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Two hundred and twenty-five acres at Logan, 6 miles due east of Oregon City, 16 miles from Portland, 100 acres in cultivation, 50 acres more nearly ready to break, 8 acres prune orchard, whole place fenced, mountain trout stream running through the ranch, several large springs, frame dwelling, 5 rooms, cost \$500, post barn, 2 miles to cheese factory, same distance to creamery that sells \$1000 worth of butter a month, school one-quarter mile; splendid neighborhood, \$20 per acre. Terms to suit.

Three hundred and forty-nine acres of level, rich soil, in Marion county, 5 miles from Woodburn, 250 acres in good cultivation, free from stumps and rocks, balance in pasture, whole place fenced and cross fenced, one fair old dwelling, 8 rooms, two large barns, other outbuildings convenient to place, six acres orchard, 7 acres hops, one quarter mile to school, title perfect. Price \$21 per acre; terms made to suit the purchaser. This is a rare bargain.

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THE LAND FRAUD CASES

INDICTMENTS RETURNED AGAINST MITCHELL AND HERMANN.

They are Charged With Conspiracy To Defraud the Government.—Others Will Be Named.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 31.—The Federal grand jury which has been engaged for several weeks investigating various phases of the land frauds unearthed in this state by Col. A. R. Greene, special agent of the Department of the Interior, and sent here, it is said, at the instance of President Roosevelt, this afternoon returned indictments against United States Senator John H. Mitchell and Congressman Binger Hermann, who are charged in the indictments with conspiracy to defraud the United States Government of public lands.

George Sorochon, formerly a deputy sheriff in this county, and a man who has mixed in petty politics, was also indicted, being charged with having attempted to bribe United States District Attorney Hall in the sum of \$5000, to influence his favorable consideration in the cases of Horace G. McKinley, R. A. D. Putter and Marie Ware.

McKinley and Putter were recently convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands. Miss Ware was acquitted. Sixteen additional indictments are still pending against the trio.

Congressman Binger Hermann, who will leave for Washington tomorrow morning, issued the following written statement tonight: "The indictment returned against me is the result of one of the basest conspiracies and of malicious persecution. I came here upon the advice and urgent suggestion of my friends two weeks ago, as I had been informed by them efforts were being made to implicate Senator Mitchell and I in the Oregon land frauds which have been under investigation and trial and which frauds it was rumored I knowingly aided and advanced during my service as commissioner of the General Land Office. I knew I was free from any imputation of wrong-doing, and no honest witness could involve me in that charge.

"Several inspections were made as to these land entries. They had passed the approval of the local land office. They had been under the careful scrutiny of the assistant commissioner, whose testimony in the late trials in this city was to the effect that he found the evidence satisfactory. I believe the law had been complied with; I had no acquaintance with the lands, no intimacy with any of those to be benefited, no interest in the transactions direct or indirect, no promise, no consideration, no inducement, and I scrupulously suggest that I ever hesitated to stand by my sworn duty in this or any other trust imposed upon me.

"I have been a resident of Oregon since my boyhood and have been entrusted with many transactions affecting the public interests, and with my fellowmen, and in them all my single endeavor has been to discharge my duty and preserve my honor. Mistakes may sometimes have been made, and I may have been imposed upon, but I am not conscious of having violated my obligation as an officer, or as a private citizen.

"If frauds were practiced upon the office the imposition was as grossly perpetrated upon me as commissioner, as upon others in office.

"In view of these conditions I am amazed at the action of the grand jury and realize the disadvantage in not knowing who the witnesses were who testified against me, or what their statements were, to all of which no opportunity was given me to cross-examine or explain. I rely upon my vindication before a trial jury, before which, as a citizen, I shall be protected against mere insinuations, base persecutions and perjured testimony.

"Having remained here expecting to be recalled before the grand jury for an opportunity of answering any accusation which might have been made since my appearance before that body, but with courtesy was not accorded me, and the indictment having been brought, I now feel it my duty to return to my official duties in Washington and come back after congress to meet those malicious and base accusations."

