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THOSE RAILROAD GRANT LANDS

If the Capital Journal had the solution to the O. & C. land grant problem in its own hands, it would turn them over to the railroad company without any strings attached. That would settle the question at once and put it squarely up to the company to work out its own salvation.

In common with a majority of the people of this state, we believe the railroad company forfeited all claim to the lands by failure to keep the covenants of the grant. Long drawn-out litigation, however, has failed to establish this point, the supreme court deciding that the title is vested absolutely in the O. & C. company, and that the grant is irrevocable. What more then can be done? The people have lost their main contention and there is nothing to do but make the best of it, and the sensible course would be to give up the losing fight.

Any legislation adverse to the company's claims will only result in more litigation, tying up the lands indefinitely even for purposes of taxation.

If the lands are turned over to the railroad company, no legal objection to their taxation could be raised, and the company would be forced to dispose of them at the earliest possible moment in order to escape an annual tax expense of approximately \$500,000. As long as they were held in their present shape this would be a splendid addition to the tax roll, and it would in a few years absorb the total value of the lands.

The value of the grant lands is grossly exaggerated by impractical conservationists, ignorant of the real facts. Possibly 200,000 acres might be fit for settlement, where home-builders could eke out a precarious existence. Hundreds of thousands of acres will never be worth one year's taxes levied against them. The most valuable is the limited area of timber land, and upon this the company would be able to realize a considerable sum of money. The contention that much of this timber land would be valuable for agricultural purposes after the timber is logged off may be true, but it requires two or three generations to remove the stumps and make it suitable for such purposes.

We know the character of the land better than many of those who are so active in advancing theories for handling it, and make the assertion that if the grant was turned over to a shrewd and experienced company at \$2.50 an acre, and taxed at the present basis of valuation while they were attempting to dispose of it, that company would probably go into bankruptcy before they finally closed up the deal.

The solution proposed is too simple we admit to appeal to the theorists and conservationists, but if the railroad people were told to take the land, do as they pleased with it, pungle up taxes on it every year, the way they would move to get it into the hands of private owners would be an object lesson in business hustle that would be worth watching.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP WINS

The news of the purchase of the local distributing system of the Oregon Power Company at Eugene by the municipal plant of that city was given out yesterday.

This ends a long fight of the city against one of the strongest private corporations in this country with a complete victory for the people.

When the people of Eugene entered upon a program for the ownership of their light, power and water plants they met opposition of the most bitter and obstinate kind, at the polls where bonds were proposed and in the courts, on every possible pretext. The editor of the Capital Journal was then editor and publisher of the Eugene Daily Guard and for six years led the fight against a multi-millionaire corporation, winning every legal and political contest during the time.

The water system was first acquired by purchase and next an electric power and light plant was installed, which proved a success from the start. The lighting rate was cut from 15 cents per kilowatt to 8 cents, and even

at that rate the plant was a great money maker, taking care of bonded interest, providing for a sinking fund, and laying up a large cash balance each quarter. This enables the water board now to buy out its rival, paying \$50,000 in cash out of accrued profits, the balance to be paid monthly from current profits, which will be largely increased with the rival corporation disposed of. No additional bond issue was necessary in order to acquire the property for the city.

The editor of the Capital Journal is pleased at the outcome in Eugene because of the prominent part he took in the fight for the right of the people to manage their own affairs in a business-like way. The outcome has vindicated his judgment. It is an object lesson of what any community may do when the people at the head of its affairs, backed by an independent and honest press, go ahead to work out municipal problems with the same intelligence and earnestness that is given to the management of private business operations. There is no reason why a municipality should issue bonds solely for sewers, street improvements and those other things which are dead investments, and balk at investments in public utilities which will pay interest, operating expenses and a clean profit besides. Eugene, our next door neighbor, has made a splendid success by embarking in business which of right should be controlled by a municipality in the interest of its people, and going a little further away we have successful examples in Seattle, Tacoma, San Francisco and Pasadena. It is the dawn of a new era in the building and management of cities.

If you think the rain monotonous and the weather here bad, take up yesterday's Capital Journal and read all about the storm in New York and the eastern states. Two feet of snow in the city with an army of 40,000 trying to shovel it up and haul it away so the streets of the city would be passable, trains stalled and people living in the suburbs nine hours getting to their work, and on top of all this a gale blowing and the mercury hunting the cellar in the thermometer. Then take note that here the temperature was about 52, the grass fresh and green, roses and other flowers in bloom, showers and sunshine chasing each other like the early spring, and the Capital Journal left high and dry on your porch at dusk to tell you all about the benighted, and be-frozen, and snowed-under denizens of the far east.

Tacoma folks, or some of them, have requested the mayor to have the prohibition law go into effect before January first so that there will not be an orgy at the time. As whatever day is the last one for the wets will probably see considerable more than the average amount of drinking, it looks as though this "remedy" would simply change the date without affecting the result. Maybe the originators of the plan are in a hurry to have the "saturnalia of drunkenness" arrive.

