

## ON UNCLE SAM'S LAND

THE MOUNT WILSON RAILWAY  
MEETS AN OBSTACLE

## FINDS ITSELF A TRESPASSER

It Does Not Own Its Right of Way.  
Its Only Chance is an Appeal to  
Congress—Land Decision

The Mt. Wilson Railway Company is put in a decidedly awkward position by a decision just received at the Land Office here, and should the United States government, as desired, it could order the famous mountain road removed immediately and bring suit for damages, the decision holding that the railway is partly located on the government timber reservation known as the San Gabriel Timber Reserve, and this location amounts to an alleged trespass, as does the continued occupation of the right of way.

The severity of this decision is somewhat ameliorated by the declaration of the Commissioner of the General Land Office that owing to the benefit the maintenance of the road confers on this section the government will suspend action in the matter until the matter can be presented to Congress by interested parties for legalizing the alleged trespass if Congress sees fit.

The decision is the result of applications made by two different parties for a right of way from Alpine Tavern to the top of the ridge. One of these applications is from T. B. C. Lowe, the other from J. S. Torrance, as receiver of the railway company. The latter also filed a protest against the Lowe application.

The decision holds that the two applications are for practically identical rights of way. "The lines lie almost entirely within the San Gabriel timber land reserve, and with the exception of a small part outside of the reserve the lines lie upon unsurveyed lands."

"A number of other papers have been received in connection with this case, among them being reports by special agents of this office concerning the alleged unlawful taking of timber and occupation of public lands."

The decision cites the fact that while the construction work on the road is said to have begun in 1892, the road was not open for travel until July, 1893, and construction was not completed until August, 1893. The company did not file proofs of organization and articles of incorporation until May, 1894. "The San Gabriel Timber Reserve was made by act of Congress in December, 1892. Hence the office is within its authority to consider an application for a right of way within the reserve, and therefore the various applications submitted are rejected so far as they lie within the limits of the reserve, subject to the usual right of appeal within sixty days."

The decision comments on the application of Receiver Torrance for a right of way, and holds that his application cannot be considered until proper evidence has been filed with the department as to his judicial authority to take such action.

The decision continues: "The road in question has been constructed with the knowledge and approval of the department, and the fact that the construction of the road and the occupation of the right of way within the reserve are unlawful. It appears that without making any effort to comply with the law by the filing of its articles of incorporation and proofs of organization, the company a few months before the establishment of the reserve, began the construction of its road, and after the reservation of the lands continued the construction therein."

"The construction of the road after the establishment of the reserve is undoubtedly without authority of law, so also is the continued occupation of the land used for the purposes of the railroad."

"Considering, however, the benefit derived by the public from the operation of the road, this office will suspend action in the matter of the alleged trespass, so far as the construction of the road and the occupation of the right of way are concerned, until there shall have been opportunity for the matter to be presented to Congress by the parties interested, if deemed proper by the legislative branch of the government."

"The question of timber trespass, construction of wagon roads and trails and interference with the free access of the public to the timber reserve will be considered in another communication."

The decision holds that in the application of T. B. C. Lowe, so far as it applies for a right of way over unsurveyed government ground, it will be considered on filing proofs of the company's incorporation and organization.

"The protest filed by J. S. Torrance, receiver, is dismissed," so far as it affects the right of the Mt. Lowe Railway Company to make application for a right of way.

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY EXHIBIT

## What Visitors Say as They Pass—Impromptu Reception

The Los Angeles county exhibit at the Transmississippi exposition at Omaha, according to latest advices, is carrying off most of the honors of the show. The custodians amuse themselves quietly noting a few of the exclamations of surprise and admiration of visitors as they pass through. This is a sample of what they hear:

"This is the best of all! This mission effect is captivating. Who was the artist of this exhibit? This exhibit saves the state. How could it be made so beautiful? Oh! Oh! My, what beauty! Would you like to live where such fruits grow? The Los Angeles exhibit is the most artistic exhibit at the Transmississippi exposition. The exhibit is harmony itself. I know something of the installation of products, but this surpasses me. I never saw such originality. The exposition is beautiful, but the Los Angeles exhibit is the most beautiful part of it. I shall feel repaid for my trip if I see nothing of the exposition but the Los Angeles county exhibit."

