

VEAZIE WARMLY DEFENDS MOODY

Portland Lawyer Ridicules Charge of Fraud Made by J. H. Sherar.

HIS LAND NOT STOLEN

Representative of Interior Development Company Gives Version of Trouble Over Deschutes Water Rights in the Dalles.

A vigorous defense of ex-Congressman M. A. Moody in connection with the Dalles land office scandal is made by A. L. Vezie, of the city, who is attorney for a corporation in which Moody and some of his friends were interested and filed scrips on land valuable for water power which had been claimed by Joseph H. Sherar. The latter's entry had been canceled by the Government. Cancellation was made January 21, and Attorney Vezie made the entry filing two days later. It was then charged that advance information had been given out by the land office officials who were with Moody in politics.

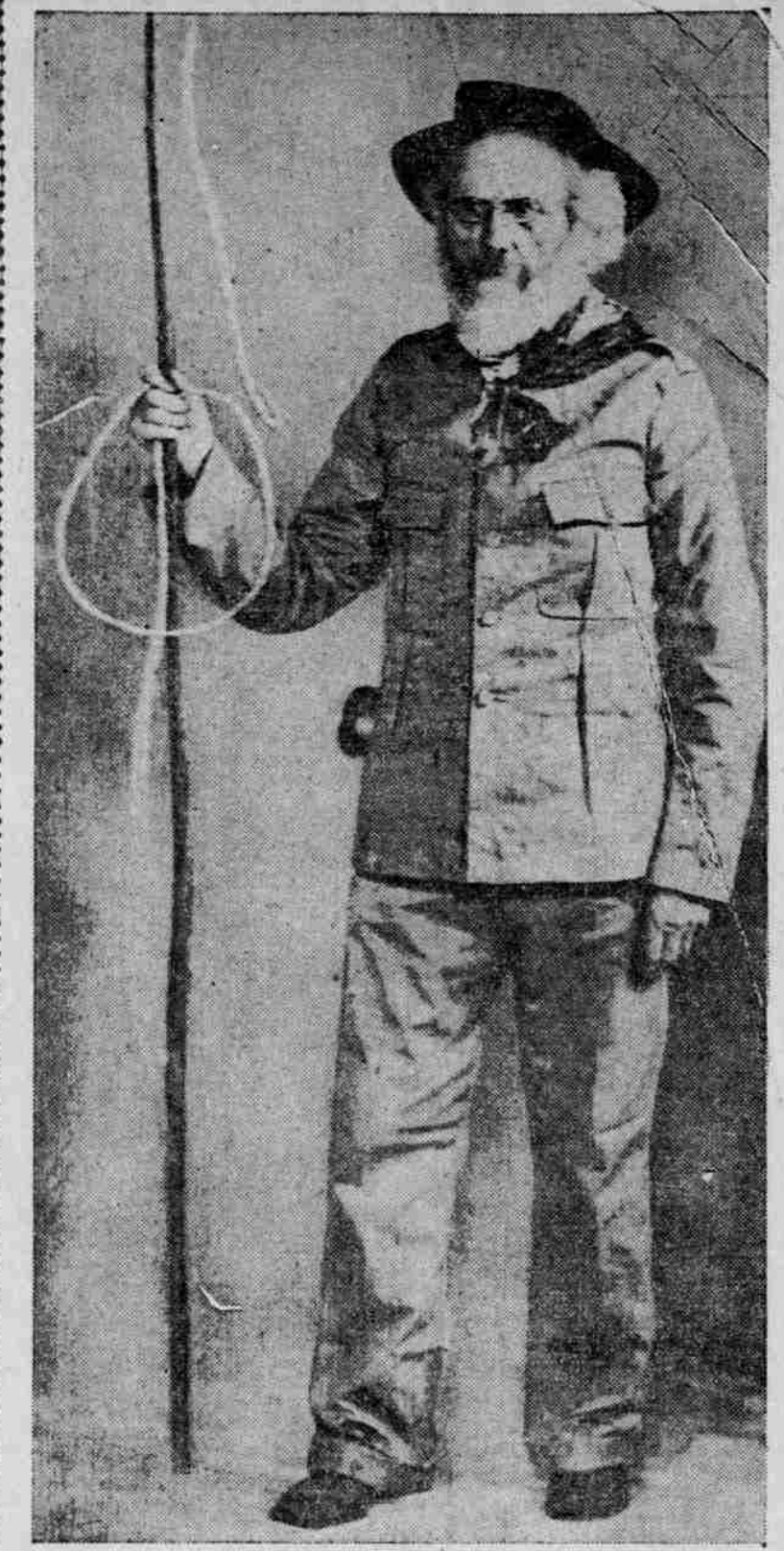
The Interior Development Company was the corporation by which filing was made on the land which includes the Deschutes falls. The land is not valuable aside from the great water power that can be developed at the falls. Register M. T. Nolan of the land office was accused and he in turn accused Mrs. Anna Lang who is receiver. Nolan later resigned, as he claims, to protect Moody, but the Interior Department has refused to accept his resignation till a thorough investigation is made.

