

UNCLE SAM WINS GREAT SUIT

Empire Restored to Government Domain.

SQUATTERS MUST LEAVE LAND

Judge Wolverton Decides Against S. P. on Every Point.

Judge Charles E. Wolverton of the United States district court renders a sweeping decision in favor of the government. The Southern Pacific and the Oregon and California railway companies must forfeit to the United States government about 3,400,000 acres of land, which is valued at from \$40,000 to \$75,000,000.

After one of the most prolonged legal combats ever waged in courts of the United States the court rules that an empire in Oregon cannot be bottled up by the railway interests. Taking the plain words of the act of congress granting the land for railway construction aid, the court holds that some of the land should be sold to bona fide settlers in tracts not greater than 160 acres to one individual, and at a price not exceeding \$2.50 an acre. Every argument and contention made by the railway company has been defeated in its fight with the government.

While deciding in favor of the federal government, Judge Wolverton decided against the several thousand intervenors in the case. He holds that they have acquired no right whatever by either settling on the land or rendering the maximum sum per claim specified by law. The effect of this portion of the decision is that the grant lands affected cannot be secured by any individual until the president or congress again opens it to entry or sale. The 87 intervenors who had gone upon the land as settlers before the suits of the government were commenced, also lose their claims, and are held to have gained no advantage whatever by their period of settlement. Something more than 6000 intervenors have filed applications to get a portion of the land, but their supposed rights are brushed aside, leaving the entire tract open to disposition by congress, as if it had never been offered to the railway interests as a grant.

Judge Wolverton's decision affecting the greatest values ever held by the government, and perhaps surpassing anything ever known to American courts before, was voluminous, requiring more than two hours to read. It was pronounced by the host of actor eyes who had flocked into the court room a mat-

NOT MUCH DAMAGE TO FRUIT CROP

Recent Frosts Benefit to Many Kinds of Fruit.

Despite the unprecedented cold spell during the early part of April the fruit crop of the Willamette valley escaped with comparatively little damage. In fact, aside from peaches and early cherries there was no damage at all. The prunes, which were usually the first to feel the effects of cold weather, have escaped with but little injury. Mr. Robert Johnson, the prune king of the Willamette valley, has 100 acres of prunes near Albany and he claims that the recent frosts were more of a benefit than an injury. Mr. Johnson has had many years' experience in the cultivation of prunes and he predicts that the time is close at hand when the prune raiser will come back to his own, and that the cultivation of prunes will prove to be more remunerative than any other fruit crop produced in the state. Fifteen or twenty years ago everyone in the Willamette valley went wild over prune raising, and in consequence a large number of people, without any knowledge of what they were doing, planted large tracts of land into prunes. As a result many of the fields have been grubbed up and returned into general farming. At the present time the demand for prunes is increasing while the supply is growing less. There is as much science in the handling of a prune orchard as there is in promoting the apple. It has taken years to learn what to do, and as a result Mr. Johnson predicts that prune growing will soon be the foremost fruit crop in the state. There is a growing demand for Italian prunes for shipment in refrigerator cars to Eastern markets. Orders for several car loads have already been received and there is no doubt but that the price will be satisfactory to the prune growers throughout the valley.

O. C. Highs Go Down Saturday

The Oregon City high school met defeat Saturday afternoon in the basketball game which was played with the Washington high school team of Portland. The game, which was played on the Canham Park grounds, resulted in a score of 7 to 6 in favor of the Washington high school boys. The Oregon City lineup was as follows: Telford, 1; Fredrick, 0; Michels, 1; Sheahan, 2; Alldredge, 3; Wilson, 2; Andrews, 1; Avison, 1; Baker, 0.

level of research on the great legal questions involved. For several months the judge has labored on the decision, earnestly endeavoring to grasp every point involved, and his pronouncement in favor of the federal government carries the greatest conviction of final approval in the sum of court of any decision rendered in local courts.

AN ARMISTICE IN MEXICO

Madero Agrees to Terms Proposed by Diaz.

NO MORE FIGHTING PROBABLE

Negotiations for Peace to Be Conducted at El Paso.

The revolution in Mexico is practically over. An armistice has been agreed upon, and there is every reason to believe that terms of peace will soon be agreed upon. An armistice was agreed upon for five days, but there are assurances that if definite arrangements cannot be made in the allotted period the time will be extended. Negotiations for peace have been extended just far enough to put each side into possession of the outlines of the other's demands.

General Madero has known and secretly guarded for two weeks information as to what the government will grant. He telegraphed Mexico City the nature of his basic demands. Following this, a long telegram was received from the Mexican capital, but no indication of its contents leaked out.

