

SHUT OUT SETTLERS

Charge Made Against Butte Creek Company.

OFFICIALS MAY BE INDICTED

Men Who Fenced the Public Range, It Is Alleged, Have Long Been Shielded by Powerful Political Influence.

The work of the Federal grand jury was quiet yesterday and will be for a day or so, until Mr. Henry, the director of the investigations, recovers from an attack of the grip and is able once more to assume charge of the Government's case.

The District Attorney was able to finish the work of yesterday, but at the adjournment hour went immediately to bed and Dr. Mackenzie was called to attend him. It is promised that the sickness can be driven away in a couple of days at the latest.

Yesterday was spent in examining the witnesses from Fossil who are here to tell of the workings of the Butte Creek Land & Livestock Company. W. W. Banks, Assistant District Attorney, will continue the work in the same direction today and will in all probability be able to finish with the witnesses called. If so, the examinations into the Butte Creek case will have been finished. Whether or not indictments will be returned at once is unknown, though it is supposed that the documents will not be made public until the hatch now being prepared is entirely finished and ready to return to the court.

Investigate Butte Creek Holdings.

The trouble resultant from the operations of the Butte Creek Company has been brewing for some six years. In 1899 the company built fences throughout the country around Fossil and practically shut the smaller settlers and landholders out of any land other than their own holdings, and even left no egress there.

Complaints began to pour into the office of the District Attorney and of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and in October, 1902, a civil suit was commenced against the Butte Creek Company in the Federal Court.

The case was heard up on a demurrer to the complaint in March, 1904. About this time, however, while the case was pending, a partial agreement was reached between John Hall, District Attorney, and the representatives of the company, by which the company was to take down some of the fences built and thus remove the cause of suit.

In August, 1904, however, more complaints began to pour into the office of the District Attorney, and he sent a special agent out to investigate whether or not the company had fulfilled its part of the agreement. This official reported that none of the fences had been taken down, and then Mr. Hall made up his mind to indict, at the October term of court, the officers of the company—ex-Senator W. W. Steiwer, H. H. Hendricks, and others. F. P. May was the attorney for the company, and he went to Hall, so it is said, asking him not to indict the officers, especially Steiwer, but Hall was obstinate, and still said he would bring them all to book for having violated the law and neglected their agreement to amend.

Attempt to Shield Declared.

Mr. May, not being able to do anything to change Mr. Hall's determination, went to prominent politicians. It is said, and enlisted their support. One of the Oregon delegation, so it is said, went to Mr. Hall and told the District Attorney that he would not permit Senator Steiwer to be disgraced by criminal indictment, and he wanted to bring an action to bring a civil one, but that no criminal proceedings should be commenced. The case was then dropped for the time, and is now pending in court under the original civil suit of 1902.

Gillman and French on the Grill.

As soon as the Butte Creek case is finished the affairs of the Gillman and French Company, of The Dalles, will be brought under the limelight, so it is said. This company is reported to have practically surrounded the whole of Wheeler County with its fences so that the settlers have no use of the range not given by the company.

The scheme of these companies is to have employees take up a string of claims in a big square, enclosing thousands of acres of Government land. These claims are then fenced and the Government lands are enclosed. Those taking land inside of the outer circle have no means of getting either in or out and are subjected to many inconveniences and abuses by the men working for the company until many of them abandon their claims. The Butte Creek Company, on the other hand, is enclosing 25,000 acres fenced in the manner indicated, and controls six smaller ones. It is the intention of the Government to indict all of these companies in the state which have been fencing lands to the exclusion of settlers.

George Sorenson yesterday filed his indictment for perjury in the Federal Court. The bond was signed by the Fidelity Guaranty and Trust Company of New York, the same company already having secured bond for \$200,000. Sorenson is now under \$12,000 for three cases in the Federal Court, one for conspiracy, one for bribery and one for perjury.

IN THE SHADOW OF THE BARS

BY RICHARD ROE.

THERE was once a time when Robert could write a check in four figures. He can yet—but he doesn't.

The other evening Robert began to make the rounds of the third floor. Before he had finished he was aware that the number of emporiums was so great that his stock of the necessary would not last the round. Then Robert began to plan.

He was standing on the corner of Third and Burnside streets when he began to plan. So was Officer Endicott. Robert remembered that he knew a bartender in the vicinity, and to the bartender he turned. But the bartender announced that the boss had given orders that no credit was to be extended in Robert's case. Hence Robert once more wandered into the night.

Officer Endicott was still standing on the corner. He had an eye on Robert. He had seen Robert before. He watched Robert as that individual came from his pocket a blank check. He saw Robert scribble on the check with the stub of a lead pencil. He saw this same Robert enter another emporium and the officer followed to be in at the death.

"Cash this," Robert asked the man who wore the apron.

Robert was interrupted.

"Come with me," said a sepulchral voice in his ear. He turned and saw Officer Endicott.

"What for?" demanded Robert.

"You ought to know better than to attempt to work a bogus check," replied the officer, and there was deep scorn in his voice.

"Bogus check?" exclaimed Robert. Then Officer Endicott asked to see the paper. His jaw dropped. This is what he read: "I owe this dump \$1 for drinks received."

"These alright," stammered Robert. "I can write check in four figures. Ain't you do it, though. Cos me three years once."

"He does this frequently, you know," the bartender explained. "We just keep these to prove to him afterward that he really got the drinks. It's all right, officer."

Then Officer Endicott turned and walked from the room with fixed and glowering eyes—thinking of the manual and the "system." Once outside in the dark both manual and system were forgotten and Officer Endicott risked a fine by breaking into a prolonged roar.

EASTERN RAILROADER HERE.

New York Central Official Talks of Lewis and Clark Exposition.

John Gill, Pacific Coast freight agent of the New York Central line, is in the city for a short visit, looking over his field.

Mr. Gill will, on leaving Portland, visit the cities of Puget Sound and will return to Portland again on his return to his headquarters at San Francisco.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents of the trip.

TO STOP STRIKES

Union Officers Organize for Mutual Benefit.

WILL HOLD OPEN MEETINGS

Hope to Secure Well-Known Speakers to Explain Industrial Situation—Labor Conferences Will Be Held at the Fair.

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

The Union Officers' Association, the latest formation in labor-union circles, was fully organized at a meeting held last

the bicycle dealer, the typewriter, cash register and other dealers.

They have the option to record their leases or to keep them unrecorded. A moderate business may average ten leases a day, making a yearly expense of \$750, at the low rate of 25 cents each, proposed by Mr. Mackenzie. In addition to this there will be the time and trouble of recording and releasing these contracts and possibly a notarial fee.

If the merchant does not record his leases he is sure to lose a certain percentage of his accounts, because brokers can take chattel mortgages on them; a reasonable estimate would be 2 per cent. If the merchant does a business of \$50,000 a year this will make a loss of \$1,000.

The loss of trade caused by the filing of these contracts, it is estimated, will be greater than the combined losses from the causes just mentioned. The above are a few reasons why the merchants object to these bills.

WM. GADEBY.

SCHOOL CHILDREN AID FAIR.

Help Advertise Exposition by Writing Letters to Eastern Friends.

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of

The school children of the state are being interested in the Lewis and Clark Fair through a plan devised in November by A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of