

LAND FRAUDS.

HITCHCOCK SAYS A MILLION ACRES ARE IN THE GRAFT IN OREGON.

Admits That Officials of the Land Department Are Involved—Details of Mitchell and Fulton That They Are in the Conspiracy.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 28.—Secretary Hitchcock for the first time conceded to an interview today on the Oregon land frauds. He said: "There are others besides Asa B. Thompson, who will be dismissed from the receivership of the land office at La Grande, who will be suspended or discharged, but I don't look for whole sale decapitation. Our investigation is nearly completed and as we complete one case we turn it over to the officials of the department of justice, who will take it into the courts. In a short time we will take the full report over to the department of justice, which will not be made public, but we will take the public into our confidence by making a short statement. We kept the matter secret for the last nine months because publicity would have foiled justice. There is conspiracy no doubt and some public officials are in it, but it is gross exaggeration to say these frauds are the greatest in the history of the department. There have been others, which arise periodically, but they must be ferreted out. In the present frauds I should say about 1,000 acres of timber land are involved at \$125 to \$250 per acre."

Senator Mitchell and Fulton of Oregon, who are mentioned as Thompson's political backers, had a long conference with Secretary Hitchcock this morning. After the meeting Senator Fulton said:

"It is true we were Thompson's backers, but that makes no difference. I had an inkling of the affairs while in Oregon and discussed the matter with the district attorney there. Thompson will have to fight his own way. If guilty, my colleague and I want him sent to the penitentiary, and we told Secretary Hitchcock. We also told him he has our full support in the policy he is pursuing. We want him to clean the rascals out. I do not think we will find many public officials involved. True, there is a conspiracy, but it is principally among private citizens, aided and abetted by a few officials, perhaps, who resort to all sorts of schemes to obtain public lands. I don't believe, however, that the officials are largely involved, nor will it run into millions."

Secretary Hitchcock later confirmed the statement relative to the support the senators promised him. Senator Mitchell and Fulton denounced as unwarranted falsehoods the following statements appearing in today's Washington telegrams to the New York Sun.

"Although official confirmation cannot be obtained here it is practically certain that the department under investigation will involve United States senators Mitchell and Fulton and Representative Williams of Oregon, who composed a delegation that recommended Thompson's appointment at La Grande."

"It is known that the secretary's feeling toward these men has become very bitter since investigation was started and it is more than possible that he will ask President Roosevelt not to consider any recommendation that they may make for a successor to Thompson."

Both senators called on Hitchcock today who expressed a desire to have the La Grande office opened for business as soon as possible.

At Secretary Hitchcock's suggestion Senators Mitchell and Fulton telegraphed District Attorney Hall as follows:

"While the secretary has suspended Thompson, he does not think that he should be absolutely removed until he has had an opportunity to defend himself on trial. The secretary, therefore, requested us to ascertain from you whether the trial could be expedited and about how soon you think the case can be tried. Kindly consult with Judge Belinger and advise us by wire at earliest possible moment."

Portland, Oct. 28.—The Oregonian says: Indictments charging them with forgery and conspiracy in a scheme to defraud the government out of land, were returned yesterday by the Federal grand jury against ex-United States Commissioner Miss Marie L. Ware, Horace G. McKinley and S. A. D. Pater. Other indictments growing out of the land fraud investigation are expected today. It is under-

stood that one more charge is sure to be made. This person is supposed to be John De in the case about the identity of whom there has been considerable speculation. The indictments against the trio from Eugene were not formerly returned into court yesterday, but when the jury appeared to hand in another indictment, it was announced that these three matters were ready for return, and the judge ordered them sent in. As soon as this is done the defendants will be re-arrested and placed under new bonds for appearance at trial. It is expected that the new bonds will be in the sum of \$5,000 each, instead of \$2,000, as at present. The final trial of the case will probably be had during November or December.

The findings of the jury in the case of the three accused is a voluminous affair covering 55 pages. A total of 26 counts were returned. In the matters of fraudulent transactions that have been brought before the jury, according to reliable information, Miss Ware figured more prominently than either of her two co-conspirators. In other words she, as it has been expressed, was the tool used by the others to attain desired ends and assume the burden of responsibility.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 29.—A special from Dean Lake says that Mrs. Booth-Tucker was fatally injured in a Santa Fe wreck, and died half an hour later. The train, which started from Dean Lake for Marcelline with the injured, was delayed by the breaking of a truck, and has not yet reached Marcelline. The Salvation Army citadel here has no news, except that Colonel Holland was seriously hurt, and the officers disbelieve the report of Mrs. Booth-Tucker's death.

Does Manhood Fail?

(Albany Herald.)

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STILL IN FLAMES.

REST OF ABERDEEN BURNS AND FIREMEN ARE HELPLESS.

