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MANY BAKER CITY LUMBER MEN LANDED

FEDERAL GRAND JURY FILES THE FIRST BATCH

OTHER EASTERN OREGON FIRMS UNDER SCRUTINY

Eccles, Barton, Geddes and many others indicted and most of them arrested on secret charges pertaining to land cases. Grand jury still probing and not known when grinding will finally cease.

- THOSE INDICTED**
- David Eccles, multi-millionaire sugar king and president of the Sumpter Valley road.
 - Grant Geddes, manager of the same road.
 - Joseph Barton, ex-manager of same road.
 - F. M. Shurtliff, superintendent same road.
 - F. H. Atkinson, head book keeper S. V. Company.
 - W. A. Green, timber cruiser same company.
 - J. R. Smurthwright, office clerk same company.

Portland, March 11.—Grant Geddes, Joseph Barton and James R. Smurthwright, all of Baker City and officers of the Oregon Lumber company and Sumpter Valley railroad, who were arrested on indictments returned yesterday by the Federal Grand Jury for alleged violation of the land

laws, today deposited bonds of \$5000 each. Other defendants were named in the indictments, but acting under instructions from Judge Bean, the court officials refused to divulge their names until the warrants are served. Other names are rumored as above. The same instructions applied as to the nature of the charges in the indictment.

Defendants arrested are associated with David Eccles the Salt Lake millionaire, in the lumber business of Eastern Oregon and the indictment resulted from an inquiry by the government officials into the manner of acquisition of 100,000 acres of valuable timber lands by the lumber and railway companies of which Eccles is president.

It was said yesterday afternoon, when the indictments were brought in that friends of the accused representing \$3,000,000 were ready to go on bail which has been placed at \$5000 for each.

The Grand Jury is still at work. While there may be others indicted in connection with the Sumpter valley probe, it is also stated that another company and several individuals in Eastern Oregon, outside of Baker City, are to be put on the carpet at the conclusion of this case.

Wants Money for Sen.

Washington, March 11.—It is reported that a local attorney is seeking information to be used at the trial of the suit brought in Utah by Mrs. Anna Bradley, who killed former United States Senator Arthur L. Brown in this city in December, 1906. After a sensational trial Mrs. Bradley was acquitted. The woman alleges that Brown was the father of her two children, and she is now attempting to have her offspring declared legal and equal heirs in the division of Brown's estate, valued at about \$100,000. It is said that affidavits have been sought from several of Brown's associates in the Senate.

T Debate Railroads,

Lewiston, Me., March 11.—Problems connected with the "physical valuation of all railroads engaged in interstate business" will be definitely decided tonight by a debate between the orators of Bates College and the College of the City of New York.

NEW CUT-OFF MAP FILED IN LAND OFFICE

UMATILLA AND HERMISTON TO SUFFER THEREBY

WILL BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON FOR RIGHTS

New cut-off, proposed and assured, outlined on paper and filed in La Grande land office—Umatilla division point will disappear and new town will likely be created west of Coyote station.

Maps showing the permanent right of way for the Stanfield-Coyote cut-off which is to be built by the O. R. & N. and which will change the location of the prosperous town of Hermiston, likely, and create a new town in Oregon to take the commercial place of Umatilla, were filed with the local land office officials today. Locally the cut-off is of deep importance. Umatilla as a division center will disappear from the map and a new town will likely grow up at a point two miles west of Coyote on the mainline.

Where Route Is

The maps, prepared by Chief Engineer Boscke, show that the cut-off will start at a point three miles west of what is now Stanfield, a new town, and run straight west, passing Hermiston three miles to the south, and touching the present main line two miles west of Coyote. The irrigation lands about Hermiston, and Hermiston itself, which has grown remarkably the past two years will be left high and dry unless it is transplanted

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NORTHWEST CO. DISPOSES OF HOLDINGS

NORTH BANK ALSO SAID TO BE UNDER OPTION

ROAD THAT WAS RUMORED COMING HERE SOLD OUT

Chicago firm buys up entire holdings of vastly extensive firm and will continue to carry out expansion plans—Locally, sale is taken to be an additional sign of the coming of electric line here.

Portland, March 11.—Corroboration was obtained here today of the reported sale of the Northwest Corporation of its numerous gas, water and electric light and power plants in Oregon and Washington to H. M. Byllesby and Co., of Chicago. It is understood the new owners will add to the holdings in the Northwest by extension of the railway systems acquired. The price paid has not been announced.

Among the properties involved are the Electric light systems at Pendleton, Corvallis, Dallas and Monmouth, Oregon, gas plants at North Yakima, Lewiston and Eugene, the street railway systems at Walla Walla and valuable water power sites along the McKenzie river and in Umatilla county. In addition Byllesby & Co. are said to have obtained a 60 day option on the North Coast railroad paying \$100,000.