A despatch from El Paso says negotiations were resumed today. Yesterday's experience demonstrated that negotiations by telegraph, with most of the lines in Mexico out of commission, are too slow and tedious, especially when hundreds of words of code must be used, the least mistake in translating which causes many hours of delay.

For this reason both parties wish to appoint envoys with full power to act. The naming of the envoys, the selection of a meeting place and traveling to it, it is thought, will require more than the four days remaining for the truce, and hence the determination to extend its duration if necessary. A member of the mission described the negotiations as being in a very delicate stage, where an undiplomatic slip might spoil every thing.

El Paso, Texas, April 26.—As it was in the "war," it seems to be "manana" in the peace negotiations between Madero and Diaz government. With nothing to do but wait, Madero is filling in the time at his club at the El Paso, expecting in a languid way that commissioners to negotiate terms will soon be announced from Mexico City. So far there is nothing doing—maybe tomorrow. It is generally believed here that the representatives of Diaz and Madero will meet when they do meet—in El Paso. It is said by the Maderist forces here and in Juarez that it may be two weeks before the peace pavers and an agreement is reached.

AGED MAN SET FREE BY JURY SATURDAY

Plea of Self Defense Sustained--Credit to Jury

Nelson Beebe, who has been detained in the county jail in this city since last January, on account of the alleged murder of his brother, Hiram Beebe, was acquitted, Saturday, by a jury which was picked last night. It was not a true bill. On January 4th of this year, Nelson Beebe returned to his home at a late hour at night, in an intoxicated condition, and was met at the door by his brother, who he alleges assaulted him with an axe, and in self defense he picked up a club, hitting his brother Hiram in the head, which resulted in almost instant death. As the defendant alleged self defense, and there was no other evidence regarding the tragedy, he was given his freedom. Nelson Beebe is about 30 years of age, and his brother Hiram Beebe was at the time of his death about 76 years of age.

GYPSY CLUB LOSES MEMBER

Miss Edith Cheney Married to Thomas Keith of Portland.

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Campbell in this city Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, when Miss Edith Cheney, daughter of O. A. Cheney, of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas Keith of Portland, by Rev. E. S. Bollinger of Woodlawn. Just before the ceremony Mrs. Neita Barlow was singing very beautifully, "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms." Miss Veda Williams played Medelsolin's wedding march, as the bride party entered the room. The Gypsies, a local club of which the bride is a member, proceeded down the stairs, carrying an armful of white satin ribbon, forming an aisle, through which the bride and maid of honor, Miss Helen Daulton, marched to the bay window of the parlor, where they were met by the groom and best man, Mr. A. Black of Portland, under a floral canopy. During the ceremony, Miss Veda Williams played very softly, "Tales from Hoffman." The bride was beautifully dressed in white messaline, made princess with trimmings of chiffon and point lace. Her veil was caught in place with "real orange blossoms, and white carnations, and white and pink ribbons, forming an aisle, through which the bride and maid of honor, Miss Helen Daulton, marched to the bay window of the parlor, where they were met by the groom and best man, Mr. A. Black of Portland, under a floral canopy.

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Burns Society to Entertain.

The Bobby Burns Society of this city are making plans for their Scotch entertainment, which will take place Saturday evening in the Woodmen hall. The following splendid program has been arranged: Bagpipe selection, James Jack; overture, Scotch Airs, Patterson Bros.; opening remarks, Judge Cameron, of Portland; solo, Mrs. A. Matheson; recitation, "Jersey," Mrs. J. Hickman; solo, Master Samuel McLarty; Highland Fling, accompanied by piper, Miss Anne Williamson; address, "Scottish Chiefs," Rev. J. R. Landsborough; solo, Mrs. E. D. Henney; violin solo, "Scottish Airs," Mr. James Willcock; Gaelic song, Mr. J. McKenzie; recitation, "The Minister's Fidelity," Mr. Wm. McLarty; sword dance, accompanied by piper, Miss Anne Williamson; instrumental selections, Telford family; duet, with violin and piano accompaniment, Mrs. Wm. C. Schultz and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schultz; Scotch comedians, Messrs. Turnbull and Bennison; dance, "Hornpipe," accompanied by Patterson's orchestra; selection, Patterson's orchestra; "Auld Lang Syne."

New Milk Route

Carus Jersey Dairy has commenced selling pure milk and cream in Oregon City. Dairy inspected by state dairy inspector, and herd tested for disease by U. S. government. Phone Beaver Creek Mutual, Alfred A. Spangler, Canby, Rt. 1.

