

GOVERNMENT'S NEW EVIDENCE

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BEARD'S STRONG EVIDENCE

A. S. Bennett's Questions on Cross- Examination Lead to a Surprise.

Woman Admits Influencing Another Witness.

United States Attorney Heney drove home some new facts of importance yesterday in the third trial of the Williamson-Gesner-Briggs case for subornation of perjury—facts that he, doubtless, expects to use with damaging effect in his final summing up against the defendants. The alleged connection of Congressman Williamson with Dr. Gesner's land deals was made plainer than on the former trials, his activity in obtaining loans from the banks at Prineville and the Dalles to pay the filing fees for the dummy entries being introduced to offset his claim that he had no part in this land business. Williamson & Gesner's obvious getting their neighbors to take up land for their benefit in township 15 south, range 19 west, was shown, according to new evidence, to be not the acquisition of new land, but the acquisition of the old land of the hostile cattlemen, as claimed by the defendants, but that they might obtain control of the springs and water courses in that well-watered section, and thus crowd out the rival sheepmen, Morrow & Keenan. Further evidence, too, was introduced regarding alleged attempts to influence Government witnesses to withhold testimony that would injure the defendants. On the whole, it was a day of decided gains for the Government.

Beard's Evidence Is Stronger.

The principal witness of the day was Henry E. Beard, an employe at the Williamson-Gesner ranch in 1902, and one of those who took up land at the instance of the defendants. To his testimony, given on the former trials, was added yesterday the statement that when Williamson and Gesner, with their party, surveyed the country they sought out all the tracts having good springs and streams, and immediately had their entrymen file claims thereon. This was a hard shot at the defense, which has persistently asserted that Gesner's prime object was timber.

As on the former trials, Mr. Heney proved and introduced the sensational letter written by Dr. Gesner to the witness after Beard had filed on a claim in the expectation of making it to the defendants' agreement to transfer to the defendants. This is the letter in which Gesner told Beard that the Government "has a lien on the whole business"; that "they are liable to call us before the grand jury as witnesses"; and that the only thing for Beard to do was to relinquish at once.

Biggs Gives a Tip.

This was done, but it did not prevent the summons to appear before the grand jury. After Beard and other entrymen had been subpoenaed to testify, Biggs, one of the defendants, had given them some instructions for their visit to Prineville.

"He told us all to tell the grand jury that we had made no contract to sell the land. He said that we did not have to go into Heney's office outside the grand jury room."

"When you made final proof on your claim, did you believe your affidavit to be true or false?" asked Heney.

"It was for Williamson & Gesner," the witness replied. "It didn't matter whether it was true or not."

Attorney A. S. Bennett's cross-examination of Beard was a long and severe attempt to show that he had testified differently on material points at former trials, but the witness came off without much damage. Bennett unexpectedly clinched a hornet's nest when he asked this question:

"Did you not testify at the former trials that you were not under contract to sell to Gesner, but were only going to do so if you could get \$1000 for the land?"

"Yes, sir, I did," answered Beard, looking very hard at the defendant's able counsel; "I testified that way to favor the defendants. I tried to help them out of their difficulty because I felt under obligations to them."

A New Witness.

The only new witness called yesterday was Mrs. Lettie Watkins, wife of John S. Watkins, who had already told the story of his filing. Mrs. Watkins related how she and her husband were advised by Williamson as to what sections they should file on. In fact, she said, the Congressman had set down in Watkins' notebook the names of the desired claims. These claims were to be transferred to Williamson & Gesner at a profit of 45 per cent.

Christian Feserhelm, who testified on the former trials, was also called yesterday as a witness for the Government, but by hard probing Mr. Heney swung from him some facts regarding his filing, the most noteworthy of which were that he was ordered by Dr. Gesner to go before Biggs and relinquish. In order to avoid trouble with the Government.

Didn't Have to Remember.

Two Prineville belles whose appearance in the case caused a sensation at the former trials, were again on the stand yesterday, and in spite of their strong disinclination to testify, were compelled to repeat and even strengthen their evidence for the Government. The story of how Miss Pearl Vanderpool, the Prineville schoolmistress, and Miss Maggie Glaze were urged by Biggs to take up land to be transferred to Williamson & Gesner, after they should have sworn falsely that it was for their own use and occupation, was again gone over. It was brought out yesterday that Miss Vanderpool's partnership for the defense led her to try to influence Miss Glaze's testimony at the second trial of the case. The witness had taken this advice:

This was first drawn out from Miss Glaze, who admitted that her friend had advised her that in giving her testimony it would not be necessary to remember everything. Miss Vanderpool had to confirm this when she was called to the stand. Her friendship for Williamson and Gesner was of long standing, she also admitted, and Mr. Heney drew from her the facts regarding her repeated interviews with the defendants in this city. At these interviews, she confessed, she was under Heney's merciful questioning, she had reported to her friends now on trial what she had seen when she was waiting in the District Attorney's office.