Glasgow Block, Blecker Block, Post-office, and Young Men's Christian Association and Commercial Block Burns Fire Spreads Rapidly.

Aberdeen, Wash., Oct. 28.—A fire which promises to equal in magnitude the recent holocaust, which destroyed the major portion of the business part of Aberdeen, is now raging, and the fire department is wholly unable to cope with it.

At an early hour this morning fire was discovered in the center of the Commercial block. With indescribable rapidity it has spread to the Glasgow block, the postoffice, the Blecker block and the Y. M. C. A. building, all of which are now a mass of flames.

The fire department is utterly powerless to stay the progress of the flames, which the wind is fast driving toward the unburned portion of the town.

The Commercial block contained 10 stores, besides several which occupied temporary quarters there after the recent fire.

The Glasgow block contained 8 stores.

Seven business blocks of Aberdeen were destroyed by a fire that broke out on the morning of October 16 and burned until two o'clock in the afternoon. The blaze started in a rookery called the mock building, where men cooked their meals over gasolene stoves. Four men lost their lives and a half dozen more or less seriously injured. The loss was determined to be about \$700,000.

Allentown, Pa., Oct. 27.—Mabel H. B-tobel, aged 21 years, was murdered last night and her body placed in an underground alley adjoining her home, where it was found today by her mother. Her skull was crushed, but there were no other marks of violence on the body.

Miss Bitchell went driving yesterday morning with David Weisenberg, and this was the last time she was seen alive.

Mrs. Betchel, mother of the murdered girl, was aroused shortly after 1 o'clock this morning by the barking of dogs. Upon looking out of her bedroom window she saw two men carry an object from a carriage and place it in the underground alley near the house. She made no investigation, but on arising this morning she found her daughter's shoes, hat and coat in the dining room. Later the body of Miss Betchel was found in the alley.

David Weisenberg, of South Benlehem, with whom Miss Betchel went driving yesterday, left for Newark, N. J., this morning, his parents say, and thither detectives have gone. Weisenberg was in a theatre in this city until 10:30 last night, and then left for home. The girl was not with him at the time. It was 2 1/2 hours later that the girl's mother saw her body being carried from a carriage near the house.

The police have found no trace of the horse or carriage said by Mrs. Betchel to have been used in carrying the girl home. From the appearance of the body and clothing, the girl had been unclad when the assault was made. Some of her clothing had been placed about her, the remainder having been laid in the dining room when the body was placed in the underground alley.

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Time Card Number 22.

2 For Yaquina:	
Train leaves Albany.....	12:45 p. m.
" " Corvallis.....	1:50 p. m.
" " arrives Yaquina.....	5:35 p. m.
1 Returning:	
Leaves Yaquina.....	7:30 a. m.
Leaves Corvallis.....	11:30 a. m.
Arrives Albany.....	12:15 p. m.
3 For Detroit:	
Leaves Albany.....	7:00 a. m.
Arrives Detroit.....	12:20 p. m.
4 from Detroit:	
Leaves Detroit.....	1:00 p. m.
Arrives Albany.....	5:55 p. m.
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For further information apply to EDWIN STONER, Manager. H. H. Cronise, Agent Corvallis. Thos. Cokrell, Agent Albany.

Assessment for Sewer.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment made by Ordinance No. 8341 for the construction of a sewer through Block 2 County Addition and Block 18 Old Town of Corvallis, Oregon, in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 1327 in which the following lots and parts of lots were entered in the City lists of Corvallis on the 15th day of October, 1903, and is due and payable at the office of the City Treasurer of Corvallis in United States gold or silver coin and must be paid on or before the 2nd day of November, 1903, the Common Council will order warrants to be issued to the Chief of Police for the collection thereof together with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum, from that date and costs of collection.

BLOCK 2 COUNTY ADDITION.
Block 2, Lot 1—Mrs Lina S Neugass is assessed at \$21.97.
Block 2, South 1/2 Lot 2—Mrs Lina S Neugass is assessed at \$20.99.
Block 2, North 1/2 of Lot 2—Mrs Annette Jacobs is assessed at \$18.97.
Block 2 Lot 3—Mrs Annette Jacobs is assessed at \$21.97.
Block 2 Lot 4—Mrs Annette Jacobs, is assessed at \$21.97.
Block 2 Lot 5—Harriet Healy is assessed at \$21.97.
Block 2 Lot 6—Harriet Healy is assessed at \$21.97.
Block 2 3/4 of Lot 7—Jas R Sellers is assessed at 16.48.
Block 2 1/4 of Lot 7—Jacobs & Neugass is assessed at \$5.49.
Block 2 3/4 of lot 8 Jas R Sellers is assessed \$5.49.
Block 2 3/4 of Lot 8—Jacobs & Neugass is assessed at \$5.49.
Block 2 Lot 9—Jas R Sellers is assessed \$21.97.
Block 2 Lot 10—Mrs Annette Jacobs is assessed at \$21.97.
Block 2 3/4 of Lot 11—P M Eder is assessed at \$16.48.
Block 2 1/4 of Lot 11—M Jacobs and S Neugass is assessed at \$5.49.
Block 2 3/4 of Lot 12—P M Eder is assessed at \$16.48.
Block 2 1/4 of Lot 12—M Jacobs and S Neugass is assessed at \$5.49.

