

FRAUD CASES COMING HERE

GOVERNMENT SUIT AGAINST THE NORTHWESTERN COMPANY WILL BE HERE IN LA GRANDE

GOVERNMENT CONCLUDES CASE HERE YESTERDAY

Gearin, and possibly Simon, of Portland, will represent the defense two weeks hence when the defense's evidence will be introduced before local land officials—Rabbs represents the government here

Defense testimony in the land fraud cases hinging about alleged conspiracy between the Northwestern Lumber Company of Spokane, and 26 other defendants, will be taken in La Grande before Register F. C. Bramwell and Receiver Colon R. Eberhard, according to a stipulation entered into last night when Special agent Fred C. Rabbs of the general land office took the concluding testimony of the government in the case, at the La Grande land office. The time set is two weeks hence. The greater bulk of the testimony presented by the government, alluded to in the Observer a few days ago as comprising the biggest bunch of testimony ever presented for consideration at one time here, was taken at Heppner recently, and will be read here and a decision rendered.

Head of Firm Here

The defense yesterday at the conclusion of the hearing was represented by President David Wilson, head of the Northwestern Company. He was accompanied by counsel including Attorneys Sam Van Vactor of Spokane and Frank Melvin of The Dalles. The stipulations referred to, were entered at the close of the hearing.

Gearin and Simon Coming, Maybe

Two of the leading attorneys of the Pacific Northwest will be in La Grande two weeks hence when the defense evidence will be introduced, according to the present plan. John M. Gearin, of counsel of the defense of Binger Hermann at the recent trial, and one of the most widely known attorneys of the country, will handle the defense. Gearin is of the firm of Gearin, Simon & Dolph, and it is very likely that Attorney Simon now Mayor of Portland, will be here to lend aid in the defense. In this way land fraud hearings will be brought to La Grande.

This suit is the case wherein the Northwestern company is accused of conspiracy to get government land, using "Dummy Etrymen" to the number of 26, according to the allegations. Asa B. Thomson, of Heppner, and J. W. Scriber play minor parts in the affair.

HAMILTON TO PENITENTIARY

His action to be given another trial ends futilely

Olympia, Feb. 22.—Ortis Hamilton, the convicted Adjutant General of Washington, will be taken to the penitentiary at Walla Walla probably tonight. His appeal was dismissed last night.

Hardware Men Meet.

St. Paul, Feb. 22.—The Minnesota Retail Hardware Association, one thousand strong, opened its annual convention here today in the Auditorium in connection with a large hardware exhibit. Speeches by men prominent in the trade will be a feature of the convention and the exposition.

FRESH EGGS OF CONSIDERABLE AGE

SEATTLE RANCHER'S REPORT OF AGE AT FAULT

Buy fresh ranch eggs and learn they were sold 6 years ago

Seattle, Feb. 22.—William Woolley, of Green Lake, recently bought a dozen fresh ranch eggs.

He noticed a rubber stamp on one reading "Mary Beebe, Abergendie, Pa."

He wrote requesting the early history of the egg.

Today he received a reply saying the eggs were sold six years ago, and have evidently been in cold storage ever since.

NINE FEET OF SNOW

Freighting is next to impossible—Miners cannot leave camps

According to P. R. Bishop who has just returned from the Sumpter country, that section is covered with nine feet of snow. People who have never seen nine feet of snow cannot realize what a blanket it makes. But the miners who live in the upper country can testify to the hardships experienced when that amount of snow is on the ground.

At the Columbia mine freight teams have a hard time to make trips and frequently are compelled to turn back. Saturday Emil Melzer sent a number of men to the North Pole mine to remove the snow from roofs of their houses at the camp, for a report received here stated the load was getting too heavy to be safe.

Along the creeks precautions are being taken to protect the bridges for there is the general opinion that as soon as the snow begins to melt there will be serious trouble—Baker City Herald.

Big Gift for U. of P.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 22.—More than the usual interest attaches to the celebration of University Day by the University of Pennsylvania today because of the promise by the trustees to announce particulars of a gift of \$100,000 which has recently been made to the university.

Must Explain Liquid Eggs

New York, Feb. 22.—Unless the Merchants' Refrigerating Company can prove to the satisfaction of Pure Food Inspectors Duff and Lind that 273 cans of the meat of broken eggs frozen, is fit for food, the eggs, which were recently seized by the government will be destroyed today. The raid, and its results will have an important bearing upon the question which means much to the cold storage trade.

