

KNOW OF NO BOND

Hyde and Benson at Sea About Land Frauds.

PROCLAIM THEIR INNOCENCE

Hyde Says His Dealings Were With State of Oregon.

GOVERNMENT PUZZLES HIM

Falls to Understand Why It Should Step in—Benson's Dealings Once Involved Him in Big Suit—With Uncle Sam.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—

Mentioned as central figures in the big Pacific coast land conspiracy, which the Interior Department is investigating, are F. A. Hyde & Co., of San Francisco, attorneys, who make a specialty of land law cases, and John A. Benson, whose business is that of land agent and whose office is at 307 Montgomery street, this city.

It is alleged that this ring has not only acquired "base" lands by "dummies" and other means, but it has worked with state and other officials, and has maintained in the General Land Office in Washington agents whose duty was to "leak" information about proposed reservations as well as influential officials of the General Land Office who mapped out boundaries of proposed reserves and made boundaries conform to the interests of the conspirators.

Five United States Senators are also alleged to be mixed up in the big swindle.

Much information concerning alleged frauds is said to have been given to the investigators by J. H. Schaeffer, who, it is alleged, was at one time in the employ of Hyde & Co. as an agent.

Benson Denies He is in Ring. John A. Benson said this morning he had no business relations whatever with F. A. Hyde, and denied absolutely that he was in any ring or connected with any conspiracy to defraud the Government.

"My business is dealing in lands, but all my deals are in strict conformity with the law. I buy lands as cheaply as possible and sell them for the highest price that I can get. I acquire the land according to provisions of the laws governing them and any allegations of fraud so far as I am concerned are without foundation."

Benson has been in land troubles before. In 1881 his land dealings were first exposed. At that time, it was alleged, he had earned \$1,000,000 by working with deputy surveyors. Civil suits for recovery of \$25,000 were begun by the Government and an indictment was found against Benson and his partners. After years of litigation the cases were compromised. Benson's wealth has steadily grown and he is reported to be worth \$2,000,000.

In the summer of the present year he was reported to have married the divorced wife of Swiftwater Hill.

Hyde Puts on a Bold Front. F. A. Hyde this morning put on a bold front, admitted he had speculated in land, but said he was entirely within the law. "They are making an awful fuss about this thing," he said, "as if for nothing. There is no ring that I know of."

"It is as the report from Portland says, an investigation of my firm's dealings has been inaugurated. It seems to me it has begun very late in the game, for we have had no business dealings in Oregon lands for over five years. At that time we secured large holdings in the North; got our titles to them, and paid our money for them. We did not know from whom we got them, but they were purchased through our agencies. Like any up-to-date business firm, we kept ourselves well posted as regards valuable lands, or those that were likely eventually to prove such. As any other firm would do, we took advantage of the information given for us by our agents."

"As regards this man Schneider, referred to in the dispatches, it is a fact he was at one time in my employ, but I have not heard from him for many months, and I do not recall any shabby treatment accorded him, as the story alleges."

"There is one thing that I cannot understand, and that is how the Government figures in this alleged investigation of the so-called 'land ring.' It is a fact that the lands were acquired by the Government from the state and the Government had nothing to do with them. As I have already stated, this story has been thrashed out over and over again, and this fact leads me to suspect it has been revived again for purposes I am at a loss to explain."

"It is alleged the Government has been defrauded out of millions of acres of land by speculators who purchased land within forest reserves at low prices and sold them at large profits. If this be fraud, then I must plead guilty, for it is just what I have been doing since the passage of the act of Congress of June 10, 1867, which provided that the owners of patented lands in forest reserves might surrender the same to the Government and select an equal area of land elsewhere in lieu thereof."

"The special agents are said to have discovered that J. R. Schneider secured title to vast tracts of land through dummies who deeded their lands to somebody, and that somebody or his grantee conveyed to Schneider."

Lands Bought by Schneider. "I find by my records that the total amount of land in Oregon deeded to Schneider was a little over 500 acres; certainly not a vast domain, but whether large or small, he had a right to purchase the land, either for himself or others."

