

BASE ON BOOBY

Famous Land-Fraud Trial to Begin.

BOTH SIDES ARE READY

List of Witnesses for Prosecution Is Kept Dark.

HIGH OFFICIALS AMONG THEM

Case Is Expected to Be Long, Tedious and Hard Fought, and Jury May Be Secured With Great Difficulty.

S. A. D. Puter, co-defendant in the famous case of the United States of America vs. S. A. D. Puter, Horace G. McKinley, Marie L. Ware, Emma L. Watson, Frank H. Walgrave and D. W. Tarpley, the trial of which is to commence in the Federal Court this morning...

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CHARGES ON FILE AT CAPITAL

Land Office Official Says He Knows Nothing of Their Nature—Secretary Hitchcock Said to Desire a Change.

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saddest shadows that fell upon our Nation to date, when brothers for a time forgot their relation and met in the conflict of war.

TO STUDY MANUAL TRAINING Public School Pupils Will Enter Workshops Tuesday Morning.

The culmination of many years of discussion, pro and con, of mingled agitation and lethargy, of meetings-school board meetings, taxpayers meetings, indignation meetings, will be reached tomorrow morning, when the pupils of the public schools of Portland will have the gates of manual training thrown open to them.

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the President consented to reappoint Booth to visit his daughter, who is student at St. Helen's Hall, and to accompany her home for the Thanksgiving holidays. "Speaking for myself," said Mr. Bridges when asked concerning the report that he was about to resign, "I know that I have no thought of resigning. Up to this time I have had no information telling me of any charges against me or the conduct of the office. I know that Inspector A. R. Greene has been making an investigation of the office, and has been taking testimony, but so far he has made no charges, so far as I have been informed. I can therefore make no statement at this time one way or the other, for I have no information upon which to base them."

Every one knows the history of the reappointment of J. H. Booth as Receiver and myself as Register," stated Mr. Bridges in discussing the subject. "It will be remembered that Mr. McMillan was sent to make an investigation into the conduct of the office. He spent 12 days in Roseburg, and at the end of that time, at a risk to himself, for another inspector had been removed from office immediately after submitting a favorable report on the conduct of a California office, he submitted a report favorable to the transaction of the business and the conduct of the Roseburg office."

Mr. Hitchcock, upon the receipt of the report, recommended to President Roosevelt that he be reappointed. The Oregon delegation, at our request, asked to be allowed to see the report unfavorable to us, but this was denied by Mr. Hitchcock upon the ground that such reports were for the information of the department. The question was taken up with the President, who made an appointment for Senator Mitchell, Senator Fulton and Secretary Hitchcock to meet at the White House.

"During this meeting, and while Senator Mitchell and Mr. Hitchcock were arguing some question, the President picked up the report of Mr. McMillan and read it. Upon finishing the reading he said to the secretary if he had read the report. Mr. Hitchcock said that he had not, but that it had been given him with the information that it was adverse to the conduct of Mr. Bridges and Mr. Booth."

"I can believe," President Roosevelt is reported to have said, "that you have not read the report, for it is the reverse of unfavorable, and if you have nothing more to offer against the report of the gentlemen, I will order them appointed again."

The appointments were made a short time after that meeting, but in the opinion of Mr. Bridges the secretary is glad after him, and for that reason Inspector Greene has been making an investigation of the office.

"I know nothing directly of what is or will be charged," continued Mr. Bridges, "but I have heard indirectly of what may be included in Mr. Greene's report. About a month ago the office was instrumental in sending J. W. Gardner and William H. McCrossen to Roseburg, where they were convicted of having changed the markings on corners in order to locate homesteaders fraudulently. These men would mark the corner-posts of occupied and good land with the descriptions of land not filed upon and practically worthless. They would then take people to this land, show it to them and have them file upon it, believing they were securing good land, while, in fact, they were being lured on the worthless pieces. The office turned these people down hard and had them convicted of changing the markings on the corner-posts."

"Some time ago," continued Mr. Bridges, "coming to the point of the story and the source of his suspicions, 'J. W. Gardner got drunk and while in one of the rages of Roseburg, said that he and his partner would get Booth and me yet. He also said that he would show that the Land Office had been opened in the night and entries made, and that there was some entanglement with the script-locators. This statement was without foundation whatever. A short time after this Mr. Greene came, and as Gardner and McCrossen were the principal witnesses, I suppose they are attempting to make good their threats."

Further than this Mr. Bridges did not wish to discuss the matter. Being in the dark as to the charges which have been made against him, he is not in a position to make any statement other than that he is in the office and has no intention of resigning or, so far as he can see, has no cause to consider such a step. He left last night for his home, accompanied by his daughter.