The grand jury was excused until January 19th. The bonds of those indicted was fixed at \$1,000, and they are to be given a reasonable time to return them to the court.

Honey left tonight for San Francisco, having been called to that city by an important case. He will return in time to take up the conduct of the investigations before the grand jury on the day it begins work again.

A number of witnesses from Washington left last night for their homes having finished their testimony before the jury and will return to Portland in March or April next as witnesses before the federal court when the cases come to trial.

News Was Expected.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The news of the indictment of Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann has been fully expected for some time by the officials having to do with the case, and therefore came as no surprise.

Secretary Hitchcock frankly stated that he had looked for the indictment Moody declined to make any comment, although it is believed here that he, too, was prepared for no other decision than the indictment of the two men.

Hitchcock consented to make a brief statement concerning the case and said: "While we all regret that men occupying high stations in public life should get within the clutches of the law, nevertheless, the Interior Department and the Department of Justice had its duty to perform.

"These land fraud indictments are the result of two years of the most searching investigation and are a part of the unalterable determination of the President and the administration to bring to justice all the offenders high or low.

"These indictments," continued the Secretary, "will not be the last. More are to follow, although I believe I can

say the investigation will involve no more officials as high in the public service as these two members of Congress. "All the cases will be placed in the hands of the Department of Justice and the prosecution will be vigorous.

"I cannot say how many additional indictments are to be returned, but it is true that this is simply the beginning." The Secretary said he could not at this time go into the details of the cases against Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann.

More Indictments to Come.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 1.—The indictment of Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann by the Federal Grand Jury does not mark the end of the investigations by that body, but rather is the beginning of work far-reaching in its importance and effect throughout the entire United States.

Senator Mitchell and Mr. Hermann, so far as is now judged by the evidence, known to be against them, are implicated in small frauds and unimportant conspiracies in comparison with the far-reaching steals that will, it is said, yet be brought to light and punished by the Government.

The work done during the past two years under the supervision and direction of Colonel A. R. Greene, and the evidence gathered by him and the rest of the Government officials who have been working on the cases, have led not to Hermann and Mitchell alone, but to many of those who are prominent in the state, so it is rumored, and to those who are operating through agents from distant parts of the nation, all to the common end of securing control of the timber and other lands of the state for their use, and the evidence gathered will show that the land has been stolen from the Government and the people through fraudulent means and methods. The mass of evidence gathered is said to be widespread in its application, and will result in many startling developments before the end is reached.

It is undoubtedly the intention of the Government to return an indictment against Fred A. Kribs, the Portland timber man, and in all probability this will be one of the first returns made by the jury when it reconvenes on January 19, upon the return of Mr. Honey from California.

Kribs has been a timber speculator for many years, and his case has been under the eye of the Government people since first they began to dig into the land-fraud situation in Oregon and the Northwest. It is said, and on good authority, that Kribs holds an unique position among the operators in the state and district. In the past five years he has secured, in one way and another, more than 300,000 acres of the best timber land in the Northwest, and of that vast accumulation more than 100,000 acres are located in Oregon. Even in the past few days he has made transfers of more than 5,000 acres of his Oregon land, and it is believed is now trying to work off his holdings or a part of that which he has in his own name before the crash comes, which he is said to be fearing.

LEFT SWEETHEART FOR ANOTHER.

Molalla Young Woman Buys Wedding Trousseau and Disappears.

In the sudden disappearance ten days ago of Belle Noyer, daughter of Ben Noyer, a farmer residing near Molalla, has resulted the sudden termination of a love affair and the breaking of the hearts of the girl's fond parents. On Tuesday, December 20, Miss Noyer came to this city for the purpose of making some purchases and completing her trousseau for she was engaged to be married to John Cross, a young farmer of the Molalla neighborhood. Since that time the anxious parents have not heard a word from their daughter, whose whereabouts a thorough search has failed to disclose.

