

### HOW LAND FRAUDS WERE BROUGHT TO LIGHT

Consecutive Story of the Government's Investigations Into the Great Conspiracy—How Prominent Men Have Been Implicated and Indicted

The sensational climax in the land fraud situation which came to light Saturday afternoon through the confession of guilt by Judge A. H. Tanner, under indictment for perjury, marks the beginning of the end of the Government's work in this case.

For the past five years the agents of the Government have been patiently and persistently gathering the evidence which has led to the indictment of some of the most prominent and best-known men in the state's public and political life. The investigations have led from humble rank to the highest station, and today the whole Oregon delegation in Congress, with the exception of Senator Fulton, rests under the imputation of guilt.

There has never been a case or a series of cases, brought under the notice of the law in the United States in which so many and so powerful persons were charged with crime, whose unlawfulness of such vast proportions was brought to light.

From the first the evidence has pointed rather to the front ranks of citizenship than to the lesser men, and each additional shred of evidence has tended to bind more closely the cloak of guilt upon the shoulders of those high in power.

With the opening of the first case against Henry Meldrum on November 17, 1901, at which time the former United States attorney general was charged and convicted of forgery, the finger of suspicion began to point to those who occupied exalted places in Government.

The investigation has been steadily toward Senator Mitchell as the one great head of the conspirators, with Hermann working close by his side. The work done in the Government, given herewith, shows surely and steadily the current of testimony has drifted toward these two men. The statement of the principal steps in the Government's active work during the past three months is as follows:

**Trial of Henry Meldrum.**

November 17—The trial of Henry Meldrum, accused of forgery in having signed the names of 18 persons to fraudulent applications for survey of lands in Harney County in the vicinity of Harney Lake, was commenced. The contracts for the survey were let April 16, 1892, to Rufus S. Moore, of Klamath Falls, and a nephew of Meldrum. Meldrum was convicted November 13 on 21 counts and his sentence is still pending in the Federal court.

November 22—The trial of S. A. D. Pater, Horace McKinley, Emma L. Watson, Marie Ware, Dan Tarpley, et al., for the famous conspiracy to defraud the Government of 200,000 acres of land in township 11, north of range 7 east, was commenced. In this trial Hermann first came forward by his inability to recognize the letters written by himself and Senator Mitchell, and Senator Mitchell began to gain notoriety by refusing to appear as a witness or to observe the subpoena sent to him by himself. The failure of Hermann's memory necessitated the summoning of W. A. Richards, Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington, to identify the Mitchell letter and show its connection in the testimony. This trial was long drawn out, the prosecution resting its case on December 7. On the following day, Marie Ware was acquitted from implication in the case by motion of the Government, there being no evidence to connect her with that particular indictment. On this same day Frank H. Wadsworth, one of the defendants, pleaded guilty to the charge. The closing arguments were made during December 6 and 7 and a verdict of "guilty" was returned by the afternoon of December 6, not more than 20 minutes' deliberation. The sentence in this case is still pending in the Federal court, awaiting the outcome of the subsequent trials.

December 11—Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann announced that they would refuse to come to Portland as witnesses in the second conspiracy case against Pater, Watson, et al., stating that the business of the nation and the state demanded their presence in Washington.

December 12—The attorneys for the defendants in the conspiracy case about to be tried, filed a motion before Judge Bellinger asking for dismissal on the ground that their clients could not be tried twice for the same offense or could not be placed twice in jeopardy. This motion was over-ruled by the court.

**Pater Makes Confession.**

December 15—The second Pater trial, set for this date, was postponed until the April, 1903, term of court, upon motion of Assistant United States District Attorney Henry. Later developments explained the reason of postponement by bringing to light the confessions of defendants and their turning state's evidence on those yet to be brought into the cases.

December 15—Senator Mitchell makes up his mind to come to Portland to meet his accusers and to demand justice in the juryroom as his right as a Senator. Hermann refuses to return.

December 19—Hermann changes his mind about coming to Oregon, and both he and Senator Mitchell start for Portland to appear before the grand jury.

December 19—The Federal grand jury is convened by United States Attorney John H. Hall, and Francis J. Henry resigns as special assistant to the Attorney-General and is appointed a regular Assistant District Attorney at a salary of \$1500, in order that he may be allowed to appear before the jury and conduct the investigations. On this same date the story gains circulation that Mitchell and Hermann will not be allowed to appear before the jury when they reach Portland, but this is denied by Mr. Henry. Marie Ware refuses to confess with the rest of her associates, but at last goes before the jury as a witness.

