

FACTS ABOUT THE POOR SETTLERS

They Are Anything but Farmers and Live Anywhere but on Claims.

NO IMPROVEMENTS MADE

Special Agent Schwartz' Report on Alleged Homesteads in Shoshone Withdrawal Full of Damning Facts for Heyburn.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 25.—The report of H. H. Schwartz, special agent of the General Land Office, on the entries in the Shoshone forest reserve withdrawal, which is given below, is interesting because of the very sameness of the statements about each case. The claimants reside anywhere but on their claims, and are anything but farmers "hewing a home out of the wilderness," as the campaign orators would say. They are anything from general manager of a railroad, for J. P. O'Brien, who holds the list, down to a bartender. The nearest place of residence is Wallace, Idaho; several live at Portland, a number at Colfax, Moscow, Tekoa, and one as far away as Kenton, Mich.

The paragraph devoted to each claim ends, in almost every instance, with the words "Never lived on the land," or words to the same effect. This statement is backed up by the further statement:

"These claimants, with one or two exceptions, all voted in the towns where they lived, and not in the precinct where the land is situated, and not in the precinct where they should have voted if they had given their residences as that of the land claimed by them."

The method of location is shown by another paragraph stating that there is a small loghouse or cabin on each claim, which was built by William Fisher on a general contract at \$25 each, but that these cabins were never worth \$25 each in labor and material. When Mr. Schwartz has added the following statement, he has made the case complete:

"With the exception of Frank Herdman's claim and Fred Uhlman's claim, these claims are not used for any purpose, neither mining, agricultural or grazing, nor clearing, fencing or other work has been done preliminary to any of such uses."

Mr. Schwartz' report on the claims, segregated as to townships, is as follows:

Exhibit A. Statement showing settlement claimants for lands in township 41 north, range 6 east, Idaho; their occupation and residences. 1. J. P. O'Brien, claiming land in section 19, is the general manager of the O. R. & N. Co., and resides at his headquarters at Portland, Or. He never lived on the land. 2. J. W. Graham, claiming land in section 20, is the general superintendent of the power for the O. R. & N. Co.; resides at Portland, Or., and has never lived on the land.

3. D. McDonald, claiming land in section 19, is an engineer for the O. R. & N. Co., and resides at Wallace, Idaho; has never lived on the land. 4. F. L. Damon, claiming land in section 20, is a bookkeeper for the O. R. & N. Co.; resides at Moscow, Idaho; has never lived on the land. 5. Jack Stewart, claiming land in section 21, did not locate; he has never lived on the land.

6. C. H. Torrison, claiming land in sections 20 and 21, did not locate; he never lived on the land. 7. F. W. Ertel, claiming land in sections 27 and 28, did not locate; he has never lived on the land. 8. J. E. Nease, claiming land in sections 34 and 35, lives at Colfax, Wash., and is a newspaper man; never lived on the land. 9. E. C. Murray, claiming land in sections 21 and 28, lives at Colfax, Wash.; never lived on the land.

10. W. S. Yearles, claiming land in sections 21 and 28, is a real estate man, living at Colfax, Wash.; has never lived on the land. 11. C. W. Hens, claiming land in sections 21 and 28, formerly road master for Colfax & N. Co.; now a tobacco merchant at Colfax, Wash.; never lived on the land. 12. Thomas Nell, claiming land in sections 27 and 28, is a lawyer, residing at Colfax, Wash.; never lived on the land.

13. George E. Canfield, claiming land in section 20, lives at Tekoa, Wash.; never lived on the land. 14. G. W. Larve, claiming land in section 20, lives at Springdale, Idaho; is a foreman for the Lindsay Bros. Cedar Company; never lived on the land. 15. A. L. Scott, claiming land in sections 27 and 28, lives at Tekoa, Wash.; never lived on the land.

16. H. W. Canfield, claiming land in section 20, is a lawyer, living at Colfax, Wash.; has never lived on the land. 17. S. A. Turner, claiming land in section 20, is a bookkeeper at Lewiston, Idaho; never lived on the land. 18. Con McDrewsey, claiming land in sections 29 and 30, is a grocer, living at Tekoa, Wash.; never lived on the land. 19. H. W. Stanley, claiming land in section 20, is a bartender, living at Tekoa, Wash.; never lived on the land.

20. Frank Quinn, claiming land in sections 30 and 31, is the proprietor of the Quinn Hotel, in Tekoa, Wash.; has never lived on the land. 21. L. W. Taylor, claiming land in section 30, is a contractor for the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, living in Spokane, Wash.; has never lived on the land. 22. G. N. Smith, claiming land in section 28, is attorney and counsel for the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, living in Portland, Or.; has never lived on the land.