In the search that has been made to find the girl, who is only 17 years of age, it has been learned that immediately on her arrival in Oregon City she was joined by a young man of this city, named Knowland, with whom she went away presumably for Portland. Her escort returned within a few days when the girl was seen in the company of another young man, whose name is not known.

Friends of the young woman at first feared that she had committed suicide, but that theory was disproven by the search and it is thought she is now hiding in Portland although a week's hunt has failed to find the slightest trace of the missing girl.—Oregon City Item in Oregonian.

CLACKAMAS AT THE FAIR

WHAT COUNTY EXPECTS TO DO AT 1905 EXPOSITION.

Statement of Committee Appears in the New Year's Oregonian.

The following account of the Clackamas county exhibit that is being prepared for the Lewis & Clark Fair appeared in the Oregonian's annual number last Monday:

"Confident of their ability to gather and exhibit a collection of resources superior to that of any other county in the state, the people of Clackamas county are unusually active in gathering the cream of their varied products for the Lewis & Clark Exposition. To that end an organization has been formed through which creditable representation of the county will result. A general committee, consisting of one member from each of the 37 precincts was named at a mass meeting of the citizens of Clackamas county held early in October. This general committee subsequently named an executive committee of nine members to which was delegated the specific task of supervising, assorting, arranging and transporting the exhibit to the Exposition. The executive committee consists of: Henry Gans, Oswego; J. T. Apperson, Abernathy; W. R. Stafford, Oregon City No. 2; Mrs. Mary S. Howard, Mulino; Dr. J. W. Thomas, Molalla; George LaSelle, New Era; Mrs. Geo. A. Harding, Oregon City, No. 2; J. W. Roots, Boring; and Harvey Starkweather, Milwaukie. Organization of the committee resulted in the choice of J. T. Apperson as president and Mr. Starkweather as secretary. The two committees are acting in conjunction and have facilitated the collecting of the exhibit by appointing an active representative for each section of the county to perform this service in his locality. In this way an exhibit more thoroughly representative of the county will be procured.

"In addition to the appropriation of \$1000 that has been made by the County Court to defray the expenses of the exhibit, the members of the executive committee are working on a plan that proposes the raising of \$2000 more by popular subscription. The people of Clackamas county feel that they have something to show the fair visitor that is worth seeing and are going to spend what is necessary to collect and exhibit the same. Interest in the exhibit from this county was greatly stimulated when Clackamas captured first honors at the National Grange Fair at Portland in November. The best of the products that were shown at that time have been turned over to the Lewis & Clark Fair committee, forming a splendid nucleus for the more comprehensive exhibit that is to be made at the 1905 Fair. The agricultural, mineral and manufacturing interests of the country are all working in behalf of the exhibit.

"Other arrangements are being made by the people of Clackamas County to show the fair visitors what can be produced in this section. During the last year the County Court has expended thousands of dollars in the improvement of a number of its highways so that the Easterner who is as certain to visit Oregon City as he is to attend the Fair, may be made acquainted with the land of Clackamas County besides being furnished an opportunity to enjoy the unrivaled river and mountain scenery in the vicinity of Oregon City. Before the gates of the 1905 Fair are thrown open the County Court will have completed a number of beautiful driveways leading out of Oregon City, notably among which will be one on the West Side, and another extending up the Clackamas River to the Government hatchery. Matchless river and mountain scenery in addition to a large acreage of rich orchard and agricultural lands are to be viewed from either of these driveways."

"The Two Little Waifs."

This play is one of the most successful ever written and staged by Lincoln J. Carter and will be seen at Shively Opera House on Wednesday, January 11th. It is without doubt one of the most stirring plays that will be seen at this theatre this season. The story itself is full of strong heart interest. The villain, in order to win the love of another man's wife, breaks up the home and kidnaps one of the children. The mother is reduced to abject poverty, but in her direct need refuses aid from the man who brought trouble to the door of her home by his base plotting. The piece is full of pathos and tears but is not without some good comedy.

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