding fast all the public domain still left them, at least so far as donating the same to anyone is concerned. It calls attention to something else that the public should heed, and that is the way in which we are allowing the water rights now owned by the people to be grabbed by anyone wanting them. A suit for \$500,000,000 looks rather important, and it sure is some money even for a newspaper man to contemplate but it is a trifle so far as value is concerned when compared with that of the water rights in this state that we are allowing to slip through our fingers, and into the hands of private owners. The time is coming when those who come after us will have to look to the water power of the country for their light and heat. Just now our water rights do not seem of such great importance, but was not this the case with California oil lands a few years ago when we were giving them away? Oregon has a water power variously estimated at from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 horsepower. The average price at which this power is sold in the United States is \$48 per horsepower per year. Taking the lower estimate of 3,000,000 horsepower and we have a yearly return from the use of the state's water of \$144,000,000. With the larger estimate it would be \$288,000,000. Of course, it would require that this water power be controlled before these returns were possible, but the income from a small start would soon provide the funds for controlling the rest. The total valuation of the California oil lands is only double what Oregon's water power would yield yearly, and what it will yield some time, either to the people or to the private owners who succeed in corraling it. It is up to us to say which shall have the benefit of this vast source of wealth that belongs to us now, but which we are carelessly allowing to get away from us.

As we cannot use this power just now, wisdom would suggest that private parties be allowed to use it, but not to acquire title to it. A nominal rental would do this, permit the use of the water and at the same time preserve the ownership to the people.

A NEW FIELD OF RESEARCH.

THIS IS SURELY the Progressive Age. We are not alluding to the Bull Moose party, but to affairs generally. The latest in this line is a movement started by the dentists to discover, if possible, why the teeth of modern man are generally defective. This is a laudable undertaking, and one in which the dentists have the best wishes of the entire people. The movement was started from some dentist noticing that the teeth of such samples of the prehistoric cliff dwellers as are now available for examination, invariably have a perfect set of teeth. Naturally the question arises, why? This is what this progressive dentist wants to find out.

At the same time it looks like a hopeless undertaking and one that makes the Friedmann investigation seem like child's play. The silent evidences of a bygone race, manage to remain that way. Unless the dentists are wise enough to learn from the showing of teeth there seems no other evidence that is available. They can hardly hope that the remarkable story told by Bret Harte will be repeated; and that as they commune silently with the bony relics of a bygone race that "with the expressed juices of the weed nicotine," there will be any further information vouchsafed, at least none any more satisfactory than was that volunteered by the Calaveras skull when it confessed: "Which my name was Bowers, and my skull was busted falling down a shaft in Calaveras county and I'd take it kindly if you'd send the pieces home to old Missouri."

It is, however, suggestive that the dentists should seek information, from an empty skull. It may be thought, that that is the reason that the profession has not yet found out the secret of the cliff dwellers' perfect teeth. Anyway, the fraternity has the best wishes of the whole world in its efforts to furnish it with better, or for that matter, any teeth.

THE MAYOR'S AUTHORITY IS DOUBLED.

MAYOR GAYNOR says that "If Jesus Christ found a lot of boys playing baseball on Sunday, he would put his arms around them and bless them and tell them to enjoy themselves." This may be correct, but with even our limited knowledge of Mayor Gaynor, we very much doubt his being exactly the person Jesus would pick out to outline his conduct, at least, without having the privilege of censoring the report. The mayor also stated that "God sat brooding for millions of years over the diffi-

culties of this earth, but the mayor should solve every problem immediately." Of course, the mayor was a trifle angry when he made these statements, and should not be held to a year or two, nor should he be blamed for being mad, for the Pulitzer had been after him in the New York World, and an attack in a newspaper always makes the party attacked mad, especially if the statements are true.

It strikes us, though, that the mayor of New York, the selection of Tammany, is hardly the proper person to pass out any real reliable information along the lines of what God did, or what the Savior would do, under given circumstances.

The mayor, however, was not satisfied with the above statements, but discussing Sunday drinking, he said "Rich men drink in their clubs Sundays, why then should not poor men drink in their saloons?" He also says that "the problem of Sunday drinking was one which Solomon would have difficulty in solving." This shows the wide range of the mayor's information and his profound understanding of the limitations of old King Solomon's wisdom. But what seemed to worry the mayor most, was that question, he asked: "The rich men drink in their club, why should the poor men not drink in their saloons?" We, of course, know, but if we enlightened the mayor, it would probably only make him madder, hence we will not tell him, and if he can't find out elsewhere, he will have to go to his grave, or at least out of office without having his soulful question answered.