Speaking of the matter Attorney Vezie said yesterday:

Vezie Gives His Version. "Mr. Sherar settled on the Deschutes River at what is known as Sherar's Bridge, Wasco County, in 1871, and obtained homestead title to 100 acres. Afterwards, by various means, largely through school land purchase, he acquired title to several thousand acres in that vicinity and in Sherman County. He became very wealthy through the profits of the toll roads which he owned and in the sheep business. Near his homestead are falls in the river, which are considered valuable for water power. Owing to their isolation and difficulty of access, and to the expense which would attach to their development, the value of the falls in this respect was little considered until recent years."

In 1901 Mr. Sherar made an effort to get title to the 100 acres now in controversy with the Interior Development Company, which adjoin his homestead and include the falls. He had a young woman at the Dalles file an application with the State Land Board to purchase it as an indemnity school land and then assign the certificate to him. The estate, as a result of the application in Indianapolis, Ind., where his journey ends. He started on March 1 from Portland, Or., and has been steadily going since, his object being to mark the famous Oregon trail, which he hit in 1851, and which has been the subject of so much controversy of late years. There was much talk during the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland in 1905 concerning the exact route of this trail, and Mr. Meeker, who was one of the few men there who had passed over it, decided to make the journey once more. He procured a typical outfit of the prairie, and starting with his own horse, which he numbered Camp No. 1, he has numbered consecutively each camp since, and has also set up 20 marble monuments along the trail, suitably inscribed. His unique personality and tour have attracted great attention over the entire route. He has been writing a book of the incidents met with. He hopes to reach Indianapolis, the point from which he started in 1851, in a few days.

Oregon Trail Pioneer Near Journey's End



EZRA MEEKER.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 22.—On the last lap of a toilsome journey of 2000 miles, Ezra Meeker, aged 76, guiding a team of patient oxen, looked to an old-time "prairie schooner," passed through here, his objective point being Indianapolis, Ind., where his journey ends. He started on March 1 from Portland, Or., and has been steadily going since, his object being to mark the famous Oregon trail, which he hit in 1851, and which has been the subject of so much controversy of late years. There was much talk during the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland in 1905 concerning the exact route of this trail, and Mr. Meeker, who was one of the few men there who had passed over it, decided to make the journey once more. He procured a typical outfit of the prairie, and starting with his own horse, which he numbered Camp No. 1, he has numbered consecutively each camp since, and has also set up 20 marble monuments along the trail, suitably inscribed. His unique personality and tour have attracted great attention over the entire route. He has been writing a book of the incidents met with. He hopes to reach Indianapolis, the point from which he started in 1851, in a few days.

RAISED FOR ROAD

Line of Co-operative Christian Federation Across Central Oregon Assured.

MONEY PLEDGED IN EAST

Railway to Run South From Portland, Through Santiam Pass and to Ontario, Following Survey of Corvallis & Eastern.

That the railroad from Portland across Central Oregon, as projected by the Co-operative Christian Federation, is now assured is the information given out by the officers of the Federation Trust, which is the business organization managing the railroad affairs. It is stated that \$1,250,000 has been provided for the railroad in the East, chiefly by Philadelphia capitalists, and \$2,000,000 in addition underwritten in Oregon, and that thus the conditions asked by intending bondholders, who propose to provide the rest of the bond capital, have been met.

The bonds are not being placed on sale in Oregon at this time. But bonds of the Federation to the extent of \$2,000,000 are now being offered for subscription, which bond is not to be placed on sale until, if required, for the railroad cost. The first proceeds will go toward the purchase of required properties. The road will run from Portland south through Clackamas County, six miles east of Oregon City to Mehama, 62 miles, a station on the Santiam branch of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, thence to Idanha, 20 miles, it will use the present tracks of that railroad. The distance to Ontario from that terminus, is 320 miles, following the projected line of the Oregon Central & Eastern Railroad, now the Corvallis & Eastern.

