

DUMMY FILINGS HELD LEGAL BY HIGHER COURT

SLIGHT RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON THEIR APPLICATION

BARBER LUMBER COMPANY CASE DECIDED IN COURT

Serious Setback to Conservation of Timber Land to Settler Is Opinion Expressed—Famous Barber Lumber Company Case Is Decided—Use of Dummy Entryman Is Upheld.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—"The worst blow to conservation of the public lands to settlers that has been received in years." This is the conservationists' verdict here today on the decision of Judge Gilbert of the United States circuit court of appeals in the case of the Barber Lumber company, former Governor Steunenberg of Idaho and others for alleged conspiracy to defraud the government of large timber land tracts in Idaho. The decision practically allows the use of "dummy" entrymen by land grabbers and corporations in unlimited numbers. This use is limited only by the proviso that the corporation must "not know" that the entries are fraudulent and also allows the dummies to borrow money and agree to sell their holdings as soon as title is perfected.

The decision came as an affirmation of the ruling of the United States circuit court in connection with the filing of applications of 210 entrymen in the Boise basin, Crooked river and "Six-Four" lands in Idaho in 1901-02. An investigation of entries by the government was instituted but the circuit court ruled in favor of the corporation and other defendants, asserting lack of evidence.

Wood Blames Law.

Portland, Feb. 20.—Colonel C. E. S. Wood, who took part in the Oregon land fraud cases, discussing Gilbert's decision, said this afternoon: "It is another decision upholding the predatory interests in their plundering of the people. It is not Gilbert's fault. It is the law. As it now stands all that is needed is a few dummy entrymen who will swear they acted as bona fide entrymen, and money. It gives all opportunity and puts a premium on perjury and the big land grabbers can operate, protected by the very law supposed to stop them."

KIA SPELS TO GET AID.

Indian Missioner Takes Step to Aid Indians.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 20.—(Special)—After listening to a pathetic appeal for federal assistance on behalf of the broken remnants of the once

powerful Kallispel Indians, in north-eastern Washington by Massalah, the aged blind chief of the tribe, Fred Baker, inspector for the Indian schools of the northwest, announced in Spokane today that he will petition congress for a special appropriation of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 to improve the condition of the tribe. The plan is to provide a school and a teacher who will act also as farmer to assist the Indians to grow crops. Father Taelman, president Gonzaga college, formerly a missionary among the northwestern Indians, says the men, women and children of the tribe have never had any educational advantages and that they are helpless in their poverty. The Kallispels always have been friendly with the white people and it is known they refused to join Chief Joseph in his warfare against the early settlers in what was then known as the Spokane country.

383 VOTERS REGISTERED

OUTLYING DISTRICTS ARE MORE PROMPT THAN CITY.

Precinct No. 3 Is Leading City Districts Show Records.

Less than 400 voters in La Grande have registered at noon today. Outlying precincts are now devoting more attention to this essential duty of every voter, and this morning's mail brought over 100 blanks from outside districts, bearing as many sworn affidavits of party affiliations. As yet no segregation has been made by the registration force in the county clerk's office but the grand total of registrations in La Grande's five precincts are:

- No. 1—55
- No. 2—98
- No. 3—118
- No. 4—99
- No. 5—13
- Total—383

DOG POISONERS ACTIVE.

Judge J. W. Knowles Finds Valuable Canines Dead at Noon Hour.

A valuable Gordon setter and a bull dog, belonging to Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, were poisoned by some miscreant today. The judge found his valuable canines dead when he reached home for luncheon today noon and naturally enough is "wrathy." The dog poisoner has kept his distance in La Grande of late but it is feared that the wave is again due to break out.

Ad Men Meet at Leavenworth.

Leavenworth, Kas., Feb. 20.—The annual convention of the southwestern division of the Associated Advertising Clubs of America began in this city today with a large attendance.

JOSEPH J. ETOR.

Lawrence Strike Leader Arrested on Charge of Murder.



