SENATOR BROWNELL IN THE FACE OF THE CIRCUMS SAYS HE HAS NO CAUSE WHATEVER TO FEAR GRAND JURY

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Inquisitors and Accused in Land Fraud Cases Enjoy a Rest.

SHADOW OF THE GRAND JURY ON MANY MEN

Indictments Likely to Be Found Against Prominent Office Holders Who Were Connected With Puter Ring

The adjournment of the federal grand jury next Tuesday morning has occa-sioned an interruption of the sensa-tions which have come with bewildering rapidity since the sessions began. In-quisitors and accused will have a brief results.

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Rumor is still busy, however, with the names of prominent men who are said to have been connected, directly or indirectly, with the land frauds. It is asserted that the evidence presented within the past two days places Dr. W. H. Davis, mayor of Albany, in a very unpleasant light, and that the grand jury its seriously investigating transactions in which he was concerned. There is

mann, and their cases have not yet been considered, though testimony has been given which incidentally touched upon their relations with Puter and some of his confederates.

State Senator George C. Brownell professes to be undisturbed by the prospect of investigation by the grand jury into his alleged connection with the land frauds and says that he can readily clear frauds and says that he can readily clear

is alleged connection with the rauds and says that he can readily dimself of all suspicion.

"I have nothing to say with regard to the matter," he said yesterday, "ex-cept that I invite the fullest investi-gation. Any instrument I may have atfatton. Any instrument I may accept the sted as a notary was attested in good faith, and in no instance have I ever exceeded the authority of my notarial office. While I dislike to have my name associated with any affair of a criminal nature, I have no grievance against the pattre. I have no grievance against the government's going into remote details, for it is often necessary to pursue this policy in order to get at the truth. If I am connected with such details, I stand ready to explain and assist the authori-

"I have no fear of the action of the federal grand jury. I have never had anything to do with land deals or land speculation. I have never even taken ad-"I am not worrying at all."

There Be Peculiar Circumstances.

Notwithstanding these declarations by lenator Brownell, there are circumtances which, unless satisfactorily explained, will be regarded by the govern-ment as evidence that he was connected with the frauds. Not only did he attest, as notary public, signatures which are now said to have been forged and fictitious, but he also appears frequently in the records of the surveyor's general's

drum's field parties swore to their field notes upon surveys known to have been fraudulent. Brownell's intimate relations with Meidrum, the former surveyor general, make these facts especially significant. It was Brownell who caused Meidrum to be appointed to the office, and the latter had been in office only a few months when he began his fraudulent practices. Brownell defended Meidrum in the trial which resulted in the conviction of the ex-surveyor general. No witnesses were called by the defense, and it was common report that the reason for this was the fear that any attempt to rebut the government's evidence to rebut the government's evidence might result in implicating Meldrum's

Since the grand jury began its work Since the grand jury began its work, there has been an extraordinary influx into Portland of persons said to have been engaged in questionable operations in public lands. Many others are here who have had personal and business relations with some of the men who are under investigation by the grand jury. These persons have been under close surveillance by the secret service descrives.

Several former employes of the land department are also here, although not subpoensed by the grand jury. One of these is Charles A. M. Schlierhola, who was for 10 years a special agent of the land department, but was dismissed from the service and afterward indicted. He had been accused of misappropriating

the service and afterward indicted. He had been accused of misappropriating public land funds entrusted to his keeping, and was recalled from Oregon to Washington, D. C., where a demand was made for an explanation. Schlierhols tendered his resignation, but it was not accepted and he was suspended. He is now in the employ of two or three eastern concerns which are engaged in acquiring timber lands on this coast.



WIFE, DAUGHTER AND MONEY GONE

J. A. Hatch, Deserted at Yakima by Eloping Spouse, Says She and Wealth May Go, But He Wants Little Daughter.

band whom she had deserted, Mrs. J. A. Platch has managed to leave the city. North Yakima and her 15-year-old Sherif Grant and Hatch. They learned daughter. Incidentally, it is reported, they were followed and left for Porticular the couple took with them \$2,500 of land a few minutes after the arrival

Hatch's money.

