

SEVERAL TRUST PROSECUTIONS MAY FAIL

"UNREASONABLE" INTERPRETATION MAKES BIG DIFFERENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

SMALLER TRUSTS BENEFIT

Half Dozen Big Trusts Against Which Suits Are Now Pending or Will Be Instituted See Loophole Through Interpretations of Anti-Trust Law—Restrictions of Trade Must Be Ruled Unreasonable.

Washington, May 17.—The government's prosecution of the steel, beer, bath tub, coal, paper, glass, steamship, sugar and electric trusts, in the lawyers' opinion, are likely to be gravely affected by the Standard Oil decision. It practically doubts the prosecution's work as it must prove a restriction of trade is "unreasonable" under the new ruling. For this reason it is probably that some proceedings against the smaller trusts will be dropped.

In the best trust proceedings especially, the "unreasonable" features of the trusts will be fully tested. The beef trust attorney, recently filed a demurrer to the indictments against Armour and ten other packers for conspiracy, built almost entirely around the "unreasonableness" issue of the government's contention as to their monopoly of the beef trade.

Henry George Is Angry. Washington, May 17.—A scathing criticism of the United States supreme court's Standard Oil decision was voiced here today by Henry George, Jr., who said: "I regard the Standard Oil decision as being much the same as the court handed down in the case of Fred Scott, the slave, just prior to the civil war, the decision giving 'law to north and the nigger to south.' The court now appears to give law to the people and immunity to trusts. The court through a majority of its members arrogates to itself the function of legislating was clearly shown in the biting criticism of Justice Yalton's separate opinion.

"The Standard Oil can now reorganize and then, on the plea of operating only in 'reasonable restraint of trade' can continue its course of piracy. Four hundred other trusts which similarly operate in restraint of trade will simply hang on this interpretation of the law. But they will answer nevertheless. Either the law will be quickly amended or the people will destroy the privileges the trusts enjoy."

Want Act Changed. Washington, May 17.—Three bills were introduced in the senate today which restricts the former power of the Sherman anti-trust law. Jones, republican, of Washington, offered the amendment providing "All combinations in restraint of trade whether reasonable or unreasonable should be declared unlawful."

It is reported the senate will probably defer changing the law until the next session.

READY TO DISSOLVE.

Steps Being Taken by Oil Octopus to Comply With Court's Decision.

New York, May 17.—Attorneys and officials of the Standard Oil company today began preparations to meet the terms of the decision ordering the dissolution. Moritz Rosenthal, chief counsel, said the trust would reorganize by divisions into producing manufacturing selling companies.

Packers Must Act Soon.

Chicago, May 17.—His action resulting, it is said, from the supreme court Standard Oil decision, Federal Judge Carpenter today gave the Attorney for Ogden Armour and ten other indicted packers, one week to file portions for rehearing arguments on their demurrer to the conspiracy indictment.

ARMY DEPARTMENTS CHANGED.

New York, Chicago and San Francisco to Be Army Centers.

Washington, May 17.—New York, Chicago and San Francisco will be the headquarters for three grand divisions of the United States army, according to plans for the reorganization sent to the printers today.

The department of Colorado and the Dakotas will be abolished and merged into the departments of the lakes, Missouri and Texas with Chicago as headquarters instead of Denver. New York will be the headquarters of the east and the San Francisco headquarters of the west.

CALLS COMMISSION PARTIAL.

Appointment of Anti-Labor Attorneys by Wright Is Criticized.

St. Louis, May 17.—Commenting on the appointment of a commission to reopen the contempt cases against himself, Gompers and Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, by Justice Wright, John Mitchell said today: "If Wright wants to institute a suit on his own initiative, he should not appoint lawyers identified with the anti-labor fight as his commission. He should name an impartial commission."

TO SHORTEN WORKING HOURS.

Oregon and Washington Millmen Agree to One Half Holiday Weekly.

Seattle, May 17.—On legal advice that they are not violating any law to combine to curtail an over production mill men of Washington and Oregon have agreed to Saturday closing to reduce the larger output. Steps are already being taken to raise prices.