The national republican convention will be held in Chicago June 7, to nominate a candidate for president, just one week before the great unwashed meet to nominate the president at St. Louis. It looks just now as though the nominee on the republican ticket would be Hughes or Roosevelt, but this will change before the convention date rolls around, for Hughes is not disposed to make the race, and the powers that be realize that Teddy can't.

Last week the Polk county court made its tax levy for 1916 and in it provided for its share of building the bridge across the river here. As Marion county is ready with the funds and Salem can arrange for her portion, there seems to be nothing in the way of a new bridge next year, and that is not far away.

When Henry Ford's peace party reaches The Hague its internal dissensions may be settled by the court of arbitration without resort to force. At least we all hope so.



WAR NEWS

"The foe has lost six yards of trenches, and now feels pretty sick; those husky boys of Sir John French's rushed in and did the trick." "The Germans captured Hillock Twenty, which cost 10,000 men; they soaked the Britishers a-plenty, and drove them back again." "A triumph for our splendid navy! We sank a pleasure boat! Our super-dreadnaughts are, by gravy, the grandest things afloat." "The Turks are using gas, whose stench is too strong for Christian throats, and so they robbed us of some trenches, and captured seven goats." "K's policy of watchful waiting appears to lose its charm; the morning sheets are broadly stating that he's a false alarm."

"The king, who tumbled from his charger, still has a lumpy brow; the lumps, however, are no larger, and there's no panic now." "Our heroes scrambled from the trenches, just as the sun went down, and caught a brace of country wenches who carried cheese to town." "The Russian hosts are still retreating, yet fight from ditch to ditch; they surely take a lot of beating, and punishmentovitch."

Many Hops Purchased In Independence District

Portland, Or., Dec. 14.—Hop supplies in the Independence section have been further reduced by the purchase of about 900 bales of well-known growth. The most important deal reported, and one of the largest of the season, was the sale of the Percival crop of 687 bales to the Wolf Hop company, at a reported price of 10 cents. Porterfield & Sons, crop of 112 bales was bought by T. A. Livesley & Company, who also obtained the Cook lot of 93 bales. There was some doubt as to the prices received for these two crops, but it was believed the former brought 12 cents and the latter 12 cents or a little better.

California wires indicated a fairly steady market in the south, where 10 to 12 cents was being offered for Sonomas. The Bossman crop of 150 bales was bought by Wolfe at 11 1/2 cents. Proctor bought two lots at 11 cents and Donovan one lot at 12 cents.

There is much curiosity as to the unsold stock of 1915 hops in Oregon, but the dealers have not yet undertaken to check up the lots, and may not do so until after the first of the year.

Shipments to date amount to about 60,000 bales. The association is believed to hold about 25,000 bales, and stocks in dealers' hands, not shipped, are estimated at 5000 bales. If the crop was 100,000 bales, which is the average estimate of hop men, it would indicate that only 9,000 bales are left unsold in Oregon, outside of the association.

Wheat Buying for Shipment East
Portland, Or., Dec. 14.—The strength of the Chicago market had but little effect on wheat prices in Portland yesterday. At the Merchants Exchange bids were practically the same as at the close of last week, except for a curb advanced in spot club. Asked prices were also close to those of Saturday.

Reports from the country were of continued moderate buying for shipment eastward. California operators are doing nothing, nor are exporters buying much wheat to come this way.

It was reported at Chicago that the Spanish government had authorized the purchase of 7,500,000 bushels of wheat, duty free, and recommended the American grain.

"Nyeena Klossha Mahee" An Ideal Christmas Gift

If you are going to send little souvenirs to your friends in the east, and of course you are, you will find that little book of poems by J. H. Cradlebaugh just the thing. It has some pretty word pictures of Oregon and the pioneers, and other poems, that will make the readers glad that Christmas time came and caused them to get your little present. Get it, read it, enjoy it, then send it along to make some friend smile and be happy with you. It is on sale at Patton's, each \$1.00, paper 50c. It is beautifully illustrated with photographic views of Oregon scenery. Shop early in this case.

FRENCH WOMEN ARE DEMANDING VICTORY

Paris, Dec. 15.—The National Council of French Women after deciding not to part in any international political congress during the war, has issued the following manifesto:

"The German women are making demonstrations for peace. We mothers, wives, daughters and sisters who have not lost, but have given all that is most precious to us, must make demonstrations for war."
"We must not let a word of peace be uttered until our dear dead are avenged, our country liberated and a great victory achieved. We do not want war for war's sake; we want war for the sake of peace."
"French women, love and be worthy of your country. If we cannot give our blood, let us give our heart and soul."

WAUCONDA WOMAN SOUGHT

Portland, Ore., Dec. 14.—Portland police were informed yesterday that Mrs. James Jerabek, of Wauconda, Ore., has been missing since December 4 and is believed to be in this city. Information given to Patrolman Cason was to the effect that the woman had left her home in company with a man named Virgil Jones and had run away to Portland. The man is said to be carrying a revolver and hunting knife.

