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## THE LAND GRANT CONFERENCE

Just what the meeting now in progress between the state officials, members of the committee of the recent land grant conference and Southern Pacific representatives hopes to accomplish is past all finding out. It was stated that the railroad representatives attended the meeting clothed with full authority to treat finally with the committee relative to the final disposition of the O. & C. lands.

It would be well indeed if this could be done, but how can any agreement be reached that will have any effect in settling the matter, which is entirely within the hands of congress?

Neither the state officials nor the committee can make any arrangement that is binding on anyone, other than to agree with the railroad representatives on something that would satisfy both, but with this a remote possibility, even should it be done, what has been gained?

As the matter stands the supreme court has decided that the lands belong to the Southern Pacific in fee simple. That company under present laws can sell the lands at \$2.50 an acre and no more, and not more than 160 acres to one person. It can do this or it can refuse to do it, if it feels like it, for the court said it could take its own time about selling. This being the case, the railroad can make its own terms so long as it is willing to pay taxes on the lands.

So far as congress paying any attention to what arrangement is made, it might as well not be done; for about all that can be done is to fix some terms on which the lands can be sold; and if these do not suit the railroad what can congress do about it? Congress is a pretty big and powerful body but there are some things it cannot do and one of these is to take the lands in question away from the railroad company without paying for them, and if it pays for them it will either place them in a forest reserve or make some arrangement for selling them differently from what is now proposed.

It is suggested that congress compel the company to sell the lands according to the terms of the grant, that is at \$2.50 an acre, but this is just what the supreme court has said congress cannot do, for it has held the grant was "in praesenti," and the title was absolute in the railroad company. We nearly all think out here that the railroad company has forfeited all rights to the land—but the court holds differently.

It is conceded that the conference is well intended, but so perhaps is Henry Ford's peace movement, and it will probably accomplish just about as definite results as the latter.

When the congressmen from east of the Mississippi get through with the business and the conservationists have their inning, what Oregon needs or wants will not have cut any perceptible amount of ice.

About all it seems possible to do is to keep on levying taxes on the lands while we can, and when we can't, kiss them good-bye with a cheerful and kindly recollection of what they have done for us in the way of taxes while we had them with us.

It might be added that the proposition to cut the timber off the lands and then sell them for agricultural purposes, while it looks nice in print and has a musical sound, is impractical. As a matter of fact the value of the timber on a given tract of land would just about pay for clearing it, and while this would give the purchaser the land cleared, that is if the timber could be applied for this purpose, it must be remembered that a poor man cannot undertake the job. He would starve to death a dozen times while getting enough land cleared to support himself. Congress has a tough job on its hands in untangling the snarl and conferences and agreements made by others will have little bearing on the final result.

It is estimated that every newspaper has five readers. This being the case the Capital Journal's family of readers now numbers 20,365. This is going some and the family is steadily and rapidly growing.

They are holding meetings to protest against Sunday closing laws, but what's the use. The people of Oregon have so many laws, so many officials to execute them and are so hopelessly tangled in the maze of legislation and borne down with the burden of taxation that they are rapidly drifting beyond the point of protest even. A few laws, more or less, fail to arouse any particular interest among the people, and if some county attorney should dig up an obsolete statute closing everything up for seven days in the week it is doubtful if there would be any very strenuous protest registered. Business, capital and industry is just about on the point of capitulating to the reformers who are the only people who have an occupation worth while left in Oregon.

Evidently many people have but little confidence in Ford's peace movement. Rev. Frank L. Loveland of Portland says of it: "When Europe acts the rascal, America acts the fool." Allen B. Parker, one time democratic candidate for president, calls Ford "A strutting clown" and most of the other prominent persons asked to accompany the expedition declined while others did not even pay him the courtesy of answering his invitation.

In London Lloyds will bet against anything. It is betting now with the English soldiers at the odds of eight to one that they will not be killed. This means that so long as not more than one in eight is killed Lloyds cannot lose. With the larger part of England's army at home it looks as though Lloyds had a lead pipe cinch on that bet.

The shooting of Ashland's postmaster Tuesday made a fine opening for a bit of yellow journalism, but not a newspaper in the state took advantage of it. Suppose the story had been printed under a big display head: "Kaiser is shot." The newsboys could not have passed out the papers fast enough for the public.

Greece has about as attractive a choice in deciding what she will do concerning the war as one sentenced to death in Utah. In that state the generosity of its people is shown by its tender feeling toward criminals of this kind who can be hanged or shot just as they prefer.

Villa is certainly having a hard time. He has been killed a dozen or more times, fatally wounded as many more and now he is hopelessly insane and wandering in the deserts of northern Mexico.

It is possible there is any connection between Ford's invading Europe and the resignation of half the Austrian cabinet yesterday?

Since the game with the Syracuse team is over the O. A. C. team knows exactly how a door mat feels in bad weather.

Christmas in 24 days and the wets have, as the bankers and lawyers would express it: "Thirty days without grace."



## THE MAGAZINES

The magazines have known a slump; they're gravitating to the dump. Ten years ago their lives were gay, and they controlled the right of way. Their advertising made them thick, and heavy as a paving brick. Their circulation boomed along, and life was just one grand sweet song. Of course the publishers were sure their bed of roses would endure, but in this world, wherein we stay, conditions come and pass away. The moving pictures made a hit, and folks who used to read and knit beside the fire, on winter nights, now drift downtown to see the sights. The auto came and seemed to be a family necessity. And people toured to distant scenes, who used to read the magazines. Life's business now is just to roam; no one has any use for home; our thoughts are all on "record speed," and so we haven't time to read. And so it is the magazines sell slower than old cans of beans. Where once the newsman piled them high, to lure the eager public eye, he now lays in but three or four, and seldom has to order more. It's sad to see the magazines immersed in clammy soup tureens!