"The facts are that the Cascade Range forest reserve was created in 1863; the forest land law was passed in 1867, and my purchases of land there occurred in 1880, over five years ago. Since then I have done no business there of any kind."

"My business in Oregon was perfectly legitimate. I would do it again if I had

the chance, and I wish I had the chance, for I would go in on a bigger scale."

A. B. Hunt, Register of the local land office, professes innocence of the entire proceedings. He says the charges, even if true, would not affect his district. Marshall R. Woodworth, the United States Attorney, says he has done nothing in the matter as yet, but will act as soon as any facts are laid before him.

Surveyor-General Victor H. Wood has been of the opinion that a ring of sharks has been operating on the coast.

Many thousands of acres of school lands on which applications were once filed and 20 per cent of the valuation price of \$1.25 per acre paid, have since reverted to the state, because the purchasers allowed the taxes to become delinquent. The state took these over and land sharks raised howls. They declined to pay the delinquent taxes and carried the matter into the courts to compel the State Surveyor-General to accept the application on the basis of \$1.25 per acre. A test case from Shasta County has just been decided by Judge Shields, at Sacramento, sustaining the position of Surveyor-General Wood.

That a ring has been operating here many local officials are convinced. Some go so far as to say it will land some people behind the bars.

HITCHCOCK WRITES STATE.

Oregon Told How to Solve Indemnity Land Muddle.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—A letter was received at the Governor's office today from Secretary of the Interior E. A. Hitchcock conveying practically the same information regarding the land selections as was set forth in today's Oregonian in the dispatches from Washington. Secretary Hitchcock inclosed a letter from W. A. Richards, Commissioner of the General Land Office, in which it is explained that in the matter of the land selections the Government deals with the state and not with the individual who has purchased from the state. When the land selection has fallen down because made up on invalid base, the Government cannot give the purchaser from the state any preference, for he has no standing whatever before the Land Department. It is suggested, however, that if the purchasers from the state are settlers their rights as such would attach as soon as the state's selection has been canceled and they would have 90 days in which to place their claims of record. It is also suggested that the state may aid its purchasers by issuing to them relinquishments, which they can present with their applications and thereby secure the right of entry.

PAYNE ASKS HIM TO RESIGN.

Another Postal Chief Let Out as Result of Fraud Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—William H. Landvoigt, chief of the classification department of the Postoffice Department, today presented his resignation to Postmaster General Root. He was asked to resign by Mr. Payne as a result of the investigation by the inspectors of the charges growing out of the employment of Mr. Landvoigt in the general mailing and folding company at Portland, Ore., in 1898. A contract for supplying patent machinery to the department.

Mr. Landvoigt was chief of the registry bureau in the department. He was chief of the registry division of the department prior to his comparatively recent transfer to take charge of the classification work of the department.

Mr. Landvoigt has been in the postal service about 29 years. He began as a clerk and worked his way up. Under a contract with the Postmaster General, he went to New York, where, five years ago and reorganized the registry service of that city. Mr. Landvoigt said the request for his resignation carried no intimation of any wrongdoing whatever, and that the only question was the principle involved in his son's employment.

General Root tonight stated that Mr. Landvoigt's resignation had not yet been acted upon, and would not be before tomorrow.

CONFER WITH ROOSEVELT.

Knox and Special Counsel Will Continue Fraud Investigations.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Attorney-General Knox, accompanied by Charles J. Bonaparte, Special Counsel, who has been retained as a special Government counsel in the prosecution of the persons indicted for original irregularities in the Postoffice Department, today conferred with President Roosevelt this afternoon.

It is known that the matters under discussion related particularly to the matters of the postoffice investigation, which have not been developed thoroughly in any reports yet presented to the President or Postoffice Department.

The Bonaparte and Conrad report recently submitted to the President, it can be said, dealt with things rather than facts. The President desired from the special attorneys merely that they should report upon the accuracy of the Tulloch charges. It is known that the report did contain two or three recommendations, which were sent to the President and not to the men.