The following is a list of Californians who registered at the department last week:

Los Angeles—Joe Hammond, C. G. Hanson, J. D. Corlett, Mrs. C. D. Willard, James Flood, J. D. Barry, Ludema Bayre, F. L. Matthey, Arthur H. Clark, Thos. William Lee, H. E. Bradley, L. M. Starin, J. W. Pourie, Agnes M. Swobodi, J. J. Davoy.

San Francisco—Joe Klassen, Milton A. Held, A. Newman, R. Hall, R. Hutman, Jake Davis, Mate A. Porter, Guy T. Ross, Gertrude Wolfe, A. Heinzelmann, J. McCormick, G. McCormick, H. McCormick, E. Epler, C. C. Clifton, Ira Wolfe, W. E. Amann, Geo. Stone.

San Diego—Roxey Shriver, Mrs. G. H. Hall, San Diego; H. B. Cockrell, G. Burt, Ethel W. Burt, Pasadena;

Nettie Barnes, Oakland; Lyman Freeman, San Jose; Floss Bond, Sacramento; Florence East, Placencia; Josephia Gales, Whittier; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Smiley, San Jose; W. K. Love, Riverside; Mrs. M. J. Woolen, San Diego; F. B. Bangs, San Jose; Harry Cox, Hattie Webster, Riverside; Robert Gardner, Long Beach; F. J. Garwood, Long Beach.

The chamber of commerce gave an impromptu reception yesterday morning to the thirty-five delegates returning from the Transmississippi recently held in the north. The ladies were presented with souvenir books on Southern California and wine was served to the party. They drove off, giving three cheers for the chamber.

Recent exhibits are: Jordan and Willard, Vernon, squashes, apricots and prunes; H. R. Smith, six boxes lemons, San Francisco Red Cross.

Prunes, plums, peaches and printed matter were sent to Omaha yesterday.

## HOW THE VOTE STOOD

## Los Angeles First Choice for the N. E.

## A. Next Year

City Superintendent Foshee writes the chamber of commerce concerning the choice of Los Angeles as the place of meeting for the annual convention of the National Educational Association in 1899, as follows:

"We have just emerged from the fray and are victorious. Only one vote was taken and in that vote first choice gave Los Angeles 20, Salt Lake 12, Portland 8, Tacoma 3. This, as you see, made it unnecessary for any further action to be taken by the directors, giving it to Los Angeles without a contest. We have done our part and certainly have gained a great victory."

"Much credit is due to the helpers I had with me, to the chamber of commerce and other organizations, their contributions and invitations. Hurrah for our side!"

## CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM

## GETTING READY FOR THE OPENING OF THE ASSEMBLY

## Ten Days to Be Spent in Study and Recreation—Special Days and Subjects for Consideration

The thirteenth annual session of the Chautauqua Association of Southern California will convene at Long Beach tomorrow. Teachers, students and others interested in the work are already beginning to flock to that town.

A large number of people are accustomed to take their tents, and with a few articles of furniture, hammocks and easy chairs, they make themselves very comfortable and enjoyable quarters for a season's outing.

Professor A. L. Hamilton, the president of the association, states that there will be an unusually large attendance at the session this year. Long Beach is a popular resort this summer, and the citizens are going to exert themselves to make the meetings a success. A few years ago they made the association the generous gift of beautiful resort grounds.

During the ten days' session there will be special assembly days. Temperance day, July 21, will be under the immediate supervision of the ladies of the W. C. T. U. and the program will embrace the many different phases of this great problem.

