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LAND CRABBER WORKED GAME IN LA GRANDE

DEPUTY MARSHAL THROUGH CITY TO BAKER TODAY.

Since Uncovering of Daring Land Fraud Practice by One Cooke of New York, Now Arrested at Baker City, It Has Been Learned That a Second Punter Worked in La Grande—Thirty-Nine Supposed Victims Made Applications for Land in This City—His Plans Daring and Bare-Land Agents Here Working.

On this morning's eastbound train was traveling a deputy United States marshal, C. R. Nicholson by name, en route to Baker City to take in custody the alleged king of land frauds, E. G. Cooke, who was arrested there last Saturday night.

After staying at the leading hotel in Baker City for two weeks, and apparently herding about a group of 12 or 15 landseekers, Cooke was arrested by authorities of Baker county Saturday night on instructions from District Attorney John McCourt of Portland. The Baker officials were ignorant of the grounds for action and up to this morning the prisoner has maintained a like ignorance, causing considerable pity in Baker City at the seemingly ungrounded arrest.

The Portland Journal of last evening throws some light on the matter, but is slightly off color in some matters. The Journal relates that Cooke travels in a private car with 40 "victims" whom he intends to fleece in public land deals. In Baker City this is denied today, no private car having been seen there—and Cooke has been there two weeks—and the number of people in his wake is only 12. Deputy Nicholson this morning stated he knew nothing of the case except that Cooke was wanted in New York. He said he would ascertain

what steps the fellow would take when the charge was read to him, but he inferred that Cooke would be brought to Portland tonight and there given a chance of furnishing bail. Just what steps will be taken remains to be seen.

Habeas corpus proceedings were about to be instituted in Baker county to get Cooke out of jail. The arrival of Nicholson today frustrated that movement.

His Game.

The Portland Journal explains his "game" in this way:

Cooke was and is the general manager of the Oregon Ranching & Timber syndicate having headquarters in the St. Paul building, New York city. He is the owner, or reputed owner of a large ranch in the eastern part of the state, in the vicinity of Baker City.

"Twenty for One" His Cry.

The scheme of Cooke was simple. He advertised in the New York papers that he had a proposition by which investors could make "20 for 1" and he outlined it to those answering the ad about as follows:

Cooke represented that he was the agent for the Weyerhaeuser people who desired to secure a large body of timber in the state of Oregon. He admitted frankly that his scheme was shady, but contended that the federal authorities knew of it and of its operation, but could do nothing to stop it. The plan was to purchase 10 shares of stock in the Oregon Ranching & Timber syndicate, paying \$100 for the block. Upon this collateral the syndicate would then loan the applicant \$400 with which the land was to be filed and proved up and patent secured.

Promised to Buy Back.

Cooke entered into a written contract with the applicants who went into his scheme. In this it was agreed that Cooke would locate the applicant on 160 acres of Oregon land for the \$100 paid for the stock in the syndicate. Cooke was to locate the land, mark the boundary lines and then notify the applicant, who in turn was to come to Oregon, follow the directions of Cooke and file on the land. It is further agreed that Cooke will buy back the claim for \$2000 next as soon as the patent had been secured from the government.

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of the utmost interest to the stay-at-homes, as well as those who are going to take their summer outing in the mountains or at the coast--read these items and prices carefully--and remember--there are hundreds of equally good bargains in all summer goods all over the house. : : :

THE FAIR SUMMER SALE

Summer Clearance Prices

\$2.50 Royal Khaki Suits \$1.59 Men's Summer Suits \$7.35
Boys Suits with long or short pants, coats made in Norfolk style with belts, all sizes at the Special Price : : : \$1.59

45c SPL. Men's 6oc to \$1.50 Straw and Cloth hats--all Styles and all sizes SPL. 45c

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CONFESION CLEARS MYSTERY

A GREEK BLEW UP GALLAGHER RESIDENCE.

A Greek Who Actually Touched Off the Charge That Wrecked Homes of Ex-Supervisor Gallagher in Oakland, Has Confessed Because He Did Not Get His Blood Money—His Brother Also Wanted—Tried to Kill Gallagher First.

San Francisco, Cal., July 14.—Detectives are today searching every corner of the city for Peter Claudianos, a Greek aged 21, who is implicated in dynamiting the houses of James Gallagher, chief witness in the graft prosecution, by a remarkable confession made by his brother John, who says he himself actually exploded the charges of dynamite. His confession was made Saturday night and guarded in the hope of catching Peter, who John accuses of making a deal with other people to kill Gallagher for money. He says he was to receive \$5000 as his share of the blood money. He did not get it. That's the reason he confessed. He went over the ground with District Attorney Langdon in Oakland and pointed to the caches where he had hidden the dynamite before the explosion.

"I used just 30 pounds of dynamite on this job," said the Greek, pointing to the wrecked vestibule of the Gallagher home. He then went to the scene of the other explosion, at the corner of Perkins and Belmont streets, where three empty houses belonging to Gallagher were blown up.

"I used 30 pounds of dynamite here," he said. He declared that after failing to kill Gallagher, he decided to destroy his property. He said he bought the dynamite in Arizona, and said he got \$10 daily for watching the house in Oakland. The prisoner was trapped through a letter written by him to his brother in Chico, Calif., stating to expose the plot unless the money was forwarded.

RYAN WHIPS THE COMMITTEE

OUTLINES POLICIES ON CONTRIBUTION PLANK.

