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THE OREGON, CALIFORNIA LAND GRANT

The trouble in dealing with the Oregon and California land grant, of some 2,400,000 acres, is the widely divergent character of the land and the vast difference in values. At \$2.50 per acre, the price fixed in the grant, at which the lands should be sold—the total value would be \$6,000,000.

It is claimed, however, that these lands contain seventy billion feet, board measure, of timber; and that this is worth not six million, but sixty million dollars.

Large portions of the grant cover rugged and inaccessible mountain sides; other portions have been burned over; others still are rocky, barren and practically worthless. Some quarter sections would be dear as a present; others are worth as much as \$20,000.

If the government took over the grant it would have to sell a portion of the lands at more than \$2.50 per acre, or lose on the transaction, for some of the lands would never be sold.

If the lands are put on the market at \$2.50 per acre the available timber lands would be taken up at once, and most of them at the behest of big timber interests.

No one could honestly acquire them under the homestead law, for the lands cannot be cultivated, and in most cases they have no value other than the timber. It will be seen from this that whoever located them would do so for the purpose of selling them to the big timber owners; for they could do nothing with them themselves, and the big fellows could and would therefore get them practically on their own terms.

The Ferris-Chamberlain bill, which is indorsed by Congressman McArthur, is the only one offered so far that in any way solves the problem, and this is meeting much opposition. This bill proposes to classify the lands as agricultural, timber and mineral, and to dispose of them as such, and as the law provides. There are objections to this just as there are to all other proposed solutions; as there will be to any others that may be suggested.

Oregon is interested in having the matter settled in some way soon, so that the lands may bear their proportion of taxes, and she is not concerned so much as to the means taken, or bill passed to accomplish this. Chamberlain's bill is perhaps as good as any that can or will be offered.

Yesterday's dispatches told of 30,000 wounded dying unaided in the snows where they fell on the bloodiest of all battlefields. What is the situation today with another twenty-four hours of slaughter finished? The wires tell us this battle is likely to last for two weeks. What of the wounded at the end of that time? Sherman was mistaken when he said "war is hell." All the fiends of the most orthodox hell ever imagined could not and would not create such heartless carnage, such red-handed murder, such ruthless destruction of life.

Another brutal murder of a man and wife comes from Wilderville, Josephine county, where a man named Bousman deliberately waylaid and shot L. B. Akers and his wife, neighbors with whom he had trouble over fences and stock trespasses. There must be something in the isolation of lives down in the southern Oregon hills, that produces morbidness and destroys all ideas of the sacredness of human life. Bousman in jail expresses no regret and shows no signs of remorse.

While discussing the violating of international laws, what is the matter with taking up the turning loose in the channels of the world's commerce, floating mines that destroy any and all kinds of ships and those of any country without giving warning or anything else?

Yesterday morning the dispatches announced the candidacy of Fairbanks for the presidency was being well received throughout the states outside of Indiana, and that he stood a fair chance of corraling the nomination—and before noon it snowed.

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UNDYED HATS

From Danbury, Connecticut, the hat capital of America, comes word that uncolored headgear will be the rule for men this year.

The explanation is that there are no more dyes to color hats with. But Danbury need not give any excuse. The nation will be so glad of a little relief from the recent color wave that any "lids" turned out in the natural hue of the animal that wore them originally will be welcomed with gratitude.

We presume that most hats may be traced back, directly or indirectly, to sheep. We have seen sheep attired in white, gray or brown, but never a blue sheep, nor a purple sheep, nor an emerald or lavender or fawn-colored sheep, nor any other of the various weird colors inflicted on the public the last season or two by hat makers and haberdashers in collusion with young men of reckless taste. If those Easter-egg gents' hats were due to German dyes, and if the manufacturers would continue the same outlandish styles if they could get the colors, then we're reconciled to the aniline embargo. Anyhow, gray hats are good enough for anybody, and much safer for most types of masculine beauty.

Mr. E. L. Goodsell, of New York, was in the city yesterday to call on Governor Withycombe and secure his indorsement of his plan to have the apple growers of the northwest unite in chartering a ship and sending their apples to Europe, which he says can be done at the modest price of 33 cents a box. It is understood the governor did not oppose the idea seriously and that Mr. Goodsell got his permission to go ahead with his plans. As it is impossible to get cars and equally impossible to get ships, Mr. Goodsell is in much the same condition as Marie Antoinette who when told "the populace cries for bread," naively asked: "Why don't they eat cake?"

Judge Gantenbein, of Portland, yesterday morning established a new record for divorces, granting seven in thirty minutes, or practically one every four minutes. All were granted on complaint of wives and none were contested, the husbands generously allowing the women to have the possession and care of the twelve children of the seven marriages. Men are much more kind hearted and generous—in this respect than women.

A general exodus of Mexican exiles is reported as taking place, and the Department of Justice thinks this means new trouble brewing in Mexico. Among those missing from their accustomed haunts is Felix Diaz. One report says he has gone to Mexico to head an Indian revolt. While this is denied it is certain he has gone to Mexico, and equally certain it is not for the purpose of making a friendly call on Carranza.