The foregoing statement was made by Mr. Bridges, in response to the following telegram, received by The Oregonian Friday and withheld from publication until Mr. Bridges could be seen:

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Following close upon searching investigation that has been made into the affairs of the Roseburg Land Office, information has reached Secretary Hitchcock that Register J. T. Bridges and Receiver James H. Booth stand ready to tender their resignations. If the Secretary desires to accept them, from the same source it is learned that Senator Mitchell is hurrying to Washington to ascertain just what the investigation of the Roseburg office developed, and what facts have been brought to light which would warrant these officers, so soon after their reappointment, in wishing quietly to withdraw from service. It is recalled that Bridges and Booth were reappointed only after a protracted fight made for them by the entire Oregon delegation. They were both ordered for reappointment in October, 1903, but Secretary Hitchcock promptly interposed objections to Booth's reappointment, because of his connection with the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, and later objected to Bridges. His objection led to the appointments until February 23, when both Bridges and Booth were nominated, following a conference which the Oregon Senators had with the President. Before

"Journalism and Journalists." This was one of a series of sermons to professional men which Dr. House has been delivering for several Sundays, and was of great interest not only to the newspaper representatives, but to the readers of the daily press. Dr. House said: "A newspaper represents more elements in its make-up than any other enterprise. Capital, mechanics, art, the channels of physical and electrical communication, the results of science, the resources of language, the best logic and imagination, the human factor from the editor to the newsboy; all these elements enter into the direction of the newspaper. There is the political, the legal expert, the literary man, the artist, the detective, the critic of drama, music and fashion. In brief, review, such is the make-up of the daily newspaper."

It is true that the public has more reason for interest in the newspaper men than in the character of any class of men, clergymen not excepted. For it is through these men that we see the world seven days in the week. They are the lens by which we must see and gain many of our ideas. They represent the greatest power in American life today, and that which power keeps within its honorable, legitimate sphere we have nothing to fear. Our homes, our schools, our homes, our courts, our liberties and our institutions are in danger when the press wanders into its great power in the wrong direction."

Having made these statements, it might be well to ask, "What are the functions of a newspaper?" The first function of a newspaper ought to be to give a bird's-eye view of yesterday's events. And the composite picture thus presented should not have the shadows of life too prominent. Although the press is a photograph reproducing the scenes and yesterday's events. And the composite picture of the day, public morality demands the suppression of much that is bad, so that the press shall not become a school or suggester of vice."

The next function of a newspaper ought to be to conserve the purity and happiness of the home. All that makes for the detriment of a great many people lies in them. Criticism is not solely to make money at any cost. It has a grander mission than that. Its mission ought to be as high as heaven—it is not to be lowered in the direction of the other place. Another function of the press is to conserve a true American nationality—a patriotism so broad, so pure, so discriminating, so pervading, so abiding that neither demagogues nor anarchists will ever be able to shake the solid foundations of our National Union. Some papers have been likened to cotton sheets, because they are blown about by every wind of doctrine. A newspaper should be like a rock, a granite block, a monument to the highest in the land."

Among the demoralizing influences that come to the journalist are, however, mentioned the contact with the vicious on the street, in the saloon; the temptation to pessimism from dealing with the scum of bribery and the great temptation to pander to commercial interests alone. He said in closing that "when the press is employed in support of morality, government, court and education, and not for their weakening, then its services were equal to those of the best civilization, and then is the calling of the journalist equal in distinction to the highest in the land."

REV. DR. PALMER SPEAKS. Addresses Congregation on "Why I Am Not an Infidel." Ray Palmer, D. D., the pastor of the Second Baptist Church, occupied that pulpit last night, and preached on "Why I Am Not an Infidel." Dr. Palmer said in part: "I am not an infidel in the first place because infidelity does not satisfy my reason; Christianity does. Again, it makes a difference what a man believes. A man in Chicago invented a life-preserver made of lead. He buckled it around him and jumped from a ship into Lake Michigan. Of course his sincere belief did not keep him from being drowned. The arguments of infidels have all been answered a thousand times. A masterly work against agnosticism is by Father Lambert, a Catholic priest. "Who men told Copernicus he was a fool for believing the world revolved upon its axis. He couldn't answer all their objections, but he said: 'Gentlemen, I know the world moves.' A gentleman and his wife quarreled as to whether Lord Bacon or Shakespeare wrote the plays ascribed to the latter. The wife said, 'When I get to Heaven I'll ask Mr. Shakespeare if he wrote them.' 'Suppose he isn't there?' suggested the husband. 'Then you ask him,' was the rejoinder. "When the stars were said to fall in 1853, an old infidel saw the strange phenomenon

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