23. M. Scott, claiming land in sections 29 and 31, resides at Colfax, Wash., where he is a wheat buyer for the Balfour-Guthrie Company; he has never lived on the land. 24. J. W. James, claiming land in section 28, is alleged to be a railroad man; I did not locate him. He has never lived on the land. 25. A. T. Toney, claiming land in sections 28 and 29, formerly lived at Colfax, Wash., and never lived on the land. 26. J. W. Ertel, claiming land in sections 27 and 28, did not locate. He has never lived on the land.

27. A. Olson, claiming land in sections 22 and 15, I did not locate. He has never lived on the land. 28. A. Freeberg, claiming land in sections 21 and 22, I did not locate. He has never lived on the land. 29. A. Logan, claiming land in section 21, is a sawmill man at Harrison, Idaho; also runs a lumber yard at Rockford, Wash.; he has never lived on the land. 30. A. Rusted, claiming land in section 21, I did not locate. He has never lived on the land.

31. Robert Zell, claiming land in section 22, is a contractor for the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, and resides at Tekoa, Wash.; he has never lived on the land. 32. W. E. Burdett, claiming land in sections 29 and 31, lives at Harrison, Idaho, where he is a foreman in the Grant sawmill. He has never lived on the land. 33. B. B. Howard, claiming land in section 20, is a train butcher on the Oregon Railway & Navigation road, and lives at Tekoa, Wash.; he has never lived on the land.

34. Stella Perkins, claiming land in section 20, lives at Colfax, Wash.; is an educationist, and has never lived on the land. 35. M. Darley, claiming land in section 20, is a contractor for the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, and lives at Wallace, Idaho; never lived on the land. 36. Hattie M. Crawford, claiming land in section 20, is a contractor for the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, and lives at Walla Walla, Idaho; she has never lived on the land.

37. A. C. Crawford, claiming land in section 18, lives at Irigoin, Or.; formerly lived at Wallace, Idaho; she has never lived on the land. 38. John Erickson, claiming land in section 17, is a lawyer, residing at Colfax, Wash.; he has never lived on the land.

39. J. J. Quinn, who claims land in section 20, is a policeman, Idaho; never lived on the land. 40. J. H. Sonderregger, who claims land in section 20, is a barber, residing at Tekoa, Wash.; never lived on the land. 41. Thomas Tweed, who claims land in section 16, is a millman at the Mammoth mine near Wallace, Idaho, and there; never lived on the land. 42. Hugh Toole, who claims land in section 20, is a secretary and treasurer of the Wallace Clear Company, and a member and the president of the Wallace Chapter of Wallace, Idaho, where he lives; never lived on the claim.

43. Fred Uhlman, who claims land in section 20, is a claimant of the O. R. & N. Co., and is a member of the Elks Club, and is a member of the Wallace Chapter of Wallace, Idaho, where he lives; never lived on the claim. 44. J. H. Sonderregger, who claims land in section 20, is a barber, residing at Tekoa, Wash.; never lived on the land. 45. Thomas Tweed, who claims land in section 16, is a millman at the Mammoth mine near Wallace, Idaho, and there; never lived on the land. 46. Hugh Toole, who claims land in section 20, is a secretary and treasurer of the Wallace Clear Company, and a member and the president of the Wallace Chapter of Wallace, Idaho, where he lives; never lived on the claim.

47. Sidney Van Hook, who claims land in section 20, is a miner working at the Morning mine, Mullain, Idaho; never lived on the claim. 48. John Korum, who claims land in section 20, is a lawyer, residing at Wallace, Idaho, where he is a lawyer and is connected with the Security Trust & Title Company; never lived on the claim. 49. There is a small log house or cabin on each of the above claims. Most of the cabins were built by William Fisher on a general contract at \$25 each. The cost of labor and material. With the exception of Frank Herdman's claim and Fred Uhlman's claim, these claims are not used for any purpose, neither mining, agricultural or grazing, nor clearing, fencing or other work has been done preliminary to any of such uses. These claimants, with one or two exceptions, all voted in the towns where they lived, and not in the precinct where the land is situated; and not in the precinct where they should have voted if they had given their residences as that of the land claimed by them.

Exhibit C. Statement showing settlement claimants for lands in township 41 north, range 5 east, Idaho; their occupation and residences. 1. Edward Schmidt, claiming land in section 36, is a grocer, residing at Tekoa, Wash.; never lived on the land. 2. J. W. Hutchinson, claiming land in section 36, is a railroad brakeman on the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, and resides at Tekoa, Wash.; never lived on the land. 3. W. R. Walker, claiming land in sections 25 and 36, is a saloonkeeper, formerly of Tekoa, Wash., but now living at Wilbur, Wash.; he has never lived on the land. 4. O. H. Dokkin, claiming land in section 33, I was unable to locate claimant. He has never lived on the land. 5. M. M. Taylor, claiming land in sections 25 and 35, is a hardware merchant residing at Colfax, Wash.; he has never lived on the land.

