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A SEVERE STORM

GREAT WINDS RAGE EAST
OF THE ROCKIES.

Thermometer Falls to 34 Degrees
Below Zero—Telegraph Lines
Disabled and Railroad
Trains Delayed—Four
Men Killed in Ex-
plosion.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—One of the severest storms of recent years has raged throughout the territory lying between the Rocky Mountains and the Great Lakes since early this morning, and has caused much trouble to street-car companies, railroads and telegraph companies. The latter were the greatest sufferers from the blizzard, which swept through the west and northwest during the last 24 hours, and which was preceded by a heavy fog and drizzling rain, which made the wires almost unworkable.

The intense cold and terrific gale that followed close upon the fog coated the wires with ice, and later in the day through poles to the ground, crippling the companies badly. Railroad trains were badly delayed all through the West, some of them being 24 hours late. Street-car traffic in all the cities of the west and northwest was practically at a standstill at some time during the day.

In its extent the storm was the most widespread of any during the last 15 years. Counting the fog as a component part of the storm, it stretched from the Rocky mountains to New York, and from Winnipeg to New Orleans.

At 10 o'clock tonight the storm was reported as subsiding at Kansas City and other points in a north and south line from that city.

At Chicago and east of here the storm was still raging with great violence and was expected to continue throughout the night, the center of the storm being between Chicago and Cleveland. Reports from Kansas City early in the day were that the storm extended from the middle of Missouri as far south as Indian territory, and police police were stationed to turn back light delivery wagons, which would infallibly be turned over if they attempted to pass the corners ahead of them.

Between noon and 7 o'clock in the evening the mercury dropped from 34 to 11 and was still falling.

Fort Gaines, Ga., Dec. 28.—The farmers and merchants met today and decided to burn their share of 2,000,000 bales of surplus cotton. A starter was made today, when a bonfire was made of cotton on the streets at Fort Gaines. It is not yet determined where it will stop. The farmers have decided to set the pace, and are moving determinedly.

A large crowd paraded with much spectacular ceremony. The object is to show that the farmers are ready to sacrifice a few bales for the benefit of the masses.

New York, December 28.—Nan Patterson, the former show girl who is in the Tomb's prison charged with the murder of Caesar Young, was in better spirits today than at any time since the second jury which heard the testimony in her case reported that they were unable to agree upon a verdict. She believed she said, that the freedom for which she has longed for more than six months was about to be granted. Telegrams had come to her from Wheeling, W. Va., announcing that four prominent men in that city were prepared to furnish bail for her in any amount up to \$50,000. If the offers from Wheeling have been made in good faith, it is probable that the court will be asked within a few days to fix the amount of bond.

While Miss Patterson would not reveal the names of the Wheeling men who offer to go on her bond, dispatches from that city say they are Charles W. Swisher, secretary-of-state-elect, of Wheeling, and H. J. Price, a merchant; T. A. Davey, a lawyer, and Howard Black, a banker of Fairmount.

Miss Patterson's counsel conferred with Assistant Attorney Rand today. Afterwards it was learned that both sides desired delay, and it seemed probable that Miss Pat-

erson will not be put on trial again for several months.

Mc Patterson spent part of the day with his daughter in the Tomb and said after leaving her he feared she was going insane.

"She is broken down completely," he said. "I tell you my little girl is a physical and mental wreck. I am afraid that her mind is giving away under this dreadful strain. She is worse than she was when she collapsed after hearing of the jury's disagreement. I have sent for our family physician."

Dr. McGuire was sent for later, and after examining Miss Patterson said:

"Miss Patterson is in a highly nervous and even a hysterical condition, but in my judgment there need not be any fear of insanity from present indications. She laughs a good deal, but the laughter is of a hysterical character rather than from any impulse that appears like insanity. She needs good care and constant watchfulness and compassion. The latter, as we all know, cannot be very well supplied in a prison."

Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 28.—Three men were killed instantly and two injured, one so that he died soon afterwards by an explosion of four boilers at the sawmill plant of Walworth & Neville, at Wallville, Wash., shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon. Almost immediately after the mill started for the afternoon run a terrific explosion occurred.

The cause of the explosion is unknown. The mill plant had been shut down for repairs and only sufficient steam was kept up to run the cross arm factory, and for the dry kilns. The boilers were inspected by the official inspector of a boiler insurance company ten days ago, and were pronounced all right. The plant is situated on Rock Creek, 27 miles west of Chehalis, on the Chehalis & South Bend railroad. When the mill is running, 100 men are employed in the plant. The mill stands directly north of and near the railroad. The boiler house leans against the mill building on the west side.

The fact that the mill proper was not running accounts for the small number killed, as a large number of men work within a few feet of the boiler-house, in the mill, about the saw, carriages and rolls. The mill was badly wrecked by the explosion. The damage is estimated at several thousand dollars. The cross-arms plant is situated some distance west of the main mill. The mill is one of the best equipped in this section of the state, and did a large business in timbers and the manufacture of crossarms.

At Kings Valley.
The Christmas tree at the Evangelical church was well loaded with presents.

Ernest and Sam Eddy of O. A. C., and James Chambers and Fred Groshong, from Portland, are spending the Holidays at home.

Mr. Seibert is doing a good business in photography in the Valley.

Art Miller is doing good work at logging although he has a good deal of mud to contend with.

E. O. Frantz has found a curiosity in the shape of breach of an old fashioned gun. He found it near where Old Fort Hasking stood. He has not been able so far to find any one who has ever seen anything like it.

The hills have a very thin coat of snow. Some trees are full of apples yet.

There were dances at Tom Alexander's and David Kibbey's last Friday night. A pleasant time is reported from both.

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OTHERS INDICTED.

GRAND JURY FILES SEVERAL
NEW INDICTMENTS IN
LAND-FRAUD CASES.

S. B. Ormsby, W. H. Davis and
C. E. Loomis to Undergo Trial
—All said to Be Mixed
Up in Land Ring—Two
Others Included.

Portland, Dec. 28.—The Federal grand jury made its second public appearance yesterday afternoon, at which time it returned indictments against Salmon B. Ormsby, of Salem; William H. Davis, of Albany; Clark E. Loomis of Eugene; Henry A. Young, George Sorenson, of Portland; John Doe and Richard Roe. The charge is that the indicted men entered into a conspiracy on December 29, 1901, having as their object the defrauding of the government of the United States out of a portion of its public lands in township 11 south of range 7 east, and that by means of false and forged applications, false and forged affidavits and proofs of home-stead entry and settlement, some in the names of real and some in the names of fictitious persons, the government was induced to issue patents to the lands.

It is charged that in furtherance of the conspiracy, William H. Davis swore to an affidavit before S. B. Ormsby in which he said he had resided upon the claim taken by him as the law required, and it is also alleged that the conspiracy was a part of the one entered into by S. A. D. Pater, Horace G. McKinley, D. W. Tarpley and Emma L. Watson.

In the indictment just returned William H. Davis, mayor of Albany and chairman of the republican county central committee of Linn county, is the central figure. Ormsby and Loomis, Sorenson and Young have all been before the public from the opening of the land fraud trial several weeks ago, but Dr. Davis had not been brought in to the case by the government until the latter part of the week just passed, when he appeared before the grand jury by his own request.

The government expects to prove by the evidence against the Albany man that he went into the conspiracy to defraud the government knowingly, and a year after he had abandoned his claim as the result of a correspondence with the land office at Washington.

The story shows that Davis went into the forest in 1892 in company with William Horn, a timber locator, of Albany. Horn located him on a claim and built a cabin for him in the same year. The cabin was afterward destroyed by a tree falling upon it and the next year Horn built another. In 1893 Dr. Davis went to his claim for a day or so, and again in 1893 he spent a short time there on a fishing trip. He also went fishing in the vicinity in 1895.