OLD VETERAN IS ATTACKED IN DAYLIGHT

SMASHING BLOW ADMINISTERED HIM OVER LEFT EYE.

Knocked Down and About to Be Robbed When Help Came.

Felled to the sidewalk and stunned by a smashing blow over the left eye, a stranger gentleman of the Grand Army of the Republic ranks, was being ruthlessly "fingered" for valuable in broad daylight today on Jefferson avenue when assistance came from pedestrians which the old veteran carried had give his name, but who is aged and apparently wealthy, was assaulted by a much younger man, it is said by eye witnesses, who without ado struck the old gentleman with terrific force, and knocked him to the ground.

With the nerve and adeptness of a skilled thug the man is said to have proceeded to pilfer the pockets of the prostrate man. George O'Neal, the plumber, and others, came to the fellow's rescue before the roll of bills which the old veterans carried had been found by the daylight robber. The police, Chief Waiden and Officer Faulk had little trouble in locating and arresting the thug with the assistance of Mr. O'Neal. The alleged thug, who refuses flatly to give his name, is being held for further investigation. He had no articles on his person when arrested that belonged to the victim of the assault.

The attack occurred about 11 o'clock on Jefferson avenue in front of "saloon row." The scheme was so bold as to startle the police for the street was not by any means free from pedestrians and the saloons along the street were occupied by patrons who might at any time discover the crime being attempted without.

The old soldier wears a deep gash this afternoon as a testimonial of the attack. He carried a roll of bills, he says, but it was hid in a secluded pocket and for that reason the attack, probably well premeditated, was fruitless.

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Two Portland Trips To Be Given Away

ON MAY 20 Assist Your Favorite to Win One of Them

Votes So Far Cast To Apply on These Companion Trips Opposite the Name of Every Contestant:--

Roup, Margaret	51,512	Arnold, Mabel	6,011
Eames, Edna	48,015	Nutter, Mrs. B. B.	5,324
Wilson, Eva	35,004	Lyrenmann, Anna	3,021
Stephenson, Mildred	14,703	Jeffries, Nellie	2,408
Martin, Irma	14,745	Russell, Bethel	1,927
Hansen, Agnes	12,300	Huff, Ruby	1,714
Robertson, Zella	8,506	Conrad, Nellie	1,580
Van Housen, Hazel	6,193	Wisdom Bessie	1,517
Combs, Frankie	6,723	Evans, Minnie	1,486
Cotner, Eva	6,420	Peebler, Frankie	226
Boswell, Cecil	6,330	Chattin, Violet	110

SPECIAL PRIZE OFFER.

The two candidates who turn in the most votes between May 8 and May 20, including those dates, each at the expense of the Observer, may take a guest to the Portland Rose Festival, provided these candidates win trips in the final distribution of prizes. The candidates at the foot of the score lists have the same chance to win these companion trips as the ones who on May 8 are at or near the head. New candidates entering the contest, during this period of extra reward also may compete for the companion trips here announced.

Close of Special Offer. All subscriptions mailed by contestants and patrons on May 20th, last day of this special offer, which reach the Observer by May 23, will apply in the competition for the two extra trips. In such cases the envelope must bear postmark of May 20. This is intended to give contestants and subscribers who live at a distance from La Grande the same chance in the competition as those who are near the office.

LINE-UP OF CANDIDATES

CONTEST DISTRICT NO. 1

This district comprises the city of La Grande. The two ladies residing in La Grande who at the end of the contest have received the most votes will be the guests of the Observer at the Portland Rose Festival.

HUFF, RUBY, Seventh and L streets	42,264
STEPHENSON, MILDRED, Care Star Theatre	26,488
MARTIN, IRMA, 1201 Fourth street	23,335
COTNER, EVA, 2,008 Oak street	20,664
COMBS, FRANKIE, 1201 D avenue	15,775
NUTTER, MRS. B. B., 1705 1-2 Sixth St.	10,178
WILLIAMS, MRS. Fred W., Box 804	1,174
DAVIS, ADA, 1313 X avenue	1,001
SNOW, ALICE, 1410 Z avenue	1,001

CONTEST DISTRICT NO. 2

This district comprises all of Union county except La Grande. The four ladies of this district who, at the end of the contest, have received the most votes will be the guests of the Observer at the Portland Rose Festival.

