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OREGON WEATHER Fair tonight and Saturday; cooler Sunday southwesterly winds.

TAXING O. & C. GRANT LANDS Up in Lane county the taxpayers are not going to take any chances of losing the possibility of revenue from the O. & C. granted lands. Courts of equity are uncertain. Because the railroad company that has apparently lost its right and title to the lands in question is making no noise at this time is no proof that it is not getting its heavy artillery loaded and ready to fire when the time is opportune. The Lane county people see the possibility that, after all, the railroad may come out winner in the end, and to be ready for such a contingency, they propose to keep the lands on the tax roll and to collect the taxes some day if the railroad maintains its contention. Speaking of the action of the bureau of taxation of the Eugene chamber of commerce, the Guard has the following comment: "It would appear an action little short of folly to leave this land from the assessment rolls. The validity of the government's title will not be determined for possibly five years. In Lane county, it would cost possibly \$500 a year to carry this land on the assessment rolls, or \$2500 for the five

year period. At the rate of \$80,000 a year, a total of \$400,000 back taxes would accumulate during that time. It is a 160 to 1 gamble, and worth taking the chance, when, in the view of many men who are authorities on the law, congress had no power to take back lands which had once been given to the railroad.

"The Sinnott resolution providing that at least 40 percent of the reclamation portion of the proceeds from the sale of the railroad grant lands be spent in Oregon would benefit Oregon as a state, but its effect would be to work an injustice on the section of the state in which the lands are actually located. It would build up eastern Oregon at the expense of western Oregon. If a more liberal share of the money from the sale of this land is to be spent in this state, in all sense of fairness, it should be spent in the counties which are to be deprived of a great source of revenue, should the validity of the action of congress in vesting title to the land in the government be sustained.

"In the event the courts shall finally hold that the land belongs to the railroad, by placing the lands on the assessment roll Lane county will be in a position to claim \$400,000 back taxes. Should the government's title be upheld, if the passage of the Sinnott resolution is deferred, the Oregon counties directly interested would still have a chance to obtain some direct relief.

"The wise policy, under the circumstances, for the section of the state most vitally concerned, it appears, would be to place the lands upon the assessment rolls and to oppose the passage of the Sinnott resolution, which threatens to preclude further action by congress. For Lane county to support the Sinnott resolution, as suggested by the Portland chamber of commerce, would be to place ourselves on record in a manner which some day might embarrass our efforts to secure legislation more directly beneficial.

"As for the payment of taxes by the county into the state treasury

upon Oregon & California lands, whether the taxes are actually collected by the county or not as has been the rule in the past, it is not improbable that the legislature at the coming session may take some action which would prevent the necessity for such payments, under the circumstances, until the tax has actually been collected, so that the counties will not be penalized because of their efforts for protection in the face of a very uncertain situation."

ATTACK AT GORITZ COMES AS SURPRISE

Rome, Aug. 11.—The Austrians lost more than fifty thousand in killed, wounded and prisoners in the two days of fighting that preceded the fall of Goritz, according to despatches received here today. This number was equally divided between prisoners and casualties in the field.

East of Goritz, Italian cavalry continues to press the pursuit of the retreating Austrians and is now reported to have reached the Lubiana plains. The Italian force that turned south from Goritz to drive the enemy out of the bend of the Isonzo, has encountered most stubborn resistance on the Carso plateau, where severe fighting is going on. The main body of Italians that cross the Isonzo apparently has not yet joined in the pursuit. All despatches from the Goritz front declare that only a part of General Cadorna's troops on that sector are now engaged with the retreating Austrians.

Austrian prisoners report that the blow at Goritz came as a complete surprise. Their commanders believed that the Italian Isonzo front had been stripped of both men and munition supplies to repel the Austrians in the Trentino and anticipated no attack against Goritz for at least two months.

Reserves were rushed up to the Goritz positions Sunday night after the Italian attack began. They found the advanced Austrian positions blown to pieces and the Italians pouring through numerous breaches in the Austrian line.