It was not a pleasant picture the dispatches presented yesterday, that of 30,000 wounded and helpless soldiers lying and dying in the snow and rain, beyond the reach of succor or aid. That is a picture the mind can see—partly and dimly; but the picture of the suffering and despair, of broken hearted mothers and wives, is beyond human imagination.

Mayor Albee of Portland has decided that the game of freeze out played in the prohibition saloons will not utterly corrupt the unemployed, and so has consented to let the boys amuse themselves with the kitty.

So many republicans are throwing their hats into the ring in the scrap for the presidential nomination that some of them are liable to lose their headpiece if they do not have it checked.

This being the twenty-ninth of February it necessarily follows that it is a much rarer day than any the poets can find in June. It is in fact more than rare—rare.



THINKING AND SPEAKING

I think a lot of things each day, but what they are I will not say. His thinking seldom gets a soul in any sort of awkward hole, if he has sense enough to keep his dark reflections buried deep. I think old Kickshaw is a bore, and when he talks he makes me sore, but when I meet him on the street my manner's mild, my smile is sweet; I listen to his booming rot, pretending that it hits the spot. And so old Kickshaw swears by me, and he would take his snickersnee and carve traducers if they tried to tan a sample of my hide. I do not say the things I think, if they would make some neighbor shrink, and so I get along in peace, and have no use for the police. The man who always "speaks right out" such thoughts as he may have about, must walk nine miles to find a friend, and he is lonely to the end. And oftentimes, to crown his woes, he has a dislocated nose, and wears a beefsteak on his eyes until the inflammation dies.

CAPTURES THE OLD MOTHER been responsible for a great number of her species running rampant in the Ab- was laid low by the true aim of J. L. S. ovovora this season is Mr. Morley's rec- Morley, Sunday. This old prowler has ord.—Silverton Appeal.

THE MARKETS

The following prices for fruits and vegetables are those asked by the wholesaler of the retailer, and not what is paid to the producer. All other prices are those paid the producer. Corrections are made daily.

Wheat continues weak in the local markets and today the top price is 75 cents. Oats are still running at the 35 and 37 cent mark. Butter is now retailing for 35 cents creamery. The remainder of the market is quiet.

Grains	
Hay, timothy, per ton	\$14.00
Oats, vetch	\$12.00@12.50
Cheat	\$12.00
Clover hay	\$12.00
Wheat	77c
Oats	35@37c
Rollod barley	\$35.00
Corn	\$40.00
Cracked corn	\$41.50
Brns	\$25.00
Shorts, per ton	\$25.00

Butter	
Butterfat	31c
Creamery butter, per pound	34c
Country butter	20@25c

Eggs and Poultry	
Eggs, emulded, No. 1, cash	17c
Eggs, case count, cash	16c
Eggs, trade	17c
Hens, pound	13c
Roosters, old, per pound	6@8c
Spring chickens, pound	13c

Pork, Veal and Mutton	
Veal, dressed	9@10c
Pork, dressed	10c
Pork, on foot	7@7.1-2c
Spring lambs	7@7.1-2c
Steers	5.1-2@6c
Cows	4@5c
Bulls	3@3.1-2c
Ewea	5c
Wethers	6.1-2c
Lambs, grain fed	7.1-2c

Vegetables	
Cabbage	\$1.75@2.00
Tomatoes, California	\$1.75@2.00
String garlic	15c
Potatoes, cnt.	\$1.25@1.7c
Brussels sprouts	10c
Sweet potatoes	\$5.50
Beets	\$1.00
Carrots	\$1.00
Turnips	\$1.75
Celery, case	\$5.00
Onions	\$2.75
California head lettuce, case	\$2.50
Apples, Hood River	\$1.25@1.7c
Walla Walla spinach	\$1.25

Fruits	
Oranges, Navels	\$2.25@3.25
Tangerines oranges	\$1.75
Lemons, per box	\$4.25@4.7c
Bananas, pound	5.1-4c
California grape fruit	\$3.00
Florida grape fruit	\$5.00@6.00
Cauliflower	\$2.50
Grapes, barrels	\$4.00
Cranberries	\$12.00
Pineapples	7.1-2c
Honey	\$3.50

Retail Prices	
Eggs, per dozen, fresh ranch	20c
Sugar, cane	\$7.25
Sugar, D. C.	\$7.05
Creamery butter	35c
Flour, hard wheat	\$1.60
Flour, valley	\$1.50