A HINT ABOUT THE JAPS.

THE CENSUS just completed in Hawaii shows some suggestive figures. Of the 83,996 males in the islands over 20 years old, 41,795 are Japanese. Of those all but 11 who have become naturalized, still owe allegiance to the Mikado. It will be seen from this that practically half the entire male population is Japanese. The same census shows there are only 14,000 Caucasians, or about one-sixth of the population. There are 18,000 Chinese and Koreans.

Of the population effective for fighting purposes, only one-sixth is Caucasian, and the Japs outnumber them three to one. These figures become interesting in the face of the claims of the pro-Japanese in this country, that if the restrictions were removed the Japanese would become patriotic American citizens. In Hawaii only 11 out of more than 40,000 became American citizens and these probably with a string on their oath of allegiance. There were only the one-fortieth of one per cent that availed themselves of their right to become citizens. This does not look as though the Jap desired to sever his relations with his own country, but rather indicates that he is a missionary for Japan.

HINTS JEALOUSY OVER WIFE CAUSED TRAGEDY

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Lewiston, Idaho, July 20.—Enduring a grueling examination yesterday, Mrs. George Dearing, whose husband was killed on the Idaho county range near Grangeville June 29, and for whose death James Dearing, a nephew, is charged with murder, testified as to what she knew of the killing of the well-known stock man.

At the examination of Mrs. Dearing at Grangeville yesterday Rees Hattabaugh, the prosecuting attorney, sought to bring out testimony that James Dearing, a nephew, and Mrs. Dearing were on such terms that jealousy resulted between the murdered man and the nephew.

The testimony displayed that there had been considerable dissension in the Dearing home for several months prior to the time that George Dearing ordered his two nephews from his ranch, and that subsequent to that time unfriendly existed.

The state will rest its case today, when the defense of James Dearing will begin.

The case is being conducted behind closed doors.

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ACCUSED "SPY" IS REMOVED AT WASHINGTON

Washington July 10.—J. P. McMichael, charged by Mulhall with being a spy at the capital in the employ of the National Association of Manufacturers, was removed today from the government rolls.

McMichael was formerly chief of public records in the house, later a messenger acting as a doorkeeper and several months ago was appointed an elevator conductor in the house office building on the recommendation of Representative McDermott, of Illinois.

Colonel Mulhall charged that while holding the defined positions at the Capitol, McMichael was a principal spy of the manufacturers' association on the undertakings and the movements of representatives and received pay from the association.

Superintendent Woods removed McMichael as the result of disclosures, and Speaker Clark today signed the order appointing a temporary successor.

CANADIAN PLAYER WINS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Folkestone, England, July 10.—The plans of the Canadians and Belgians competing in the Davis tennis cup semi-finals were changed today, and play started. In the first of the singles today, Powell, of Canada, defeated Borman, of Belgium, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1.

LIBERTY AND PRINGLE NOTES.

Earl Mason made a trip to this neighborhood Saturday night.

Hoyt Cupp made a trip to Salem Monday.

Mr. Grabenhorst's folks, of South Salem, visited in this neighborhood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wain made a trip to this neighborhood Sunday.

Mr. Snodger was home from Portland over Sunday.

Mr. Prothers visited Liberty Monday.

Mrs. Cram has been visiting in Salem during the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Neiderheiser made a trip to this neighborhood last week.

SOCIALIST TEACHER BARRED BECAUSE OF HIS TALKS

Everett, Wash., July 10.—The Snohomish county superintendent of schools has refused to approve the employment by the Arlington, Wash., school board of J. E. Sinclair, of Tacoma, as principal of a school at Arlington. The matter has been appealed to the state superintendent. It is charged against Sinclair, in his capacity of secretary of the Socialist State Educational Bureau, recently issued a circular to the boys and girls of the state, which, after criticizing the laws passed by the legislature, said:

"The funniest of all the laws that they made down there by the Olympia oyster beds is this: Once every month when you go back to school next September, you will have to go out in the yard and stand up in the room and salute the capitalistic flag and tell the following to it out loud:

"I pledge my allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands. One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

"If you will not salute the flag and say this stuff to its face, you will be punished by your capitalistic teachers or expelled. Now boys and girls, what do you think of these laws?"