H. M. Sewall of Seattle is visiting Oregon City friends this week.

Bob Duncan of Estacada was calling on old friends in Oregon City Tuesday.

Mr. Chas. Goscoe, who lives near Carus, was transacting business in this city Tuesday.

L. L. Porter has purchased a new gasoline launch from a Portland firm. George Stress returned Tuesday morning from Tillamook, where he has been purchasing property.

Friday night of this week, at the assembly hall, the Parkplace high school and Estacada high school debating teams will discuss the question of whether or not life imprisonment should be substituted for capital punishment.

BOOSTERS BOOST BOOSTER DAY

Clackamas County's Capital Collects Crowds.

AERONAUT AIDS ATTRACTIONS

Splendid Stock Show Surprises Scores Satisfied Sightseers.

Probably the largest crowd of people ever attending a celebration or booster day exercises ever held in this city was here Saturday, coming from all over this county and as far as the southern portion of Washington, to witness the parade of fine horses, and various features of a "Booster Day" or annual horse show now being conducted by the public department of the Oregon City Commercial Club through the efforts of a committee of citizens, members of the department, and their secretary, M. J. Lazelle. The parade, which was composed of an array of fine horses, floats, bands, carriages, etc., reached for a distance of twelve blocks along Main street.

Interesting numbers on the program were pulled off on schedule time in various parts of the city, and at ten o'clock the crowd witnessed a balloon ascension and parachute drop, on the hillside west of the city, where in full view of the great bag burst when only a few hundred feet from the ground. At first the air climber did not note the turning of his balloon, but the cries from the crowd warned him and he at once cut loose the parachute, which fortunately opened without incident. The man was unable to clear the live wires of the P. R. L. & P. Co.'s line that runs to Portland, and upon which he momentarily hung until his parachute burst into flame, then he fell to the ground, but with a slight jar. The great gas bag and parachute were both complete ruins.

The following entries were made for the horse show: Draft Horses—William Krueger, Oregon City; W. D. Claggett, Salem; Fred Marshall, Oregon City; Mitchell, George Bayre, Oregon City. Draft Mares—Five entries from W. W. Irwin, Aurora, Oregon. Draft Colt, under two years—S. Bailey, Oregon City Route 3; two entries A. J. Marrs, Oregon City Route 1; H. Babler, Oregon City; J. F. Johnson, Oregon City; J. T. Fullam, Oregon City Route 2; John Kunzman, Oregon City Route 3; Samuel Elmer, Mullino Route 1. Draft Teams—Moffatt & Parker, Oregon City; E. M. Gerber, Oregon City; two entries, W. W. Irwin, Aurora; J. Marrs, Oregon City Route 1; C. K. Quinn, Oregon City; S. P. Londergan, Oregon City; R. F. D. Coach Horses—Mollala Horse Company, Mollala; George Speight, Hubbard. Coach Teams—Geo. Lazelle, Oregon City; W. M. Robinson, Oregon City; M. Oldham, Oregon City Route 2. Standard Bred Stallions—G. W. Bigham, Oregon City; M. Robbins and son, Oregon City; Williams Bros., Oregon City; Geo. Speight, Hubbard; L. B. Lindsey, Canby. Standard Bred Mares—M. Robbins and son, Oregon City; Williams Bros., Oregon City; Geo. Speight, Hubbard. Standard Bred Colts—E. A. Miles, Oregon City; Williams Bros., Oregon City. Driving Team—W. M. Robinson, Oregon City. Single Driver—Ernest Mass, Oregon City; Arthur Funk, Oregon City; Dr. Strickland, Oregon City; W. M. Price, Oregon City; C. K. Quinn, Oregon City; Geo. Randall, Oregon City; W. J. Wilson, Oregon City; Ed Vonderab, Oregon City; Walt Noblett, Neady. Saddle Horses—Bredley Woodward, Oregon City; Chas. Nash, Oregon City; E. P. Powell, Oregon City; Joseph Sheahan, Oregon City; Homer McArthur, New Era; C. Murat, Oregon City Route 3; D. W. McCormick, Oregon City Route 1; Ed Vonderab, Oregon City. Shetland Ponies—Orlando Romig, Canby; Dan Lyons, Jr., Oregon City. Prize winners were as follows: Draft Stallions—Fred Marshall, 1st; W. D. Claggett, 2nd; Wm. Krueger, 3rd. Draft Mares—W. W. Irwin, Aurora, 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. Draft Colts—A. J. Marrs, 1st; Henry Babler, 2nd. Got of Sire—Fred Marshall, 1st. Draft Teams—E. M. Gerber, 1st; C. K. Quinn, 2nd; S. P. Londergan, 3rd. Coach Stallions—Geo. Speight, 1st; Mollala Horse Co., 2nd. Coach Teams—W. M. Robinson, 1st; N. Oldham, 2nd. Standard Bred Stallions—M. Robbins and son, 1st; George Speight, 2nd; L. B. Lindsey, 3rd. Standard Bred Mares—M. Robbins and son, 1st; Williams Bros., 2nd; George Speight, 3rd. Standard Bred Colt—Williams Bros., 1st; E. A. Miles, 2nd. Driving Team—W. M. Robinson, 1st. Single Driver—W. J. Wilson, 1st; Ernest Mass, 2nd; Walt Noblett, 3rd. Saddle Horses—Chas. E. Nash, 1st; E. P. Powell, 2nd; Edd Vonderab, 3rd. Shetland Ponies—Orlando Romig, 1st; Dan Lyons, Jr., 2nd. Comical Rig—Thomas Sinnott, 1st.

