

ACRES FOR ENTRY

Forest Reserve Land to be Released.

MORE THAN ENOUGH TAKEN

Rogue River Reserve May Not Be Created.

MUST KNOW RAILROAD'S TERMS

Hermann Pigeon-Holed Favorable Recommendation Made by the Geological Survey—Richards May Be Willing to Reconsider.

As the regulations in the reservation of the Blue Mountain forest reserve are being better understood protests have died away. Miners have been given to understand that their rights will not be trampled on. Shepherds now know that grazing will be permitted under proper restrictions. The Rogue River mountain forest reserve was proposed under recommendation of the Geological Survey, and the propriety of that reservation is under serious consideration.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 24.—When the Interior Department completes investigations of lands in Oregon that have been temporarily withdrawn from entry, with a view to the creation of new forest reserves, several Presidential proclamations will no doubt issue, and vacant public timber lands in the state will then be pretty generally protected from injudicious cutting, and be given that care which is now accorded the timber of the Cascade reserve. It is expected by the department that many acres now withdrawn from entry, will be restored to the public domain at the time new reserves are created; yet the major portions of the several withdrawals will be created into reserves, and it is hoped and expected that the forest reserve boundaries as fixed may be permanent, and not need revision from time to time.

In every instance where withdrawals were made, they were prepared on a liberal scale, to include more land than was actually desired for reservation, the department deeming it wise to have a large tract from which to eliminate lands not valuable for their forest cover, rather than to be obliged to make additions, when adjoining lands have been settled upon to a considerable extent.

The first reserve to be created will be the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon. Field examinations of this great withdrawal have been about completed, and reports are being prepared, for submission to the Secretary of the Interior. About the same time reports on the Walla Walla withdrawal will be ready, and it is possible these two reserves will be created simultaneously. While the matter has not been formally discussed since examinations were ordered, Secretary Hitchcock and Commissioner Richards are convinced of the advisability of creating a large forest reserve in Eastern Oregon, and will do so in spite of many protests that have been made.

Antagonism Fading Away.

Since the withdrawal in the Blue Mountain country was ordered last Summer, there has been a marked diminution in the protests against the creation of that forest reserve. Many of those who originally protested were miners, laboring under the impression that they would be seriously handicapped if their claims were included within a forest reserve. These men have been convinced, in the past few months, that they were mistaken, and have come to realize that they will have exactly the same rights and privileges in a reserve that they do on the public domain.

Another series of protests came from sheepmen of Eastern Oregon. They feared that the creation of the Blue Mountain reserve would cut off their herds from the Summer range in the mountains. They have been practically assured that grazing would be permitted in the Blue Mountains on about the same conditions that now apply to grazing in the Cascade, and they in turn have become reconciled. There were a number of protests on chronic kickers; men who protested on general principles, and apparently knew of no particular reason why a reserve should not be created. Their protests bear no weight and will be readily disposed of.

A Blue Mountain forest reserve is deemed important, not only for the preservation of the timber, but more particularly for the protection of the water supply. With irrigation enterprises springing up in all parts of the state east of the Cascades, the water becomes of more and more value, and it is recognized to be far more essential today that the streams should be perpetuated than it was when irrigation was not thought of. Up to the present time there has been little or no timber cutting near the headwaters of the numerous streams rising in the Blue Mountains and the Cascade range. The creation of a forest reserve is more timely on that account.

Proposed Southern Oregon Reserves.

Two reserves in vicinities where natural conditions are very different are contemplated in Southern Oregon, one the Rogue River mountain reserve in Curry, Josephine and Coos counties, and the other the Warner mountain reserve in Lake County, and extending southward well into California. The former withdrawal includes within its outer limits a vast area of lands included in the railroad grant, and a considerable portion of the Government sections have been taken up by settlers. It is not beyond a possibility that the creation of this reserve may ultimately be abandoned, after the field examinations are made, particularly if some arrangement cannot be made with the railroad to relinquish its lands on terms satisfactory to the Government.

There is really less demand, in the eyes of the department, for the Rogue River reserve than for any other in the state, but it was recommended very strongly by

the Geological Survey, and a careful examination is to be made of the withdrawn lands before final action is taken.