At suggestion of the Commoner the Democratic National Committee Rules to Publish All Donations of More Than \$100 and up to \$10,000—No Contribution Above the Last Named Figure—Will Publish Them All Before Election Day.

Lincoln, July 14.—Members of the democratic national committee visited Fairview today and conferred with Candidates Bryan and Kern. The conference lasted most of the day.

Bryan addressed the committee on the subject of the contribution clause, saying he and Kern were in sympathy with the pledge. He said:

"As it is our earnest desire for the party to make good the pledge, we ask you to put the plank into immediate operation. This can be accomplished by the adoption by your committee of a resolution providing that the committee will not accept any contributions from any corporation, that the committee will not accept any contribution from any individual in excess of a reasonable amount; that the committee shall make public before election all contributions above any reasonable minimum. I suggest your approval of \$10,000 as the maximum, and \$100 as the minimum to be published. I also suggest that on or before October 15 all the contributions of more than \$100 received up to that time and that after that date all such contributions be published on the day on which they are received. It would not be well to receive any contributions of more than \$100 within three days of the election."

The suggestions were adopted.

The democratic national committee decided to hold the Bryan nomination at Fairview farm August 12. The nomination of Kern will be held at Indianapolis on the day to be fixed later.

AMERICANS WIN OVER THE WORLD

YANKEES SET NEW MARKS IN THE FIELD EVENTS.

New Mark Established in Hammer Throw Today by New York Policemen—Americans Are Winning Many Points—Scattering Points in Second and Third Places, But Yankees Are Superior Over the World—Several Final Weight Events Held.

London, July 14.—Running the 1500 meters in 4 minutes 3 2-5 seconds, which is two seconds shaved off the record, Melvin W. Shepard of the Irish-American Athletic club of New York, won the final event for America today, in the Olympic games, breaking the Olympic record and the professional and amateur record of Great Britain. John J. Flanagan, the New York policeman, captured the final in the hammer throw today with a mark of 17 feet 4 1/2 inches.

The rain yesterday put the field in fine shape for today. C. Walsh of Canada, was third in the hammer throw finals, with a mark of 159 feet 4 1/2 inches. Martin J. McGrath, another New York policeman, took second in the final hammer throw, his mark being 167 feet 11 inches.

The first heat in the 20 kilometers bicycle race was won by L. Meredith of England in 33 minutes 21 seconds. C. B. Kingsbury of England, captured the second heat in 32 minutes 33 4-5 seconds; C. J. Weinz of the United States team, won the third heat in 33 minutes 39 4-5 seconds; B. J. Jones of England, won the fourth heat in 32 minutes 39 seconds; C. Cameron of the American team, finished second.

N. A. Hanson of Sweden, won the fifth heat in the 20 kilometer bicycle race, in 34 minutes 53 3-6 seconds. A. Denny of England, was first in the

sixth heat, making the 20 kilometers in 33 minutes, 40 2-5 seconds. G. E. Larmer, the English policeman, won the final victory in the 2500 meter walk in 14 minutes and 56 seconds. Latimer finished 10 yards ahead of E. J. Webb of England, who won second place; Kerd of Australia, finished third in the preliminaries for the 2500 meter walking. Latimer won the first heat in 16 minutes and 22 seconds. Webb won second place in 16 minutes 17 1/4 seconds; G. Goulding of Canada won third in 16 minutes and 16 seconds.

Although Shephard's time today was two seconds less than the record held by Lightbody, it was equalled yesterday by G. M. Hallows of Oxford, who touched the low mark during the preliminary heats for today's race. There were eight contestants in the finals of the 1500 metre race today.

H. A. Wilson, England, finished second; N. F. Hallows, England, third.

Child Burned to Death.

Seattle, July 14.—Grace Carver, aged 7, was burned to death yesterday at the home of her parents on a farm near Bellevue. The child's clothing was nearly burned off. Her mother was away at the time.

ANKENY FORCES ARE DEFEATED

HUGE LANDSLIDE TO THE DEMOCRATS IN WALLA WALLA

McKean, Heading Republicans and Representing Ankeny Forces, Given Severe Drubbing in City Election Yesterday—First Democrat in 18 Years to Be Seated as Mayor—Victory for Evening Bulletin—Ankeny's Popularity on the Decline.

Walla Walla, Wash., July 14.—Walla Walla awoke today to find that for the first time in 18 years it has elected a democratic mayor and by a landslide into the Bryan ranks, so far as the majority is concerned.

Eugene Taussig won over W. F. McLean, the republican, by a vote of 1494 to 462. This is the largest majority ever given a mayor here.

The city has a normal republican majority of 709. McLean is an Ankeny man, and was elected president of the Taft league by the Ankeny faction of the republican party.

The factional war has been long and bitter between the Morning Union, the organ of Senator Ankeny, and the Evening Bulletin, representing the insurgents. The city election yesterday was a huge victory for the evening publication, which is unprecedented.

Taking the result of yesterday's election as a criterion, it is conceded by well posted politicians that Senator Levi Ankeny's star is waning, and that the faction represented by the Evening Bulletin will easily encompass the defeat of Ankeny for the nomination to succeed himself at the election to be held this fall.

Sheriff Spanks Boy.
San Jose, Cal., July 14.—Leon Frost, aged 12, who is in jail for burglary, attempted to kill himself and probably will be sentenced to the reform school. When he was taken to the sheriff's office he made an attempt to shoot himself. The only thing that saved his life was his delay in shoving the cartridges into the pistol. The sheriff took the weapon away and put the boy over his knee and gave him a good spanking.

OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY
IT of every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

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