Mrs. Jerabek is 42 years old, five feet, five inches tall and weighs about 135 pounds. Her hair is dark, mixed with gray and her eyes are brown. She was last seen wearing a long gray checked coat.

Blighs Beat Oregons In Bowling Match

The Bligh bowlers took two out of three games from the Oregons at the Club alleys last night though the Oregons piled up the greater totals of pins. L. Price, of the Blighs, rolled 213 for high game and Anibal of the Oregons averaged 187 for the three games. The score follows:

	Bligh	Oregon
L. Price	156 213 171 180	
Hagedorn	159 203 130 164	
Shaw	159 150 145 154	
K. Day	178 204 157 179	
Humphreys	198 162 173 177	
Totals	848 941 776	
Total pins, 2565; average, 171.		
Anibal	189 189 184 187	
Sundin	149 156 166 157	
Zenger	173 175 171 173	
Whorley	163 158 134 152	
Laflar	173 189 195 186	
Totals	847 877 850	
Total pins, 2574; average, 172.		

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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HONOR MEMORY OF LOUIS R. STINSON

Prominent Lodge Men From Throughout State Join In Memorial Services

Prominent Knights of Pythias from all over the state joined with Central Lodge No. 18 of Salem last night in paying tribute to the memory of Louis R. Stinson, former grand master of records and seals who died in this city in October of this year. Many came as delegates to the lodge and others in the domain of Oregon came as friends of Mr. Stinson and to pay their respects to his memory.

Willard L. Marks of Albany, grand chancellor of the Oregon Knights of Pythias delivered the eulogy in memory of Lou Stinson.

Mr. Marks said that he was present at the memorial gathering more as Lou Stinson's friend than as his fraternity brother. "Whenever any Knight of Oregon mentioned the name of Lou Stinson," said Mr. Marks, "it was as a friend. At his funeral service we did not pay a last tribute to his memory, neither are we paying him a last tribute tonight for as long as the Knights of Pythias exist in Oregon, tribute will be paid to Lou Stinson. I am glad to say that not all of our roses were apt for his grave, for many fine things were said of him while he was alive, and many times have I seen the tears roll down his face when he was recipient of the eulogies of the members of the grand lodge. In his life he portrayed the doctrine of friendship, charity and benevolence. It was a result of his test of friendship that everybody called him 'Lou.' Upon him was very properly conferred the title of 'Oregon's best loved Pythian.'"

State Senator Gus C. Moser, W. M. C. C. of Portland, L. M. Carl, of Albany, Past Grand Chancellor Frank S. Grant and others made short talks of recalling their acquaintance with Mr. Stinson and speaking in glowing terms of his qualities as a lodge brother and a friend. Chas. Merrick presided. The Pythian Sisters attended the services in a body.

The grand lodge officers who participated in the exercises were: Willard L. Marks, of Albany, grand chancellor; J. W. Maloney, Pendleton, grand master of exchequer; Lefe Pineda, of Dallas, district deputy grand chancellor; H. M. C. C. of Portland, supreme representative; Walter G. Gleason, Salem, grand keeper of records and seals; Frank S. Grant, Portland, past grand chancellor; Dr. A. E. Wrightman, Silverton, past grand chancellor; and Judge R. G. Morrow, of Portland, past grand chancellor.

Prisoners Paroled To Leave Country

In accordance with a request made by the United States Immigration Service, Governor Whitcomb today is imposing conditional pardons to two men wanted by the Federal authorities for deportation. The two men conditionally pardoned are: Louis Vargas, convicted in Umatilla county in February, 1915, of larceny from a store and sentenced to prison from one to seven

years, and Ernest Albert Ward convicted in Multnomah county, in May, 1915, of assault with intent to rob and sentenced one to ten years. As the only manner in which prisoners can be released from the penitentiary for deportation is by means of pardons these men were released upon condition that they be delivered immediately to the proper Federal officers and that they forever stay outside of the boundaries of the United States.

Social Service Center May Employ Nurse

The Salem Social Service Center met last night to discuss a number of problems that have been brought to the attention of the organization. The Salem Woman's club gave the Social Service Center the sum of \$30 per month for three months to be spent by the later organization. It was proposed to hire a visiting nurse jointly by the schools and county but no definite action was taken.

A vote of thanks was expressed by the meeting to the woman's club for their generous offer and appreciation was also expressed for the manner in which the public responded on Bundo Day when over 1000 bundles were received.

TO GET SAFE CONDUCT
Washington, Dec. 15.—Safe conduct for Attaches Royed and Von Essen, recalled from the German embassy at America's request have been granted by the Great Britain as asked by the administration.
The British embassy gave this word to the state department; the matter of safe conduct for the attaches' successors, however, has not yet been considered. Nothing probably will be done until these have been named.

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