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DECISION REVERSED

About 3 o'clock Monday afternoon word reached Prineville that the supreme court had reversed the decision of the federal court of Oregon in the Williamson case, holding that Judge Hunt erred in instructing the jury that the contract to sell claims before final proofs was illegal. The defense had alleged that the law in that respect refers only to the entry before it is made, not to one in process of being carried to perfection.

The news soon spread and there was general rejoicing all around. Anvils were fired and in the evening a crowd assembled and a bonfire was built in front of the Williamson home. Mr. Williamson was called for and in a few well-chosen words thanked his friends and neighbors for their continued kindness and confidence throughout the long and trying ordeal through which he had passed. Throughout the afternoon and evening many congratulatory telegrams and telephone messages were received.

In commenting on the matter the Portland Journal says: "The decision is regarded as a body blow to the government in all the land fraud prosecutions, and is taken as a backing up of Judge Lewis of Colorado, who dismissed the coal land indictments."

"In the light of the supreme court's decision, Congressman Williamson's acquittal, when his case comes on again for retrial, seems almost certain."

The conviction and punishment of Dr. Van Gesner and Marion R. Biggs, who were co-defendants with Williamson, seems, in the light of the decision, to have been unwarranted.

Dr. Gesner was but recently released from the county jail of Multnomah county, after undergoing a sentence of five months' imprisonment and paying a fine of \$1,000. Marion R. Biggs is still in the same jail, under sentence of 10 months' imprisonment and \$500 fine.

The conviction of Williamson, Biggs and Gesner occurred September 27, 1905, on their third trial. They were sentenced by Judge Hunt October 14, 1905. Each of the earlier trials resulted in a hung jury. Francis J. Heney was the prosecutor and the defendants were represented by Judge Bennett of The Dalles and Judge Wilson.

The three defendants were accused of inducing various persons in Crook county to take up claims, which, it was charged, they afterwards agreed before final proof to sell to Williamson and Gesner. Scores of witnesses were brought from Crook county and other parts of the state and an army of special agents was employed in watching the jury, the defendants, their attorneys and the witnesses.

The conclusion of the supreme court is that a contract of sale made by the entryman after he has filed his application for the entry but before he has made his final proof is not a violation of the federal land laws. In view of this ruling, a number of the land fraud cases now pending must probably be dismissed, as the same state of facts exists in them as in the Williamson case. It is possible also that the decision may affect the case of W. N. Jones and Thaddeus Potter, who were convicted, but whose cases are now on appeal.

When sentence was pronounced on Williamson, Gesner and Biggs all three of them appealed to the United States circuit court of appeals. That court affirmed the decision of the trial court and Gesner and Biggs went to jail. Williamson, however, carried his case to the United States supreme court on writ of error, with the result made known.

If Gesner and Biggs had appealed to the supreme court as was done by their co-defendant, they would have secured a reversal of judgment, for their cases differed in no way from that of Williamson. Whether Biggs, who is still in jail, can now secure a release, is doubtful. It would seem that he will be compelled to serve out his time.

MASS MEETING AT POWELL BUTTES

There was a mass meeting of the citizens at Powell Buttes on Saturday to discuss the Miller homestead contest and to express sympathy for Mr. Miller. A set of resolutions were drawn up setting forth the reasons why Mr. Miller should receive favorable consideration at the hands of the department. These resolutions will be sent to Washington. There were forty-three signatures to the resolutions.

Redmond Items

Redmond, Ore., Jan. 6,

Bend visitors the past week were Mesdames Jones and McGuffie, who drove up Saturday and Messrs. Gibson and Eby who went up Thursday and Friday respectively.

C. W. Ehret with his women folks and Master Billie were in Prineville the latter part of the week.

Another new patch of clearing in the junipers on the road from Redmond to O'Neil.

Guy Richardson and Mr. Cast of Bend were running out lines in this neighborhood the past week.

Mrs. Best and son, mother and brother of Mrs. Hansen, arrived in the storm on Christmas day from an extended visit.

Mrs. Kenyon was a recent arrival from North Dakota where she has been making the old home an extended visit.

Thursday, January 2, several of the neighbors and friends of Mrs. Walter Gillespie gathered for a farewell surprise, took their dinners and spent a very pleasant day. We are all sorry to see the Gillespies leave.

C. W. Muma took out household goods on Thursday for Walter Gillespie also for Cal Richardson and mother who will soon return to Tennessee.

Mr. J. E. Lamb was a recent passenger bound for the old home in Nebraska to look after business matters. As Mrs. Lamb remains we look for him back in the not very distant future.

The Sunday School Christmas entertainment that took place on New Year's eve, like everything else of its kind held here was a success in every way. The little ones enjoyed themselves and the older ones were not behind them.

Forked Horn Hall was the scene of a gay crowd that assembled on Friday night. Over a hundred were present and participated in a general good time and another feed. Generous delegations came from Bend, Laidlaw, Cline Falls and Redmond. In fact the building would not accommodate them and fires had to be built outside for their comfort.

This office is in receipt of letter heads, with the compliments of the Journal. They are very neat and well put up and are very much appreciated. Many thanks to you, Journal. —E. C. Park.

Estray Steer

There came to my ranch near Prineville, about the first of October, a red bull-headed, 3-year-old steer, branded UH on right hip, marked crop split underbit in left ear, swallow fork and underbit in right ear. Owner can have same by paying all expenses. —E. T. SLAYTON.