Mid-Oregon & Eastern the Name.

The new road is to be known as the Mid-Oregon & Eastern—a company organized last July in Oregon, with a capital stock of \$12,125,000 and with Wallis Nash for president, the Merchants' National Bank for treasurer, and John Van Zandt for secretary.

Associated with the Mid-Oregon & Eastern will be the Federation Trust, a corporation which is to own and manage the industrial properties of the Federation, including irrigation work in Baker and Malheur counties, known as El Dorado water system; the Miller & Lux ranch of 120,000 acres in Harney County; a town site on Clackamas River, six miles east of Oregon City, where water-power factories are to be planted; timber and lumber mills; and 51 per cent of the capital stock of the railroad—all these properties to be acquired and developed and financed separate from the railroad, as parts of the co-operative industrial scheme of the Federation.

The industrial projects will entail an expenditure of between \$2,500,000 and \$3,000,000, and the railroad project will involve an expenditure of \$1,000,000 additional. In each case the money is to come from bond subscriptions. The bondholders of the railroad are to receive 10 per cent of the capital stock of the road as bonus, and the other 51 per cent is to be held by the Federation trust, the face value of the bonds to be \$1,435,000.

Objects of the Corporation.

The Federation is a society organized in Oregon to promote agricultural, industrial and moral, religious, intellectual and physical welfare of its members. It will establish a woolen and cotton mill, and its proposed water power plants in Harney County, carry on extensive farming in Harney County, sell water for irrigation in Baker and Malheur counties, establish dairies and butter and cheese factories, conduct lumber camps and run sawmills, and engage in various other industries.

The properties of the Federation are to be owned by the trust corporation, whose 15 members are to serve as an executive committee of the Federation. They are: J. Frank Watson, of Portland, president of Merchants' National Bank of Portland; Samuel Connell, of Portland, president Northwestern Door & Lumber Company; L. O. Ralston, of Portland, late president of the Oregon Savings Bank of Portland; C. E. S. Wood, of Portland, attorney at law; Wallis Nash, of Portland, president of the Mid-Oregon & Eastern Railroad; J. H. Ruckelshof, of Ontario, president of the Bank of Ontario; N. U. Carpenter, of Baker City, president of the First National Bank of Baker; and J. H. Ruckelshof, of Ontario, vice-president of the First National Bank of Burns, and cashier of the Citizens' National Bank of Baker City; W. Thompson, of the Commercial National Bank of Pendleton; H. S. Wallace, president of the Federation, and David Leppert, vice-president.

The committee has aimed to organize the railroad company with entire independence from possible control by Harriman. The majority of the stock is to be placed in permanent trust in Oregon, and is not and will not be for sale to any one so long as the trust retains its own existence.

The Late J. W. Dewey.

John W. Dewey, for many years employed in the Oregonian pressrooms, was run over and killed by a locomotive at Sisson, Cal., last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Dewey was a brakeman running between Sisson and McCloud and was to meet at 6 o'clock last night a train coming from Central California. In climbing on the engine as it started he slipped and fell beneath the wheels, one leg being crushed near Fortland, in a sister railroad hospital at Dunsmuir and the limb amputated, but he did not come out of the influence of the anesthetic. His sister, who had just come to Portland and the funeral held Friday afternoon, interment being in Rose City cemetery.

Mr. Dewey was 50 years old October 1 last. He left the employ of The Oregonian about 11 years ago and lived in Southern Oregon for many years after. He was one of a family of 12 children, all well known in this city; E. D. Dewey, a brother, is superintendent of the mailing room of The Oregonian, Mrs. Annie Penney, of East Portland, is a sister. Their aged father resides at Cornwell. Mr. Dewey left two daughters, both grown, in California, and one by his second wife, in Portland.

Sunday Music at Y. M. C. A. The McKee Brothers, a trio of clever young singers from the McMurryville College Glee Club will appear at the Y. M. C. A.

ATTRACTION Prices for Monday

Table listing jewelry items and prices for Monday. Items include Diamonds (\$5.00 upward), Brooches (1.50 upward), Buttons (2.00 upward), Scarf Pins (1.00 upward), Watch Fobs (5.00 upward), Watch Chains (7.50 upward), Bracelets (4.50 upward), Locketts (3.50 upward), Tie Clasps (1.50 upward), Hat Pins (2.00 upward), Bead Necklaces (8.00 upward), Cuff Pins (.75 upward), Watch Wines (2.50 upward), and Rings (1.00 upward).

