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ON LAST LAP OF HEARING

HERMANN TRIAL IS NEAR THE END. GOVERNMENT PRESENTS LAST PIECE OF EVIDENCE

INTRODUCED OVER THE OBJECTIONS OF DEFENSE.

Letters from Arizona to Hermann about Hyde-Benson ring in forming school land reserves is read by Heney—Show reply from Hermann to the attorney whose letters were read by Government.

Portland, Jan. 24.—Prosecutor Heney is on the last leg of the government's case against Binger Hermann. This morning session was devoted to reading letters by Heney, written by J. A. Zabraskie, a Tucson, Arizona attorney, who wrote the commission in 1902, telling of the actions of the Hyde-Benson ring in securing school lands in California and Oregon through the creation of forest reserves.

The letters of Zabraskie and Hermann's replies, reports of Special Agent Hoeltn who saw Zabraskie and Snyder, were all read before the jury over the strenuous objections of Col. Worthington.

Mrs. Alice Ladd, who has been here for several weeks disposing of her household goods and real estate, left last night for Walla Walla, where her daughter resides.

Pullet Carries High Honors

The first poultry show ever held in Union county closed its doors Saturday night. The management is more than pleased with the result and much good has resulted. There was much disappointment when the judging was completed, or rather much misinformation as to what constituted a prize winner. Cocks whose owners expected were premium winners were not in the race and not a few pullets strutted off with ribbons whose owners just put them in to fill their pens.

Ike Bonsell with a White Leghorn pullet won the first honor, scoring 92 points out of a possible 100.

J. G. Wagoner had the finest cock, a Rhode Island Red, scoring 90 1-2. Wm. Henson the finest hen, a White Wyandotte, scoring 89 3-4.

C. G. Coolidge the finest pen, with a score of 176 out of 200.

The official prize list:

Black Orpingtons: Bob Masterson, 1st cockerel, 2d pullet, 3d pullet and cash special for the highest scoring cockerel in the show.

Brown Leghorn, Single comb—Wm. C. Henson, 2d and 3d pullet.

Brown Leghorn, Rose comb—John Steinbeck, 2d cockerel, 2d pullet.

White Leghorn, Single comb—Ike Bonsell, 1st pullet, 3d pullet, 3d cockerel and highest scoring pullet at the show.

John Vandermullen, 2d pullet.

White Leghorn, Rose comb—C. D. Huffman, 2d cockerel and 2d hen and 2d highest scoring hen at the show.

Buff Orpingtons—Fred Nelson, 3d cockerel, 1st and 2d hen and 3d pullet.

Ike Bonsell, 2d pullet. R. E. Batholemew, 2d cockerel.

Light Bramah—Mrs. C. C. Ellsworth, 3d cockerel.

PENDLETON GIRLS COMING.

Basket Ball Contest with L. G. Elgin School Girls Friday.

Next Friday evening there will be a basket ball game between the Pendleton Academy girls and the girl's team of the La Grande High School. Much interest is being taken in the event, and as both teams have a reputation at stake, each side will do its best to win.

EXPRESSCO. TO SELL OUT

LOCALLY NOTHING BUT RUMOR PREVAILS.

Pendleton office receives instructions to prepare for turnover

Pendleton, Jan. 24. (Special)—According to authoritative information which has come to life here, the American Express Company has completed the purchase of the Pacific Company and will take possession on April 1st. This fact is based on a letter received by the local agent here from Pacific Express officials, at Salt Lake, in the shape of orders to have the office in shape to turn over to the American people by the date named. The Pacific company is now doing business on the Union Pacific, O. S. L., O. R. & N., in Oregon and Washington, and all branch lines of these roads.

Express agent Hibberd today affirmed that he has not received instructions relative to the above, having heard nothing but current reports to that effect.

Every good and charitable deed you do to a fellow being is a jewel in the crown to be worn in the great hereafter.

SECOND GREAT ATTACK ON BEEF TRUST COMMENCED

SIMS OPENS WAR ON BARONS OF MEAT TRUSTS WHEN GRAND JURY SITS IN CHICAGO TO HEAR INTRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE TO PROVE CONSPIRACY OF PACKERS HAS EXISTED

NATIONAL PACKING COMPANY IN CHIEF CONCERN AGAINST WHICH THE ATTACK WILL BE CENTERED.

Officials and employees of big packing plants are hauled before grand jury to give testimony—Sims for government claims all will be indicted jointly—John Ogden Armour believes high prices can't be eliminated despite efforts of Government.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—With eyes of an aroused people upon them, the great "barons" of the meat trust, were placed on the defensive today by the opening of the second government attack on the alleged monopoly. The evidenced, believed to warrant criminal procedure, is ready to present to the Federal Grand Jury this afternoon. Marshals were this morning serving subpoenas on 30 witnesses to appear before the inquisitors.

Government Prosecutor Sims will begin the arraignment of packers and Assistant James Wilkerson will conduct the grand jury room examination. The National Packing Company is selected as the chief object of attack.

A great number of witnesses are officials and employees of that institution. Sims is armed with data from government agents against the men suspected to be responsible for the high prices of meat through illegal combinations in restraint of the trade.

It is intimated that Sims will not attempt to secure indictment of individual packers but will probably attempt to indict them collectively. That the packers refuse to testify

MOTHER CLAIMS TOO MUCH.

Alleges children are hers when they really belong elsewhere.