## Secretary Garrison Replies to Ex-President

Washington, Dec. 2.—After considering former President Taft's charges that the administration had dismissed in partisan fashion many Philippine employees, Secretary of War Garrison came back at Taft today with a statement proclaiming his charges "unjust, unfounded and reckless," and untrue in each instance. He charged, too, that O. Garfield Jones, whose article in the Oakland, Cal., Tribune provoked the discussion between Garrison and Taft, had sold his news article, attacking the administration to the republican paper after failing to sell to a democratic paper an article favorable to the democratic island administration.

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Washington, Dec. 2.—That wholesale

## Threaten To Kill Every American

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## UNCLE SAM LOOKING FOR MORE EMPLOYEES

Many Good Jobs For Specialists, But These Are Seldom In Need of Them

One good thing about a job in the Civil Service department of the United States, is that the holder thereof, holds his job as long as the work is done satisfactorily, and the other good thing is that the pay is regular, regardless of poor business or hard times.

Examinations are held every month at Seattle, and a poster on the bulletin board at the local postoffice announces several within the next few weeks. Interested parties may send to the postoffice here for blanks and additional information.

For instance, here is a fine \$3,000 job waiting for some one. This amount is what the government is willing to pay for a man who can satisfy the Civil Service examiners that he could fill the job of special agent as a Latin American trade expert.

A nice little income is awaiting the man who can qualify as specialist in insects, to the extent of \$2,000 a year. The man without special training is up against it when it comes to a fancy salary, as the government is only willing to pay \$750 a year for a sawyer and mechanic, which seems to indicate that it pays to be a specialist.

Cotton classifiers are offered \$900 a year, while an oil gauger pulls down \$1200 yearly, with a sure chance of holding the jobs regardless of weather or local business conditions.

A pulp and paper engineer for the forest service stands high with the government as the offer for the right man who can pass by the Civil Service examiners, is a salary of \$3,000 a year.

Those ambitious of entering the government service, might watch the bulletin board at the Salem post office and finally discover one in which they might take a chance at it before the civil service examiners.

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The discoloring or roughening to which many skins are subject at this season, may readily be gotten rid of. Mercotized wax, spread lightly over the face before retiring and removed in the morning with soap and water, completely peels off the disfigured skin. Get an ounce of the wax at any drugist's. There's no more effective way of banishing chaps, blotches, pimples, freckles or other cutaneous defects. Little skin particles come off each day, so the process itself doesn't even temporarily mar the complexion, and one soon acquires a brand new, spotless, gloriously beautiful face. Wrinkles caused by weather, worry or illness, are best treated by a simple solution of powdered saxolite, 1 oz., dissolved in 1-2 pint witch hazel. Bathing the face in this produces a truly marvelous transformation.

## Senators Object To Proposed Cloture

By Bond P. Geddes.  
(United Press staff correspondent.)  
Washington, Dec. 2.—A tieup of the senate over the proposal to adopt a cloture rule, postponing plans for delivery of the president's message next Tuesday was threatened today. Democratic senators met in caucus and endeavored to avoid a deadlock on Monday which would affect the Tuesday session. Re-election of Senator Clarke of Arkansas, as chairman pro tem was anticipated despite the opposition of Senators Reed and Stone and some feeling that Clarke's position last spring on the ship purchase bill was not "right."

Senator Owen, head of the special committee charged with bringing in a cloture proposal opened the caucus fight for the "gag rule." He reported that the committee had not agreed upon several plans presented. Debate followed. Owen thereupon urged that the caucus adopt a general declaration in favor of cloture without binding the democrats to support it as a party measure. It was expected that this course would be adopted, thus leaving the question to an open fight in the senate. If this results, the senate may not be able to organize by Tuesday.

Some of the opponents of cloture fought the plan in the caucus, arguing that it ought not to be a party proposal. At the same time, they expected to carry into the senate their fight against a "gag" such as the house rules committee exercises in the lower body.

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## "FAULKNER HAS AN ACTIVE IMAGINATION"

District Attorney Much In Doubt As To Truth of Witnesses Story

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 2.—"He has an active imagination," this was the only definite statement District Attorney Clay Allen would make yesterday concerning examination yesterday afternoon of Ruleigh Faulkner alias Falconer, opium smuggler suspect, who several days ago said he could name the "higher ups" who fired Pier 14 here and caused the explosion of a large of dynamite in the local harbor last May.

Faulkner, who is being held at Tacoma for federal authorities, last week told a detailed story as to how an attempt had been made to employ him in fire and bomb plots along the Seattle waterfront.

Allen was reticent today as to the outcome of yesterday's conference. "The papers have been printing rather fuller details concerning Faulkner than we would have cared to have printed," he said. "Faulkner had little to say, other than what has already been printed. We are convinced that some of his statements might possibly be true."

## A RAILROAD DIVORCE

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 2.—Three federal circuit judges were slated today to hear arguments in the government action to separate the Central Pacific railroad from the Southern Pacific.

William Herria, vice-president and chief counsel of the roads, denied today that there had been any restraint

of trade. He claimed on the other hand that being under one ownership and management, the roads constitute a single system. He held they are so conducted and situated that one is not complete without the other. The government was represented by Edward McClellan, Attorney General Gregory's special assistant.

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