Taft in New York

New York, Feb. 22.—New York is freedom from business cares. Decorations line the streets and trade is generally suspended. Several patriotic organizations observed the day with appropriate exercises, and tonight President Taft will speak at the banquet of the New Jersey branch of the Society of Cincinnati. Tomorrow night the President will address the Board of Trade dinner at Newark.

Honor for Depew.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Vice-President Sherman has contributed a mite toward the re-election of United States Senator Depew by honoring him as a Washington birthday orator in the Senate. Mr. Depew will read Washington's farewell address to the upper house.

Abdul Hamid Dead (?)

Vienna, Feb. 22.—Rumors that Abdul Hamid, the deposed Sultan of Turkey, died yesterday in Salonika, are persistent here today. Officials deny them, but these failed to convince the public that the ex-Sultan is still alive.

JOSEPH IS CONNECTED

DEAD HEAD PASSENGER BREAKS THROUGH REACHING JOSEPH AT NOON TO RETURN AGAIN

SECOND TRAIN STARTS JOSEPHWARD AT NOON

Mainline tracks clear and freight is moving—Buckley and Bollins both on leading train into Wallowa county and superintend the struggle with drifts—Apparent that the branch line traffic is resumed.

With General Superintendent of Harriman Lines in Oregon M. J. Buckley and Superintendent Bollins of the O. R. & N. in the thickest of the fray, a way was cleared through the drift below Elgin and the snow slide in the canyon en route to Wallowa county at an early hour this morning, and as a result, a train is now headed out from Joseph and should reach here late this afternoon or early night. With dead head coaches and "02" Buckley's private car, comprising the train, a crew left La Grande between 7 and 8 this morning headed for Joseph. With considerable difficulty it reached Joseph by noon and at 1:20 headed for the La Grande.

The other train, due out of La Grande at 9:45, waited until noon and it too is battling with the snow on its way to Joseph this afternoon. All things being favorable, a regular schedule will be maintained tomorrow on the branch line and kept up until other obstructions occur.

On the mainline everything is running smoothly. Freight was even put in motion today. Two trainloads of stock, 15 cars in one and 32 in another, are headed this way from the East, leaving Huntington this afternoon.

Though there has been almost a constant snowfall since yesterday, it has made but little impression. Elgin seems to have secured more than its share, for the average depth there on the level is 30 inches while in and about La Grande it is only about 13 today.

ATTEMPT TO KILL ZELAYA

Young Nicaraguan attempts revenge on old President

Port Limon, Costa Rica, Feb. 22.—A San Jose newspaper prints a story today that an attempt had been made to kill former president Zelaya of Nicaragua, when he was about to embark on a steamer for Belgium. The young Nicaraguan whose father's estates were confiscated, attempted to stab Zelaya, but the latter saved himself by shooting him through the arm. The affair was suppressed by the authorities.

ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

Shops idle, school closed and many other offices closed

Industrial and social observance of Washington's birthday anniversary was held in La Grande today. Railroad shops are idle, excepting for a few absolutely necessary helpers, the schools are closed for the day, banks postoffice, court house, in fact all but the City Hall offices of public sorts, were closed. Social observances were numerous and fitting.

Frank Geoch arrived this morning from Walla Walla to be with his father, Henry Geoch, during his critical illness.

FIRE FIRST FAIR GUNS

PLANS LAID FOR GETTING EVERY NOOK AND CORNER OF UNION COUNTY INTERESTED

DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED AND OFFICIAL LEADERS PICKED

Will get premiums before the public at once and have introduced many new plans for getting general interest—Enthusiastic meeting held yesterday afternoon Mac Wood again president.

Late yesterday afternoon the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union County Exposition was held in the Commercial Club parlors. The report of the Secretary and Treasurer were read, showing the receipts and disbursements of the last fair. Fifty-two shares of the 94 were represented at this meeting. The board of managers were re-elected without exception. The stockholders realizing that the men who pulled off successful a fair as the one held last year, were the men to continue the good work if they would serve, which they did.

Following the stockholders meeting the re-elected board met and perfected their organization by electing Mac Wood as president, J. J. Carr, vice-president, F. B. Currey, secretary; C. S. Dunn, treasurer and W. J. Church as superintendent.