We would be pleased to show you our line of holiday goods. Bear in mind ours is the only absolutely new first-class jewelry store in the city.

LEFFERT'S POPULAR AND RELIABLE JEWELERS 272 WASHINGTON STREET PHONE PACIFIC 2759 Two Stores: Portland, Ore., and Council Bluffs, Iowa

C. A. men's meeting this (Sunday) afternoon at 2 o'clock. They will render the following: Trio, "To Thee, O Holy Father," arranged by Parks; solo, "Calvary, Rodney; duet, "In the Cross of Christ We Glory," Howe; solo, "Rock of Ages," Remick. The orchestra concert given in the gymnasium at 3 o'clock will furnish the unique feature of 20 violins playing together in two numbers. The address of the afternoon will be delivered by Rev. A. J. Montgomery. The entire programme is free and all men are invited.

Albina Lodge Installs Officers. Albina Lodge, No. 10, A. F. & A. M., at a special communication on Friday evening installed the following officers: Worshipful master, P. Vonstrand; senior warden, H. Woodham; junior warden, A. L. Ennes; treasurer, J. C. Jamezon; secretary, A. J. Handlan; chaplain, William D. Ewing; senior deacon, R. A. Nicholas; junior deacon, O. A. Rosenberg; senior steward, Edwin Widmer; junior steward, J. H. Lynch; Tyler, R. J. Williams. Charles McAfee, the retiring worshipful master, was presented with a beautiful past master's jewel.

Mrs. Rockwell Thanks Donors. Mrs. Cleveland Rockwell, president of the Florence Crittenton Refuge Home, thanks all the kind friends who responded so generously to her appeal in The Oregonian and have thus contributed to the good cheer of the inmates of the Home. From the proceeds of the charity entertainment at the Nortonia Mrs. H. D. Green appropriated \$20 for the Home.

His Cigar Doesn't Taste Right

And Yet It Is the Same He Was Smoking With So Much Relish After Dinner Last Night. Out of the Very Same Box, Too.

IT ISN'T THE SEGAR—IT'S THE STOMACH. Every smoker has experienced this peculiar condition of the stomach and liver, the result usually of imperfect digestion of food. And the blame is usually put on the cigar and not where it belongs.



Such men are usually high livered, hard workers mentally, living under high pressure and high draught, and it doesn't take a great deal to disorder the stomach or render the liver torpid. They should make it a practice to use some tried and reliable remedy like Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets that will aid Nature and not force it and will take care of the sudden attacks of acute indigestion. The use of these tablets is not to be confounded with the patent medicine habit. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are not a patent medicine, but are composed of the very elements which nature provides the healthy stomach to do the work of digestion—pepsin, diastase, golden seal, etc. There is no secret in their preparation—they are absolutely pure and therefore all the world uses them. No matter how disordered the stomach may be, it will right itself if given a chance. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets digest food where the stomach can't, give the abused stomach and intestine a rest, and offer renewed strength to the worn out glands and muscles. Brain-workers can rely on Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, no matter how tense the strain. All druggists carry them in the 50-cent packages, or, if you prefer, a free trial package can be had by sending your name and address today. F. A. Stuart Company, 71 Stuart building, Marshall, Mich.

Loses Leg Under Wheels.

Gus Quartermus, of St. Johns, fell underneath the wheels of a car when thrown off by the conductor, M. P. Anderson, at McKenna avenue yesterday morning. Quartermus was removed to the Good Samaritan Hospital, where his left leg was amputated at the knee. He was intoxicated when he boarded the car at University Park and was put off at McKenna-street station. He roared and fell under the car on striking the ground.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth. Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Softening Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

THE PROPER TRUSTEE Estates' interests, individual interests, corporate interests should all be placed with the perpetual trustee. Individual trustees die, but the properly organized and managed trust company has a perpetual existence and can always be found when wanted. It has the further advantage of being guided by those having expert knowledge in their respective departments, and by officers and directors who are successful and responsible business men. The

MERCHANTS INVESTMENT & TRUST COMPANY 247 Washington Street Capital \$150,000.00 Makes a specialty of trust business, and is thoroughly equipped to care for it in its many phases. Its articles of incorporation give it broad scope, and the liberal patronage accorded it is its warranty of the appreciation shown by the public of the services rendered. We shall be pleased to advise with those having business of any kind to be cared for.