In the case of the Warner mountain reserve, however, the facts are different. While the stand of timber in that region is not nearly so heavy as on the Rogue River, yet water preservation is of the utmost importance, much as in the Blue Mountain country. Irrigation is destined to reclaim a large part of Lake County, and to do so successfully the water supply must be preserved. The creation of a forest reserve in this locality is more desirable for water conservation than for pure timber protection, as the streams rising in Southern Lake County, when protected, will supply water enough to irrigate a large area of outlying desert lands, which will be fertile when adequately moistened. There is no doubt but what this reserve will ultimately be created, and that it will include most all of the public lands within the limits of the recent withdrawal.

Examinations to Be Made at Once.

Such of the field force of the Interior Department as can be spared will be directed to investigate the withdrawn lands in Southern Oregon during the present Summer, and to make report at the earliest possible date. These reports, however, cannot be in shape for action before next Spring, hence no definite decision as to the limits of these two reserves can be made before that time, nor will the department pass upon the advisability of abandoning the project for a reserve in the Rogue River Mountains. It is probable, on the other hand, that a proclamation defining the limits of the Blue Mountain and Walla Walla reserves may be issued late in the present Summer.

The proposition for reserves in Southern Oregon was first made about three years ago, the Geological Survey, after heavy examination, having concluded that reserves were necessary at the two points where withdrawals are now in force. Commissioner Hermann, however, tucked both recommendations into a pigeon-hole in his office, after giving the matter some consideration, and there they remained until Commissioner Richards, in cleaning up old papers and decided to have a look into it. It was on his recommendation, based on the showing by the Geological Survey, that the Southern Oregon withdrawals were made, and it is his belief that the two reserves would serve a good purpose.

However, he has formed no final opinion, and will make no definite recommendation until he has learned more of the local situation and the character of the lands withdrawn. On general principles Commissioner Richards believes in doing everything possible to conserve the waters of the West, particularly in the arid regions, and whatever action he takes will be with that point in view.

LAWLER LIT A MATCH.

Gas Explosion Burned His Clothes Off—Family Injured.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—Five people were severely burned by an explosion of gas yesterday. Howard J. Lawler, a printer, moved into 2610 Howard street, and soon after the gas was turned on, the odor permeating the place.

Lawler found that an old gas range connection had not been closed and he stopped the opening with a cork. He then lit a match to test it. The gas exploded, and Lawler was rendered unconscious. His clothing was almost entirely burned off. In the room at the time were Mrs. Thomas H. Lawler, the aged mother of the printer; Mrs. T. H. Lawler, Jr., his sister-in-law, and two children of the latter. All were more or less severely burned.

FIRE LOSS A MILLION.

Philadelphia Warehouse Is An Entire Loss.

PHILADELPHIA, May 24.—Fire this evening in the building of the Front Street Warehousing Company caused a loss estimated at \$1,000,000. The building which was three stories high on Front street and five in the rear, with two sub-basements, containing merchandise of a general character. One floor was packed solidly with matting and there was 100 rolls of carpet, 500 barrels of molasses, a carload of wines and other liquors, a carload of matches and much machinery. Everything in the building was destroyed either by fire or water.

The fire started in the basement and was not discovered until the center of the first floor was in flames. The character of the goods in the building made it an easy prey to the flames, and the whole structure was soon ablaze. The contents of the building were owned by many firms and individuals, and it is not known tonight what amount of insurance was carried.

LOCOMOTIVE BOILER EXPLODES.

Brakeman Is Killed and Four Are Injured.

ERIE, Pa., May 24.—While passing May's siding on a hill west of Kane today, the boiler on one of the locomotives pushing a Philadelphia & Erie freight train exploded, killing one man and injuring four others, three perhaps fatally.

The crown sheet of the boiler was blown through the caboose, splitting the car in two. The injured, except the engineer and fireman, were in the caboose. The dead: JOHN CRANE, brakeman.

The injured: Charles Owens, conductor; Henry Garfield, flagman; E. S. Swartz, engineer; Peter Crossen, fireman.

JUMPED FROM BROOKLYN BRIDGE.

Unknown Man Makes Leap With Cigar in Lips.

NEW YORK, May 24.—An unknown man sitting in a car crossing Brooklyn bridge today suddenly alighted when the car was in the middle of the center span, and running to the side of the bridge, jumped into the river. He threw his hat in the air at a freeman who tried to seize him as he stood poised on the edge of the track, and then he dove head first holding a lighted cigar between his teeth. His body rose to the surface immediately after the plunge and was carried away by the current.

Six Killed in Explosion.

PLAQUEMINE, La., May 24.—A boiler in Wilson & Cochran's sawmill at Willow exploded today, killing six persons and seriously injuring nine others.