On this day, July 22, is a new feature and will be devoted to a discussion of the ends for which the leagues of wheelmen and good roads are working. The Los Angeles county directors of the California Good Roads League, of which General Charles Forman is president, has the program in charge.

The program for Ebell Society day, July 25, will furnish illustrations of the workings of the Ebell Societies of Southern California.

College day, July 26, will give the general public an opportunity to see and hear the presidents of many of our leading colleges. Their addresses promise to be of interest to all persons interested in the work of our institutions of learning.

The following is the program for the ten days' session:

Monday evening—Free evening. Short address, "What is the Drifting?" by Hon. W. C. Patterson; lecture, "Some Philosophical Passages in Goethe's 'Faust,'" by B. R. Baumgardt; music, etc.

Tuesday afternoon—Lecture, "Through Ireland on a Bicycle Built for One," Thos. McClary; evening, lecture, "The Mission of Mirth," Thos. McClary.

Wednesday afternoon—Lecture, "David and I in the Land of Cakes," Thos. McClary; evening, concert.

Thursday—Temperance day program; evening, lecture, "Old and Young America," P. H. Henson.

Friday afternoon—Lecture, "Gunnery," P. H. Henson; evening, lecture, "The Golden Call," P. H. Henson.

Saturday—Good roads day program; evening, concert.

Sunday morning—Sermon, Rev. Hugh K. Walker; afternoon, Chautauqua Model Sunday School; evening, vespers and evening service.

Monday—Ebell Society day program; evening, Hoyt L. Conary, entertainer.

Tuesday—College day program; evening, lecture, "Politics and Patriotism," John Temple Graves.

Wednesday afternoon—Musical contest; evening, lecture, "The Last Hope of the Negro," John Temple Graves.

Thursday afternoon—Prelude, lecture, Prof. O. P. Phillips; evening, lecture, Rev. Hugh K. Walker.

Friday—Recognition day; afternoon, lecture, Miss Atherton; dinner, "Literary Criticism," evening, grand closing concert.

Opening Up the Philippines

When the new order of things is established in the Philippine Islands, there is likely to be a great rush of Americans to Uncle Sam's latest possessions. There will be a mad scramble for wealth similar to that which occurred when the Klondike gold fields were discovered. No matter what business a man is engaged in, he thinks more of his purse than of his health, but wealth is worthless without good health to enjoy it. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is needed by nearly everybody. Rich and poor alike are cured by it of constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness, general debility, bodily weakness, fever, ague and malarial fevers. Women who are nervous, men who are overworked, people whose nights are sleepless, and the thousands who feel sick without knowing what the matter is, should take these world-famous Bitters if they wish to be cured.

Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer Hartwell has filed his June report with the city auditor. It shows the balance remaining in the city treasury on June 30th to have been \$161,255.48, as against \$211,404.95 on May 30th. During the month the receipts were \$70,676.22 and the disbursements \$120,815.69.

Latest styles wall paper at A. A. Eckstrom's, 224 South Spring street.

## Pre-Inventory Sale—Last Week But One

We are obliged to reduce stock and to lose money. It is good business. We expect the last month before inventory to show a balance on the wrong side of the ledger. With a handling of almost two millions of dollars' worth of merchandise annually there must be a time for righting stocks—getting them down to the very lowest possible quantity. August 1st is the beginning of another campaign. Hence these reductions in prices on everything under our roof, except on prices controlled by manufacturers. Again we say

## It Is Good Business to Lose Money Just Now

And with your help we'll do it. We'll spend money to let you know about it. We always give the most and the best for the money. Just now we give more than ever. A Bargain Carnival by the Creators of Bargains.

Pre-Inventory Reductions on  
Women's Suits

Never before in the history of this store have such wholesale reductions been made on up-to-date suits. Inventory is the cause. A quick riddance while there is quick demand—while you want them most. We're losing money, but gladly. It's our way of clearing the decks before stock-counting.