ROBERTSON, ZELLA, R. F. D. No. 2	74,530
HANSEN, AGNES, Perry	72,276
VAN HOUSEN, HAZEL, Alice	68,565
WILSON, EVA, Union	63,749
PEEBLER, FRANKIE, R. F. D. No. 2	33,864
CONRAD, NELLIE, R. F. D. No. 1 La Grande	13,151
JEFFRIES, NELLIE, Union	10,909
ARNOLD, MABEL, Elgin	7,035
WEEKS, BIRNIE, North Powder	7,000
CHATTIN, VIOLET, Summerville	3,801
RUSSELL, BETHEL, Elgin	3,241
KEEFER, STELLA, Imbler	1,151
WOODELL, ETTA, R. F. D. No. 1, Summerville	1,001

This district comprises all of Willowa county and Pine and Eagle valleys. The three ladies of this district who, at the end of the contest, have received the most votes will be the guests of the Observer at the Portland Rose Festival.

ROUP, MARGARET, Joseph	68,013
EAMES, EDNA, Joseph	62,016
BOSWELL, CECIL, Minam	19,030
LYRENMANN, ANNA, Enterprise	9,523
WISDOM, BESSIE, Lostine	7,518
MAVOR, ALICE, Enterprise	6,000
WILEY, GLADYS, Wallowa	5,571
EVANS, MINNIE L., Wallowa	5,565
BROCK, NETTIE, Flora	3,001

PRIZES REGARDLESS OF DISTRICTS.

The three candidate who, at the end of the contest have more votes than any of their rivals, may, at the expense of the Observer, extend their trips on to San Francisco.

The four candidates who range next in standing, regardless of districts, will be entertained at the Hotel Gearhart, Gearhart Park, By-the-Sea.

All winning candidates will be given side trips to all points of interest in and about Portland; and will be taken to the leading places of amusement and recreation.

Instead of taking a trip, any winning candidate may have music lessons to the value of \$50 or a scholarship in Whitman college; in the Baker City business college or choice of several other colleges. In lieu of the San Francisco trips scholarships valued at \$100 will be arranged for, in case exchange is desired.

PORTLAND AWAITS GOV. WILSON.

New Jersey Executive Will Be Feted When He Reaches Portland.

Portland, May 17.—All preparations for the entertainment of Governor Wilson of New Jersey when he arrives in Portland for a two days' visit the 18th and 19th, have been completed. Wilson left San Francisco last night and is due here tomorrow. He will be banqueted by the Commercial club, the University club, "receptioned" by the Press club and other bodies.

Friday night he addresses a mass meeting and leaves for Seattle on the same night.

FALLS FROM TREE.

While Stringing Telephone Wire, Man Is Seriously Hurt.

Falling from a tree in which he was working while stringing telephone wires, George Semmons, employe of the George Palmer Lumber company at Palmer Junction, in the Grande Ronde hospital today, being treated by Dr. Moffitt. The gentleman sustained no broken bones but his fall, but one leg was badly cut and bled. He was brought here yesterday afternoon on the Joseph train and given surgical care immediately.

Royal Fancy Dress Ball.

London, May 17.—London society is all agog in anticipation of the royal fancy dress ball to be given at the Savoy hotel tomorrow night under the patronage of Princess Christian, Prince and Princess Alexander of Teck and a long list of other titled personages. The ball will be the first great social affair of the coronation season. The proceeds will be turned over to the Prince Francis of Teck memorial fund.

EYE WITNESS TO BIG BATTLE GRAPHIC

SON OF LOCAL PASTOR TELLS OF RECENT BATTLE.

Struggle at Tia Juana Told by an Eye Witness to the Affair.