The board of managers are Mac Wood, W. B. Sargent, Wm. Ash, C. S. Dunn, Geo. H. Currey, P. A. Charlton, Fred Gaskill, J. J. Carr and J. E. Reynolds.

The general and committee meeting was most enthusiastic. One and all realized that the fair last year was successful to a far greater extent than even the most enthusiastic hoped would be possible to have the first year, and by commencing now, the board, stockholders and public generally will know that the fair this year will exceed it in every way.

Thursday of the week the board is to meet and formulate their plans. Committees will be appointed to take charge of the work that requires immediate attention. Among other things, the premium lists will soon be placed in the hands of the printer and these lists will soon be in the hands of everyone.

Interest in general will be enthused as far as possible throughout the county, and there is every reason to believe that Union county in 1910 will have a fair that will be supported in every nook and corner of the county.

Prof. Alderman Present

Professor Alderman, of Eugene, was present at the meeting and explained how the citizens of Yamhill county had injected general interest into their fair through the boys and girls of the county, that not only created general personal interest but added to the exhibit features as well as doing valuable service to the boys and girls. The plan was to offer prizes for the best loaf of bread baked by girls under a certain age; the best exhibit of needlework; the best garden planted and grown by boys and girls.

The result of this plan was that by actual count there were over 1500 gardens planted by the boys of Yamhill county and in excess of 500 loaves of bread baked by the girls to be put on exhibit.

This idea took deep root in the minds of all present and without a doubt this feature will be inaugurated in time for the spring work.

SOCIAL EVENT 47 YEARS AGO TODAY

MR. AND MRS. BEN BROWN ENTERTAINED THEN

"Fatty King" was "Fiddler" at occasion in honor of Washington

Forty-seven years ago tonight, the winter of 1863, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Brown gave a Washington party and served supper in their hotel in what is now South La Grande. "Fatty" King, who died only a few years ago, was one of the musicians, and doubtless not a few of our pioneer readers will recall the pleasant evening.

The funeral this afternoon of Mrs. Brown recalled this fact to several local pioneers who attended the social.

LUMBERMAN HERE

President of National Lumber Co. resuscitating at Hot Lake

Samuel Merrill, president of the National Lumber Co. of Spokane, is a guest in the city today. Mr. Merrill, generally known as one of the leading lumbermen of the coast, was in La Grande several months ago as a delegate to the meeting of Northwest lumbermen held here last summer. During the stay here, he, with the others, was banqueted at Hot Lake, and introduced to the management of the sanatorium there. Recently when taken ill, he remembered the sanatorium in Eastern Oregon and he immediately made it his recuperating place.

He is much improved and today came over to La Grande intending to return tonight.

New Advertising Scheme

Portland, Feb. 22.—The Great Northern Railroad has announced a plan to advertise Oregon, Washington and other North Pacific states by sending a car fitted up with the western products over the Eastern railroads next spring. Thousands of cities and towns will be visited. The plan is expected to assist the colonization of the Western States.

JAIL LEADER; UNION ANGRY

RIOTS AND BLOODSHED CONTINUE TO BE FEATURES OF CARMEN'S STRIKE IN THE QUAKER CITY

GENERAL STRIKE BY UNIONS HAS NOT BEEN CALLED

Murphy, leader of labor council, to consult Gompers relative to calling out general strike—Many small riots—Pistol shot fired in riot in front of postoffice—Two women injured.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 22.—A general strike of all the Union men in Philadelphia will be called today, according to President Murphy, of the Central Labor Council, but the other labor union leaders declared no such action would be taken by the Unions. Murphy previously announced his determination to go Washington and consult President Gompers. He did not leave the city, however, and disappeared after the announcement. It is rumored that he was arrested for inciting a riot.

Union men are incensed at the arrest of Organizer Pratt of the Carmen's Union, who is charged with inciting a riot, and threaten both civil and criminal action against those responsible for his detention.

The Philadelphia Rapid Transit company today issued a statement saying the company was operating 725 cars out of a normal 2000 and can put 200 more in operation as soon as afforded police protection.

The strikers assert the company is operating only 122 cars and these irregularly.

President Kruger today announced that the company was not considering a general strike.

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