SHINGLE STORAGE DENIED AT MINNESOTA TRANSFER

Journal News Bureau, Washington, July 10.—The interstate commerce commission has approved the action of various railroads serving the territory between the North Pacific coast and the Missouri river in canceling the provisions of their tariffs by which storage has heretofore been given at the Minnesota transfer, Aberdeen, S. D., and points east on shipments of shingles and lumber en route from Oregon and Washington to points east of the Missouri river, but requires the carriers to continue in effect the reconignment service on such settlements as these points.

The commission also refuses to allow carriers to withdraw the service of storage diversion and change in destination of consignee at eastern points on lumber and shingles from the Pacific coast, and requires the roads to insure this service on connecting lines contemporaneously granted to other shippers of lumber and shingles.

ELKS NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH AT ROCHESTER

Rochester, N. Y., July 10.—Thirty Elks attending the grand lodge reunion here narrowly escaped a drop of 175 feet into the Genesee river tonight when a sightseeing car in which they sat crashed through a bridge railing. At the highest point the bridge is 212 feet above the river.

The accident was due to the attempt of the chauffeur to avert a collision with a runaway driven by a woman. When the big machine hit the bridge railing ten feet of the guard crashed into the river. The right front wheel of the big sightseeing car hung over the bridge and the car had to be jacked up before the party could go on.

FAILED TO SIGN WILL.

Fresno, Cal., July 10.—Because John Waleher, a hermit of Riverdale, Fresno county, failed to sign his will, a fortune of \$200,000, which he wished to go to the Fresno County Orphanage will be administered by the county administrator, and the orphanage will receive nothing. It is said that he has an aged sister living in Switzerland.

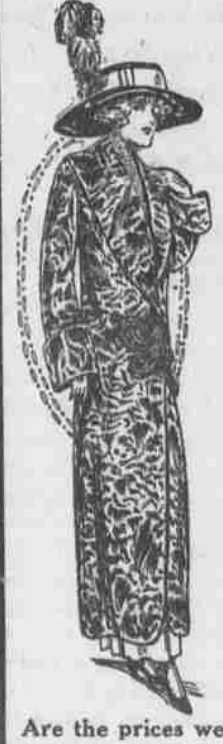
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HOPPERS INVOKE APPEAL TO KANSAS GROWERS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Topeka, Kan., July 10.—Governor Hodges today received an appeal from farmers of Western Kansas asking him to invoke an old law to aid in the fight on grasshoppers in the western counties. The law, long unused, was enacted just after the great grasshopper invasions in 1873. It provides that every able-bodied man, woman or child between the ages of 8 and 50 years may be called upon to fight grasshoppers.

In the last week farmers have reported thousands of dollars loss to crops from myriads of grasshoppers. Governor Hughes tonight sent telegrams to the authorities of all the western counties of the state where reports of damage from the insects have been made, asking that a general campaign against the pests be begun at once.

The governor did not believe it necessary for him to issue a proclamation invoking the old "warning outlaw" at the present time, as the county commissioners of each county can do effective work by invoking the old law, or by making arrangements with the farmers to aid in the campaign.

The King of All Laxatives.

For constipation, headaches, indigestion and dyspepsia, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. Paul Mathulka, of Buffalo, N. Y., says they are the "King of all laxatives. They are a blessing to all my family and I always keep a box at home." Get a box and get well. Price 25c. Recommended by J. C. Perry.

DESPERATE FIGHT TO END LIFE IS FAILURE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Anacortes, Wash., July 10.—Filling his pockets with rocks, E. A. Cram, aged 70 years leaped into the bay here in an effort to end his life. He was rescued by Charles Euton, and, after recovering sufficiently, was removed to the county poor farm at Mount Vernon.

THIRTEEN BOTTLES OF POP KILL BOY

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Los Angeles, July 10.—Daniel Graham, a 12-year-old boy of Monrovia, who drank 13 bottles of pop to wash down a large volume of candy and pastry, is dead. Graham was the second child to succumb at Monrovia to excessive indulgence in soft drinks. It is said the boy was endeavoring to establish a record in the absorption of soft drinks.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

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LESS BOWEL TROUBLE IN SUMMER

Salem people have found out SINGLE DOSE of simple BARK, glycerine, etc., as compound in Adler-ka, the German bow stomach remedy, relieves constipation, sour stomach or gas on the INSTANTLY. This simple became famous by curing appendicitis and it antiseptizes the digestive organs and draws off the impurities surprising how QUICKLY! J. C. Perry, Druggist.

The Latest Fashion News

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