December 23—An effort is discovered to have been made to tamper with the Federal jury, and the Government redoubles its efforts to make sure that justice is not defeated.

December 21—Franklin P. Mays is indicted for conspiracy to defraud the Government of land in township 11 south of range 1 east, being associated in the document with Pater, McKinley, Ware, Watson, Tarpley, Robert Simpson and others. The defendants are allowed to go upon \$5000 bonds, which are furnished in each instance.

December 23—The story of the impending indictment of Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann is printed and their entanglements forecasted. On this same day F. P. Mays makes an attack upon Henry for not having been allowed to appear before the grand jury, and is answered by Henry who sets out that Mays has no right to appear, though the privilege might have been extended to him.

December 24—Mitchell and Hermann reach Portland and deny their implication in any wrong.

December 27—It is finally definitely settled that Mitchell and Hermann can appear before the grand jury in their own behalf.

December 27—Indictments are returned against S. H. Ormsby, W. H. Davis, C. E. Loomis, H. A. Young and George Sorenson for conspiracy to defraud the Government out of land in township 11 south of range 1 east.

December 28—Senator Mitchell and Mr. Hermann appear before the grand jury, and the Senator is again called on the day following.

December 30—Senator Mitchell departs for Washington, D. C., being anxious to return to the duties of his office, and leaves behind him a statement defying his accusers to connect him in any way with the land frauds being investigated.

December 31—Mitchell and Hermann are indicted for conspiracy to defraud the Government in connection with Pater.

Watson and many others, it being alleged against them that Pater paid the Senator \$500 to secure his services in expediting certain claims to patent.

December 31—John Hall, United States District Attorney, is removed from office at the request of F. J. Henry, who accuses him of retarding the course of justice, and of not being willing to prosecute days while Henry goes to San Francisco on private business.

January 5—Senator Mitchell is urged to resume his seat in the Senate by many friends and those to whom until he has had an opportunity to make a statement of his case.

January 6—Oliver E. Pugin, special assistant to the Department of Justice, reaches Portland from Washington, D. C., to assist Mr. Henry in preparing indictments for the grand jury.

January 8—F. J. Henry is appointed United States District Attorney in place of John Hall by special act of President Roosevelt, to hold office until after the close of the land fraud investigation.

January 9—Register J. T. Bridges and Receiver J. H. Booth, of the Roseburg Land Office are suspended from their places by President Roosevelt at the request of Mr. Henry, who alleges that they will hinder the progress of justice if allowed to remain in office. It is said that Senator R. A. Booth will be implicated in the investigations to be made in connection with the case.

January 10—The grand jury reconvenes.

January 14—The story of the Blue Mountain reserve is made public in which Williamson, Mitchell, Hermann and Mays are implicated in an effort to defraud the Government.

**Mitchell's Denial in Senate.**

January 17—Senator Mitchell makes his denial before the United States Senate.

January 18—George Sorenson, indicted for an attempt to bribe John Hall by offering him \$5000 not to prosecute the Pater-Watson conspiracy case, is tried before Judge Bellinger and the jury hangs through the efforts of John Northing and A. G. Adams, who are supposed to have been influenced by outside parties.

January 21—George Sorenson is indicted for perjury owing to his manifestly false testimony before the court during his trial of January 19.

January 22—The grand jury begins the investigation of the Butte Creek Land & Lumber Company's dealings with the public lands of Wheeler County.

January 23—Mitchell, Hermann et al. are indicted for conspiracy in 11-7, committed February 1, 1902. This indictment is similar to the one returned previously in many of its details, Henry W. Miller, Frank E. Kincart, Martin G. Hoge and Charles Nickel are indicted for subornation of perjury committed August 21, 1901, in having induced 100 persons in the vicinity of Medford to make applications for land under a contract to sell to a timber syndicate, which syndicate was not in existence. The defendants were timber locators who charged \$25 for each claimant located. William H. Davis, Mayor of Albany, indicted for perjury committed October 29, 1902, in having sworn to a false affidavit of settlement and filing it before a United States Commissioner.