MAY ARBITRATE IN ALL LABOR DISPUTES

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—Arbitration of all San Francisco's industrial disputes will be attempted at once, if the suggestion of Mayor Rolph, in an open letter made public today, is adopted by the chamber of commerce and the labor unions involved.

The mayor proposes that the central labor bodies and the employers organizations appoint five members each and that to the board so organized be added Archbishop Edward J. Hanna and four more clergymen appointed by the archbishop. He suggests that such a board be given power to act and expresses the belief that it "could quickly relieve much of the present industrial friction, correct abuses, prevent strikes, lockouts and boycotts and insure industrial peace, without which neither capital nor labor can prosper."

The mayor's suggestion was at once endorsed by the Building Trades council, and other union organizations are considering it today.

The employers' organizations have not yet replied. Simultaneously with the mayor's appeal, the police committee of the board of supervisors rejected the proposed ordinance to make picketing by striking workmen a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine and imprisonment.

FRENCH RESUME OFFENSIVE BREAKIN LULL AT VERDUN

Paris, Aug. 11.—French broke the long lull on the northwestern front of Verdun, west of the Meuse, last night, attacking and cleaning up a German trench east of Hill 304, it was officially announced today. Several prisoners were taken.

North of the Somme French artillery bombarded German organizations effectively throughout the night.

Letterheads at the Courier. Location notices, Courier office.

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TIME CARD The California and Oregon Coast Railroad Company (The Oregon Caves Route)

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PORTLAND MARKETS

Portland, Aug. 11.—Today's market quotations were: Wheat—Club, 112½; bluestem, 117. Oats—No. 1 white feed, 28.00. Barley—Feed, 29.50. Hogs—Best live, 9.75. Prime steers, 7.00; fancy cows, 5.00; best calves, 7.50. Spring lambs, 8.25. Butter—City creamery, 30; Country 27. Eggs—Selected local extras, 28 @ 32. Hens, 15; broilers, 16 @ 17; geese 10 @ 11. Copper 28¼.

MUCH PROPERTY LOSS FROM EASTERN FLOODS

Chicago, Aug. 11.—Reports of heavy property damage and loss of stock in floods caused by rains which fell all last night throughout Illinois, Iowa and parts of the middle west, were received here today. It is estimated that the losses will run into the thousands of dollars. At Rockford, Illinois and districts nearby, houses were demolished, and hay, wheat and oat stacks were blown away by the high wind. Street car service was abandoned in the afternoon when the power plant was put out of commission. The hardest hit places were at LaSalle, Spring Valley and Tiskilwa, Illinois, where several washouts on the Rock Island railroad, were reported. Nearly half an inch of water fell in the first 15 minutes of the cloudburst. The weather bureau declared today the storm broke the heat wave and that from now on it will be cooler.

ILLINOIS VALLEY

Mr. Graham, insurance agent of Medford, was in the valley on Thursday on business. County Surveyor Hall is at Waldo surveying land for J. T. Logan. J. E. Wilson is doing carpenter work on Mr. Ford's house. Mrs. Abbie Bailey, who has been visiting friends in Grants Pass, has returned. John Griffin is prospecting on Diamond creek. Mrs. Chas. Owen has returned from Seattle, where she visited for the past month. Elmer Morey has moved from Taklma to "The Lodge." Joe Schultz, of Hornbrook, will farm Mr. King's place the coming year. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Murray of Central Point, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sowell and daughter, Lenore, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hervey. Ray Cooke, of the Deep Gravel mine, is in Medford on business. The Woolsey Dredging Co. of California, which bonded considerable property in the valley, now has several drills at work prospecting to determine whether it will pay to install a dredger. M. H. MacIlwane is in charge of the work. Miss Mary Wilson is staying with Mrs. Corbett, who was injured by running a nail in her foot. Miss Grace McCann has returned from Monmouth, where she attended normal. Geo. Houck's house caught on fire Friday, but the fire was put out without any damage except to the roof. This has been an unusually bad year for rattlesnakes, a number having been killed, and several persons narrowly missed being bitten by them. Envelopes printed at the Courier

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