Saturday, April 29, the Abernethy Grange will meet in all day session at the Abernethy Grange hall. At 12 o'clock the ladies of the Grange will serve a dinner. In the evening the Ladies' Work Club of the Grange will hold a necktie social, to which everybody is invited. A program will be rendered and refreshments will be served, and a general good time is promised all attending.

WORK PROGRESSING ON NEW R. R. LINE

Grading Practically Completed for Nearly a Mile.

Every day it becomes more apparent that the construction of the Clackamas Southern railway will prove to be a greater benefit to the business interests of Oregon City and Clackamas county than any other ever undertaken by our local capitalists. The work of grading has been practically completed for nearly a mile east of the city and work is progressing as fast as men and teams can handle the work. As sufficient money has already been subscribed to complete the work to Beaver Creek, there is no doubt but that cars will be running to that point before fall. The citizens on the line of the proposed route beyond Beaver Creek are awake to the necessity of aiding the work of construction beyond that point and meetings will be held at a number of places in the near future for the purpose of informing interested parties of what the building of the road to the Molalla country means to them. A market at the door of the producer is one of the objects aimed at, and there is no doubt but that the property owners on the line of the projected road will meet the enterprise heartily. A meeting at the Grange hall at Mullino on Thursday night was of great interest and well attended by local people interested in pushing the work along and by directors of the road who reside in this city, at which time an opportunity was afforded residents of that vicinity to render such aid as they felt able to do.

Barnes' Big Wild Animal Circus Is Coming.

Al G. Barnes' Big 3-Ring Trained Wild Animal Circus will exhibit in Oregon City Monday, May 8, giving two performances, at 2 and 8 p. m. The Barnes show is the only real wild animal circus in the Northwest. It requires a train of twenty railway cars, sixty and seventy feet in length, especially constructed for Mr. Barnes to transport the monster collection of wild animals, horses, ponies, parapluralia and the army of people employed in the show. Over 300 manly trained jungle and forest bred animals are included in the collection. Every animal represented in the Garden of Eden has a descendant in the Al G. Barnes' Big 3-Ring Wild Animal Circus. There is a lion that rides a horse, also bears, monkeys, dogs and goats that give exhibitions of horsemanship, riding ponies dashing around the ring; seals that juggle balls, batons and lighted torches on horseback; elephants that act as barbers, operate a laundry, stand on their heads, play musical instruments, and perform a score of other stunts; drill, waltz, cakewalk and, multiply and tell the time of day; bears that juggle, turn summersaults and imitate drunken men, and other funny antics. Mr. Barnes is exhibiting this year for the first time ever presented in America, a troupe of trained Royal Bengal tigers. The tiger is the most ferocious of all the wild beasts and is the only animal that kills for the pure delight of killing. The only other troupe in the world is owned by the Maharajah of Ceylon and he has never permitted them to leave the island.

In the massive steel arenas which are put up in the three rings, appear performing groups of lions, a mixed group of panthers, leopards and jaguars, all having a natural antipathy to each other, held under complete control by the trainer. There is an outlaw, man-killing, untamable, full-grown jungle bred African male lion that has killed three trainers who have attempted to break him. There are performing goats that, with the clowds, give imitations of Mexican bull-fights; there are funny donkeys; seals that present a hand concert, playing on brass instruments, beating drums, etc.

