

### Would Have Uncle Sam Own Express Business

#### Maryland Man Wants Government to Condemn and Purchase Companies--Claims That Companies Charge Exorbitant Rates and Make Fifty Per Cent Profit--Service Fails for Farmers.

Asserting that express companies are a hindrance in the way of the country's business, Representative Lewis, democrat, of Maryland, appeared before the house committee on postoffices and postroads, opening the hearing on several measures demanding a parcels post.

He appeared in support of his own bill providing for condemnation and purchase of the express companies by the government. He asserted that the express service does not reach the farmers, and that the companies charge exorbitant rates, allowing them to make 50 per cent profit.

#### LOGGER STOLE CLOTHES GETS 30 DAYS IN JAIL

Night Officer Henry Hickox arrested Charlie Grey at the Gerdes lodging house Monday night for having in his possession a suit of clothes which it was claimed was stolen from L. Ray.

clothes and coming to Hood River got Hickox to hunt up Grey, who was found in bed, with the clothes wrapped up in his bundle. Grey was locked up and Tuesday morning was taken before Judge Buck, who gave him 30 days in jail on a charge of petit larceny.

#### Married At Baptist Parsonage

M. Burgaman, of Dec, and Miss T. Nelson, of Lyle, Wash., were married at the Baptist parsonage Thursday, June 15th, by Rev. Mr. Hargreaves. Mr. and Mrs. Burgaman will make their home at Dec.

### FLUNG AWAY LAND

#### Amazing Grants of Territory to Royal Favorites.

#### ALL OF CANADA ONCE A GIFT

#### It Was Handed Over Bodily by James I. to Lord Stirling, Who Didn't Know Enough to Keep It--The Hudson Bay Company's Famous Present.

America has been freely parceled out in gifts since Columbus first set eyes upon the new world. Most of the United States territory has been at some time or other handed over to public and private companies. New York, for example, fifty years after it had been sold for something like \$25 was presented with other lands to the Duke of York by his brother, the king, and the name of the city is a witness this day to that transaction. The duke granted New Jersey to somebody else, and a few years before the king had carved out Maryland for Lord Baltimore.

Pennsylvania was given to William Penn, the Quaker who founded the state, in payment, it is said, of a debt that Charles II. owed Penn's father, and the same monarch gave both North and South Carolina to eight London gentlemen who stayed at home, called themselves the lords proprietors and lived on the rents until the people refused to pay any more and George II. took over the colonies.

The story of Colonel Talbot at the beginning of the last century is one of the romances of Canadian history. The colonel went out in 1793 as an aide-camp to the governor, and the founding of a colony became the ruling passion of his life. He was given 100,000 acres, which grew later to 650,000, on condition that he place a settler on every 200 acres. Today this territory is occupied by some of the most flourishing towns in the Dominion, and at the beginning of Queen Victoria's reign Colonel Talbot, who was then still living, was the recognized chief of twenty-eight towns, all of which had been given to him years before as unoccupied land.

Prince Edward Island, covering 3,000 square miles and embracing such flourishing towns as Georgetown, Charlottetown and Princetown, was given away in 1797 to absentee proprietors and was bought back again on the organization of the Dominion of Canada for £100,000. The Canadian company, founded in 1826, received a grant of 1,000,000 acres, and bought 2,300,000 more at the rate of half a crown an acre.

The mention of the Hudson's Bay company recalls what is probably the most famous gift of territory in history. In 1670 Charles II. gave Prince Rupert by royal charter territory 200 or 300 miles wide around the eastern and southern shores of Hudson's bay, in addition to a vast empire of forest and prairie. "Rupert's Land," as the territory was called, ultimately stretched across Canada, from the Atlantic end of Hudson's strait to the shores of the Pacific. As rent for this territory, covering 2,800,000 square miles, the company paid to the king each year "two elk and two black beavers."

Something over forty years ago the Canadian confederation took over the company's monopoly for £300,000, but the company retained a twentieth part of its lands. The original capital of the company was £10,500, and in two centuries its income from furs was £20,000,000.

But the most amazing gift ever made since the world began was surely that made by James I. to Lord Stirling, the poet, who was then his favorite. On Sept. 21, 1621, King James, who must have been extraordinarily deficient in geography, made Lord Stirling, then Sir William Alexander, a present of the whole of Canada. The gift, which included Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, was confirmed by Charles I., and the poet was so moved by the high honor that he received that he published "An Encouragement to Colonies," a work that attained three editions. The gift became the subject of interesting legal proceedings, and Canada once more became the property of the crown.