Those Bank Accounts.

Old testimony with some new force was brought out from two bank cashiers, T. M. Baldwin of the First National at Prineville, and Jesse C. Hostetler of French & Co.'s bank at the Dalles. Baldwin proved his copy of the account of

Williamson & Gesner at the Prineville bank. In this the most important item was a loan of \$3000 at 10 per cent, made December 5, 1902, and immediately checked out in payment of the fees on the claims filed upon by the Williamson-Gesner entrymen. Baldwin testified that the accounts of the defendants were in fact overdrawn. He also identified the checks received from the Government Land Office in return of fees paid on claims that were afterwards relinquished. These repayments were credited to Williamson & Gesner's account.

HEAVY POSTAL RECEIPTS

Gain for August in Portland Exceeds Any Other City.

The large increase in the postal receipts of the Portland office for August over the same month last year, which reports from Washington show to be the highest per cent of gain made by any city in the country, is due only in part to the Lewis and Clark Fair, according to the statements of officials in the local Postoffice. The large number of strangers in the city, of course, rates, was quickly checked, but even without these people there would have been a big gain over last year for several years, there has been a constant increase in business done by the Portland office, and so a large proportion of the gain shown is regarded as simply a result of the increased population and business of the city.

"While we have no way of telling exactly what part of the increase this year is due to the Exposition, we are in a position to say that the large part represents the normal growth of the city," said Richard Strous, cashier of the Portland office. "In fact, our business indicates a much larger growth in the population of the city than is shown by the census just taken. I believe that the postal receipts of the Portland office will be fully as large if not larger next year than this, in spite of the fact that the number of strangers in the city will be much smaller. We can tell something of the growth of the city by the number of new families reported by the letter-carriers on their beats. If I had my way about it, some arrangement would be made to have the letter-carriers take the census. They are in a much better position to get accurate results than any other class of citizens, and could get a reliable figure on the population in a very short time."

TRAIN OF BLOODED STOCK

It Is Due to Arrive in Portland To- morrow Evening.

Moving westward from Portland, for exhibition at the livestock exhibit to open next week at the Exposition, is a train of 17 cars, running special over the Northern Pacific that represents greater value in animals on the coast than probably any like number of cars that have recently come this way. Belgian, Percheron, Clydesdale and coach horses of best blood, Shorthorn, Aberdeen Angus, Galloway and Holstein-Friesian cattle of finest pedigree, and Lincoln, Hampshire, Southdown and Shropshire sheep that will attract attention, besides a number of prize-winning prize-purchasers Oregon is famous for growing.

Breeders of the entire United States are represented in the collection on this train, including Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota, Ohio, Nebraska, Kansas and Wyoming stockgrowers are represented. The stock has been making the fair circuit of the Middle West and Northwest, and is now brought to Portland for the showing that will be made during next week and in which the best opportunity possible is presented to bring Pacific Coast people to a realization of what is being done in stockbreeding in other sections of the country. While journeying to the Coast, stops of a day or more have been made at various of the more important centers, special street fairs being arranged at some places where no special Autumn exhibit organizations exist. Special concessions have been made by the railroads as a means of encouraging the improvement of the grades of livestock grown in Western states.

The special train left St. Paul September 2, and has made stops at Bismarck, Glendive, Billings, Helena and Spokane. It is scheduled to reach Portland tomorrow evening.

SUES FOR RENT OF GROUND

Thomas Hislop and Joseph Paquet Have a Legal Tilt.

Thomas Hislop and Joe Paquet, two East Side pioneer capitalists, who have for years been at swords' points on all sorts of propositions, political and otherwise, will come together in a legal struggle in a short time in the East Side Justice Court in a civil lawsuit. Mr. Hislop has sued his antagonist to recover \$8750 rent for two lots on Union avenue and East Taylor, which the complainant says that Paquet & Johnson used for "storing wood, lumber and other substances" for Hislop's business, for which \$2 a month is considered a reasonable charge. Paquet in his reply denies that he ever used the ground, but admits that Johnson used it for storage purposes, while building the elevator road up on Union avenue, on the express permission of Mr. Hislop.

