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MITCHELL, JONES AND WILLIAMSON Are to be Tried on Other Charges Involving 200000 Acres in Eastern Oregon

Senator Mitchell, Congressman J N Williamson and Willard N Jones must undergo trial on another, entirely separate indictment, and if found guilty they will probably have to pay yet heavier penalties for breaking the laws they swore to uphold. With them in the forthcoming trial are involved Congressman Binger Hermann who must also face two different indictments, and George Sorenson and F P Mays.

The case involving these defendants may be the first tried after court meets again; at any rate it will be one set for an early hearing. It is known as Blue Mountain Forest Reserve case, and the indictment setting forth the alleged crime charges that on January 16, 1902, the defendants conspired to defraud the United States of 200,000 acres of valuable lands by obtaining possession of 150,000 acres of school lands in Crook, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Baker, Union, Umatilla and Wallowa counties, which were still vacant because they were arid and worthless. Other lands amounting to 50,000 acres were to be acquired in furtherance of the scheme.

METHODS OF PROCEDURE

The plan was to get these lands, says the indictment by procuring persons to purchase at the usual rate charged by the state for school land, which is \$1.25 an acre; no one person can acquire more than 320 acres in this manner. It was then the object of the defendants, it is charged, to have a forest reserve established in the said counties, relinquish the lands enclosed by the proposed reserve, and in exchange for the lands so surrendered gain acreage of value in the

different states still open for settlement by the lie land act.

These are the allegations of the Government. It is believed by the Government that a strong case is presented against the defendants by the evidence at hand and that even if the appeals to the higher courts for review of the previous cases, in which Mitchell, Williamson and Jones were convicted, are as successful as is hoped by the defendants, and new trials allowed, they will be found guilty on the new charges awaiting them.

Letters from the defendants to each other in regard to the creation of the proposed forest reserve, and urging the best steps necessary to bring it about, are affixed to the indictment, and will be perhaps the strongest evidence to be produced by the Government. It is said these show that Senator Mitchell and Congressman Williamson were to prepare the bill for the creation of the reserve, and to try to secure its passage, while Binger Hermann, as Commissioner of the General Land Office, was to recommend its creation to the Secretary of the Interior.—Telegram

Procurer Caught

Seattle, Wash Oct 18—Guy Waller a professional procurer of young girls for bawdy houses in Victoria and Vancouver, who was run out of Portland, Spokane and Tacoma was given a heavy fine and jail sentence today at Vancouver. He had letters on him from British Columbia bawdy houses acknowledging receipt of several young girls. It is believed that a member of the gang is now working in the Northwest.

Indictments Sustained

Chicago, Oct 18—Judge Humphrey of the federal court this morning sustained the indictment in the best trust cases as to four counts, alleging conspiracy to accomplish an unlawful restraint on trade. The indictments alleging attempts to conspire and those alleging maintenance of monopoly were unsustainable. The packers will be forced to stand trial and plead. The cases were continued until Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The defense asked for a week but was refused.

Washington Frost

Seattle Wash Oct 18—The first killing frost on the Puget sound country this year occurred last night following a heavy gale which crippled traffic all day yesterday.

Hearing Commenced

Washington Oct 18—The Interstate Commerce Commission today began the hearing in the cases affecting the refrigerator car line.

Cashier Suicides

Pittsburg, Oct 18—T L Clark, cashier of the Enterprise National Bank, committed suicide this morning and upon receipt of the news the Comptroller of the currency ordered the bank closed, declaring it insolvent. Edmund J. Cunningham has been appointed receiver.

Bottle Works Improved

The La Grande Bottling Works has undergone a great change in the past few days. The building, which formerly stood on the street has been moved back 30 feet and the proprietor J H Stevens, says he will have a new lawn by spring. The front will be remodeled and a handsome sign will adorn it within a few weeks. New machinery will be ordered to enable the spring and summer trade to be taken care of with greater ease. When complete it will be one of the most up to date establishments of its kind in the Inland Empire.