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75,000 ACRES OF TIMBER MAKE UP POSSESSIONS OF NEW PEOPLE

EASTERN PEOPLE CONTINUE TO PURCHASE IN THE GRAND RONDE BASIN—DEAL JUST CONSUMMATED FOR TWELVE THOUSAND ACRES FORMERLY OWNED BY JAMES CUHNA, PROMINENT SHEEP MAN OF ECHO.

By closing a deal last evening for 12,000 acres of timber lands with Jas. Cuhna, an Echo sheep grower, Aug. J. Stange, representing eastern buyers, rounded out about 75,000 acres of timber lands purchased in the Grande Ronde river basin during the last few months.

The land just purchased has for some time been owned by Mr. Cuhna, who used it for grazing sheep. It contains very valuable timber and is considered a desirable possession not only for its intrinsic timber value but because of its location and proximity to the other timber lands purchased by Mr. Stange.

Buying continues in the region mentioned, and just to what extent the eastern people intend to go is not yet a matter made known. That they already have secured what is rated as one of the very best timber holdings in the northwest is admitted by everyone familiar with timber. The location of this large possession, its splendid logging situation with a transcontinental railroad close by, and the further fact that it can be manufactured in La Grande where already large milling plants are working which will assist materially in solving the labor question, all go to make up the opinion that the eastern capital has used exceptional judgment in coming to the Grande Ronde basin.

HI CHAMBERS SUES COUNTY FOR DAMAGES IN BRIDGE ACCIDENT

Suit to recover \$7,500 damage money from Union county for the death of John T. Jones about June 20, 1910, was commenced in circuit court this morning when Hi Chambers of Cove got his damage case to trial. Jones met his death in 1910 when a traction engine owned by Hi Chambers went through a bridge across Catherine creek. Jones was riding on the head of the engine when the bridge was about to be crossed and no plank being used to strengthen the structure, the heavy load forced it to collapse. The engine went

through the bridge, and Jones was so badly hurt that he died soon afterwards. The accident occurred near Cove.

The county will claim for its defense that Jones' contributory negligence was responsible for his death in that he took undue risk in crossing the bridge without planking and that he sat in a hazardous position while so crossing.

Affiliated with the state's attorney, F. S. Ivanhoe, are Attorney Crawford & Eakin, Attorney J. D. Slater is coun-

General Baden-Powell and Two Big Boy Scout Associates



Photo by American Press Association.

SETON, BADEN-POWELL, BEARD.

THE visit to this country of General Baden-Powell, the founder of the boy scouts, has greatly stimulated interest in the movement among American boys, who were already enthusiastic admirers of the hero of Mafeking. On his arrival in New York harbor he was met by a scout, who went down the bay on a tug and, boarding the incoming liner, welcomed Sir Robert in the name of the Boy Scouts of America and added naively, "And I am mighty glad to see you myself." General Baden-Powell visited Washington, where he and President Taft reviewed a large detachment of scouts in the White House grounds. Our photograph shows the general in company with Ernest Thompson Seton, who has been the leading apostle of the movement in the United States, and Dan Beard, beloved of American boys for his juvenile books and other outdoor writings.

sel for Mr. Chambers and the amount sought is \$75,000. The jury was selected this morning.

CONTRACTOR CLARK BUYS HOME Purchases McCall Property on N. St. as an Investment.

Contractor J. E. Clark, through the George H. Currey real estate agency, has purchased the McCall property, situated on the corner of N and Ninth street. There are two houses on this big lot and Mr. Clark bought it as an investment. The consideration, it is understood, is about \$3000.00.

Buy's Interest in Cement Firm.

E. S. Bush, formerly with the Sutherland Construction company, has purchased an interest in the C. T. Darley Engineering company and will do extensive concrete and construction work this summer. The company will be known as C. T. Darley & company.

PIERCE FILES CANDIDACY

FREE TOLLS FOR PANAMA CANAL A PLANK.

Opposed to Ship Subsidy—Jail Sentence for Trust Magnates Favored.