Every effort has been made by the police to locate Dr. Hughes and Mrs. Hatch. With the greatest secrecy, Detectives Day and Weiner have followed clews, spurred on by the reward of \$500 offered by the injured husband, whose main object was to get possession of his daughter. But while they were within an ace of winning the prize twice, their game proved too wary.

Dr. Hughes is a North Yakima physician of distinguished, appearance and winning personality. Mrs. Hatch is a very pretty woman, the wife of a wealthy resident of Yakima county, whose beautiful home is located not far from that city. Some time ago the physician treated her for a mild disease, and their acquaintance ripened into an intimacy which resulted in the elopement.

"I want my girl," declared Hatch, "and if you find her, it means \$500 in your pocket."

With them the elopers took Mrs. Hatch's daughter, a girl of 15 years. Sheriff Grant, who is a personal friend of the deserted husband, undertook to

Two clews were obtained, and the detectives reached the postoffice only a few minutes after the pair had received a letter there, addressed in care of the general delivery window. That this letter conveyed a warning is deemed certain, as neither of the two has been heard of since. Sheriff Grant and Hatch took a train yesterday for North Yakima. The de-"My wife may go, and I don't care tectives have not yet abandoned the much about the money, but for God's search for the fugitives.

Brownell's intimate relations with LOVED SOCIETY MORE THAN HER BABES

Seattle Man Testifies Wife Drugged Children Fatally So She Might Leave Them.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Scattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—Charles W Armstrong, a well-to-do business man, on the stand in the superior court today testified that his wife, whom he is suing

Manipulation of Livestock Creates Hard Times and Many lowa Banks Fail.

ELEVEN SUICIDES LAID AT DOOR OF THE TRUS band and father.

From North Yakima, which they left on a train late at night, Dr. Hughes and Mrs. Hatch were traced to Tacoma by Sheriff Grant and Hatch. They learned

Artificial Decline in Cattle Causes Loss to Farmers of Twelve Millions.

Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal (Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to the Journal)
Chicago, Dec. 24.—Because of the manipulations of the livestock market by
the beef trust, 43 Iowa banks have collapsed within the past blennial period, which is covered in the forthcoming re-port of the state auditor, and 11 bank officials have committed suicide because of financial embarrassment resulting

Computing the aggregate loss sus-tained by Iowa farmers by reason of the artificial decline in the value of cattle. the leading cattle men declare they have been robbed of more than \$12,000,000. Each week adds to the list of failures,

Despite the fact that this year's corn crop was the largest ever known and conditions would indicate extraordinary prosperity, times are unusually hard among the farmers, and bankers are closely pinched. Never before were so many precautions taken in loaning money and collections are exceedingly

money and collections are exceedingly difficult.

An incomplete list of the failures has been compiled by Miliard Cox, head of the banking department in the auditor's office. The state has no supervision over national banks. Data relating to those is difficult to obtain. State and (Continued on Page Two.)

MANY INJURED BY

Explosion of Dynamite Wrecks a Four-Story Tenement, Injuring Four and Rendering Sixteen Families, Including Sixty Persons, Homeless.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal)

New York, Dec. 24.—Sixteen families, including 80 persons, were rendered homeless today by a terrific explosion of dynamite that blew into fragments more than half of the four-story tenement building at 45 Withers street, Williamsburg.

The explosion occurred on the fourth floor, where most of the tenantry in the building were at breakfast. The building was completely wrecked, but in some marvelous way everyone escaped serious injury except the man who was responsible for the accident. He is dying.

The force of the detonation blew off the roof and all four sides of the building above the second floor were carried away. The concussion was so great that the shock was felt at the Herbert-Street police station, more than four blocks police station, more than four blocks way, and it acted as a summons for

nd the owner of the building, Nicholas and it is impossible to say when the tide will be stemmed. The auditor control that a reformation of the banking which are used at Christmas and other system alone will reduce the number of celebrations, the principal ingredient bein his rooms the manufacture of bombs which are used at Christmas and other celebrations, the principal ingredient be-

At the scene of the wrecked building the streets are piled high with debris, on which the shattered walls are constantly dropping additional masses of brick and mortar, rendering it unsafe

brick and mortar, rendering it unsafe to pass on either side.