WOMAN WHO ESCAPED

Chicago Ill Oct 18—The secrets of the alleged traffickers in humanity who are charged with selling American girls for slaves in China will be told to the police by a woman who escaped from the clutches of the band and is now in Chicago. The police have her name. Chief Collins says the woman was lured by the offers of a large salary as governess of the children. Rich Chinese in San Francisco are suspected. This woman eluded the vigilance of the woman companion teacher. She sent a telegram to a former sweetheart of this city who wired for her not to take passage until he could reach her. She was rescued in the nick of time after learning many of the secrets of the terrible traffic.

Favor Locks

Washington Oct 18—It is reported that the majority of the consulting engineers who returned today from the Isthmus are in favor of a lock canal.

845 Children

In last Monday's public school notes an error was made, stating the number of school children enrolled. The number should have been 845 instead of 745.

GRAND CHIEF RANGER

Grand Chief Ranger Burgeese, of Portland, visits Court Maid Marion No 23 T. of A. this evening. He is an official visitor and the Court feels greatly honored thereby. The members of the court will welcome the Grand Chief in no uncertain manner, and have made arrangements to serve a banquet in his honor. The Woodmen hall, one of the best in the city, has been fittingly prepared for the occasion and runners have been sent to the depths of the forests to notify the brothers of the event, and a noteworthy turnout is expected. The Grand Chief was expected to arrive yesterday, but owing to the irregularity of the trains did not reach La Grande in time, and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen kindly gave up the hall for the night in order that the Grand Chief might be properly entertained. There will be things doing in the forest tonight, and ever Forester is expected to attend and share the pleasure.

Neighborhood Club

The Ladies Neighborhood Club held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon. Roll call was responded to with bits of history regarding some of the early rulers of Russia. The lesson review was conducted by Mrs Brenholt. Mrs C E Moore sang a "Russian Talk" song. Mrs A T Hill read "Ivan the Czar," and "How Russia was Christianized" was the subject of a paper by Mrs G C Osborn.

High License

States Idaho will impose a saloon license of \$400 per year. This added to the state and county licenses of \$500 per year, government license of \$25 and recording fee of \$1, makes a total of \$926 charged for retailing liquors in Idaho.

Plunges Overboard

San Francisco Oct 18—While mentally deranged, Patrick Egan, ordnance sergeant of the Sixty Sixth artillery enroute to Fort Mott N J, a passenger on the transport Sherman which arrived this morning from the Philippines, plunged overboard from the vessel after dark while it was passing Lime Point at the entrance to the port. All efforts to save him failed as he refused aid. He went down in view of 500 passengers.

Die in Philippines

Washington Oct 18—Lieutenant Charles A Thorp, aged 29 years, assistant in the supply office of the Philippine constabulary, from Stockton, California, died at Camp Connell, Samar, of typhoid fever. Lieutenant Robert McConnell, of the Ninth infantry of Oregon, California, died at Camp Wilhelm, Payapas, of peritonitis. He served in the Spanish war with the First Nebraska and was later commissioned into the regular army. He leaves a widow at Corning.

Jordan Not Found

New York Oct 18—Frank B Jordan, son of Thomas D Jordan, former comptroller of the Equitable, was examined this morning in an unsuccessful effort to learn the whereabouts of his father.

Battleship Floated

Tokio Oct 18—The Russian battleship Pobieda which was sunk by the Japanese at Port Arthur was floated today and now flies the Mikado's flag.

Grain Markets

Chicago, Oct. 18—The markets closed today as follows: Wheat 87 1/2; corn 44 1/2; oats 89. PORTLAND MARKET Portland, Oct 18—Club, 72, blastem, 75; valley 72. LOCAL MARKET Buyers today are offering 73 cents for blastem and 70 for club.

TEDDY IN THE SOUTH

Washington, Oct 18—The president left on schedule time this morning at 8:30 on his Southern tour. The French ambassador was among those who were at the station to bid him goodbye. All of the way down to the station sheds the president bowed and exclaimed, "Goodbye, goodbye." Secret Service Chief Wilkie and United States Marshal Palmer and squads of officers guarded the president on his way to the train.