The time for hearing the case has not been fixed, but it will be heard some time this month. Mr. Paquet says that he will be his own attorney, and declares that he will "throw it into Tom this time, and make him tell the truth for once in his life." There will be a good audience present when this case comes off, as both have long-standing grievances to even up.

MUSIC'S SWAY TODAY.

A charming singer will assist at the Ellers Piano Music concert at Illinois building this afternoon. Following is the excellent programme:
Violin solo—
(a) O Promise Me..... Dr. Kovan
(b) Rubezhinskii..... Rubezhinskii
Piano—
Mr. S. J. Story, accompanied by Pianola.
Piano—
The Swallow transcription, Northrup
(a) Kammerl Ostrow..... Rubezhinskii
Soprano solo—
(a) O Where We Were Married..... Nevins
(b) Matthea..... Tosti
Mrs. May Dearborn Schwab, accompanied by the Pianola.
Mr. L. P. Bruce at the Pianola.

EXCURSION RATES EAST

On September 16 and 17 the Canadian Pacific will sell round-trip tickets to Eastern points at very low rates. Tickets will be good for stopovers, going and returning, with final limit of 90 days from date of sale.
For full particulars call on or address F. B. Johnson, F. & P. A., Canadian Pacific Ry., 142 Third street, Portland, Or.

TODAY AT THE TAVERN

This will be an unusually desirable day to visit the Tavern, Portland's incomparably well kept cafe and grill. It is the Sherry of the Pacific Coast. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and after-theater supper specialties. Music by Thielhorn's orchestra every evening. Opposite the Oregonian building. Ladies' annex, 36 Alder street.

"Portland Day" at the Exposition, Saturday, Sept. 30th—Souvenir Tickets on Sale Here

The Meier & Frank Store's 822d Friday Surprise Sale Our Greatest Silk Waist Bargain Values Up to \$20.00 Ea. Today Only at \$5.45 Each



We expect there'll be a great outpouring of economical buyers to the Silk Waist Sale today—Never in the history of Portland retailing has a bargain of equal magnitude been offered and judging by the throng that viewed the window display all day yesterday the three hundred waists will be gone in as many minutes or less—Lace Waists, Crepe de Chine Waists, Beau de Cygne Waists, Taffeta Waists, Chiffon Cloth Waists—Fancy fronts, fancy yokes, Irish crochet, baby Irish crochet and Valenciennes lace trimmed, fagotting, French knots, tucks and tailor-made effects—Waists for evening and street wear in white, light blue, green, pink, black, brown, reseda, tans, etc.—All are of very beautiful style and really wonderful value—Fully 150 of them are waists that would bring \$12.00, \$14.00, \$15.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00 at regular sale—Your choice while they last for **\$5.45** today only at the low price of, each

If you want one of these waists it will be wise for you to get here as soon after 8 o'clock as possible—The best ones will be snapped up quickly

The Meier & Frank Store Two Days' Hosiery Sale



Women's and Misses' Hosiery Sale for today and tomorrow—Unusual values in best styles and qualities

Women's black gauze lisle Hosiery, garter tops and double soles; also medium weight cotton hose, fast color, all sizes; splendid values, pair 37c
Women's black silk Hosiery, with tips and tops, extra quality, all sizes. Regular \$1.25 value for, pair 47c
Misses' medium weight German Hose, double knees and sole, fashioned ankles, absolutely fast color, all sizes. Regular 35c value, on sale for, pair 23c
Odds and ends in misses' and children's black lisle thread Hosiery, values up to 35c a pair. On sale at this low price, pair 12 1/2c
Women's fine ribbed cashmere Vests in gray and white, with French band pants to match. Regular \$1.00 value, on sale at this low price, garment 79c

"Perrins" \$1.50 Kid Gloves \$1.19 Pr.

"Perrins" real French Kid Gloves. Three-clasp Suedes in grays, black and modes. All sizes in black, broken sizes in the colors. The best \$1.50 gloves money can buy. Your choice \$1.19 of this lot at, pair \$1.19
Women's Hand Bags in seal and walrus leathers, black, brown and tan. Variety of handles, \$1.50 and \$1.75 values \$1.29

Special Values in Jewelry Today

1000 Hat Pins with brilliant stone settings, each 28c
Enamel Beauty Pins in all colors. Special value 12c
Collar Supporters, the latest in pearl, turquoise, etc., each 19c
Cuff Links in immense variety, gold and silver, pair 19c
Real Tortoise Shell Hair Pins. Grand value at 23c
Extra-special value in gold bead Necklaces, each 28c
Complete stock of Clocks and Watches in all grades.
The largest display of Souvenir Spoons in the city.