HOLD FOR DOLLAR WHEAT

Advice of American Society of Equity at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 24.—The American Society of Equity tomorrow will issue a bulletin to the farmers of the United States demanding an increase in the price of wheat, giving arguments that the minimum price should be \$1. and urging the farmers of the United States not to sell for less than \$1.

The society has been organized, with this city as national headquarters, for the purpose of maintaining higher prices for farm products by co-operation of farmers of the country. This is the first formal demand for an increase in price as the result of the combination.

Mrs. Chugwater—Tosiah, do you believe that the Chicago Tribune? Mr. Chugwater—Yes; I have been told that some painters get as big as a hundred dollars a week out of it—Chicago Tribune.

WAVE SWEEPS CITY

Enid, O. T., Is Overwhelmed by a Cloudburst.

CAME WHILE PEOPLE SLEPT

Hundreds Are Driven From Their Homes and the Damage Is Estimated at \$300,000—Rescue Work Undertaken at Once.

ENID, O. T., May 24.—Hundreds of persons were driven homeless and property damage estimated at \$300,000 was done in the Enid bottoms alone by a cloudburst that struck west of this city at midnight last night. The aggregate damage to the city and the surrounding country is estimated to be much higher by losses sustained between Enid and the seat of the storm.

At 12 o'clock a bank of water three feet high and 200 feet wide swept down through the bottom, carrying houses and everything before it. It came upon Enid without warning, while most of its citizens were asleep. Within a few minutes all houses were partly or completely submerged.

Rescuers went to work immediately and all night labored industriously saving persons from perilous positions and adding those driven from their homes. To-day it was found that several hundred were homeless. Many pitiable scenes were witnessed as the people stood around waiting for the water to subside. Many had lost everything they possessed. The citizens are busily engaged relieving the distress, but means at hand are inadequate. The rainfall the past ten days has been the heaviest in the history of Oklahoma, and indications are that more will follow.

Reports of losses in the country west of Enid are meager, but it is believed that heavy damage was done.

LOSS IN OKLAHOMA.

Rainfall the Worst Known in That Region.

OKLAHOMA CITY, O. T., May 24.—Oklahoma City was visited Saturday night and Sunday morning by the heaviest rainfall ever known in this region, and damage estimated at \$300,000 was done. Many feared a tornado and spent the night in cellars and caves.

All day today and tonight more than half the city has been under water, and in some instances water was three feet deep in houses. It required boats to transport the women and children through the streets to higher land. The basements under many of the big wholesale houses were flooded, and many houses in some cases being ten feet deep.

The Alton-Dawson Grocery Company sustained damage to its stock estimated at \$20,000.

Traffic on the electric railway is suspended, the power-house being under water. All trains into the city, with the exception of the Santa Fe, are water-bound, and many washouts are reported on the Choctaw.

The Canadian River at this point is more than a quarter of a mile wide, with a four-foot rise in sight. All wagon bridges over the river are under water, and the railroads have big forces at work tonight guarding their bridges.

TORNADO KILLS THREE.

A Number Are Injured, and Residences Are Wrecked.

GUTHRIE, O. T., May 24.—A tornado struck Pose, a town of 30 inhabitants in Western Oklahoma, at 5 o'clock this morning, completely destroying 13 residences and wrecking many outbuildings. Three persons were killed and a number injured, one seriously. The dead are: F. M. SAGLEY, wife and daughter.

The cloudburst reported last night at Yukon completely inundated the Canadian Valley, causing great damage to crops and stock, but no lives are reported lost.

A tornado struck Andarko late Saturday night, demolishing merchandise of a general character. No one was reported killed. The blow was followed by a hard rain storm, and the Washita River is on a tear and rising steadily.

Twenty-Four Days of Rain.

GUTHRIE, O. T., May 24.—Early today this vicinity was visited by another deluge, making the 24th consecutive day of rain. The Cimarron and Cottonwood rivers are now at the danger point.

RAINS CHECK TRAINS.

Riotous Kansas Rivers Wash Out Many Trains.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 24.—High water is causing much trouble for Kansas railroads. The Santa Fe reports 180 feet of track washed out on the Oswego City branch near Quenemo. The Missouri Pacific has a washout at Richland, and the Rock Island is having difficulty in moving trains in Northern Kansas.

On the central branch of the Missouri Pacific the train between Kansas City and Emporia is under circumstances which make it impossible to get the train to Emporia, and traffic on the Union Pacific is much delayed.