Los Angeles, Jan. 24.—That the quadruplets, supposed to have been born a few days ago to Mrs. W. W. Wilson are not hers but were collected from different places, is charged by Dr. Armstrong Platt, who was called to attend Mrs. Wilson, and who refused to sign the birth certificate.

ALL FORGET THE MEETING

NOTHING DONE TO PERFECT BASE BALL CLUB.

Best players slipping us by, Immediate Action is Essential.

Nothing was done yesterday in the way of preliminary steps toward organizing a temporary base ball club for the reason that none remembered the meeting and attended. Time is slipping by rapidly and unless the city does something immediately, it will be left to pick over the leftovers in base ball circles, naturally suffering some thereby. The best in "loose" base ball players are being rapidly taken up—the thing is plain, La Grande will have to organize if she wants the best to be had.

Holding the meeting some time this week will be tried, for the reason that an evening meeting will be more popularly attended than a Sunday afternoon meeting.

MRS. WALSH PASSES AWAY

IN EIGHTIETH YEAR SHE DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Is survived by one son, E. J. Walsh, of this city.

Mrs. Walsh, the pioneer mother of Dispatcher E. J. Walsh, died at 12:40 this afternoon, following a critical illness lasting several months. Her age was advanced, as she would have reached 80 years had she lived until next November.

Funeral arrangements have been set for Wednesday morning from the Catholic church in this city.

Mrs. Walsh is survived by one son, E. J. Walsh, with whom she has been making her home of late years.

Notice.

Is hereby given that the registration books for the coming city election will be open on January 25th, 1910, at the office of the City Recorder and remain open during office hours until March 4th, 1910.

D. E. COX, Recorder.

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ACTUAL DATE IS FEB. 1ST

NEW INTERPRETATION PUT ON UMATILLA LAND OPENING BY LOCAL LAND OFFICE

NOT FEBRUARY TENTH AS FORMERLY ANNOUNCED.

Full details of manner of securing applications to few choice lots of land at Umatilla given out by the local land office officials—February tenth was originally announced in Northwest.

Water will be furnished from the Umatilla Project for approximately 52 Homestead Entries to be entered under the provisions of the Reclamation Act, in the irrigation season of 1910, for the areas as shown on the farm unit plats.

Homestead entries accompanied by applications for water rights, and the first installment of the charges for building, operation and maintenance, may be made at the local land office at La Grande, Oregon, on and after Feb. 1, 1910, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m.

The limit of area per entry, representing the acreage which in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior, may be reasonably required for the support of a family on the lands entered, is fixed at the amounts shown upon the plats for the various farm units.

The building of the irrigation system, \$60.00 per acre of irrigable land payable in not less than 10 annual installments, each payment not less than \$6.00, or some multiple thereof per acre, except that in the case of land hereinafter entered the first installment of the building charge shall be \$18.00 per acre and subsequent installments \$6.00 per acre, and full payment may be made at any time of the balance of the building charge remaining due, after certification by the Commissioner of the General Land office that full and satisfactory compliance has been shown with all the requirements of the law as to residence, cultivation and reclamation.

All entries made for these lands, shall be accompanied by application for water rights in due form and by the first installment for building, operation and maintenance, not less than \$19.30 per acre of irrigable land and the second installment of charges for building, operation and maintenance shall be due on December 1st of the following year. In addition to the charges required with the water right applications, it will also cost \$8.00 for filing the homestead application.

Persons desiring to file on any of

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POWER SITES WITHDRAWN

Washington, Jan. 24.—Secretary Ballinger today withdrew from entry ground that contained possible water power sites, consisting of 17,332 acres of public land in Idaho, 2643 acres along the Walla Walla river, Ore., and 24152 acres in Utah.

EMPLOYEE IS TIED TO RAIL

Vicksburg, Miss., Jan. 24.—Heroically refusing to reveal the combination of a safe to station robbers, George Burdette, a car tapper, was

tied to the track and left to his fate this morning. Burdette was rescued from the path of an approaching train by an aged negro who barely escaped death. Burdette was alone in the station when two robbers entered.

LIBERALS AGAIN WIN

London, Jan. 24.—Today's reports from constituencies where the balloting indicated startling gains by the Conservatives during the past week that they have stopped, according to informed persons. It seems probable that the Liberals and Laborites will retain a majority of from 17 to 21. Chancellor Lloyd George, father of the revolutionary budget is re-elected, but the majority diminished by 146 votes.

S FT TRACKS DELAY TRAFFIC ON LOWER RIVER SYSTEM

Soft track beds and high water along the Columbia is retarding the timely arrival of traffic on the O. R. & N. Since Saturday night the schedule has been knocked awry by reason of these faults in the vicinity of Blalock, and other points west of The Dalles. Yesterday the morning trains from Portland were from 12 to 13 hours late, the evening train was a few hours late and today the regular passengers from Portland were so late that it did not arrive until

LINEUP AGAIN LIKELY

That one of the most important line-ups that has ever been seen in the city is soon to assume shape is the belief of the landmen who are following the run of events in the Umatilla land opening where about 50 homesteads are to be thrown open to entry in La Grande on February 1. That the local land office officials have interpreted the opening date to be February first instead of February

10, is a matter that will hurry up the line-up, if one is formed.

Letters in great numbers are coming to the La Grande land office from every part of the United States, showing that there will be perhaps a dozen or more applicants for each homestead. The land is very desirable and for this reason La Grande will wake up some morning in a short time to find a line-up in front of the land office.