PORTLAND MARKET

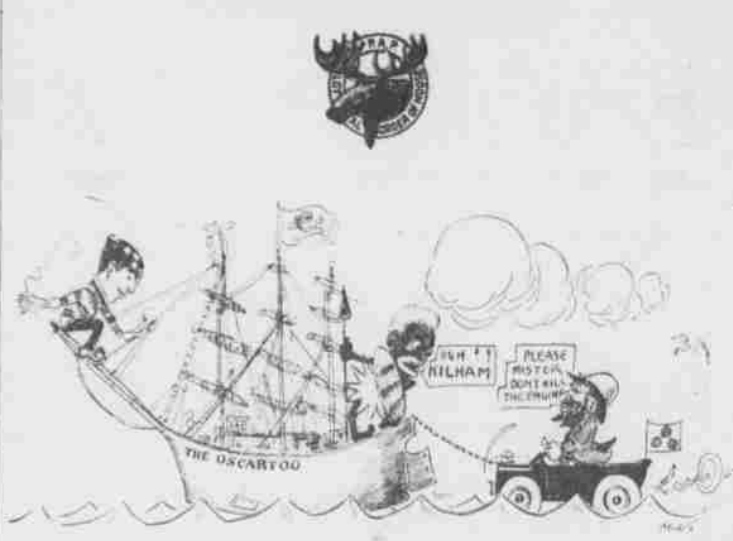
Portland, Ore., Feb. 29.—Wheat: Club, 90@95c.
Bluestem, 95@1.02.
Fortyfold, 93@98c.
Red Russian, 85c.
Other: No. 1 white feed, 42c@45@ 25.00.
Barley: Feed, 42c.00.
Brewing, 43c.00.
Hogs: Best live, 88.00@8.05.
Prime steers, 87.50@7.70.
Fancy cows, 80.50.
Calfes, 48.00.
Spring lambs, 86.05.
Butter: City creamery, 29c.
Eggs: Selected local ex., 18@20c.
Hens, 14c.
Broilers, 18@20c.
Geese, 10@11c.

Movement Is On To Frame A Slate For G. O. P. Delegates

Portland, Ore., Feb. 29.—A movement is on to frame a slate for the republican delegates in the national convention. The avowed purpose is to secure an even break on the delegation between the conservative and progressive elements of the party. The yardstick by which conservatism or progressivism of candidates is to be measured is their vote for Taft or Roosevelt in 1912.

A tentative slate has been prepared, but those connected with the movement state that it is still subject to revision. Just how they expect to put the slate over has not been explained, but they say that leaders on both sides are ready to talk agreement. Here is the slate as it now appears:
Delegates-at-large—Bruce Dennis, La Grande; George Rodgers, Salem; Ben Selling and S. B. Huston, Portland.
Delegates First district—Daniel Boyd Enterprise; Stephen A. Lowell, Pendleton.
Delegates Second district—Grant B. Dimick, Oregon City; Robert A. Bosta, Eugene.
Delegates Third district—Thomas Mannix, Phil Merschan, Jr., Portland.
In this lineup Dennis, Rodgers, Boyd, Dimick and Mannix are the Roosevelt men, while Selling, Huston, Lowell, Bosta and Merschan are tagged with having voted for Taft.
Not one of the men mentioned has as yet filed declaration of candidacy and it is understood in some instances, at least, names have been used without the men being consulted.
On the other hand, eight men have

Feature No. 9 MOOSE LODGE ALL STAR VAUDEVILLE SHOW THURSDAY, MARCH 2 GRAND OPERA HOUSE



The Oscar too upon the blue, with Moreland, Robinson & Goldstein, three comedy stars that will make the Moose audiences roar with laughter. Every line means a laugh, and this trio certainly know how to put things over. It will not do to say too much, suffice to say that The Oscar Too is some act, and will make the original Oscar II, look like 30 cents. The Moose committee guarantee all that this act will be a dandy. Lunar Tooze, take notice, watch for Feature No. 10, tomorrow.

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Old Colorado Miner Likes Gates District
A letter received in The Capital Journal office this morning, written by a Salem man, former Colorado miner, now employed in the mines on Gold Creek, has the following concerning the Gates mining district.
There is much talk here in the way of a good sized boom for the district this summer, and there is certainly considerable activity in the many mines.
The Black Eagle people are entertaining two leasing propositions.
The Silver King will put in a water power plant and install a compressor.
The Crown Point company is also arranging to put in an air compressor.
The Minnie E. company is planning extensive development work.
The Lewis & Clark are arranging or have arranged a bond and lease on their extensive property.
The Gold Creek company is doing extensive work driving a long cross cut to tap the main on body and have a crew of six on the job.
There is some snow left over in places in the mountains which makes packing over the trail a tough job.
It strikes me as the making of a good camp only needing the right man to bring it to the notice of the big fellows with money to develop it. There is an abundance of chulapprite and other copper ores all carrying more or less gold values and some mining into real high grade.
He concludes with a pathetic appeal, "For God's sake, send me a Journal, have not seen a paper for a month."

Waldo Hills

Dr. H. S. Stone, a newcomer to Albany, who in partnership with Dr. Elmer C. Gipe, is opening a Chiropractic sanitarium in Albany, closed a deal Saturday evening, whereby he traded his 415 acre farm eight miles south of Salem in the Waldo Hills, adjoining the noted 300 acre walnut ranch, for 15 five acre Pirtle Home tracts at Pirtle station. This is the second large deal closed in the Pirtle addition within the last 30 days.
While the consideration is private, it is shown by the revenue stamps, and from other reliable information to be over \$40,000.
Dr. Stone has made his permanent home in this city. The other purchaser is E. W. Hughes, manager of the open house, who has also made his permanent home here.—Albany Herald.

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