

SAYS MILES IS A FLAIN LIAR

Eagan Calls the Commanding General Some Hard Names.

SAID BEFORE WAR BOARD GETTING READY TO LEAVE

His Testimony Proves to be Both Vigorous and Sensational - Declares That When Miles Said the So-Called Embalmed Beef Was Sent to Porto Rico Under Pretense of Experiment, He Willfully and Maliciously Lied.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The most vigorous and sensational testimony was given before the war investigating committee today by Commissary-General Eagan, who appearing unexpectedly to meet the allegation against the beef issued in the war, vigorously arraigned General Miles, commanding the army. He denied numerous statements made by Miles, charged that the latter's testimony constituted several reflections on commanding generals of the expeditions and referred to him as "This same Commanding General Nelson A. Miles," and said: "Who ever called beef furnished 'embalmed beef,' is a liar."

W. B. Miles, in charge of Armour & Co.'s plant, appeared for the packing house. He testified as to the quantity of the canned meats and methods of inspection.

Commissary Eagan, in the course of his testimony, called Gen. Miles, commanding the army, "A liar, who lied in his throat, lied in his heart, lied in every part of his body," who perpetrated a gross scandal and who should be drummed out of the service and imprisoned, and should be avoided by evasive man and barred from every club. He characterized his interviews as "filth." Eagan's testimony on this point was:

"Miles was asked by your commission how tinned beef became part of the army rations. His answer was 'You had better ask the secretary of war or the commissary-general. I think they can tell you. I know it was sent to the army as food, and the pretense is that it was sent as an experiment.' This he says, not even giving credit to me for sending it as an experiment, but that I furnished it under 'pretense of an experiment.' This serious charge should be made by no man lightly, not without evidence to support.

"Taking it in the sense that it was probably intended, the sense that will be accepted by the country at large, the sense that already the press of the United States has accepted it (indeed, some of the press, because it called for my dismissal from the army and my court-martial). I answer that it was not furnished under pretense of an experiment, nor even as an experiment, and when Miles charged that it was furnished as a 'pretense of an experiment' he lies in his throat, he lies in his heart, he lies in every hair of his head, and every pore of his body. He lies willfully, deliberately, intentionally and maliciously.

"If his statement is true that this beef was furnished under 'pretense of an experiment,' then I should be drummed out of the army and incarcerated in prison with the other liars. His statement is a scandalous libel, reflecting upon the honor of every officer in the department, who has contracted for or furnished this meat, and especially and particularly on the commissary-general, myself.

"In denouncing Miles as a liar when he makes this statement, I wish to make it as emphatic and coarse as the statement itself. I wish to force the lie back into his throat, covered with the contents of a camp latrine. I wish to brand it as a falsehood of the whole cloth, without a particle of truth to sustain it, and unless he can prove his statement, he should be driven out of clubs, barred from the society of decent people, and so ostracized that the street bootblack would not condescend to speak to him, for he has fouled his own nest, he has aspersed the honor of a brother officer without a particle of evidence or fact to sustain in any degree the scandalous, libelous, malicious falsehood, viz: That this beef or anything whatever was furnished the army under 'pretense of an experiment.'"

No Columbia Dock Soon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Senator Miles has determined to leave no stone unturned to secure a dock for the Columbia river, but it looks a little

doubtful of getting anything of the kind at this session of congress. The senator has introduced two propositions for this purpose and is trying to have them made a part of the naval appropriation bill. The fact that the government has entered upon the construction of several new docks throughout the country will probably prevent anything being done for the Columbia just now. It is generally conceded that more docks are needed, but just where they will be located and when they will be built is yet a question for the future to decide.

California Volunteers Preparing for the Muster Out.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 12.—Since the receipt of the telegram directing the mustering out of the battalion of the Eighth California volunteers, now stationed here, the men and officers have been busy putting their affairs in shape to turn over to their successors, when they are designated.

There is a report that a troop of the Fourth cavalry, now stationed at Fort Walla Walla, will be sent here, but no orders have been issued to that effect, and officers in position to know do not know what troops, if any, will be sent. It is possible that the small detachment of men from the Fourteenth infantry, comprising those who returned from Alaska, and a few men who have returned from Manila, will be expected to do the duty of eight companies.