Walter M. Pierce went to Salem last evening to file his nomination papers for the democratic nomination to the office of United States senator from Oregon to succeed Jonathan Bourne. Mr. Pierce's letter of announcement to Secretary of State Olcott will read:

Hot Lake, Ore., Feb. 20, 1912.—Ben. W. Olcott, Secretary of State, Salem, Oregon. Dear Sir: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of United States senator from Oregon, at the primaries to be held in the state of Oregon on April 19th, 1912. I ask that the following words be printed after my name as my slogan: "Equal opportunity for all in political and business affairs." My platform—I pledge myself to work for tariff for revenue only, a government economically administered. Placing the necessities of life on the free list. Liberal appropriations for rivers and harbors. An income tax. A liberal policy of conservation. A rational use of the public domain. The expenditure in Oregon on irrigation projects of Oregon's just proportion of the reclamation fund. Free tolls for American shipping through the Panama canal and such modification of our laws as will encourage the upbuilding of our merchant marine, establish manufactures on the Pacific coast and extend our commerce throughout the world. Against a ship subsidy. Realizing that a nation of home owners is a nation of liberty and a nation of landlordism

ERNESTO NATHAN.

Jewish Mayor of Rome, Who is a Strenuous Anticlerical.



TAFT MESSAGE CAGES RELIEF FOR EMPLOYE

COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES BY COMPANY WANTED

PLAN WORKED OUT ON POSITIVE SCALE OF COMPENSATION

Special Message to Congress Urges Passage of a Compensation Bill Requiring Railroads to Reimburse Employees Hurt in Accidents—Would Unclog Multitude of Cases.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—In a special message to Congress today President Taft urges the passage of laws providing for the compensation of railroad employees for accidental injuries, to be fixed in accordance with a positive scale recommended by the Liability Workmen's compensation commissions. The message dictates the commission's theory that each employee be insured against injury sustained in work without reference to contributory negligence and without the common law limitation on the liability of the employer.

The message says: "Details of the measure are admirably worked out. They provide for medical and hospital service for injured men, notice of injury to the employer where such notice is not obviously given by the accident itself, and the fixing of a compensation by agreement. Amount of recovery is regulated in proportion to the amount of wages received, the compensation made in the form of annual payments for a fixed number of years, or for life. The fees paid to attorneys are specifically remedied and the remedies offered are exclusive of any others."

Taft declared the greatest evil the law would destroy is the multitude of suits under the common law which now clog the courts.

is a nation without freedom, I regard the placing of the landless man upon the manless land to be one of the greatest problems of the day. Therefore, I favor the most liberal appropriations for agricultural development of the country. Recognizing that the increased cost of living is weighing most heavily upon the wage earner, I favor all reasonable legislation beneficially affecting labor. I believe that all trust controlling the necessities of life are criminal and that the crime is personal, and that one fall sentence will be far more effective than millions of dollars in fines. Believing that what is known as the Oregon system has brought government closer to the

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STRIKER PUTS GUILT ON 'COP'

SAYS MRS. LAPIZZA WAS KILLED BY POLICEMAN.

Leader of Strike at Lawrence Held Unjustly Claim Strikers.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 20.—Positive declaration that Policeman Benoit and not K. Etor, leader of the striking textile workers, fired the shot which killed Anna Lapizza, a striker, was made here today by Greta Sawall at the hearing. Etor is held on the charge of killing her although he was a mile away and proved it. The strikers charge that he is being held to prevent any more agitation in the strike.

HOTEL OWNER DIES SUDDENLY

INDISPOSED BUT A FEW HOURS PRIOR TO DEATH.

John Palmer, North La Grande Hotel Manager, Passes Away.

John Palmer, proprietor of the Palmer house in North La Grande, died at 10 o'clock this morning of heart failure, being indisposed but a few hours prior to death. The demise was very sudden as until this morning Mr. Palmer had been in good health. He is survived by a widow and three children and Timothy Palmer, a brother. The deceased was 61 years of age.