

CONSPIRACY CHARGES

SMOLDERING RUMORS BREAK OUT IN MANY SENSATIONAL CHARGES AGAINST WELL-KNOWN MEN

LONGEST AND MOST SENSATIONAL TRIAL IN LOCAL LAND OFFICE

In Order to Cancel Entries of Twenty-seven Tools of Northwestern Lumber Company—Government Must Prove That Conspiracy Existed—Will Try Each One Separately—Not a Prosecution Against Scriber, Thomson and Spencer—Broad and Pointed Statements Made by The Department in Charges—Notices Already Issued.

Alleged conspiracies between the North West Lumber company of Spokane, S. W. Spenser, Asa B. Thomson and J. W. Scriber to defraud the government out of something like 4,320 acres of timber land lying southwest of Ukiah, are openly charged by the United States government and the hearings of 27 defendants will be held in this city during the coming fall, which will be the most gigantic conspiracy and cancellation suits ever brought in the local land office. Because of the peculiar relations of one thing to another, all these defendants, at least those of them who are living, will be brought here for trial separately.

One hundred and eight notices of charges were sent out by registered letters yesterday evening from here, and that was the first step in this city to bring the trials to issue.

These people, John Mills, Oscar F. Nell, Maurice A. Mack, W. E. Pruyns, Henry Humphreys, John Woodard, Alfred L. Ayers, Emma C. Fuller, Wm. Ayers, Allen W. Salling,

Edward Brown, Martha E. Scribner O. S. Andrews, John Kirk, George Tillard, Naomie Garner, E. Landsay, Wm. P. Scribner, Cecil T. Humphreys, Thomas J. Humphreys, Mabel America Leezer, George Whittier, Henry E. Warren, Charles W. Fuller, Anna F. Spenser, S. W. Spenser and Wm. C. Lee, about six years ago made application for timber and stone proofs at the La Grande land office on land lying near Ukiah, and the local land office issued certificates which invariably go to the department for O. K. The patents, which the department issues, and gives to the applicant, were not issued and this week, sensational charges are made by the government against these applicants and others who are implicated.

The cases are in connection with charges of conspiracy unofficially made against Scriber and Thomson some time ago.

The Specific Charges. The charges as preferred by the government are that each of these people named, gave deeds to their pat-

EX-SENATOR TELLER.



Henry Moore Teller the well known Democratic member of the congressional monetary commission, who for years has been senator from Colorado, but whose term of office expired last March, spent last night in La Grande. He was unable to get a berth last night and stopped at the Foley until the morning train. Though he is not senator, he is a member of the monetary commission. Teller, aged and gray, slipped away without notice and few knew of his presence in the city. Politicians would have given much to converse with the old warhorse.

ent to the Northwest Lumber company of Spokane, and when after John L. Ayers and P. B. McSwords had been chosen as the men to put up the money, they died, and then S. W. Spenser, Asa B. Thomson and J. W. Scriber, knowing the fraudulent purpose of the action, put up the money in the La Grande land office needed to pay for the timber and stone claims filed on by these men, 27 applicants. The charges fail to mince matters, but make direct assertions that the three principals knew of the fraudulent efforts to procure land from the government.

The charges then state that five

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THREE HUNDRED MEN WANTED NOW

LA FOLLETTE IS ANGRY AT TARIFF

CANNON TOO, COMES IN FOR SHARE OF CENSURE.

Promises of Campaign Not Complied With Says La Follette.

MADISON, Wis., Aug. 13.—The new tariff and Speaker Cannon were both attacked today by Senator La Follette in his weekly publication. The leading editorial bears the caption "New Tariff Law, the President's Statement." Declares the president in the campaign of last fall promised a downward revision. He says in part:

"The kind of revision demanded, promised and decreed at the polls wasn't even partially complied with. In so far as the price of any article in common use affected by the rates under the Payne-Aldrich law, the cost will be increased to the consumer."

The editorial then says that although many were disappointed at the a vigorous stand there is a hopeful president's statement because it isn't significance in the president intimating that tariff isn't a "closed book." Another editorial under the caption "Cannon's Revenge" says:

"By relegating Republican congressmen who had the temerity to question his divine right to rule to the unimportant committees, Canyon may be laboring under the delusion that he can awe into submission their constituents." Continuing he says:

"He took his revenge, but it went a long way toward his downfall, demonstrating how little representation the citizen is permitted to have in congress."