The volunteers expect to be able to leave here within two weeks, and the men who relieve them will probably be ordered to this point within the next few days.

Legal Equality of Wives.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 12.—Maryland's married women are invested with additional right under a new law which went into effect today. While it places a wife more upon an equality with her husband, it imposes upon her greater responsibilities. She is given absolute control over the disposition of her own property. In the case of a married woman who is under 18 years of age, however, the husband has to approve of the deed to make it valid. A wife has the power to convey property by deed to her husband and she is also given power to make contracts. She can be sued separately; nor is her husband liable for any act committed by his wife, without his participation. If a wife, outside of her husband's presence, utters slanderous words against another married woman, the woman slandered may sue the other, and the husbands are not responsible. The new law practically places husband and wife on an equal legal footing, except that one provision gives the husband dower rights in her real property.

Shafter's New Command.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: In addition to the command of the department of California, Major-General W. R. Shafter has been directed to assume temporary command of the department of Columbia, thus relieving Major-General H. C. Merriam, who will relieve Brigadier-General E. V. Sumner, in command of the department of Colorado, with headquarters at Denver.

General Sumner has been transferred to the command of the department of Missouri, with headquarters in Omaha. Brigadier-General M. V. Sheridan is still in command of the department of the Lakes. If Major-General Wade desires this department he can have it, but it is thought he will prefer the department of the Dakotas, with headquarters in St. Paul.

Spain's Greatest Need.

Mr. R. P. Olivia, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest blood and nerve remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50c. Sold by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

Important Wool Tariff Decision.

BOSTON, Jan. 11.—The United States court of appeals today handed down a decision to the effect that the tariff act of July 24, 1897, in relation to the entry of wools, did not go into effect until 4:06 o'clock that day, the time the act was signed by the president. The decision was given in the action brought by the wool house of Stoddard, Haserick, Richards & Co., of the city, who, in 1897, imported 807 bales of wool, the entry having been made before the close of the custom house at four o'clock on

January 11, 1897. The decision involves hundreds of thousands of dollars paid on duties to the United States by importers all over the country.

A SPLENDID LIBRARY.

New Quarters Have Been Obtained Just Suited to the Need.

Every since Mrs. Mansfield donated to the ladies of the city her library books and they conceived the happy idea of starting a public library from the nucleus thus given, Blakeley & Houghton have kindly allowed them a portion of their drug store to be used as a library room, which has been much appreciated by all concerned, not only the ladies, but patrons of the institution. Recently so many new books have been added that it was found necessary to obtain more commodious quarters, and in looking about the city the ideal spot has been discovered in the small room adjoining Mrs. Phillips' millinery store. Had it been built for the purpose it would have been no better suited. It has been neatly fitted up, painted in pure white, and everything is as cozy as a parlor. The books are now being listed and arranged on the shelves by Miss Pearl Dean, the librarian.

The library now contains about 700 volumes, which have been chosen with the greatest of care, and among which are found such books as "Scribner's History of the United States," composed of four volumes; twenty-four volumes of "The American Statesmen;" "American Men of Letters;" "Francis Parkman's Histories;" "Andrew's History of the Last Quarter Century;" "Famous Women;" "Full set of Women of Colonial and Revolutionary Times;" "The Puritans in Holland, England and America;" and like reading. They have also all the best and latest works of fiction.

With such a collection it is impossible for any one to complain there is nothing in the library worth reading, and the idea of receiving the benefit of such books at such a small price each month should induce everyone to take advantage of it.

The library is now open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 till 9 p. m., and on Saturday afternoon from 2 till 5. It is greatly desired that it be kept open constantly, and if sufficient patronage is given, a steady librarian will be employed. It is also the intention to publish a catalogue at an early date.

Wheat Conditions.