Dr. Davis made his final proof before R. B. Montague, of Albany, in 1900 and swore that he had cultivated five acres of ground each year since residing on the land; that he had raised crops and had made the place his residence except for short periods in the winter, when he was obliged to leave to make a living for himself and family.

In 1901 C. E. Loomis came to Albany to make a report on the claim of Dr. Davis, in connection with about 45 other claims held up by the department. It is said the doctor became uneasy about this time and wrote to Binger Hermann, then commissioner of the general land office, asking his advice in regard to his filing. He also asked Mr. Loomis to write to the department in regard to his claim.

Under date of March 11, 1901, Loomis wrote a personal letter to Mr. Hermann asking his advice in relation to the claim. He stated that Dr. Davis was in trouble over it; that he had dropped the land upon its being put into the Cascade forest reserve, but that he had later, upon the advice of Col. Bob Miller, made his final proof. The Colonel, so said the letter, had advised Dr. Davis to the effect that all the time elapsing since the creation of the reserve and the date of actual entry and since the survey had been made would be recognized by the

department as residence. The letter closed with the statement that Mr. Loomis would be glad to gain any information which might be of some use to "some very good friends" of Mr. Hermann's in Linn county.

This letter was given to George R. Ogden, a clerk in the department, by Mr. Hermann, who replied March 26, 1901. Ogden called attention to the fact that the doctor had sworn to his cultivation and residence in his affidavit and said that if it appeared from the fact's that the claim had been abandoned such affidavits would make Dr. Davis, or any other persons, liable to prosecution for perjury.

Upon receipt of this letter Dr. Davis abandoned effort to secure the claim and nothing more was done about it until May, 1903, when Ormsby was sent to make a report on the lands. Some of the claims had been recommended for cancellation by Loomis and among them was the Davis claim. D. W. Tarpley came to Davis about this time, so it is said, and made a proposition to him which he accepted. Davis was to secure \$200 each from the men who had filed upon the claims and afterward abandoned them. Tarpley was to receive a share, and so was Ormsby, who had been sent by the government to make his report. Through Ormsby it was expected that the claims could be passed to patent.

Dr. Davis, it is said, then secured pledges from 14 men, each of whom promised to donate \$200 toward securing patents to their old and abandoned lands. Of this sum the doctor is said to have raised \$1390. He gave \$600 of the sum to Tarpley and the rest was to have been divided between Ormsby and a firm of Washington, D. C., attorneys, who were to be employed to look after the securing of the patents at the general land office.

The report of Mr. Ormsby was favorable, in spite of the fact that Loomis had once reported against the claims, and in October, 1902, patents issued to the lands.

Henry Young, another one of those indicted, is well known in Portland and in the Willamette valley as an athlete. He came from Astoria and was given a clerkship in the secretary of state's office by Frank I. Dunbar during the early part of that official's first term. Young, however drank to excess and was discharged. He later was entangled with the law for having collected money from various persons in Salem under pretense of representing a firm with which he had no connection and is supposed to have left the state under this cloud. He was at one time a member of the Multnomah football team and was known as "Spike" Young. Young represented himself as Geo. A. Graham before Judge Galloway, then of the Oregon City land office, and also made affidavit before R. B. Montague as Henry Young.

Young is now in the East, but the government does not have any great desire to apprehend him, as he is of too little moment at the present time. As the offense for which he is indicted is not extraditable, it is thought that Young will not be one of those to attend the trial.

George Sorenson is also a well-known Portland character. He was at one time a deputy sheriff of Multnomah county under Sheriff Frazier and was charged with grafting Chinamen and was discharged. He then went into the real estate business. He has been implicated in many things in Portland not to his credit, and about a month ago, when the land fraud drew near, left the city. He is now supposed to be in Missouri.

Ormsby is supposed to be at his home in Salem, while Loomis is in Eugene and Davis is at Albany. The court fixed the bonds of each of the men at \$4,000 and they will be served with the indictments and placed under bonds at once.

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