The city of Liverpool was given away by William the Conqueror and again by Henry II., who bestowed it on "the keeper of the castle and prison of Lancaster." King John bought the site from this keeper and founded the city. Henry III. leased all the crown revenues and royal customs of Liverpool to the Earl of Chester for £10 a year, and the town changed hands several times between the reigns of Henry III. and Charles Stuart. That unhappy monarch, being in a state of impecuniosity, offered the town for sale, and it was purchased by some London merchants, who in 1632 sold the crown rights for £450. Forty years afterward the rights were purchased by the corporation.

Bombay, the earliest settlement of the British in India, was so lightly regarded by Charles II. that immediately after its cession to England he sold it to the East India company for £10 a year.

#### What It Was.

"I thought I could get along without glasses awhile longer, but I find I can't."  
"Yes? It was an optical illusion."—Smart Set.

The shortest life is long enough if it lead to a better, and the longest life is too short if it do not.—Colton.

### SKIN OF A BADGER.

#### So Loose the Animal Can Almost Turn Somersaults in It.

The pelt of an adult badger is extremely thick and difficult for a biting adversary to penetrate, writes a trapper in Fur News, and so loosely does the skin cover the body that the animal is able to turn almost around in its hide.

Should a dog acquire a hold on the throat the badger turns himself so that the dog's grip is on the back of the badger's neck without having loosened his first hold. Then the badger secures a viselike grip upon some vulnerable portion of his enemy, and while his long tusks penetrate to the limit he digs and scratches with his front feet that are furnished with claws almost as formidable and deadly as might be expected from an anteater of the dark continent.

He who has removed the pelt of a badger and is at all observing does not wonder at this animal being sharp bitten and that he is able to hang with bulldog tenacity when the formation and adjustment of its jaws are noted. Neither is it so much of a mystery how he manages to bore through the soil so rapidly that half a dozen men with shovels cannot overtake him, for he is a mass of cords and muscles, particularly in the neck, chest and shoulders, very similar in physical construction to the ground mole.

The badger toes inward sharply when traveling and always on the walk, twisting about here and there very much like the movement of a skunk, while if it be in winter he makes a business of hunting buried dormant woodchucks.

He is a fur bearer of rather coarse quality, and there is a great range of value in the pelts taken, depending upon the length of the coat. A badger is chiefly valuable when it has a long coat, so that the guard hairs can be plucked and used to make shaving brushes.

#### Orchard Sales

W. S. Nichol reports the sale last week of 20 acres belonging to Shrum Bros. to Frank Fenwick for \$7,500. The place is situated in Dukes Valley, and is all in trees except one acre which is in hay. The trees are one and two years old.

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#### Live Local Topics

The Hood River Orchard Land Company reports the sale of a 10-acre tract in Willow Flat to S. F. Eby, for \$9,750.

A dance will be given in the Hell-brommer hall on Fourth of July evening. The music will be furnished by Newman and everybody is invited.

The primary department of the Baptist Sunday-school invite the parents and friends to their social on Wednesday evening. They are endeavoring to raise a little money for the decoration of their class room.

At the Baptist church next Sunday the Children's day exercises will take the place of the morning service at 11 o'clock. In the evening Mr. Hargreaves will preach the last of his series of sermons on "The Man of Sorrows." His theme will be "The Man who Was Sympathetic."

#### A Wonderful Bore.

The most wonderful boring apparatus in the world is possessed by the great Ichneumon fly. It is composed of three black filaments, all extremely fragile, no larger or stiffer than a horsehair and about five inches long. These fit together with grooves and glide easily along their entire length. The three when fitted together are no larger in diameter than a small needle and so flexible that a slight breath of air will bend them. Yet with this remarkable instrument its owner can bore three or four inches into the hardest wood. This tool is possessed only by the female and is her ovipositor, or egg laying apparatus. Boring which takes hours to accomplish is for the purpose of laying one egg.

### DISAPPOINTED IN LOVE MAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

A. Adams, a resident of White Salmon valley, is in the Cottage Hospital, as the result of an attempt at suicide, due it is said, to disappointment in love. Adams, it is reported, was to be married, but on the day appointed the young lady failed to put in an appearance, and he resorted to strychnine. It is expected that he will recover.

### STEAMERS USING HIGH WATER LANDING

The first steambout to land at the Hood River high water landing was the Tahouma, which came into the channel Saturday morning and unloaded a cargo of freight and several passengers. The water is now at as high a stage as it usually gets and all the steamers are making the landing.

#### Eminent Medical Man Will Lecture

A lecture of unusual interest to Hood River is scheduled to take place at the Commercial Club Friday evening, when Dr. Ernest Hall, an eminent surgeon of Victoria, B. C., will deliver an address for men only. Dr. Hall is looked upon as one of the foremost medical men in Canada.

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