While wheat is still at 54 here, the Commercial Review has the following concerning the Portland market:

The upward movement in Europe, which started just prior to the holidays, continued in motion until the present week, when the advance was checked, and an easier feeling set in and values fell off. The local situation has not been affected much either way, owing to the firmness of shipowners, who have insisted on a portion at least of the advance in wheat abroad. At the same time, holders of wheat considered themselves entitled to all the benefits from the appreciation in price, resulting in a deadlock between buyers and sellers. Some unimportant sales were made during the week but holders still entertain the extreme ideas as to the future, and are disposed to hold back supplies, in the belief that interest and carrying charges will more than be offset by obtainable prices a month or two hence.

Stocks of wheat in warehouses here are large, indicating conclusively that exporters are under no necessity to make new or immediate purchases at the expense of values, and there is absolutely no competition between shippers to bid on the few parcels offering. Exporters are at all times in the market at full prices, but when the would-be seller expects to work the market at 1c to 2c above values, he fails to find a purchaser. Receipts continue small from both sections of the state, and the movement is not likely to show much activity unless prices should advance materially. Reports from the interior indicate recent purchases on milling account were moderately fair, and prospects of a steady movement in this direction. Shipments foreign from Portland the past week amounted to 206,619 cents, and from Puget sound 327,514 cents.

Our Land Office Business.

The report of the land office in this city for the month of December is very flattering, an unusual amount of business being done, as is shown by the following account:

Receipts from all sources during the month, \$33,605.09.  
Seventy-four homestead entries, covering 11,279.07 acres.  
Thirty final homesteads.  
Six final timber cultures.  
Five original desert land entries.  
One hundred and sixty cash entries, 25,558.81 acres.  
Testimony and other fees collected, \$89.60.  
Twenty-four contested cases served during the month.  
Unearned fees received in cases suspended, \$5,285.11.  
During the month \$36,074.31 has been forwarded from this office.

The CENSUS can safely assert that, taken all in all, this report is not equalled by any land office in the state.

The smallest things may exert the greatest influence. Dr. Witt's Little Blue Pills are unequalled for overcoming constipation and liver trouble. Small pill, best pill, safe pill. Snipes-Kinnersly Drug Co.

PERSONAL MENTION.

E. Jacobson went to Portland on yesterday afternoon's train.

Henry Rodieck and family have arrived in the city from Omaha, Neb., and will make this their future home.

Dr. Eschelman is in from Dufur. He reports about the same amount of snow there as here, but seems to think it slightly warmer in Dufur.

Alfred Huott left this afternoon for a day's visit at his home on 8-Mile, after which he will return and go to Portland to attend the Business College.

Mrs. E. L. Sherman, formerly of this city, but now of Warrenton, Clatsop county, arrived here last evening to attend the Weigel-Cushing wedding.

Mrs. John Lane and little daughter, who have spent the past two weeks in the city, making their home at the residence of Mrs. P. Cram, returned to Portland on last evening's train.

Thursday's Daily.

G. A. Hall is up from the Cascade Locks today.

Mrs. Kate Smith, formerly of this city, is visiting friends here.

Mr. M. Draper, one of Wasco's leading men, is a visitor to our city today.

Mr. Fred Whitney returned last night from a few days' business trip to Portland.

A. D. Spencer, of the John V. Farewell Co. of Chicago, is in the city today representing his firm.

Fred Borchert, who has spent some time in the hospital in Portland, is expected home this evening.

Messrs. Wheat and Peetz, of Moro, will return to their home this evening. Although disappointed in the result of their visit as regards the meeting which they came to attend, they are much pleased by the treatment given them by the members of the club.

Friday's Daily.

R. J. Staats and H. D. Slusher were in from Dufur yesterday.

C. G. Hickok, a traveling man from Portland, is in the city today.

J. L. Thompson returned last night from a short trip to Portland.

H. Gerson, formerly a resident of The Dalles, is up from Portland today.

William Walker and John Walker were Dalles visitors from Wasco yesterday.

A. E. Rogers, representing the Blake, McCall Co., of Portland, is "doing" the city today.

Alfred Huott left this morning for Portland, where he will attend the business college.

Mrs. E. L. Sherman, who has been the guest of Mrs. Cushing, returned to Warrenton this afternoon.