A graphic description of the battle of Tia Juana, fought a few days since and briefly described by the Observer's telegraphic report on the day of its occurrence, is contained in a letter received by Rev. L. W. Gowan, pastor of the Baptist church in this city, from his son at San Diego, Cal. Rev. Gowan's son is an inspector of immigration at San Diego, and Tia Juana is just across the line. In his letter to his father here, B. E. Gowan writes: "The insurrecto forces from Mexico started for Tia Juana some days ago and we have been kept busy picking up the various scum of the earth that hangs around that place. We have in custody some 15 Mexicans that are wanted on one charge or another also 13 Chinese who were allowed to cross for protection during the fight. Last Saturday night I caught three Japs who had crossed surreptitiously. Sees Fight at Close Range.

"The insurrecto forces reached Tia Juana on the afternoon of the 8th and immediately started the fight. I located myself on a hill on the American side not over three quarters of a mile from where the scrap was going on and with a pair of field glasses settled down to watch a battle. I saw one, too. It was a good fight and a hot one with about 150 men on each side. It lasted all the afternoon of the 8th with some night fighting and ended about 9 a. m. on the 9th. The insurrecto army was practically all Americans, soldiers of fortune, socialists, and some that were in it just for the love of a scrap. The federal forces were well entrenched in the town and should have been able to hold it without difficulty but they simply did not have the nerve to withstand the

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HUGE PROJECTS TO RECLAIM ARID LAND

OPERATIONS ARE COMMENCED BETWEEN UNION AND LA GRANDE AND WILL SPREAD OUT.

LIGHT COMPANY BACKERS

Big Tracts Already Leased and Will Be Watered From Katherine Creek—Work to Spread and Extend Out to Include Many Sites Throughout Eastern Oregon—Harmon of Baker Behind Details.

Reclamation of arid and semi-arid lands on Eastern Oregon, now producing little or no profit, is to be applied

and the first operations of a new company formed at Baker City along extensive and feasible lines for the purpose, will be felt in Grande Ronde valley. Large areas of semi-arid land lying between this city and Union is to be "treated" with water from Katherine creek. F. A. Harmon, one of the chief promoters, and the formulator of the scheme, has had engineering brains at work on the project for some time and it has been declared feasible. Mr. Harmon is out in the valley this afternoon and though he could not be seen to elaborate on the plan for the reclamation of semi-arid soil of this valley, somewhat complete announcement is made from Baker relative to the proposition. The announcement says:

"The name of the corporation is the Eastern Oregon Realty company and the principals are F. A. Harmon, manager of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, Ray Nye, of Kansas City, president of the company and several eastern business associations.

"A deal has been closed by which the company becomes owner of 1,600 acres of semi-arid land in Union county, which lies between La Grande and Union. Up to the present time the land has produced nothing to speak of and those occupants there now are simply leasing. It is the intention of the company to reclaim this, and put it on the market in tracts of from forty acres up.

"At the present time some water has been brought to a portion of the tract from a slough which has been dammed and conserves a small portion of this water from the snow and spring rainfall. The portion of the land securing the water in this manner is very small and very uncertain. The plan of the company is to use the water of Katherine creek and improve the present site, so that there will be plenty of water for the whole tract the entire season. A pumping plant of sufficient capacity to do this will be installed, and with a supply in sight, the success of the plan is plainly evident."

Mr. Harmon stated that this is only the first of a series of similar projects planned by the company in this section of Oregon. Already sites in Baker valley and at other points are under consideration, and the work planned at the present time bids fair to keep the company busy for some time to come. The object is to put the land in such condition that people can be offered inducements to locate thereon, and the plans of such extent that the project bids fair to be an important factor in the near future in settling a considerable portion of this section of the state.

AMATEUR AVIATOR KILLED.

Falls Less Than One Hundred Feet and Is Instantly Killed.

Los Angeles, May 17.—Addison Harte, aged 25, an amateur aviator, was instantly killed in a 75-foot fall from an aeroplane at Dominguez. His sister Anna witnessed the accident and was the first to reach the body. The machine became unmanageable while coming down from a height of 200 feet. It was a bi-plane.