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PRINT PAPER GOES HIGHER

Today there is general complaint among publishers that printing paper is constantly growing dearer. In the middle west many local papers are raising their subscription price 50 per cent in order to pay for the paper. From the time when Gutenberg first used movable type, made of wood, to the present day of metropolitan papers, some of which consume the product of acres of spruce in a single edition, printing has in a very large degree depended upon the forest.

In the face of a threatened shortage of timber, the amount of wood consumed each year for pulp has increased since 1899 from 2 million to 3 1/2 million cords. The year 1906 marked an increase of 93,000 cords in the imports of pulpwood, the highest average value per cord for all kinds, and a consumption greater by 469,053 cords than that of any previous year.

Spruce, the wood from which in 1899 three-fourths of the pulp was manufactured, is still the leading wood, but it now produces a little less than 70 per cent of the total. How well spruce is suited to the manufacture of pulp is shown by the fact that during a period in which the total quantity of wood used has doubled and many new woods have been introduced, the proportion of spruce pulpwood has remained nearly constant in spite of the drains upon the spruce forests for other purposes. During this time three different woods, from widely separated regions, have in turn held the rank of leader in the lumber supply.

Since 1899 poplar, which for years was used in connection with spruce to the exclusion of all other paper woods, has increased in total quantity less than 100,000 cords, and is now outranked by hemlock, pine, balsam, and cottonwood are used in much smaller amounts.

New York alone consumes each year over a million and a quarter cords of wood in the manufacture of pulp, or more than twice as much as Maine which ranks next. Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Michigan follow in the order given. Sixty per cent of the wood used in New York was imported from elsewhere, and even so the supply appears to be waning, since the total consumption for the state shows a small decrease since 1905, whereas the other states named have all increased their consumption. Other States important in the production of pulp are: Massachusetts, Ohio, Oregon, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The cost of a ton of pulp delivered at the mill was \$7.21. The total value of the wood consumed in 1906 was \$26,400,000. The chief item determining the price of paper is the cost of pulp. An example of the increased price of paper is found in the case of a publisher of a daily in the middle west, who recently paid \$1,200 for a carload of paper. The same quantity and grade of paper cost a year ago but \$800.

The chemical processes of paper making, which better preserve the wood fiber, are gaining over the mechanical process. In 1899, 65 per cent of the wood was reduced by the mechanical process; in 1906, less than 50 per cent.

All importations of wood for pulp are from Canada, and comprised, in 1906, 739,000 cords, nearly all of which was spruce. Four and a half million dollars' worth of pulp was imported in 1906, a slight falling off from 1905.

Circular 120 of the forest service contains a discussion of the consumption of pulpwood in 1906, based on statistics gathered by the bureau of the census and the forest service. The pamphlet can be had upon application to the forester, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

GET BUSY AND REGISTER

The registration books were opened last Monday and County Clerk Brown is ready to line you up according to political faith.

If you wish to participate in the primaries of April 17 you must register sometime between now and the 7th of April.

After the primary elections are over the books will be re-opened again on April 21 to permit the registration of the tardy ones and changes of residence for the general election in June. The books close May 15. Remember you must register anew to participate in the regular biennial which takes place this year.

Chance to Get 640 Acres

Would you like to own 640 acres of land—a whole square mile? You may have a chance, if Judge R. A. Ballenger, commissioner of the United States general land office, has his way. In his annual report he says:

Dry farming or the raising of crops in the semi-arid regions by special methods of agriculture has passed the experimental stage in many localities. No law adapted to the entry of lands suitable for this purpose exists, and I therefore recommend the enactment of a measure applicable only to those states and territories containing semi-arid lands, permitting entry under the agricultural classification above, of not exceeding 640 acres of land not capable of artificial irrigation, which does not contain sufficient moisture to produce a natural growth of trees, and which because of the fact that it does not furnish portable water sufficient for domestic use or because of other conditions arising out of the semi-aridity of the land, not suitable for continuous residence.

Residence should not be required as a prerequisite to patent, but proof should be required of the raising of consecutive crops of valuable agricultural products for a fixed period before final proof; provided, however, that careful restriction should be imposed that the entries shall be made for the sole use and benefit of the entryman for the purpose of actual cultivation and not to increase range holdings, create monopolies of land, or other abuses.

Bread from Alfalfa

"Alfalfa is a great feed," says Dr. D. F. Luckey, state veterinarian of Missouri. "It will not be long until the leaves and stems will be ground into a meal and alfalfa bread will in a great measure take the place of milk in a well-balanced diet. I know a man will not think favorably of such food for himself and family, but it can be made very palatable. It may to some extent take the place of corn bread. "If for any reason a scarcity of bread stuffs should occur in the United States and meal should go up extremely high, I believe that alfalfa bread would be used pretty extensively, provided, of course, that the alfalfa crop were not a failure at the same time."

"The seeds could not be used, as that would be too rich for a person's stomach. He would soon die upon the meal made from the seeds. It is the stem and the leaves that will be used."

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United States Bonds..... 12,500 00	Surplus and undivided profits..... 6,254 70
Bank & remises..... 12,246 32	Circulation..... 12,500 00
Due from banks subj to ck 138,715 10	Individual Deposits..... 807,775 78
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