Attorneys Bonaparte and Conrad will, under the President's order, continue the investigation of the alleged irregularities in their report, which will be made public probably at an early date. Later on the President will transmit to Congress the report and his recommendations, which may include a bill concerning the postal investigations. Those portions of the Conrad-Bonaparte report will contain the findings of the attorneys regarding persons who have not been indicted, but whose official actions have been irregular, if not criminal. It is discovered by the attorneys that cases against some of these persons may be prosecuted under the statute of limitations, which bars prosecution at this time.

CRUISER FAILS ON TRIAL.

Denver Is Unable to Make Contract of Speed of 17 Knots.

BOSTON, Oct. 22.—The second-class protected cruiser Denver, failed to make her contract speed of 17 knots an hour in the Government's trial of Cape Ann today. The Denver averaged 15.2 knots, and while the tidal changes will probably be in her favor, they will not be sufficient to bring her up to the required speed.

The failure of the Denver to make the contract speed was a great surprise to her builders, and was loudly asserted by those on board that when the blades of the propellers are changed a little, and the engines limbered up more, the Denver will fulfill her contract requirements. Members of the trial board did not care to express an opinion as to the cause of the slowness of the cruiser, but President Sedgwick was told that another trial may be given the vessel in a month or so.

The Denver is the only one of her class contracted for 17 knots, all the others being required to make 16.5 knots.

General Ian Hamilton, of the British Army, arrived late this afternoon.

Farewell to Mark Twain.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—A farewell dinner was given here tonight by George W. Harvey, president of Harper & Brothers, to Samuel L. Clemens, who will sail on Saturday with his family for Florence, Italy, where he will reside for an indefinite period.

Secretary Root in Paris.

PARIS, Oct. 22.—War Secretary Root has arrived here and is the guest of Ambassador Porter. The Secretary is receiving many congratulations on the result of the Alaska arbitration. Mr. Root today was presented to President Loubet by Ambassador Porter.

The Different Store OLD, WORSEMAN & KING

5th and Washington

Bargain Friday

We make special effort to show all Portland and her visitors for how little we can sell new, fresh, trustworthy merchandise. Prices are stripped of usual profits and marked ridiculously low. Portland women are among the best shoppers in the world. Grandiloquent presumption of superiority blazoned forth in black, boldfaced newspaper type by stores old enough to know better, is invariably taken with the prescribed grain of salt. And you treat charitably those fantasies of an overwrought brain—let the head wag, let the bluster go on. Once our public knows a store to be scrupulously right in business ethics—as they know this store to be—no froth or foam from bested rivals can alter their conclusions. We have given to the people of Portland the kind of a store they wanted—a "Different Store"—solid as the Pyramids in its principles, and we have won by deserving to win. We offer today twenty-five special values bristling with value and worth. We solicit the most critical comparison of merchandise and prices with those elsewhere heralded. On this solid rock of facts laid bare we rest our case. The best store will win your trade, and thousands of dollars' worth of worthy merchandise will go from us to you today—BECAUSE WE WIN.

The Two Big Sales of Shoes and Women's Coats Are at Their Height Today

25 Matchless Friday Specials 25

Ladies' \$2 Chemise, \$1.47

Ladies' \$4 White Petticoats, \$2.89

Ladies' \$3.50 Nainsook Gowns, \$1.49

Ladies' \$1.25 Cashmere-Ribbed Underwear, 89c

Special Sale of Silverware

187 Rogers Bros. celebrated make. Special for today and Saturday only: Forks, set of 6.....\$1.60 Dessert Spoons, set of 6.....\$1.35 Teaspoons, set of 6.....\$1.50

Every article of Silverware in this great third floor salesroom at special sale price for two days. English Wedgwood, to close, 1/2 price. Tea Pots, Sugars and Creams, etc., all in the sale.

Men's 75c Underwear, 57c

\$1.25 Peas de Soies, 89c

27-in. 85c Black Taffetas, 59c

\$2 Cushion Tops, \$1.25

85c Bottles of Bay Rum, 25c

Big \$1.35 Blankets for 98c pair

\$1 Wool Waistings and French Challies Today Only, 53c yd

Notions

25c Coque Feather Pans, 5c

Ladies' \$3 "Princess" Shoes, \$2.28

\$1 Royal Worcester Corsets, 37c

10c Torchon Laces, 5c

Boys' Nickel Air Rifles, 95c

Ladies' \$1.25 Kid Gloves 79c

8-in. \$5.50 Cut Glass Bowl, \$3.79

10c Outing Flannel 6c yd

"DOWIE" ON KISSES

People Should Use Them Carefully, Even in Family.