The Northwest corporation is the firm which through its head offices has notified a La Grande citizen that the electric line from Walla Walla to La Grande is a certainty and that the entire valley will be encompassed by it. It is the same company which is said to be behind the surveyors who have already surveyed several routes across the Blue mountains all leading to the Grande Ronde valley but touching first at various points. It has been well known that the company has been in stringent circumstances financially for several years, but of late has recuperated. It is taken to mean locally, by those who keep in touch with railroad signs, that the new company will carry out the projects planned by the Northwestern with more dispatch. In such an event, the statement made by the Observer recently that April "would see things doing" on the Blue Mountain pass will materialize.

It is conceded by all that the proposed road is coming, but when, is another matter. However, there is every reason to believe it will be immediately.

JOHNSON TO START WEST

Chicago, March 11.—Jack Johnson, looking capable of doing rough training is making preparations today for assembling a corps of trainers preparatory to leaving for the coast. He will probably occupy quarters at Ocean Beach, California.

Funeral Sunday

Arrangements have been made to bury the remains of Mrs. C. J. Hewitt next Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the M. E. Church.

Medical Courses for Lawyers.

Chicago, March 11.—An educational innovation has just been put into effect by the medical college of Yoyola University, a Jesuit institution, which offers a course in medicine to lawyers and law students. Recent sensational murder trials have shown the importance, it is alleged, of a knowledge of medicine to the lawyer.

The course will deal solely with medical and surgical subjects which commonly come up in court trials. Special emphasis will be laid upon various forms of insanity, but the lectures will also take up anatomy, histology, pathology, neurology and toxicology.

The course is offered with the aim in view of preparing attorneys for intelligently questioning medical men on the witness stand when they are called as experts.

REVIVAL ATTENDANCE IS GROWING

The children's choir which is in preparation for Saturday night is growing nicely, and last night showed its ability and proved the wisdom of the attempt to create it. The youngsters meet daily at 4:10 and are trained by that wizard of music, Prof. Gray. He could make a Rocky Mountain canary sing. Have you heard him? His solo last night was not only inspiring but helpful. Things were very much enlivened by the manner in which he keeps things a-going, for when the music wagon seemed to be nearing a rut he rang in a medley of old, old folk-lore songs, such as America, Happy Day, Sweet By and By and Throw out the Life Line.

Mrs. Harlan, of the Moody Bible Institute is expected here this evening to take charge of the workers' classes. She is a personal worker and is to be a great addition to the effective corps here now.

Among the out of town people attending yesterday were seen J. T. Laselle of Boise, Mrs. Clark and Dr. Law of Union, C. Niedner of Summerville and T. H. Ruckman of Alice.

The afternoon service was the most largely attended of any day meeting of the week. Mr. Johnson spoke from 2 Chron., 7:14. "If my people who are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their lands."

The earnest address was a call to the people of the churches to lay aside for the time and give them-

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ROOSEVELT TOUCHES AT CIVILIZATION

BY CLEVER SPARRING MANAGES TO AVOID COMMENT

REFUSES TO DISCUSS THE AMERICAN POLITICAL STATE

Well and happy, Colonel Roosevelt is ready to meet civilization again—Newspaper men swarm around him as he lands at Reak, in Soudan, this morning—Kermit looking well too—Others show weakness.

Reak, Soudan, March 11.—(By staff correspondent United Press)—Colonel Roosevelt has absolutely nothing to say regarding American politics. All efforts to induce him to discuss matters now before the public failed today.

Looking bronzed and healthy, Col. Roosevelt arrived on the steamer Dal today and was immediately besieged by a group of newspaper correspondents.

He greeted them with characteristic enthusiasm, all being personal friends. But it was Roosevelt who did the questioning and newspaper men who unburdened themselves of comments. The Colonel proved himself to be a greedy listener.

He and Kermit appear to be in perfect health, but Cunningham, Loring, Heller and Mearns showed effects of recent escapes from fevers.

Roosevelt plans to spend eight days on the trip from Kartoum to Cairo. He will sail for Naples on April 1st. From Naples a number of sightseeing trips will be made and the party will journey to Rome, Vienna and Budapest. He expects to arrive in Paris April 23d. They they will go to Berlin and London.

"I have nothing to say and will have nothing to say on American or foreign politics," declared the Colonel. Then turning to the United Press correspondents, he said "I want to tell you once more through your association that I will grant no interviews and make no statements of any kind on American and foreign politics. The public can accept as false whenever it appears anything purporting to be an interview with me relative to such subjects."

Oscar Reno of the Grande Ronde Lumber company is under treatment at the Fourth street sanatorium.



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