BLOCK 18 OLD TOWN OF CORVALLIS.

Block 18 West 25 feet of Lot 1. Heirs of John Burnett is assessed at \$5.50.
Block 18 South 1/2 of East 1/2 of Lot 1—Heirs of J R Bryson is assessed at \$8.25.
Block 18 North 1/2 of East 1/2 of Lot 1—J W Ingle is assessed at \$8.25.
Block 18 Lot 2 J W Ingle is assessed at \$21.97.
Block 18 South 1/2 of Lot 3 J W Ingle is assessed at \$10.49.
Block 18 North 1/2 of Lot 3 S B Rowley is assessed at \$10.49.
Block 18 Lot 4 S B Rowley is assessed at \$21.97.
Block 18 Lot 5 S E Moore is assessed at \$21.97.
Block 18 Lot 6 S E Moore is assessed at \$21.97.
Block 18 Lot 7 L & M Walker is assessed at \$21.97.
Block 18 Lot 8 L & M Walker is assessed at \$21.97.
Block 18 Lot 9 S B Rowley is assessed at \$21.97.
Block 18 Lot 10 S B Rowley is assessed at \$21.97.
Block 18 Lot 11 Mary E Doshe is assessed at \$21.97.
Block 18 Lot 12 Mary E Doshe is assessed at \$21.97.
Total assessment \$678.51.
By order of the Common Council of Corvallis.

E. P. GREFFOZ, Police Judge, Corvallis, Oregon, October 17, 1903.

In the County Court of Benton County, State of Oregon, In the Matter of the Estate of Mabel E. Howe, a Minor.

Now at this time came Frank L. Howe guardian of the estate of Mabel E. Howe, a minor, and presents his petition to this Court and asks for a license to authorize him to sell Lots 10, 11 & 12 in Block 22, County Addition to the City of Corvallis in Benton County, Oregon, belonging to his ward Mabel E. Howe, and it appearing to the Court from said petition that it would be to the best interest of said ward, the said Mabel E. Howe, that said above mentioned property be sold and the proceeds thereof transmitted and turned over to Frank E. Marsh, the legal guardian of said minor in the State of Massachusetts where it may be invested for and in the interest of said minor. It is therefore hereby ordered that the next of kin of said ward and all persons interested in the person and estate of said minor, be and they are hereby ordered to appear before the above named court on Saturday the 21st day of November, 1903, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said date at the Court House of Benton County, Oregon, and there to show cause if any they have why a license should not be granted for the sale of said real estate above mentioned. It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published at least once a week for three successive weeks before the day of hearing said petition as above set forth in the Corvallis Times, a newspaper published and circulating in Corvallis in Benton County, State of Oregon.

This October 20, 1903. VIRGIL E. WATTERS, County Judge, Benton Co. Oregon.

The above is a true and correct copy of the original order in said matter and of the whole thereof: Attest: Victor P. Moores, County Clerk.

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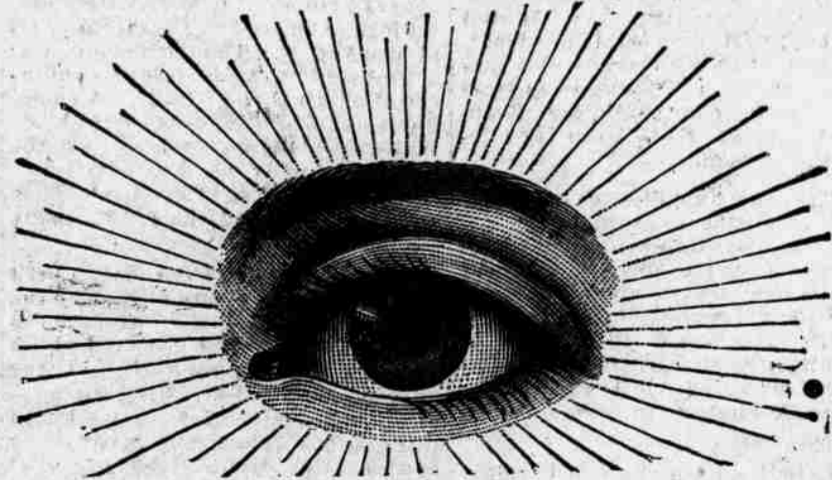
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