After the explosion occurred the police and fire departments rushed to the scene and aided in rescuing the occupants of the upper floors from their perilous positions. The roof is entirely blown off the building, as well as the side walls, and only the central framework remains.

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to the murderer of George W. Brown,

the policeman who was shot to death

footpad Saturday night last, Policeman

Broadway this morning a man who gievs

such as is used by footpads. Policeman

Sperry overpowered the man, who was about to take a 10 o'clock Creek boat

for San Francisco, and marched him to

the Sixth-street jail.

From there he telephoned to head-quarters for the patrol wagon, and while he was telephoning the prisoner remarked defiantly, "Well, we got one of you fellows the other night, anyway."

KILLED POLICEMAN near Providence hospital by an unknown

Oakland Police Arrest Suspicious Character, Who May Prove to Be Murderer.

cial Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journa

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24 .- The police be

ELOPING NURSE DESERTS RUNAWAY ARMY CAPTAIN

Tacoma, and reached nere Thursday morning, taking rooms at the Imperial hotel. Sheriff Grant registered from North Yakima, while Hatch registered

and were closeted with him for some time. As a result of the conference, Detectives Day and Weiner were as-

signed the task of helping locate the

BRING IN GOLD BAR.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Baker City, Dec. 24.-A \$75 gold bar

rom the new strike on the Mayflower

mine in the Cornucopia district was

brought in to Manager Boggs tonight.

Much interest is manifested as the ore

lestified that his wife, whom he is suing for a divorce, caused the death of their true to make them sleep that she might approach the control of the control of their death.

And finds, too let, that men betrays he his physician that this was the cause of their death.

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"My wife never thought of leaving the children day. The police have been trying to get will be designed and tended by his bedside, grade will be the cause.

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Senator Confers With Re-

clamation Engineers on Needs of Oregon.

NEWELL ENTHUSIASTIC OVER KLAMATH BASIN

Malheur, Harney County, and Umatilla Projects Also Receive Consideration-Great Progress.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Dec. 24.—Senator Fultor
called on the engineers of the reciamation service today and discussed the
needs of Oregon and the opportunitie
for reclamation. He took up in particular the status of the various project.

attempt to store these waters an put them to more economical use be resisted, and the first question be settled is whether there is sufficiently water which can be stored without volving a protracted lawsuit with present claimants.

Chief Engineer Newell of the recition service is enthusiastic over

Klamath basin project, and is anxious to begin work as soon as the owners comply with the regulations and the necessary state legislation is enacted so that the state laws will conform to the national act.

Advices received from the secretary of the committee appointed at Klamath Falls to organize a water users' associated to the committee water users' associated to the committee with the clation to act in conjunction with the government in bringing about national irrigation in Klamath county shows that he is beginning to ceive returns from the blank scriptions sent out to various men of the committee last week. The mitteemen live in disferent portion the county, and last week the secret to them blank subscriptions the purpose of inducing landowne enter into the government irrig project.

There are 300,000 acres all told to be brought under government irrigation. About 250,000 acres at in Klamath county, and the remainder lies in California. Before the government would proceed with the work, it required a majority of the landowners, or persons representing more than one half of the land lying under the proposed irrigation scheme, to subscribe the same in the form of stock.

The accretary has received reports showing that more toan 40,000 acres has been subscribed to the scheme. Some of the committeemen had only held the papers a few hours before receiving subscriptions of nundreds of acres. Under the reports sent in, 11,000 acres are subscribed at Swan Lake, 12,000 in Alkali valley, 17,000 in the neighborhood of the town of Merrill, and 1,200 acres There are 300,000 acres all told to

the name of Andrew Anderson, and says that he is a longshoreman belonging in San Francisco, but on whose person was found a 44-caliber buildog and a mask.

Aikali valley, 17,000 in the neighborhood of the town of Merrill, and 1,200 acres lying near the town of Keno.

No fears are now entertained but that the required amount will be subscribed. The government officials have rented permanent quarters there for the winter, have a large corps of draftsmen and clerks in the office and have three surveying parties in the field taking the levels of the lands and the depths of the lakes and rivers. They ceclare that they will be able to place water upon the arid lands of Klamath county within the next 18 months.

STRIKE RICH ORE VEIN WHILE DIGGING WELL