The Al G. Barnes Big 3-Ring Wild Animal Circus and Exhibition comes fresh from the work-shop, every stitch of canvas, covering over 6 acres of land, and all the wagons, cars, and trailers, all the domes, cages, bank chairs and baggage wagons were built during the past winter and come fresh from the hands of the painters, glistening with fresh paint and gold leaf.

Mr. Barnes prides himself on presenting a good, big, clean show. Every courtesy is extended to ladies and children; they can attend any performance without an escort and be sure of polite attention. Mr. Barnes, personally, supervises every exhibition. Remember the free street parade at 10:30 a. m.

Price Bros. Lose First Game

The largest crowd this season witnessed the ball game at Canham Park Sunday afternoon, between the Popcorn Kings of Portland, and Price Bros. team of this city. The score was 6 to 4 in favor of the Popcorn Kings, this being the first game that the Price Bros. team have lost this season. The Price Bros. lineup was as follows: Telford and Burden, p; Thompson, c; N. Long, lb; Landers, 2b; Miller, 3b; Freeman, ss; G. Long, lf; Rittenhouse, cf; A. Smith, rf.

Raisin Day April 29

The above date has been set apart by the people of California in which all are asked to join by eating raisins in the form of "raisin bread," or in what ever form is desired. The object of this special day is to create a wide-spread raisin sentiment that will result in a greater demand for that fruit, and to direct the attention of all good housewives to the excellence of the raisin as an article of food. The good people of the Northwest are invited by their neighbors to participate in the pleasant custom and "break" raisin bread on April 29th.

Later On

Announcement of the wedding of two prominent young folk up in Washington is received. Strange to say, their names are More(ly) Rane and May Showers. Makes a fellow think about that childhood rhyme, "Little Drops of Water."

LABOR LEADERS ARE ARRESTED

Charged With Dymanting Los Angeles Times.

THREE SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY

They Are Identified as the Purchasers of Giant Powder.

After months of investigation, directed by William J. Burns, a private detective, John J. McNamara, international secretary of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers of America, the headquarters of which are in Indianapolis, was arrested in Detroit Monday last, charged with complicity in the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times, October 1, 1910, and the plant of the Le, ellyn Iron works at Los Angeles. Four hours after McNamara was arrested detectives found two quarts of nitroglycerin and seventeen sticks of dynamite in a barn three-quarters of a mile west of Indianapolis. The barn, the detectives say, was rented by McNamara from T. H. Jones, the owner. When interviewed, Detective Burns made the following statement:

"When J. W. McNamara reaches Los Angeles this week, he will be identified as the man who purchased dynamite from the Giant Powder Company and who used the alias of J. B. Bryce at the time. Aside from saying he fits the description of the man who purchased the dynamite, I am not now privileged to say what other facts we have on which to base our conclusions, but you may say I am absolutely positive he will be recognized as the purchaser of the dynamite. Two sticks placed under the Times building failed to explode. They were taken to the Giant Powder company and identified as pieces purchased by this man Bryce."

Burns said that with McNamara when he bought the dynamite were David Kaplan and M. A. Schmidt, for whom detectives have been searching since the disaster occurred. These two men, Burns said, were anarchists and had no connection with the International Association of Bridge & Structural Iron Workers. "We have learned that McNamara, (J. W.) was in the pay of J. J. McNamara, secretary of the Ironworkers Association, during the time that he was in Los Angeles and we have also proof that McNamara was in the pay of the secretary," continued Burns.

"Did McNamara have anything to do with the Times blowup?" "No, he is not charged with having a hand in it. He was the man who blew up the Lewellyn Ironworks several weeks later."

Burns as McNamara worked single-handed. He had proof, he says, that McNamara was in Los Angeles at the time of the ironworks explosion. He said he had traced his movements from the time McNamara departed from the Middle West until he landed in Los Angeles. "He will also be identified by persons in Los Angeles who can furnish evidence that he was the man who did the job," said Burns.

"Have you any connection with the ironworks in touch with J. J. McNamara?" "We have, and we have further evidence that J. J. McNamara furnished the money necessary to pull off both of the Los Angeles jobs. There is no doubt in the world that we have the right prisoners."

Labor leaders denounce the arrest as outrageous and declare that the accused were not in Los Angeles at the time of the explosion. They have engaged Clarence Darrow, the man who defended Moyer and Hayward, to defend the prisoners.

When McNamara arrived in Los Angeles, Mrs. D. H. Ingersoll of San Francisco identified him as the man who boarded at her house under the name of J. B. Bryce, and the same man who purchased the dynamite sticks of the Giant Powder Company.

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