The Linen Suit line is doubly worthy of your attention. They actually cost more than we sell them at. Six different styles, all costing 25c or 30c per yard, tailor made, box and front coats, full wide skirts, 12 of them on sale Monday at.....

Fine Wide Ribbed Pique Suits, fly front box coats and blazers, the blazers are all faced and trimmed on collar with tan, blue and red piques; the price was \$5.00; Pre-Inventory price.....

Handsome embroidered and insertion trimmed Blazer and Eton style suits, fine quality white piques, the best styles that have been shown this season; marked to sell at \$3.50; Pre-Inventory price.....

The finest wide waist Imported Pique, worth 75c and \$1.00 a yard, and very scarce, made in the newest style of English box front coats, with large pearl buttons; suits that you could not buy under \$12.50; Pre-Inventory price.....



\$2.98

\$3.50

\$5.00

\$8.50

Silks and  
Dress Goods

500 yards of Kal-Kal Wash Silks in fancy stripes, the regular 50c quality; on sale Monday only at.....

200 yards of Fancy Waist Silks in Taffeta Plaids, Stripes, Checks and Brocades, in all the new colors, for waists and trimmings. Former price, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 a yard; Pre-Inventory price.....

60 pieces of Novelty Suiting in granite mixtures, illuminated crepons, fancy jacquards and half wool etamine, in elegant patterns. Former price 25c, 35c and 40c; Pre-Inventory price.....

1500 yards of French Challes in all wool, with silk figures and pure silk warp Challes in light and dark grounds, handsome, dainty figures; former price, 50c, 75c and 85c; on sale Monday only at.....

40 pieces of Black Brocades, a rich, lustrous Satin-finished black, in handsome figured and scroll effects, 38 inches wide; former price, 50c; Pre-Inventory price.....

1000 yards of Black Brilliantine, a rich, glossy black, for bathing suits and skirts; it is 52 inches wide and extra value anywhere at 75c a yard; Pre-Inventory price.....

Pre-Inventory Reductions on  
Men's Wear

Only two weeks remain before the final accounting—12 business days, the equal of which has never been known in Los Angeles. Stock reducing demands price reducing. No half way measures are indulged in. Every price is cut to the quick.

## Half Hose

Men's Seamless Mixed Half-Hose with ribbed top, the 3 pairs for 25c grade, cut to.....

Men's Full Finished British Half-Hose, extra fine gauge, 25c grade, cut to.....

Men's Derby Ribbed Striped Balbriggan Undershirts, silk finished skirt and wrist, 50c grade, reduced to.....

Men's Balbriggan Undershirt, in blue, tan, gray and brown, overlocked seams, 25c grade, cut to.....

Men's Derby Ribbed Striped Balbriggan Undershirts, silk finished skirt and wrist, 50c grade, reduced to.....

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## Straw Hats

Men's Plain White or Mixed Straw Hats, roll or flat brim, 50c grades, reduced to.....

Men's Mackinaw Straw Hats, with all-silk band, leather sweat band, roll and flat brim, \$1.00 hats, cut to.....

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**Shirting Percales**

40 pieces of full yard wide Shirting Percales in light, medium and dark colors, all sorts of stripes and all sorts of figures. 100 quality country of Agateware, Ironware, Tinware, Glassware, Chinaware, etc., is yet to be closed out. Here are hints:

**5c**

**Dimity, Madras, Etc.**

62 pieces of assorted summer stuffs. Dimity, Madras, Lawn, Batiste, etc., in light and dark colors. Regular 12 1/2 c quality. Pre-Inventory Price

**6c**

**French Lappets**

70 pieces dark ground French Lappets, in pretty bright figures and flowers; will wash well and make a stylish shirt waist or full costume. Worth 25c a yd. Pre-Inventory Price

**10c**

**Bishop Lawns**

50 pieces White Bishop Lawn, 36 inches wide, good sheer quality. Compare this with any Lawn you ever bought for 25c. Pre-Inventory price