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Our showing of Lewis and Clark, Portland and Oregon Souvenirs is an unequalled one. Everything that's new and attractive in wood, metal leather and silver.

Every New Idea

View books in great assortment. Our prices the very lowest.

THE MEIER & FRANK STORE'S 822d FRIDAY SURPRISE SALE

\$3.50 All-Over Embroideries at 89c Yard

Today's Great Surprise Sale Bargain in fine All-Over Embroideries should interest hundreds of Portland's best buyers—An opportunity to buy material for a beautiful lingerie waist at a small fraction of its real worth—Swiss and nainsooks in English and French designs—Handsome assortment of patterns—Real values up to \$3.50 the yard—An advantageous deal with a prominent importer enables us to offer you your choice of 2000 yards for this sale **89c** at the remarkably low price of, each



Infants' Wear

Infants' soft-soled Shoes and Slippers and Sandals, assorted colors, regular 50c and 60c values, 39c
Infants' hand-crocheted Wool Socks, pretty styles, \$1.25 value, for 90c; \$1.50 values for, each \$1.18
Infants' outing flannel Shirts, cream color, best 35c values on sale today at this low price 19c
Infants' white silk Bibs, quilted and lined, 40c values on sale today at this low price 29c
A complete stock of infants' wear of every description—The "Baby Room," second floor, insures privacy to all.

40c Ribbons 21c

French Faltre Ribbons in all the new shades, cardinal, cream, white, mauve, black, marine, blue, navy blue, reseda, old rose, Value blue, brown, Alice blue, full 5 inches wide; regular 40c value on sale for, yard, 21c
Women's hand-embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs, all pure linen; regular 15c values for, two for 25c
Broken line of women's lace-trimmed and hemstitched White Handkerchiefs, 20c values 11c

Trunks—Bags Special Priced

40-inch canvas covered waterproof painted Trunk, full lined with top tray, large division for hats, also dress tray; heavy corners, two leather straps; best lock \$11.80
Canvas covered Skirt Trunk, waterproof painted, fancy cloth lining; set-up tray with hat form and three skirt trays; heavy corners; best lock, at these low prices \$14.50
40-inch size, \$19 value for \$16.75
42-inch size, \$29 value for \$26.50
26-inch Trunk, with top tray, 2 leather straps, steel strips on all corners; greatest trunk on market \$3.65
16-inch handsome Cabin Bag \$6.70
18.50 value \$14.50
15.50 value \$11.50
15-inch sheepskin Club Bag \$1.05
22-inch Suit Case, full stock leather, figured canvas lined, shirt fold, brass lock and trimmings \$5.00
Fiber Suit Cases for carrying books—Medium size, 35c value for 21c
Large size, 55c value for 35c

Kitchen Goods

No. 9 nickel Teakettles \$1.07
1.03 3-pt. nickel Teapots 79c
1.23 5-pt. nickel Coffee Pot 99c
1.50 Food Chopper, No. 7 \$1.22
Mrs. Potts' Irons, 1.25 value, set, 94c
16-in. Feather Duster, each 32c
12-in. Feather Duster, each 21c
12-qt. galvanized Bails, each 90c
No. 2 galvanized Iron Tubs 72c
No. 3 galvanized Iron Tubs 72c
1.03 Willow Clothes Basket 82c
1.10 Copper Bottom Wash Boiler 57c
No. 2 B. & H. Nickel Lamp, white dome, shade, complete \$1.47
Nickel Toothbrush Holder 12c
Nickel Tumbler Holder 12c
Cook's Steel Knives, 16-in. 72c
Christy Bread Knives, set 40c

New Carpets and Rugs

Our carpet store is showing beautiful new designs and colorings in Wilton Velvet, Brussels, Axminster, Tapestry and Velvet Carpets. A stock by far the largest in the city to select from. All the best makes being represented. Prices guaranteed the lowest and all work promptly cared for. New rugs in immense variety; all grades and sizes—Third Floor.
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Extra large white wool Blankets, 11-4 all-wool pink and blue borders; regular \$6.00 value for, pair \$4.05
Silkline covered Comforters, full size, best patterns and colorings; filled with lanated cotton; great values at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50 each, Third Floor.

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