At Topeka the Kansas River is 13½ feet above the low-water mark and is rising rapidly. It is not thought damage will result here.

At Emporia the Cottonwood River is overflowing its banks and flooding farming country. At Florence the Cottonwood is rising rapidly, and when it reaches Emporia the situation there will be serious.

Heavy rains have fallen in Kansas for a week past, and another steady fall covered the central portion of the state today.

RIO GRANDE MILES WIDE.

Thousands of Acres Flooded and Crops Ruined.

EL PASO, Texas, May 24.—In the White Spur district of New Mexico, about ten miles north of El Paso, the Rio Grande is out of its banks. The river at this point is three miles wide. On the ranches of Zimplan Brothers 3000 acres of farming land are under water. The crops have been ruined. Numbers of men are working continuously to save further destruction.

Thousands of sacks of sand and dirt are being used in reinforcing the levee. The river is reported about stationary there.

LIGHTNING STRIKES CAR.

Panic-Stricken Passengers Make a Wild Leap.

PITTSBURGH, May 24.—A terrific thunder storm, accompanied by a huge wind, struck this section this afternoon and caused heavy property damage.

At Bradock a lightning struck a street car, causing a panic among the passengers, many of the men jumping from the car as it sped down hill. Three men were badly bruised, one perhaps fatally hurt. The women passengers tried to jump but were prevented.

BRIDGES WASHED OUT.

Rock Island Train Runs Into Washout—Several Injured.

CHICKASAW, I. T., May 24.—A severe rain and wind storm passed over Chickasaw and through the Washita Valley last night. The bridge was washed out today. Despite a heavy downpour of rain, a large number of old friends of the blind chaplain attended the funeral.

adian and Washita rivers were washed out, carrying over 500 feet of track with them and effectually blocking traffic.

A northbound Rock Island passenger train ran into a washout five miles north of Chickasaw last night and left the track. Several passengers were slightly injured, but there was no loss of life. No arrangements have been made as yet for the transfer of the train.

Another Rock Island passenger train, on the Mangum branch, arrived here late last night, after passing through a terrific rain storm, during which almost every window in the entire train was broken.

Two bridges on the "Frisco" Railway, between Chickasaw and Oklahoma City, were washed out.

Iowa Valley Flooded.

SIoux CITY, Ia., May 24.—A cloudburst above Merrill, added to the recent continued rains, has caused a large flood in the valley of the Floyd River. Great damage to farm property has resulted.

FAST DAYS FEED LEPROSY

Converts Who Use Fish Diet Easy Victims of the Disease.

LONDON, May 25.—Jonathan Hutchinson, the well-known surgeon and ex-president of the Royal College of Surgeons, who recently returned from a tour of investigation in India, as to the cause of leprosy, has written a letter to the Times on the subject of fish eating as the cause of leprosy.

He gives the opinion that Catholic fast days are responsible for the spread of leprosy and that wherever there is a risk of obtaining unclean fish, the use of fish on fast days ought to be forbidden. Reiterating his opinion that neither contagion nor hereditary transmission is responsible for the prevalence of leprosy in Europe during the Middle Ages, he expresses the fear that the same thing is now happening in India and elsewhere.

"Wherever Catholic missionaries are successful," says Dr. Hutchinson, "leprosy increases. My calculation is that the risk to a Catholic convert is 20-fold of that to a Hindu or a Hindoo." Dr. Hutchinson says the Indian, who is a vegetarian, almost invariably escapes from leprosy, while the Catholic, who is a fastidious eater, is the victim of the disease.

In conclusion, among several suggested preventatives, he strongly urges the abolition of the fast in India, to enable the Hindoo to render fish wholesome.

CARS DEAL DEATH.

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and position of the winners of the first stage, deducting the time allowance for slowing down inside the cities, are as follows:

Gabriel, 5:13; Louis Renault, 5:32; Sallenger, 5:45; Jarrett, 5:51; Warden, 5:52; Baron de Crawhor, 6:01; Volgt, 6:02; Barras, 6:12; Rougier, 6:18; and Mouter, 6:17.

Chauffeur Burned to Death.

Dispatches arriving from points along the course add to the list of fatalities and accidents. The most serious trouble occurred near Bonnval, 15 miles from Chartres, where machine No. 24, driven by a Frenchman, was overturned at a railroad crossing and took fire. The chauffeur was caught under the automobile and burned to death, while two soldiers and a child were killed.