HIS SON AS AN EXAMPLE

Zionist Meeting is Again Well Attended, but for the First Time the Police Have Nothing to Do.

Railroads Must Favor Dowie.

FIGHT HIS APPOINTMENT.

Philippine Officials Object to Winthrop Being on Commission.

MANILA, Oct. 22.—A committee appointed by the American Chamber of Commerce in this city appeared before the Philippine Commission and submitted a cablegram to President Roosevelt, recommending the appointment of a business man of the United States as a member of the commission upon the retirement of Governor Taft. The Commissioners present, while they raised no objection to the cable being forwarded to the President, declined to express any opinion upon its merits. There is a pronounced objection here to the proposal that the President appoint Bookman Winthrop, ex-Assistant Executive Secretary, to the vacancy, and several heads of the department say they will resign if Winthrop gets the post. It is said that the commission favors General George W. Davis.

BOLD DASH BY LADRONES.

Town is Surprised and Wifed and Uncle of Presidente Killed.

MANTLA, Oct. 22.—The news has just been received here that a band of Indones surprised the town of Triga, in the Province of Ambon, Camarines, Luzon, and killed the wife and uncle of the President and three volunteers. Before retiring they captured nine guns. Quotie, the leader of the ladrones, was killed. The South deserved great credit for what they have done for the negro.

to take it up to step forward at this service. Dowie, at that meeting, said he should endeavor to convert the pope. He added he had received many bogus checks since coming to New York, but that others had been good.

"There is no need for followers to rush back to Zion because of those who are against me personally and not against Zion."

"Turning his attention to kissing, Dowie said people should be careful of the kisses and use them carefully, even in the family."

"Why, my son Gladstone never kissed a woman outside the family," he said.

William A. Brady, the theatrical manager, who, with Lorenzo Winter, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct in the crowd about Dowie's meeting in Madison-Square Garden last night, was discharged in the Police Court today. Mr. Winter was paroled to give him an opportunity to bring witnesses to testify to the brutality and bad judgment of the police.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—A great crowd filed Madison-Square Garden tonight at the Dowie service, and a still greater crowd massed outside the big building. Two hundred and fifty police were gathered there to preserve order, but tonight their services were little required.

The subject of Mr. Dowie's address was "The Claims of Christ as Universal King."

"The consummation of the age is rapidly approaching," he said, "and my mission is to tell you that the great and terrible day of the Lord is very near. God has never given up the government of his own world. What a farce to suppose that God, the creator, the sustainer, has relinquished his control! To whom? Oh, in America, to the voter? No. There is but one form of government acceptable to God, and that is theocratic government. Failures of men to understand the simple laws of God have been the cause of all human misery."

He recited a number of lines of verse and spoke in prayer, which his followers repeated after him, a few words at a time.

"I desire to say that admission hereafter will be by ticket until a quarter after 7," he said, after the choir had gone.

"After that hour the public will be admitted if there are any vacant seats. I desire to say that there will be no charge for the tickets. They will be given freely, our programmes will be given freely. If you wish to give, you may give freely." Here the audience arose and began to leave, and a brief benediction was spoken.

In spite of the announcement that Mrs. Dowie would start today for Boston, she was still here tonight and took part with Mr. Dowie in the meeting at Madison-Square Garden. One of the Zion officials said she would not probably leave New York until Friday afternoon.

Dowie announced at the forenoon service that he would join his wife in Adelaide, Australia, in April. About a thousand of the audience left the hall. A group of young men added to the disturbance by yelling and pounding on the side doors of the garden. Dowie closed the service suddenly.

