

THE WEST

Richards to Testify in Land-Fraud Cases.

ON HIS WAY TO PORTLAND

His Testimony Badly Needed by the Prosecution

TO SUPPLY LINK IN CHAIN

Land Commissioner Will Go Upon the Stand Immediately After Arrival, and is Expected to Give Damaging Evidence.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Land Commissioner W. A. Richards left Washington suddenly last night for Portland, being summoned by a telegram. Nothing can be learned as to the nature of the telegram, but it is assumed his going has some connection with the pending land fraud cases. Officials of the Interior Department profess ignorance as to Commissioner Richards' trip.

Commissioner Richards is coming to Portland for a two-fold purpose, and will reach the city on Monday, whether in time for the session of that day is not known, but he will be put on the witness stand as soon as he reaches here.

On the first of the department in the land fraud cases the prosecution offered in evidence some affidavits made by various persons before C. E. Loomis, a special agent of the department, and it is understood have some to offer which were taken before S. B. Ormsby, ex-Forest Superintendent of the Cascade Forest Reserve. The introduction of the evidence was objected to by the department and by the agents of the Government, under the law, were not empowered to administer an oath.

It is desired to prove by Mr. Richards that both of these men were sent here to specially investigate the conditions in the township now under contest, and that under the rule of the department and by decree of the United States Supreme Court, it was perfectly permissible and legal for a witness to take affidavits.

C. E. Loomis had been subpoenaed as a witness by the prosecution, and will be brought up later. It is said that, in the first place, Loomis submitted, after coming West, a report claiming that evidence was correct, and in good shape, but this report was sent back by the department with instructions to make it more definite and positive.

Held Court in Hotel.

This time, as the story runs, Loomis held court in the Imperial Hotel, where he secured the affidavits of many people, very few of whom, with the exception of Frank H. Wolgamott and Emma Watson, are known to exist. Later Loomis went to Detroit, spent a few days, and returning reported to the department that he had made a four days' investigation of the suspected claims and found things as shown by the affidavits.

S. B. Ormsby was also sent to make an investigation, which he did. What his report was is not known; or, at least, has not been announced. The affidavits were found by the prosecution at this time. During the opening days of the trial he was an interested spectator, but learning that he was to be subpoenaed as a witness by the Government, he has disappeared, and has not yet been located.

The second and perhaps the real cause of the visit of Commissioner Richards is due to the testimony given by Representative Binger Hermann while on the stand Wednesday.

At that time the prosecution expected to prove that Emma Futer and S. A. D. Futer had appeared at Washington, made affidavits as to the correctness of their proof and testimony on cases being held up by the department, and upon the strength of this affidavits secured patents to the lands.

Senator Mitchell's Letter.

In following up this line of testimony the prosecution had two letters, one from Senator John H. Mitchell, directed to Binger Hermann, then Commissioner of the Land Office, in which the Senator requested that the 12 cases be expedited in their passage through the department, as the people interested were friends of his. The second letter was the answer to this letter, written by Hermann in response to the Senator's letter, at the bottom of which appeared in Mr. Hermann's handwriting a note saying, "You will find from the above that I have expedited these 12 cases as per your request.—B. H."

Ten minutes before Mr. Hermann was put upon the stand on Wednesday, so the prosecution says, these letters were shown to him and he stated that he remembered them perfectly. When he was called as a witness Mr. Henry, for the Government, handed him the letter written by Senator Mitchell and asked him to identify it.

"I do not know that I have ever seen this," he replied. "I know that the signature in that of Senator Mitchell." Mr. Henry insisted that he had seen the letter. "Perhaps," he said, "if you were to examine it you might refresh your memory."

Mr. Hermann, however, had no remembrance of ever having seen the letter. He remembered that Senator Mitchell, accompanied by S. A. D. Futer and a woman, had come to him about some claims which they wished to have hurried through the department.

"Senator Mitchell told me," testified Mr. Hermann, "that these cases had been pending for some time and that Futer was anxious to have them considered. I informed Senator Mitchell that I was very busy and had no time, but I referred him to Governor Richards, my assistant."

Mr. Henry then gave Mr. Hermann the second letter with the notation made by him. Mr. Hermann hardly looked at the document, but denied having seen it to his knowledge. Mr. Henry then asked the witness to examine the letter, it being the one upon which he had made the notation.

Mr. Hermann did so and remembered having seen it, but was sure that it went through the regular channels of the office.

Mr. Richards will be used by the prosecution to clear up the points forgotten by Mr. Hermann and add a few of his own to the chain of the Government evidence.

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