A chauffeur was badly injured by an accident to his motor car near Angoulême. A woman crossing the road in the neighborhood of Ables was run over by one of the motor cars and killed.

Mr. Stead and his chauffeur, who were first reported to have been killed, are still alive. It seems that their automobile collided with another car, with which Mr. Stead had been racing for several kilometers, wheel to wheel, and was completely overturned in a ditch near Montigny.

Mr. Stead was caught under the machine, while his chauffeur was hurled a distance of 30 feet and had his head and body badly cut. Mr. Stead was conscious when picked up but complained of suffering great pain. He was conveyed to the nearest farm.

It is stated that Louis Renault's automobile attained at Beudrier, between Chartres and Bonnval, a maximum speed of 86 miles per hour.

It is reported that the Spanish government has also forbidden the continuance of the race on Spanish territory.

Lorraine Barrows, the automobilist, who was probably fatally injured in today's racing, is of German nationality. Only 11 arrivals at Bordeaux are reported.

PREMIER ORDERS A HALT.

Races Will Not Be Allowed to Continue in France.

PARIS, May 24.—In view of the number of accidents, some fatal, in the first stage of the Paris-Madrid automobile race, from Versailles to Bordeaux, Premier Combes has forbidden the continuance of the contest. French territory beyond the second stage of the race, which was to have been continued on Tuesday, included a run over French territory from Bordeaux to the Spanish frontier.

Treater Combes' action probably will lead to the races being abandoned.

MOTOR RUSHES CROWD.

Two Are Killed and Many Others Injured.

BRISTOL, Eng., May 24.—A serious motor cycle accident occurred here yesterday. The motor swerved into a crowd of spectators, two of whom were killed and many others seriously injured.

Bordeaux Foregoes Illuminations.

BORDEAUX, May 24.—The illumination which was fixed for tonight in honor of the automobile race has been countermanded. The city is mourning for the persons killed during the contest.

London Papers Comment.

LONDON, May 25.—Most of the papers this morning comment with satisfaction on the fact that the Paris-Madrid race, the Madrid automobile race. They dilate on the dangers of racing, but offer no suggestions as to the prohibition or regulation of such racing in general or the French stage of the contest.

CHILDREN DIE OF POISON.

Mystery as to Where It Was Obtained.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—Two children of John Baker, manager of the Union Oil Company, residing at 729 Ashbury avenue, in this city, have died within the last few days of an unknown disease which would indicate ptomaine poisoning. One, named Doris Charlotte, four years of age, died this morning; the other, Jacqueline, 2½ years of age, died on Wednesday.

One theory is that the children were poisoned by some chops they had eaten, but these two out of the four children in the family were alone afflicted. Another theory is that the children died from eating some berries growing in the yard.

The death today was reported to the coroner, and it is possible he may hold an autopsy. The parents of the children are now on the homeward march from Honolulu, where they had gone on a pleasure trip.

Blind Chaplain's Funeral.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., May 24.—William H. Milburn, the blind chaplain of the United States Senate, was buried here today. Despite a heavy downpour of rain, a large number of old friends of the blind chaplain attended the funeral.

TROOPS WITH A GATLING

WILL PRESERVE ORDER ABOUT THE JACKSON COURTHOUSE.

Grand Jury Investigation Into the Murder of Marcus-Jett Ready to Return if Indicted.

JACKSON, Ky., May 24.—A battalion of troops numbering 120 men, with a Gatling gun, arrived here this afternoon to preserve order in the town and about the Courthouse during the investigation of the assassination of James B. Marcus, the latest victim of the Hargis-Cockrell feud. The troops arrived on a special train from Lexington, and once pitched camp near the center of town.

Traveling on the special train with the soldiers were County Judge Hargis and his brother, Brigadier General Alex. Hargis, the two most prominent members of the Hargis family. Another passenger was Judge Bach, who is regarded as the most important of the witnesses summoned to testify before the special grand jury as to the assassination of Marcus. Judge Bach returned from Los Angeles, Cal., to give evidence.

During the course of an interview he expressed the belief that no disorder would occur as long as the troops remained. Judge Bach said he did not fear a personal attack, and declared that he would remain at his home without taking any special measures for self-protection.

Public opinion is divided as to the probability of indictment or conviction of Marcus, shot himself in the head today. The special grand jury which will be impaneled.

Curtis Jett, who is under arrest at Winchester, charged with the crime, will not be indicted. The grand jury will not be impaneled until after the trial of Jett.

LIFE FOR A SECRET.