W. H. Wolf, of Dutch Flat, who was in town today, says snow is about the same in that vicinity as here.

Jos. R. Whalen, representing the Ramsey Manufacturing Co. of St. Louis, is in the city in the interest of his company.

Senator John Michell came up from Salem last night to spend today and tomorrow at home. He says Salem is not a healthful place for clerks this year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Winnek and little daughter arrived in The Dalles last night from San Diego, Cal., and are now visiting Mrs. Winnek's sister, Mrs. Olivia Morgan.

J. U. G. Stevenson, wife and son, arrived in the city last night from Oyster-ville, Wash., on their way to Klickitat county. On account of the blockade, they were compelled to remain in the city during the day.

BORN.

In this city, Jan. 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bunker, a daughter; weight, nine pounds.

Scalp Bounty Bill.

Following is a summary of the scalp bounty bill introduced in the house by Williamson, and which was thoroughly discussed yesterday afternoon.

"That the county courts of the several counties of this state shall levy a tax upon the assessed number of all sheep in their respective counties, which are owned by the residents of the counties, or are being pastured in the counties, that may appear on the assessment rolls as made on March 1st each year, thereby creating a fund to be placed in the state treasurer's hands, and to be known as the state scalp bounty fund. The tax shall be as follows: One and one-half cents per head on all sheep appearing on the assessment rolls, as aforesaid.

"The county courts of this state shall levy a tax of one-quarter of 1 mill on all personal and real property that may be returned on the assessment rolls of their respective counties, to be used and placed in the above fund, in the possession of the state treasurer, to be used in conjunction and in connection with the aforesaid tax on sheep; provided, however, that personal property, as stated in the above fund, in the possession of the state treasurer, to be used in conjunction and in connection with the aforesaid tax on sheep; provided, however, that personal property, as stated in this section, shall not include sheep, as enumerated in the previous section.

"There shall be paid as hereinafter provided the sum of \$2 apiece for each coyote, mountain lion, or cougar and gray or timber wolf scalp.

Woolgrowers' Meeting, Jan. 24th.

Secretary Fred W. Wilson, of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association, has received a letter from Capt. S. B. Ormsby, superintendent of the Cascade Forest Reserve, in which the latter says he is desirous of meeting with the sheep men relative to the proposed leasing of grazing lands next summer.

The interior department has called upon Capt. Ormsby for a report in this connection, and before rendering it he wishes to ascertain the views of the sheep owners with regard to the proposed change. This matter is a very important one, as the grazing question

has been a perplexing one ever since the alpine hunters in the East and in Portland have assumed jurisdiction of the sheep and sheep men also.

The government seems disposed to treat all classes fairly and to this end gives the wool growing interest an opportunity to be heard before any definite plan is determined.

In view of the important interests at stake, Mr. Wilson, in the absence of George A. Young, president of the association, who is in the East, has called a meeting of the members of the Wool Association to meet in the Commercial Club rooms, in The Dalles, January 24th. Captain Ormsby will come up from Salem to be present, and it is earnestly desired by the executive committee of the association that every member will, if possible, attend.

O. D. Taylor Found "Not Guilty."

A Saginaw, Mich., paper has an extended article concerning a case which has just been tried in the court here, in which O. D. Taylor, of this city, was defendant. On account of its length it is impossible to give in full the statement of the judge to the jury, which no doubt would have been interesting to our readers: The paper says in part:

The case of the People vs. O. D. Taylor in which Joseph Seemann was complainant was brought to a close about 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Judge Wilber directed a verdict of "not guilty." This case was taken up Tuesday afternoon and proved as short as the people had promised it would be. There were but two questions involved and the facts established by the testimony presented few contradictions. The law points were argued yesterday morning and the whole case is concisely and accurately summed up in the statement made by Judge Wilber, in which he gives his reasons for directing a verdict.

In closing the judge said: "It seems beyond all controversy that a jury would not be justified as a matter of law in finding that Mr. Taylor intended to defraud him by making that representation; and it seems equally clear that Mr. Seemann could not have been defrauded by this representation; and for these reasons I direct you to render a verdict of not guilty. The clerk will receive the verdict."