February 1—Senator Mitchell is again indicted. This indictment is the principal one returned against him, it charging him with having received money for his services rendered before the Government departments while holding the office of United States

Senator. It was in connection with the investigations relative to this indictment that Judge Tanner perjured himself before the grand jury. George C. Brownell was also indicted on this date for subornation of perjury in having induced Fred Sayers and John A. Howland to swear falsely to affidavits made by Meldrum who forged their names and had them certified to by Brownell.

February 2—Senator Mitchell again makes a strong public denial of any connection with the land frauds.

**Plot Against F. J. Henry.**

February 3—A plot is discovered to defame District Attorney Henry's character by connecting his name in a criminal way with Marie Ware, the plan being to secure false witnesses to swear to having seen the two together in a compromising situation, and to indict Henry upon this testimony. The plot is frustrated by the discovery of the plot, which is revealed by Marie Ware.

February 8—Judge A. H. Tanner is indicted for perjury, it being alleged that he testified falsely in regard to Senator Mitchell's connection with the land business done by the firm.

H. H. Hendricks is also indicted for subornation of perjury in having secured a lien to secure false timber-land entry affidavits.

Henry Meldrum, George Wagoner, David W. Kinnaird, Rufus S. Moore, John W. Hamaker and Frank J. Van Winkle are indicted for conspiracy to defraud the Government by fraudulent surveys.

An amended indictment is filed against George C. Brownell for subornation of perjury.

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other man named Dunn lived in that neighborhood but have never met him, and really do not know if such a man lives there.

Mr. Dunn has lived in the house at 646 Second street for several years and for the past two years has been in the employ of C. W. Hoffmeyer, working as a householder. He has always enjoyed the very best reputation.

### HOOD RIVER TEACHER IS OUT

School Board Holds Trial Lasting Three Days.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—After a trial lasting nearly three days the Hood River School Board this afternoon sustained the charges preferred against Mrs. Nora Sanborn, teacher in the eighth grade, annulled her contract and dropped her from the payroll of the district. Through her husband, Attorney Sanborn, Mrs. Sanborn has appealed her case to the County Superintendent.

Testimony presented at the trial filed 17 long preliminary pages, with the School Board sitting as a trial court, the case opened at 9 o'clock Saturday morning and closed at 4 o'clock this morning. Intense interest was manifested in the proceedings of the trial. During a heated discussion over a point of objection the attorneys came to blows, and one immediately had the other arrested for assault and battery.

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## Social Tragedy

**Women Who Brave Death for Social Honors.**

In the midst of one of the most brilliant social functions of the season, a noted society woman started suddenly from her chair with a scream of agony and fell insensible to the floor.

A few hours later the distinguished physician told her anxious husband that she was suffering from an acute case of nervous prostration brought on by female trouble, and hinted at an operation. Fortunately a friend advised her to try

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Mrs. Curry, whose portrait appears on the right, is the leader of the Ladies' Symphony Orchestra. The following letter is from Miss Goode, President of the Bryn Mawr Lawn Tennis Club of Chicago:

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### AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

**FAREWELL TO J. H. STODDART**

Tonight Marks Last Appearance of "Grand Old Man of the Stage."

With tears of genuine regret the Portland public will say good-bye tonight at the Marquam to dear old J. H. Stoddart, the last of the great old-school actors. It will be the last, final chance to see him in his greatest role, Lachlan Campbell, the hard, unyielding Scotch covenanter who the four acts of the play transform into a human, loving father with his stern, old heart softened like that of a little child.

In years to come it will be a proud boast to be able to say, "I saw Stoddart play Lachlan Campbell." It will be a distinction like that of having seen Edwin Booth play "Hamlet."

Tonight will be the end, Mr. Stoddart will never appear in Portland again, and those who miss seeing him this time will always regret it.

The advance sale of seats indicates that the Marquam will be crowded to the doors tonight with admirers of the "grand old man" of the stage, who wish to bid him a last fond farewell.

**"Quo Vadis?" at the Columbia.**

"Quo Vadis?" takes one who has even just a little bit of the power of imagination back to ancient Rome. He sees the palaces and public places, and forms an arena; the cruel and merciless Emperor Nero and his train of slaves, soldiers, and voluptuous attendants; while ever in the background, but gradually forcing its powerful presence more and more to the front of the picture, is the spell of the new religion, Christianity, the wonderful influence of which all the powers of great Rome could not destroy.

It is a picture of history, civil and religious, this "Quo Vadis?", and will instruct while it fascinates and charms.

**"Lover's Lane" Breaking Records.**

The Brandt-Baume Stock Company playing "Lover's Lane" this week at the Empire Theater, is breaking all previous records with crowded houses, and well it should be, as the general impression of those who have witnessed the beautiful Clyde Finch play is to the effect that the performance surpasses anything before presented in this style of drama by either traveling or stock companies.

actor, C. R. Hanford, who comes to the Marquam Grand Theater next Friday night and tomorrow afternoon, February 17 and 18, in the new comedy, "Don Caesar de Bazan"; Saturday night, February 18, in Shakespeare's great tragedy, "Othello." Fiction has produced no more fascinating character than the madcap hero, Don Caesar de Bazan. The role is one for which Mr. Hanford, with his solid experience in the tragic and romantic drama, his graceful personality and his facility for interpretation of refined humor, would seem to be ideally adapted.

**Writer Praises Singer.**

The rise of no singer in Oregon is giving more pleasure to her friends than that of Mary Adell Case, whose concert at the Marquam Theater promises to be an event of unusual significance. To those who have watched the sad-eyed little girl growing up among us, never finding time for the usual frivolities of childhood, this concert at the Marquam means a great deal. The daughter of a widow whose dignified management of her numerous family has won the respect and admiration of all who know her, Mary Adell, like her mother, had little time for play, but music, music was her constant, quiet study. Like the Prince "whose feet with fairy shoes were shod," she sung herself into the hearts of patrons and listeners who sent her to New York and Boston, and now, when she begins to see a chance for study abroad, Oregon will do herself honor to wave her sonneting on to farther opportunities and further fame.

She is the gift of God. The youngest, perhaps, of any of our successful singers, her teachers in New York were amazed at her progress, undertaking as she did the work of women 30 and 35 years her senior. Oregon City is proud of its gifted daughter, Beatrice Barlow Dierke, and equally proud of her rising celebrity, Mary Adell Case. Friends from Hillsboro, Eugene and Salem, where she has sung, are planning for the Marquam event, and Oregon City will not be behind with a special car and Chautauqua ovation for Monday evening, February 23. If there is anything the world loves it is a young woman blossoming into a great singer, and the repertoire includes the musical classics upon which no amateur can venture.

**Seat Sale for Case Concert.**

Seats will be on sale next Friday at 10 A. M. at the Marquam Grand box-office for the popular concert to be given by Miss Mary Adell Case, assisted by Mrs. Rosemary Glose Whitford and Miss O. Loveland, to take place on the Monday evening following.

The event has created great interest, one reason being that the three voices to be heard will come to the public virtually as new. Miss Case has not been heard in public since her return from the East. Mrs. Whitford has never sung in this city, and Mrs. Loveland has been introduced to come out from his long retirement for the one evening. The programme will be such a one as all musically inclined people will enjoy. Edgar Courson will be the accompanist for the concert. Well-known society women are acting as patronesses.

**Named the Wrong Dunn.**

Charles Dunn, of 646 Second street, whom it understood that he has no connection with the robbery of the Locomotive Bank at Lebanon, arrested for supposed complicity in the Lebanon bank robbery, and who it is reported was taken from the street number given.

"This morning's paper," Mr. Dunn said last night, "states that Tom Dunn was arrested at 646 Second street, but this is a mistake since that is my home and I know of no such man. I certainly was not arrested, nor did any officers appear at my house last night, or in fact, at any other time. I have heard that an-

ably be a good attendance from that far away point. The publicity work is being pushed forward by a former Portlander, Edward Dekum, who is making his home in Honolulu, on the staff of the Commercial Advertiser, one of the leading newspapers of that place. Recent copies of the paper received in the city contain the illustrations of the Lakeview esplanade and terraces at the Exposition, together with a liberal statement concerning the Portland Fair. The paper also shows that two Baker City men, W. E. Grace and A. H. Patterson, are visiting in Honolulu and are using their efforts for the furtherance of the Exposition.

**Minnesota Society Meets.**

The Minnesota Society held its regular meeting in the Drew building last night. It was decided to ask natives of Wisconsin to become honorary members of the society. An interesting programme was rendered. The society will meet at the same place the first Tuesday in March.

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