Talking Machines GREAT HOLIDAY OFFER No more acceptable Xmas present can be given, and none will be more appreciated, than a first-class phonograph. Nothing so educational affords so much amusement and pleasure to old and young. The Oregonian has made arrangements through Eilers Piano House that all old or new subscribers to this newspaper may obtain a \$25 machine at minimum cost and on exceptionally desirable terms. Avail yourself of the offer now before it is too late. Conditions follow:

FORM OF CONTRACT I hereby subscribe for the daily and Sunday Oregonian for twelve months, for which I will pay on demand 75 cents a month, and I am to receive a \$25 Talking Machine and six standard ten-inch records (my selection) all for \$16.65. I agree to pay \$1.65 on delivery of the machine and six records, and 50 cents a week of the machine until all payments have been paid in full. In case of failure to comply with the terms of this contract, I agree to return said machine upon demand without legal process. Signed: _____ EILERS PIANO HOUSE PARK AND WASHINGTON. PRIVATE EX. 23. THE OREGONIAN ROOM 200. MAIN 7076.

HEAVY INCREASE IS SHOWN IN POSTAL AND EXPRESS BUSINESS

Postmaster Minto Says Present Holiday Season Will Show Advance of Forty Per Cent Over That of Last Year.

OLD SANTA CLAUS and Young General Prosperity walked arm-in-arm up to the postoffice recently and made it their local headquarters ever since. At least, this is the opinion of Postmaster Minto. He declares that the rush of holiday business has been greater than he or any of his assistants dreamed it would be. While the heads of the various departments in the office have been too busy during the past few days to give any totals that would give the exact amount of business done, Mr. Minto is of the opinion that the holiday business is 40 per cent greater than it was last season. He thinks that the general average for the year will show an increase of from 20 to 25 per cent over 1905.

During the past week there have been from two to four long lines of men, women and children standing in the main corridors of the postoffice all day waiting turns to purchase stamps. A policeman has been kept busy keeping open a narrow passage way for persons to pass through the hall. Yesterday the crowds were greater than ever. December 20 the stamp sales were totaled, and it was discovered that that time this department of the postoffice showed an increase of \$7471 over all of 1905, and still had 10 busy days to go on. And, he it remembered, Portland last year was the home of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, which drew many thousands of strangers here and which was also the cause of sending out millions of pieces of mail matter that would not have been posted excepting for the fair. The business in the money order department has increased by leaps and bounds. In both the domestic and foreign branches clerks have been working overtime trying to keep up with the rush. November 19 last, the Postmaster Minto had the business of the money order department checked over, and it was found out that as much cash had been taken from January 1, 1906, as during the whole of 1905. Last year nearly \$10,000,000 worth of money orders were sent out of Portland. This year Japan is receiving the greatest number sent to a foreign country, Russia being second, Italy third and Germany fourth.

Eighteen additional clerks have been added to the force to help during the holidays, this being eight more than were needed last year. Fourteen extra carriers have been put to work, four more than were used during the '05 holidays. Two extra wagons have been hired to aid in collecting and delivering packages. H. Beckwith, general agent for the Wells-Fargo Express Company and local agent for the Pacific Express Company, declares that the business of the firm he represents will be 10 to 15 per cent greater this year than in 1905. The holiday express trade has been much heavier than ever before in Portland's history, some days Mr. Beckwith having found his receipts 30 per cent higher than the corresponding

CHINESE LAUNDRY BURNS

Frame Building on Fourth and Taylor Streets Is Destroyed.

The burning of a Chinese laundry caused considerable excitement in the vicinity of Fourth and Taylor streets about 6 o'clock last night. Ho Sang's washhouse, at 322 Taylor street, was destroyed and the surrounding frame structures were threatened for a time. The Fire Department kept the blaze from spreading. During the progress of the fire the Chinese employes in the laundry ran helter skelter through the burning building in their efforts to save their belongings, and the firemen and police had considerable difficulty in getting them to leave the place. The building burned was owned by Sol Bloom. A large amount of laundry work was destroyed. Ho Sang was asked to place an estimate on his loss, but replied, "No sabe, Me alle same blokes. No money, no waghee, no nothing," and hurried away. The total loss probably will not exceed \$1500.

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And Our New Shop, Corner Third and Washington.

Magnificently carved Meerschaum pipes. Must be seen.

HARRIS TRUNK CO

Have the finest assortment of suit cases and bags. Sixth street opposite Oregonian.

Will Talk on Water Question. C. D. Wagon will deliver an address tonight at Socialist Hall, 309 Davis street, on "Portland Water Grant."