Richmond Oct 18—President Roosevelt on his southern tour made his first stop at Fredericksburg where the engine was taking water he made a short speech and also made a short address at Ashland from the steps of the car and upon arriving in this city made the first long address. He congratulated the people on their memories and achievements and urged good citizenship.

While at Fredericksburg he received a telegram advising him of the death of Governor Glenn's brother which caused some alteration in the plans of entertainment and instead of going to the governor's mansion he remained on the train until it was time to go to the fair grounds where he viewed the troops and is now speaking.

Merely Rubbish

Washington, Oct 18—The gifts of Miss Roosevelt received on her Oriental tour are pronounced to be a collection of junk and rubbish. Taft says that up to the time he left the presents could be purchased in this country for \$150. The pearls given by the Sultan of Sulu, all four together are not worth more than \$50.

Remains Cremated

London, Oct 18—The remains of Sir Henry Irving were cremated according to his wish, this morning.

ILLINOIS CYCLONE INJURES OVER FORTY

St. Louis, Oct 18—The mining town of Sorento, Illinois is reported to be wiped out of existence by a cyclone. At least four are known to be dead. The river which runs through the city is out of its banks. A cloudburst at Alton caused a wreck on the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis, five cars and the engine were thrown into the river and two carloads of horses lost. A train man and several tramps are believed to have been drowned. The four known to be dead at Sorento are Mrs T Files, Mrs Wm Stewart, Wm Mann and Harry Mann. Four men are fatally injured and over forty other persons were injured and about fifty buildings were demolished. The death list up to late this afternoon now includes eight, with four bodies unidentified.

Anything You want in Stationery

A stationery stock as large and complete as ours contains many things which would be used more generally if people knew that such items were on the market and at their command. For this reason we invite everyone to call and examine our stock. Such an inspection is almost sure to develop into a want for some of these items. Some of them, such as letter files, bill files, clips, etc., are almost household necessities where there is a need of referring back to letters or statements. These things save time by enabling you to at once locate the particular bill or letter you want and they are where you know they won't get lost. Almost every well regulated family now uses Account Books, Memorandum Books, etc. We have a big assortment from the smaller ones that fit in a vest pocket up to the large ones for office use. Tissue papers are in demand now for decorative purposes, also shelf papers, etc. Of course, we have anything you ever want in correspondence papers (box, bulk and tablet) pens, ink, pencils, mullage, paste, rubber bands, erasers, etc., and always make lowest prices on them.

NEWLIN DRUG COMPANY
La Grande Oregon

Four Big Specials

In Men's, Womens' and Childrens' Underwear This Week

Ladies' Non-Shrinking ribbed, white wool vests, and pants regular 60c values..... This week	49c	Men's vicuna colored wool underwear, shirts and drawers in all sizes, at the special low price of.....	98c
Men's natural gray wool underwear, heavy fleeco lined, and special good value at \$2.50 a suit. This week the garment.....	98c	Children's fine wool vests and pants, in colors natural gray and salmon pink, extra good values.....	45c UP

LADIES' HATS

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This week we offer some extraordinary values in ladies hats, in fact some of the choicest hat offerings it has ever been our fortune to offer a discriminating public. A special assortment of ready-to-wear hats in the seasons wanted styles, at the very low price..... **\$2.50**

FURS, FURS

Save money on Furs You'll do it if you buy them here, we handle only the products from the most reputable makers. Beas and scarfs in marten, coney, mink, fox and a number of others, all at saving prices. **\$1.75 up**

SOME GREAT SPECIAL VALUES IN LADIES' JACKETS

In colors, red; castor, blue, brown and black	Jackets	\$5.49
	"	7.69
	"	8.69
	"	9.89

Feather Pillows

20 by 26 inch Feather Pillows, an extra good value.....	\$1.00
Fine Feather Pillows, size 20 by 26 made from best Feather ticking, weight 2 1/2 lbs each.....	\$1.50

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY