

THE REPEAL OF THE LIEN LAW WILL BE A HARD JOB

Law Will Work Hardship to the Settler in Some Instances.

PUTS CHECK ON ROBBERY

Interior Department Will Recommend to Next Congress Modification and Explanation in a Number of Places.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 23.—Congress at the regular session repealed the lien law, but did it so hurriedly as to make a very bad job. That is to say, the object accomplished was good enough, but the law itself was so hurriedly drawn as to leave much to be desired by the officers who must enforce it.

In the first place, Congress did not intend to repeal the lien law absolutely, but the shrewd manipulation of a few land-law reformers on the last day of the session brought about that very result.

The law as it now stands is being interpreted by the Interior Department, but the lack of distinctness in its phrasing is causing considerable worry.

For instance, there are between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 acres of forest reserve scrip in the market today, scrip that was issued before the lien law was repealed. The new law says nothing specific about this scrip, and, while it will probably be recognized as good and valid until used, some authorities allege that this scrip is no longer of value, since the lands originally held within forest reserves have been conveyed to the Government, and title no longer rests in the settlers or railroad company.

Another perplexing feature. Another feature of the new law is even more perplexing. It is stipulated that after the passage of that act, March 2, 1905, no lands within forest reserves may be exchanged for lands elsewhere in the public domain. There are many settlers in the West, especially those residing in forest reserves, who do not know that the lien law has been repealed. Some of these landowners, in perfect good faith, may seek to make a land selection, and, in accordance with the old custom, may convey title to their land to the Government before they discover that they do not enjoy the right of lien selection.

Once title passes to the Government, the settler, under current practice, can not recover, and apparently must lose his land. The law does not stipulate what shall be done in such cases, and local Land Offices, not having been instructed that the lien law has been repealed, may accept many such relinquishments.

What is to become of these settlers? If the equities of the case are observed, they will be allowed to go back and occupy their original lands, as if they had not surrendered title to the Government. So long as they do this they will not be disturbed, for no man can make entry of lands within a forest reserve. But in case they want to sell out, they will be put to hardship, unless Congress shall legislate further in this matter, and authorize the issuance of quit-claim deeds to such settlers.

One Very Good Point. The repeal of the lien law put a check to a most vicious method of robbing the Government of its valuable lands. Congress, or a majority of the men in Congress, were not in favor of such radical legislation, but there were several enthusiasts bent on reforming the land laws, in accordance with the recommendations of the Public Land Commission. These men in the minority, in order to rush through the repeal of the lien law, had to let it go through in somewhat crude shape.

Perhaps, since they have accomplished their main purpose, they will be able to shape up their law in the next Congress. Modification and explanation will be recommended by the Interior Department, at any rate.

KLAMATH IS TO BE IRRIGATED. Government Will Not Repeat Good Offer to Canal Company. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 23.—Sooner or later the Klamath Canal Company, operating near Klamath Falls, must step aside and make way for a big government irrigation project. It is for this private enterprise to say whether it will go voluntarily or whether it will be forced out. The fact remains that the government is going to absorb private irrigation works in Klamath basin, and is going ahead with the construction of its own project on a grand scale.

been endeavoring to force the government to buy them out at an unreasonable price. These officers are satisfied, and have so stated, that the Klamath Canal Company appears to be holding its property not so much with a view to irrigating certain lands as with a view to making a big profit and a quick profit out of the government. The canal company made a grave mistake when it turned down the offer last winter.

The probabilities are that if the government forces this company out of the field, it will reimburse them for money actually expended, and will make a small allowance for possible earnings from their canal, and will deny them all rights in the government canal. Already, by direction of the attorney general, the Klamath Canal Company has had its water supply shut off, thereby rendering its work valueless to the present owners. It is anticipated that there may be prolonged litigation before the Klamath basin is left to the government. But no matter how long or how costly, the government is going to clear this country and irrigate it according to its own plans and in its own way.

TAKES MONEY TO GET GOLD. Old Alaska Placers May Be Profitably Worked by Capitalists. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 24.—Louis M. Prindle, of the United States Geological Survey, is the author of a forthcoming report entitled "The Gold Placers of the Forty-mile, Birch Creek and Fairbanks Regions, Alaska." It contains the economic results of a reconnaissance of these gold fields of the Yukon basin which was carried out by Mr. Prindle and his assistants in 1904. It was prepared primarily for the placer miner and prospector. For this reason the description of the auriferous gravels are presented in considerable detail, while only the salient features of the geology are treated. The geology of the district is very complex and it will require several more field seasons to solve even the general problems of structure and succession.

There are at the present time in the Yukon-Tanana country four widely-separated regions which are producing placer gold—the Forty-mile region, the Birch Creek region, the Lampart region and the Fairbanks region. The Forty-mile and Birch Creek districts are among the oldest of the gold-placer producers of Alaska, but Mr. Prindle's investigation shows that they are by no means exhausted, and that, with the introduction of improved methods of mining they will continue to yield good returns. It is too soon to predict the amount of gold that they are capable of producing, but the facts presented by Mr. Prindle indicate that the conditions of occurrence of the gold are such that profitable exploitation it must be mined by improved methods, and should invite the attention of capitalists. The placers are within a few miles of water transportation on the Tanana and Yukon rivers, and can therefore be mined at much less cost than at some of the older camps.

The report is illustrated by 16 photographic plates. Its value is enhanced by reason of the fact that it contains two reconnaissance maps of the region, based on surveys made by T. G. Gerdine in 1903. One map on a scale of 1:250,000, extends from Fairbanks to Circle, and the other, on a scale of 1:625,000, embraces the entire Yukon-Tanana district.

Mr. Prindle's report, which is listed as Bulletin No. 251, is intended for free distribution, and may soon be obtained on application to the Director of the United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

THE DAY'S DEATH RECORD

Captain O'Shea. LONDON, April 23.—Captain O'Shea, whose divorced wife became Mrs. Charles Stewart Parnell, died at Brighton Saturday night.

Joseph Burtis Husted. NEW YORK, April 23.—Joseph Burtis Husted, once a wealthy Wall-street broker, is dead at a city hospital on Ward's Island. For a year past he had lived at a cheap hotel, maintaining himself by dealing in second-hand watches. Financial reverses overtook him some years ago, and he was never able to recoup his fortunes.

Colonel Charles Smart. WASHINGTON, April 23.—A Post special from St. Augustine, Fla., announces the death there today of Colonel Charles Smart, ranking lieutenant Surgeon-General of the United States Army. He was a native of Scotland and was 84 years of age.

Sanitary Conditions Improving. WASHINGTON, April 23.—The March health report of Colonel W. C. Gorgas, chief sanitary officer of the Isthmian Canal Zone, received here today shows a steady improvement in conditions there. There are about 9000 employees of the commission at the end of the month. The sick in the hospitals numbered 123 and the total deaths for the month were only 11. This is equal to a rate of 34 per thousand, a rate which Colonel Gorgas says would be considered favorable anywhere.

Woman Robbed on Street-Car. Mrs. William Walkin, of 1317 North Seventeenth street, was robbed of her purse, which contained two diamond rings and considerable jewelry, about 7 o'clock last night, when riding on the street-car. The two diamond rings were valued at about \$300.

Shovel Sticks in Stomach. ABLANDEN, Wash., April 23.—(Special.)—C. Carlson, an employe of the Anderson-McClellan mill, was partially disemboweled yesterday, while attempting to adjust a belt on a moving pulley with the aid of a shovel. The handle of the shovel struck Carlson's stomach, and he was taken to the hospital, where he died.

SQUAD GIVES Men Indicted by Federal Grand Jury Between Two Fires.

GRABBED AT RESERVE LAND Should Government Charge Against Them Be Dismissed, There Is Yet a Charge of Fraud Against the State.

SALEM, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—Men who were indicted by the Federal grand jury for their part in the grabbing of lands in the proposed Blue Mountain Forest Reserve, and whose transactions have also been investigated by the Marion County grand jury, now find themselves "between the devil and the deep sea," as it were. So far as the government's case against them was concerned, they were charged with buying state lands fraudulently, with a view to exchanging the lands for valuable Government lands located elsewhere. Since their purpose was to obtain title to Government land, they were charged with a crime against the Government.

The argument of such men has been that if they did not buy the land from the state and exchange it for Government land, the state would make the exchange, and therefore the Government could lose nothing by reason of their buying the land. Since the Government would be called upon eventually to make the exchange, they contended that it could make no difference whether the exchange was made with the state or with individuals who had bought the state's title. They asserted that if any fraud had been committed, it must be traced to the state, and not against the United States.

The land was bought from the state for \$1.25 an acre, and when placed inside a forest reserve was worth \$10 to \$20 an acre for exchange purposes. If the land was bought from the state fraudulently, the state might have lost the amount of the advance in value, but the Government could not lose anything by the transaction because it would have the exchange to make in any event.

Now, however, that the Marion County grand jury has investigated the sales by the state, and it seems probable that some of the purchasers will be indicted for the unlawful means adopted to secure title to the land, the land-grabbers are beginning to seriously consider their case. Should the Federal Court decide that prosecution in the Federal tribunal cannot be continued, because there was no fraud against the Government, there will still be pending the case against the state, and to all appearances the purchasers will be caught "either a-comin' or a-goin'."

NEW OREGON INCORPORATIONS

Articles Filed With the Secretary of State at Salem. SALEM, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—Articles of Incorporation were filed in the office of Secretary of State Dunbar last week as follows:

The Oregon Amusement Company; principal office, Portland, Or.; capital stock, \$10,000; incorporators, A. F. Lemcke, R. J. Owens and H. M. Fancher. The Taylor Hardware Company; principal office, Pendleton, Or.; capital stock, \$2,000; incorporators, Thomas C. Taylor, Wilson E. Brock and John S. Kester. The Hood River Chemical Cold Storage Company; principal office, Hood River, Or.; capital stock, \$500; incorporators, J. J. Cunningham, Ralph B. Savage and John Leland Henderson.

The Coquille Mill & Mercantile Company; principal office, Coquille, Or.; capital stock, \$40,000; incorporators, J. R. Kerr, J. R. Benson and J. M. Nye, Jr. The Cold Springs Telephone Company; principal office, Pendleton, Or.; capital stock, \$300; incorporators, Thomas R. Hampton, David E. Cargill and Henry Lorenzen.

Midnight Sun Company; principal office, Portland, Or.; capital stock, \$200; incorporators, J. G. Peck, E. Carr and M. E. Howe. The Coquille Mill & Mercantile Company; principal office, Coquille, Or.; capital stock, \$40,000; incorporators, J. R. Kerr, J. R. Benson and J. M. Nye, Jr. The Cold Springs Telephone Company; principal office, Pendleton, Or.; capital stock, \$300; incorporators, Thomas R. Hampton, David E. Cargill and Henry Lorenzen.

CATTLE DIE OF POISON

Drop Dead on Way to Summer Range in Eastern Oregon. PENDLETON, Or., April 23.—Reports are coming in from the Camas Prairie country south of here that a number of cattle have been poisoned while being driven to the summer ranges. J. D. Ingram was driving his cattle over the road a few days ago and lost four. After being infected by the poison the blood dries up in the veins immediately.

Mr. Ingram resorted to the old remedy of locking the animals when they first became stricken, and out of 30 affected and docked only four died. An examination of the dead showed that the jugular veins were perfectly dry when opened immediately after the animals fell. No indications can be found to show whether the poison is a weed or has been placed on the grass.

HAWLEY GIVES A EULOGY.

Services Held in Memory of the Late Head Consul Falkenberg. LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 23.—(Special.)—At Temple Baptist Auditorium, where Rev. Robert J. Burdette is pastor, delegates to the head camp of Woodmen of the World, were in session in this city, and many other fraternal people gathered this afternoon to hold memorial services for the late Head Consul F. A. Falkenberg, the revered founder of the order, who died in Los Angeles recently. Rev. Mr. Burdette read the Scripture lesson and delivered the invocation. There was singing by the Temple choir.

wove some word pictures that were little less than sublime, all eulogistic of the late head consul and his work for and devotion to the order which he founded. Like the places on the Columbia River which the speaker described, where the human voice is echoed and re-echoed many times, "so," he said, "the words of the speaker ring back the message. We are still standing by our leader." It was a beautiful tribute and held the large audience spellbound.

Judge Appoints Delegates.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—County Judge Ryan has appointed the following delegates to attend the Oregon Development League convention at Portland.

County Commissioners T. B. Killen and William Broderick; J. Hubber and W. W. Miller, respectively; E. H. Burghardt, Barton; George W. Prosser and Henry Gans, of Oswego; J. A. Reed and John Tracy, of Lakeview; J. C. H. Jones and N. W. Sibley, of Astoria; A. Mather and E. C. Chapman, Clackamas; F. A. Rosecrans, James Evans and Colonel Knight, of Canby; W. W. Jesse, Barlow; W. J. Ideman, Sandy; L. W. J. Leary, of Troutdale; J. W. Milwaukie; C. T. Toole, Willamette, and W. A. Huntley, Oregon City.

Representatives of Linn County.

ALBANY, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—President M. H. Ellis, of the Albany Commercial Club, has appointed the following delegates to the convention of the Oregon Development League, to be held in Portland: C. H. Walker, H. B. Sprenger, G. A. Weigand, H. C. Pender, W. H. Hamann, S. N. Steele, P. B. Marshall, P. J. Miller, Z. H. Rudd, Dr. J. P. Wallace, W. C. Tweed, H. Bryant, J. K. Weatherford, Joe Brown, J. A. Loomis, J. C. H. Jones, J. C. H. Jones, P. M. French, W. P. Elmore, S. A. Laetia, Owen Beam, T. A. Hayes, G. E. Sanders, A. G. Prill, H. H. Hewitt, W. W. Crawford, A. W. Beversham, E. D. Caster, J. H. Davis, W. L. Jackson, W. O. McCann, H. R. Salmans, W. B. Stevens, W. H. Hogan, Fred Deane and Dr. M. H. Ellis.

Fish Climb Over the Falls.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—Fishermen are enjoying a harvest in the vicinity of the falls in the Chinook salmon were never more plentiful and some of the catches are large. Last night a local fisherman landed a Chinook salmon weighing 150 pounds. Without exaggeration it may be said that there are hundreds of fine Chinook to be seen in the vicinity of the state fish hatchery at the falls in this city. Many successfully acquire them, and they reach the upper Willamette River and its tributaries. Under the provisions of a state law, which prohibits fishing within 600 feet of the falls, they are not disturbed and they are enabled to reach the upper river in large numbers.

Buren Will Is Upheld.

SALEM, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—County Judge Scott has decided the B. A. Buren will contest by upholding the will. Buren was a prominent capitalist and member of the City Council. He left an estate of \$25,000, the larger part of it to his daughter, Leda. His only son, Max, contested the will on the ground that his father was not mentally capable of making a will at the time the document was executed. The contention was that the drugs which had been administered to Buren shortly before his death, incapacitated him. Judge Scott held that the evidence did not support this contention.

Rogers Out of Cornucopia.

BAKER CITY, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—H. H. Rogers and wife have recorded a deed of all the interest in the Cornucopia mines to Robert M. Burdette, of Southborough, Mass. The consideration is \$28,000. Rogers is the Standard Oil magnate who has figured so prominently in the courts in reference to this property. He obtained his claim through a deed from Searles.

Persons here interested in the litigation while this completely claims the Cornucopia, it does not change the situation in the least. Short Term of Circuit Court. ALBANY, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—Judge George H. Burnett, of Department 1, held an adjourned term of the Circuit Court in Albany yesterday and decided a number of matters, among them being the overruling of a motion to reopen the case of J. W. Elmore vs. the Oregon Lumber Company, a case which has been pending in the courts for a long time, and was finally decided at the recent term. Judge Burnett then adjourned court sine die for the term.

Snow Off Cascade Summit.

ALBANY, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—The road from the Valley to the summit of the Cascade Mountains, via the Lebanon wagon road route, is now open. S. J. W. Elmore, of Albany, who has been a summer resort near the summit of the mountains, stated today that the snow is all out of the mountains and the road is now open for the season. It is expected that this road is not open until late in the Spring.

Chicago Clubmen at Seattle. SEATTLE, Wash., April 23.—Representatives of the Chicago Commercial Club, which is to reach the city today on their special car. Their object is to promote trade relations between business men of the Northwest and Chicago. They leave here tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock for Portland, to remain there for a couple of days.

Chick of Odd Shape. MOSIER, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. P. Hemmingsen has a curiosity in the chicken line. The monstrosity has four perfect legs and feet, wings and tail. The body is seemingly perfect. Mrs. Hemmingsen has it preserved in alcohol.

Easter Services at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—Easter Sunday was appropriately observed in all the churches of Albany today. Song service specially prepared for the occasion was rendered at most of the churches. Pinned Under Locomotive. T. A. Rayley, an engineer on the railroad running from Astoria, Wash., to the logging camp of the Eastern-Western Lumber Company, was brought to the Good Samaritan Hospital about 11 o'clock last night, perhaps fatally injured. Yesterday morning a locomotive in charge of Rayley ran off the track pinning him to the ground. Before he could be reached he was badly scalded all over his body, besides receiving a bad laceration to the pulp of the right hand, it was found necessary to amputate Rayley's right leg between the knee and the ankle.

Senator Alger Is Ill.

DETROIT, April 23.—United States Senator Russell Alger tonight suffered a sudden attack of acute indigestion. At the time of his seizure he was on a train just entering Detroit on his return from Los Angeles recently. Rev. Mr. Burdette read the Scripture lesson and delivered the invocation. There was singing by the Temple choir.

AUTO ROLLS AWAY Forty People Crash Into High Board Fence.

TWO PEOPLE ARE KILLED Charles P. Koster and Fiancee, Miss Anna Finerman, Were Riding on the Front Seat of the Big Machine.

NEW YORK, April 23.—One man was killed and two women badly hurt when a big sightseeing automobile, crowded with passengers, crashed into a high billboard fence at Eighth avenue and Fifty-seventh street today. The streets were thronged with Easter promenaders at the time of the accident and police reserves had to be called out to keep the crowd in check. The chauffeur of the machine asserts it was struck by an Eighth-avenue trolley car, and that he temporarily lost control of the brakes. The big automobile plunged across the sidewalk and into the fence with great force.

Charles P. Koster, 21 years of age, a business man of this city, was killed and Miss Anna Finerman, 18 years old, and Mrs. Angela Romano, 45 years old, were injured. Koster and Miss Finerman, who were on the front seat of the automobile, were engaged to be married next week. Mrs. Romano was seated in a little fruit stand near the corner of the fence, and when both sides of the fence were demolished she was caught and crushed beneath the falling timbers. More than 40 persons were on the heavy vehicle when the accident took place.

JEFFERSON PASSED AWAY

Blaise, Edward A. Sothorn and Charles W. O'Connell, and later Dion Bonicant and his wife, all of whom, in the course of time, became prominent. Young Jefferson, in this and several other dramas, fairly surpassed all his fellow-actors. The ease and simplicity of his method stood widely apart from the mannerism of his surroundings, and it was noticeable how, in distinction from others who nightly rehearsed their parts with studied inflections of speech and to varying attitudes his representations were controlled by passing feelings and impressions that gave variety and truth to his performance. He played for more than 150 nights in New York, and other parts were Newman Noyes, in "Nicholas Nickleby"; Calix Plummer, in "The Cricket on the Wall"; Bob Acres, in "The Rivals"; Dr. Ollapod, in "The Poor Gentleman." Later he repeated these characters at the Winter Garden Theatre, in New York City, and other places as a star performer, with increasing popularity.

In 1899 Jefferson visited California, where he met with little success, and soon afterward sailed for Australia, where he acted for years with reputation and profit. In September, 1903, against his inclination, he made his debut in London at the Adelphi Theatre, as "Rip Van Winkle," playing the part with success for more than 150 nights. He also appeared in Manchester and other large cities, returning to the United States in 1904. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Jefferson was married in 1897 to Miss Sarah Warren. Since then his performance has included a few favorite roles, of which "Rip Van Winkle" is the principal one.

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IN CHILDHOOD AND OLD AGE

Vinol Proves a Blessing. Mrs. M. P. Allen, of Dixon, Tenn., 73 years of age, and a member of one of the oldest and best families of the South, writes:

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with indifferent success. But Mr. Jefferson still had faith in Rip, and on his arrival in London in 1866 had the play altered and rewritten by Boucicault. His friends advised against its production and predicted failure. Nevertheless it was instantly successful when produced at the Adelphi Theatre, and ran for 50 nights. On his return to America in 1866 Mr. Jefferson at once received recognition as the first comedian of his time, and all his tours have been extraordinarily successful. Rip Van Winkle is the part in which he has been most frequently seen. For over 20 years this drama has been played in almost every city of the United States. It has yielded Dion Boucicault, the playwright, in purchase money and royalties, about \$25,000.

Mr. Jefferson is undoubtedly the richest actor in this country today. He has been a steady accumulator and since he began to make more than a living as an actor he has always saved some of the surplus. He has never speculated and his investments have all been safe and profitable ones. He has long been rated a millionaire, and it can be said in his praise that he has always made wise and noble use of his money. Recently he has spent his winters, when not professionally employed on his Louisiana plantation and his Summers at Buzzard's Bay, Mass. His Southern property, Orange Island, is an 8000-acre estate on the Bayou Teche. It was an anti-temperance tract when he purchased it, but he has transformed it into an Arcadian garden. Bayou Teche is in the Arcadian country of Louisiana, in the midst of the homes of the descendants of the called "Evangelist" people. Mr. Jefferson's Summer home at Buzzard's Bay, is a charming cottage patterned after the general design of an old colonial house, and known as "The Crow's Nest."

In retirement, Jefferson's pastimes are those of an angler and painter. Some of his landscapes in the middle of the homes of the descendants of the called "Evangelist" people. Mr. Jefferson's Summer home at Buzzard's Bay, is a charming cottage patterned after the general design of an old colonial house, and known as "The Crow's Nest."

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Sold Liquor to Minors.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—Pleading guilty to an information charging him with selling liquor to minors, Jacob Wind, an Oregon City saloonman, yesterday paid a fine of \$50 in the Circuit Court. A second information against Wind, alleging the same offense, was dismissed.

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dific at his home in this city as the result of serious injuries sustained yesterday afternoon while employed in the construction work at the Oaks, the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company's pleasure resort near Portland. Mr. Gleason was struck violently over the head by a timber and it is feared that a fracture of the skull resulted. He has not regained consciousness since the accident.

TORNADO BLOWS IN TEXAS

Much Damage to Property, but No Lives Reported Lost. FORT WORTH, Texas, April 23.—A tornado passed over West Texas today and did much damage, but no lives are reported to have been lost. At Snyder the Methodist Church was blown off its foundation. Several residences were unroofed and windmills badly damaged. The tornado was blowing northeast.

Off for the Philippines.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 23.—Twenty-seven officers and 557 enlisted men, composing eight companies of the Ninth Regiment of Infantry passed through Syracuse tonight on the way from Madison Barracks at Sackett's Harbor to their new station in the Philippines.

Sold Liquor to Minors.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—Pleading guilty to an information charging him with selling liquor to minors, Jacob Wind, an Oregon City saloonman, yesterday paid a fine of \$50 in the Circuit Court. A second information against Wind, alleging the same offense, was dismissed.

Lies in Critical Condition.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—John Gleason, Jr., lies in a critical condition.

Sold Liquor to Minors.