Two hundred and fifty followers indicated that they were tired of the work of reforming New York City and wanted to return to Zion City, when the "General Overseer" invited all who wanted to give up the work and give others a chance

today were towed by Government tugs to the Brooklyn Navy-yard, where the work on them will be finished. A big Government tug carried away every piece of Government property belonging to the cruiser and the torpedo-boat. No sheriffs or deputies were present, and no remonstrance was made against the removal of the vessel. The cruiser and two torpedo-boats were repossessed by the United States Government from the control of the Sheriff of Union County, who has held the Chattanooga on a libel of \$20,000 on a claim made by Babcock and Wilson, who supplied the boilers for the cruiser.

RACE PROBLEM GROWS HARDER

Congregational Convention Told Solution is Becoming More Remote.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 22.—The Associated Missionary Societies of the Congregational Churches were represented today on the platform at the annual meeting of the American Missionary Association. For the first time on the platform of any Congregational Missionary Society, the United Brethren in Christ were represented. There is a proposition to unite the United Brethren, the Congregationalists and the Methodist Protestants in one denomination. The closing meeting held tonight, Dr. Washington Gladden, of Columbus, made an address on the negro problem in which he said the solution of the question was furthest away today than it was at the close of the Civil War; that the task of helping the negro to manhood is increasing in complexity, and the people of the South deserved great credit for what they have done for the negro.

San Francisco Case Argued.

Labor Officer an Embezzler.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 22.—Charles L. Connel, National Secretary and Treasurer of the National Brotherhood of

SURPRISING VALUES FOR A "SURPRISE" SALE

At the "Different Store" Today.

Not much talk about these—don't need it—only they are not a lot of gaudy or cheap "sale" Petticoats, such as are sometimes found "in the markets of the world," made to look good thro' store window panes, but about as good for use as a leather stained and veneered paper shoe. The "markets of the world" are pretty full of trash just gotten up as excuses for the "sales" of careless stores. We keep out of such "markets" and go to reputable makers for such petticoats as this store sells six days of the business week. Here's those for today's selling from our own superb stock—the justly popular "Elites," with their patent waist fastening, which does away with bungling drawstrings and causes the smooth hanging fit over hips for which this standard make is famous. No more to be compared with ordinary "sale" Petticoats than is Creseus to the cart horse. Today 79c only these peerless \$1.50 Petticoats are.....

Compare the PETTICOATS with the "THINGS" offered elsewhere at more price.



10c Torchon Laces, 5c

In the "Lace Store"—First Floor.

A fine assortment of handsome White Torchon Laces suited for trimming the washable garments; a new line this morning.

Today only, the yard, 5c.

25c Coque Feather Pans, 5c

Millinery Salon—Second Floor.

These stylish Coques for trimming the street hats, very much in vogue now and used by the leading milliners, in coloring, including black, navy and black, we shall offer for today only, in usual 25c grades, one hundred dozen in the lot at, each, 5c.

10c Outing Flannel 6c yd

Domestic Aisle—First Floor.

A material among the most needed at this season. Every woman knows the many uses she has for this warm, pretty, non-shrinking material—too many for mention here. We shall offer 300 yards today, a lot just received, embracing all the newest, prettiest patterns and attractive colorings. An A-1 quality such as this house of quality conducts a great value at the actual price of 10c a yard. Soft, firm flannel in full length. In short, the prettiest, newest, best 10c outing flannel ever sold by any house in the city. Today only, 6c price. Today only, the yard, 6c.

Boys' Nickel Air Rifles, 95c

Toy Shop—Fourth Floor.

Air Rifles—any boy who likes peep sights and powerful springs, our standard \$1.25 rifles, a splendid toy for the American boy. A lot just received, the young lads to shoot straight and make a mark early in life. Today only, 95c.

Leather Workers, and Harness and Horse Criage of Embellizing \$675 from the order, and was sentenced to two and one half years in the penitentiary.

Ask More Wages From Stockyards.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—Three thousand employes of the canning departments of the stockyards packing houses have presented demands for wage increases varying from 16 to 25 per cent. About 2000 men and 1000 women and boys are affected. Negotiations will be taken up as soon as the scales of the sausage-makers and the pork butchers are disposed of.

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For sick headache, malaria, biliousness, constipation and kindred diseases, an absolute cure TUTT'S LIVER PILLS

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