The result of this case was very gratifying to Mr. Taylor and his attorneys and to the personal friends, several of whom were in the court room.

The New Laundry.

Perhaps the busiest people in the city are those employed by The Dalles Steam Laundry, who are always on the go, and daily turning out the very best of work. Since their removal to their new quarters every department is fitted out with all latest appliances for their work, and they have only the best of employees.

Last night Miss Hansen arrived in the city from Portland to accept a position with them. She thoroughly understands the new shirt-polishing machine, and will manipulate it in a manner which will surely give satisfaction.

Since the managers of the laundry have done their best to give the people of The Dalles an industry of this kind which is as good as any in the state, they should receive our patronage. There is now no reason for sending your clothes away from town to be laundried.

Suicided on the Street.

BUTTE, Mont. Jan. 11.—Albert James Lee, aged 35, who came here 15 months ago from Chicago as assistant steward at the Butte hotel, committed suicide on Broadway, one of the main business streets of the city, by shooting himself through the head. Lee was separated from his wife, and for some months past had been doing odd jobs about town. This morning he went to the bank, drew \$50, bought a revolver, and went to the office of Dr. L. E. Holmes, who was treating him for a secret disease. Coming out of the office, he placed the pistol to his head and fired.

How to Prevent Pneumonia.

You are perhaps aware that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of La Grippe. During the epidemic of La Grippe a few years ago when so many cases resulted in pneumonia, it was observed that the attack was never followed by that disease when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was used. It counteracts any tendency of a cold or La Grippe to result in that dangerous disease. It is the best remedy in the world for bad colds and La Grippe. Every bottle warranted. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

The Oregon on the Way.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Captain Barker today cabled the navy department from Callao Peru, that he was about to sail with the Oregon, Scandia and the Iris, directly for Honolulu on the way to Manila. At the same time the battle ship Iowa, which had accompanied the Oregon around from New York, started northward for San Francisco in company with the collier Justin and the supply steamer Celtic, her voyage being about 4000 miles in length.

Horrible agony is caused by Piles, burns and skin diseases. These are immediately relieved by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. Beware of worthless imitations. Snipes-Kinnersly Drug Co.

Conditions Improving.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—This cablegram was received at the war department this morning:

"Manila, Jan. 12.—Conditions apparently are improving. Citizens feel more secure. Many natives are returning. The city is quiet and business active. "Oris."

Sheriff's Sale.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, for Wasco County.

J. P. Shannon, Plaintiff,

vs.

Mary W. Lewis, Wayne F. Lewis and Wm. Mc D. Lewis, Minors, by J. A. Moody, their guardian ad litem, and Z. F. Moody, executors of the estate of W. Mc D. Lewis, deceased, Defendants.

By virtue of an execution, decree and order of said court issued out of and under the seal of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Wasco, to me directed and dated the 25th day of December, 1898, upon a decree for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage, rendered and entered in said court on the 20th day of December, 1898, in the above entitled cause in favor of the plaintiff and against defendants, in the sum of thirty-two hundred and fifty-four dollars, and commanding me to make sale of the real property embraced in said decree of foreclosure and hereinafter described, I will, on the

7th day of February, 1899.

at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. of said day, and at the front door of the County Court House in Dalles City, Wasco County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the defendants or either of them had on the 11th day of June, 1885, the date of the mortgage foreclosed herein, or which said defendant or any of the defendants herein, have since acquired, or now have in and to the following described property, situated and being in Wasco county, Oregon, to-wit:

The S. W. 1/4, and the S. E. 1/4, Section 24, Township 5, south of range 12, East of Willamette meridian, containing 160.47 acres according to the government survey thereof, the same being known on the maps and plats of the United States as Cash Entry No. 85, of John P. Shannon; or so much of said property as will satisfy said judgment and Court's order, and will be sold subject to confirmation and redemption as by law provided.

Dated at The Dalles, Oregon, this 25th day of December, 1898.

ROBERT KELLY, Sheriff of Wasco County, Or.

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