

SENATOR BROWNELL IN THE FACE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SAYS HE HAS NO CAUSE WHATSOEVER TO FEAR GRAND JURY

RESpite OF A FEW DAYS

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 occasioned an interruption of the sensations which have come with bewildering rapidity since the sessions began.

"I have no fear of the action of the federal grand jury," he has never had anything to do with land deals or land speculation.

"I am not worrying at all."

There are peculiar circumstances which, unless satisfactorily explained, will be regarded by the government as evidence that he was connected with the frauds.

Brownell's intimate relations with Meldrum, the former surveyor general, make these facts especially significant.

Several former employees of the land department are also here although not subpoenaed by the grand jury.



OREGON'S EXHIBIT OF FRUIT WHICH WON THE FIRST PRIZE AT THE ST. LOUIS FAIR.

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.

Eluding the local police, Sheriff Grant of Yakima county, Wash., and the husband whom she had deserted, Mrs. J. A. Hatch has managed to leave the city.

LOVED SOCIETY MORE THAN HER BABES

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

Seattle, 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 for a divorce, caused the death of their three children by doping them with drugs to make them sleep that she might attend to social duties.

make help me to regain my daughter," was the plea of the heart-broken husband 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.

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

BRING IN GOLD BAR

Baker City, Dec. 24.—A \$75 gold bar from the new strike on the Mayflower mine in the Cornucopia district, was brought in by Manager Boggs tonight.

Before last April Miss Berryman was the most beautiful nurse at St. Winifred's hospital, which is on Sutter street, near Larkin.

He was a married man, his wife being the daughter of Colonel Handbury of the engineer corps.

BEEF TRUST ACTS WRECK 40 BANKS

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

ELEVEN SUICIDES LAID AT DOOR OF THE TRUST

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Because of the manipulations of the livestock market by the beef trust, 43 Iowa banks have collapsed within the past biennial period, which is covered in the forthcoming report of the state auditor.

Computing the aggregate loss sustained 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.

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.

MAY BE MAN THAT KILLED POLICEMAN

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

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24.—The police believe they have found an important clew to the murderer of George W. Brown, the policeman who was shot to death near Providence hospital by an unknown footpad Saturday night last.

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MANY INJURED BY CHRISTMAS BOMB

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

New York, Dec. 24.—Sixteen families, including 60 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 floor where the explosion occurred was occupied by Stephen Montano, 25 years old; his wife Rosa, 15 years old; a workman, Maraldo Mosillo, and the owner of the building, Nicholas Corto, 45 years old.

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

ELOPING NURSE DESERTS RUNAWAY ARMY CAPTAIN

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FULTON AT WORK

Senator Confers With Reclamation 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 Fulton called on the engineers of the reclamation service today and discussed the needs of Oregon and the opportunities for reclamation.

At present flood waters are claimed for the benefit of low lying meadows around Malheur lake, and it has been intimated to the government that any attempt to store these waters and to put them to more economical use will be resisted, and the first question to be settled is whether there is sufficient water which can be stored without involving a protracted lawsuit with the present claimants.

Chief Engineer Newell of the reclamation service is anxious over the 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' association to act in conjunction with the government in bringing about national irrigation in Klamath county, shows that he is beginning to receive returns from the blank subscriptions sent out to various members of the committee last week.

There are 300,000 acres all told to be brought under government irrigation. About 250,000 acres are in Klamath county, and the remainder lies in California.

The secretary has received reports showing that more than 40,000 acres has been subscribed to the scheme. Some of the committee men had only held the papers a few hours before receiving subscriptions of hundreds of acres.

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.

STRIKE RICH ORE VEIN WHILE DIGGING WELL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Glendive, Mont., Dec. 24.—Three men who were digging a well at Beach, N. D., about 40 miles from here, have struck a vein of silver ore carrying rich amounts of silver.