Mysterious Death of a Goversville Young Man.

GOVERSVILLE, N. Y., May 24.—The police are investigating an explosion that occurred shortly after midnight last night and the sudden death of the son of a prominent citizen of Goversville, N. Y. The explosion took place in an outbuilding in connection with the leather-dressing plant of Mills Bros., containing dangerous explosives, used in the preparation of certain kinds of leather.

Following the explosion, a man with his clothing afire was seen to hurry from the building. Later a physician was summoned to the residence of Michael J. Kennedy, senior member of the firm of M. J. Kennedy & Co., leather manufacturers, and today the death of the former's son, John J. Kennedy, was announced. The father refused to give out any information concerning John Kennedy's death other than that at an early hour Saturday morning he appeared at his father's home and said he had met with an accident. Another son, Daniel, is alleged to have accompanied his brother on his errand, and is reported to have been injured also.

The supposition the police are working on is that John Kennedy entered the outbuilding where the explosion occurred with the intention of ascertaining what formula was used by their competitors in the manufacture of patent leather. While there the explosion occurred.

ROBBED GEORGIA CITIZENS.

Captured in California, Deaf Confesses to Forgeries.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—Filled with remorse, J. T. Dent, alias S. W. Denton, who was recently arrested at Redding, has made a clean breast of his crime. He has confessed to the forgeries of money he was taken for trial, requisition papers now coming westward in the custody of Sheriff Bell, of Sumpter County, Georgia.

Denton managed to secure \$15,000 from American citizens on various representations, and on forged notes secured from a bank in California. He had fled to California, where he had opened a big music store at America with goods obtained from wholesale houses in other cities, sold the goods on credits and notes, and then he had fled to California, where he had secured money from the banks upon the forged documents.

KILLS HIS MISTRESS.

Italian Had Coaxed Her Away From Her Husband.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—Antonio Calcano today shot and killed his former paramour, Marietta Piccon, and then committed suicide. The couple had been children together in Italy. The girl married and went to Paris with her husband. Calcano came to San Francisco. He was a shoemaker and did odd work. He wrote tempting letters to Mrs. Piccon, telling her of the life of ease she could enjoy here and "wear silk dresses."

The woman departed for Paris, and took her two children to this city, and took up her habitation with Calcano. Instead of a life of luxury she found drudgery and misery. She was forced to work in a dress factory, and her children were starving, and Calcano lived on her earnings. The woman revolted, abandoned Calcano and the tragedy came today.

ARREST OF DETECTIVE.

Indianapolis Commissioner Alleges Attempted Bribery.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 24.—Charged with trying to bribe the Commissioner of the Board of Public Works, a man giving his name as Smith, of St. Louis, who claims to be a detective in the employ of the Citizens' League of this city, was arrested today. He is under investigation by the City Council, is under arrest.

The charge against Smith is that he offered Logan, \$100 for permission to place 100 slot machines in the city. It is asserted that he first approached Logan Saturday, and that he carried with him a telegram purporting to come from a manufacturer of slot machines.

CATTLEMAN IS CONVICTED.

Shot at Homesteader in the Oklahoma Country.

GUTHRIE, O. T., May 24.—On trial at Taloga, O. T., charged with shooting at homesteaders with intent to kill, Frank Speer, a prominent cattleman, has been convicted. The shooting was the culmination of a feud of long standing between the cattleman and farmers of Western Oklahoma. Frank, Jim and Mert Speer, brothers, George V. William Murphy and Daniel Holcomb have also been indicted under the Federal laws for alleged conspiracy to prevent homesteaders from taking peaceful possession of their claims.

After Frank Speer was convicted the Federal cases were continued until next term. A homesteader, James McKinley, charged with shooting at cattle, was acquitted. The prominence of the cattleman has made the case very important.

MOB CHASES NEGRO BRUTE.

Turned From Lynching One to Pursuit of Another.

LAWRENCE, Ind., May 24.—A mob, made up of farmers, gathered here today and threatened to lynch Louis Everson, a negro held on suspicion of having murdered a woman. The mob was turned from its purpose by the arrival of a posse of law enforcement officers. The negro could not be identified, however, and during the excitement word was received that an unknown negro, supposed to belong to the same construction gang, had assaulted two little daughters of George Smith, a farmer living in the country.

The mob, led by Sheriff Asby, immediately started in search of this second negro. After a hard chase, it was found that he had escaped on a freight train.

SHOT HIS COMPANION.