WITNESSES IN LAW'S CLUTCHES

ASSAULT AND ABUSIVE WORDS PLAY BIG PARTS.

Land Contest Hearing Has Fistic Ending Last Night.

Fistic climaxes marked the end of the recent land office case wherein the government was trying to oust John Brown a timberman from a claim at Rondwa, last evening, when John O'Grove assaulted Brown near the Grande Ronde Valley house. For conglomeration and general mixups, the case is without precedent for a justice court case. This morning Brown and O'Grove were arrested, and the hearing set for 10 o'clock. The defendant pleaded not guilty, and in the mean time missed his train home. Later, through his attorney, John S. Hodgins, he pleaded guilty and was this afternoon fined accordingly.

L. J. Shelby, who was also mixed up in the land case, for O'Grove, was a witness for the government, was real indignant about the assault on his friend Brown, and while explaining to the justice, was arrested by Chief Rayburn for using abusive language on the streets last night and was fined \$5.00 later. King, still another witness was the complaining witness against Shelby.

The entire outfit was on the street last evening and more or less noisy. They will return tomorrow morning.

Three Die at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 13.—Three deaths are reported as the result of the heat.

DUTCH GOES OVER LINE TO PICK CAMP SITES

DIRT TO FLY IN TEN DAYS

Undecided Which Route Material Will be Hauled Over to The Front—"Rush" The Watchword.

Location and establishment of permanent camps to house and quarter the army of men that is to construct the Beaver creek water project is being picked today by H. A. Dutch, secretary and constructing engineer from Kansas City, who will be the man on the grounds for the American Light and Power company with Civil Engineer L. A. Pickler, started over the 13 miles of pipe line to pick the camp sites and decide which is the best way to bring material to the front. When he returns, in something like three or four days, he will have decided how material is to be brought in, either by the Rock creek road or otherwise.

A Cry For Men.

If men can be secured, dirt will be flying on the project within a week. It will take an army of 250 or 300 men to construct the trenches, and these must be procured at once. Unless the demand is met here, outside employes will be rushed in that this construction may proceed.

"We are going to do everything in our power to hurry this matter," said Mr. Dutch today as he was hurriedly preparing to leave at noon with Mr. Pickler. "I have never been over the line and until I get back I can say but little as to actual plans.

He did however, say, that the trenches will be constructed before the pipe arrives or as much of it as possible. This is done that the pipe may be placed in the trenches and covered without exposure to more sun than can be helped.

256 DRAWN BY LOCAL APPLICANT

SPOKANE CHRONICLE PUBLISHES BACON'S NAME.

List of Names Drawn Today That Halted From Coast.

COEUR D'ALENE, Aug. 13.—Among the scores of successful applicants from the Pacific coast at today's drawing, were: 2139, Jacob W. Angle; 2146, Albert Jones; 2014, George Sweet; 2022, Albert E. Laforge; 2033, Mary Lee; 2035, B. Gottlieb, all Spokane; 2100, D. Millgard, Colfax, Wash.; 2102, H. L. Kingsland, Spokane; 2013, Frank Delanider; Mace, Idaho; 2114, Gesina Windhusen, Spokane; 2054, George Gelliland, Pocatello, Idaho; 2062, G. F. Toomey, Genessee, Idaho; 2063, A. H. Stutz, Wallace, Idaho.

Drawing for the lands on Flathead Indian reservation at Missoula continued here today. It is expected the last number will be gone tomorrow afternoon. Less crowd in attendance today.

Miss Alice Snook, who returned this morning from Spokane, affirms that Archie Bacon son of Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Bacon of this city, drew number 256 at the Flathead drawing at Coeur d'Alene yesterday, according to a report which she saw in the Spokane Chronicle last evening. The Observer has been unable to secure the list drawn yesterday afternoon from press time, but it is hoped that such a desirable number fell to a son of La Grande.

COUNTY PAPERS FINISHED.

Work of Grading Papers Will Not be Finished Until Tomorrow.

Tonight will see all of the county papers in the hands of Superintendent Bragg and those teachers who are trying for county papers on their way to their various homes. Those trying for state papers will not have finished until tomorrow and the work of grading will not be completed until late tomorrow evening.

Common Sense Shoe Talk--Now Listen?

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DO YOU HAVE CORNS OR BUNIONS?
DO YOUR FEET SWELL AFTER
STANDING ALL DAY? IF SO, WE
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