6. J. C. Pearson, claiming land in sections 27 and 34, is residing at Kelso, Mich., and recently acquired the settlement rights to the above land from H. E. Howe, quoted by the surveyor's returns as a settlement. Howe is a grocery merchant living in Wallace, Idaho. He has never lived on the land. 7. Horace King, claiming land in sections 27 and 34, is a grocer, residing at Colfax, Wash.; he has never lived on the land. 8. J. W. Ertel, claiming land in sections 27 and 34, is a single woman, residing in Wallace, Idaho, sister to Attorney Ertel, who has never lived on the land. 9. N. D. Seltzer, claiming land in section 23, I was unable to locate. He has never lived on the land. There is a crockery merchant in Spokane, Wash., of the same name and initials who has answered my letter of inquiry.

10. A. J. Ramsey, claiming land in section 24, is alleged to be a doctor from Minneapolis, Minn. The claimant has never lived on the land. 11. J. H. Foley, claiming land in section 34, I was unable to locate. He has never lived on the land. 12. Anderson, claiming land in section 34, is a bridge foreman for the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, and resides at Tekoa, Wash.; he has never lived on the land. 13. J. W. Scriber, claiming land in section 33, resides at Colfax, Wash.; he has never lived on the land. 14. C. E. Gerber, claiming land in section 33, resides at Colfax, Wash., where he is cashier of the Colfax National Bank. He has never lived on the land. 15. D. W. Campbell, claiming land in sections 28 and 33, is the general superintendent of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, with residence and headquarters at Portland, Or.; he has never lived on the land.

16. George Campbell, claiming land in sections 28 and 33, was unable to locate. He has never lived on the land. 17. Ed. Alvord, claiming land in section 22, is a bartender living at Tekoa, Wash.; he has never lived on the land. 18. E. A. Mitchell, claiming land in section 22, lives at Colfax, Wash., and is a clerk in the county office. He has never lived on the land. 19. John Andrews, claiming land in section 29, is in the dry goods business in Helena, Mont.; he has never lived on the land. 20. E. E. Grant, claiming land in sections 29 and 31, resides at Harrison, Idaho, where he is the owner of a sawmill. He has never lived on the land.

21. George Stevens, claiming land in section 22, is a conductor for the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, living in Spokane, Wash.; he has never lived on the land. 22. G. N. Smith, claiming land in section 28, is attorney and counsel for the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, living in Portland, Or.; he has never lived on the land. 23. M. Scott, claiming land in sections 29 and 31, resides at Colfax, Wash., where he is a wheat buyer for the Balfour-Guthrie Company; he has never lived on the land. 24. J. W. James, claiming land in section 28, is alleged to be a railroad man; I did not locate him. He has never lived on the land.

25. A. T. Toney, claiming land in sections 28 and 29, formerly lived at Colfax, Wash., and never lived on the land. 26. J. W. Ertel, claiming land in sections 27 and 28, did not locate. He has never lived on the land. 27. A. Olson, claiming land in sections 22 and 15, I did not locate. He has never lived on the land. 28. A. Freeberg, claiming land in sections 21 and 22, I did not locate. He has never lived on the land. 29. A. Logan, claiming land in section 21, is a sawmill man at Harrison, Idaho; also runs a lumber yard at Rockford, Wash.; he has never lived on the land. 30. A. Rusted, claiming land in section 21, I did not locate. He has never lived on the land.

31. Robert Zell, claiming land in section 22, is a contractor for the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, and resides at Tekoa, Wash.; he has never lived on the land. 32. W. E. Burdett, claiming land in sections 29 and 31, lives at Harrison, Idaho, where he is a foreman in the Grant sawmill. He has never lived on the land. 33. B. B. Howard, claiming land in section 20, is a train butcher on the Oregon Railway & Navigation road, and lives at Tekoa, Wash.; he has never lived on the land.

34. Stella Perkins, claiming land in section 20, lives at Colfax, Wash.; is an educationist, and has never lived on the land. 35. M. Darley, claiming land in section 20, is a contractor for the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, and lives at Wallace, Idaho; never lived on the land. 36. Hattie M. Crawford, claiming land in section 20, is a contractor for the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, and lives at Walla Walla, Idaho; she has never lived on the land.

37. A. C. Crawford, claiming land in section 18, lives at Irigoin, Or.; formerly lived at Wallace, Idaho; she has never lived on the land. 38. John Erickson, claiming land in section 17, is a lawyer, residing at Colfax, Wash.; he has never lived on the land. 39. J. J. Quinn, who claims land in section 20, is a policeman, Idaho; never lived on the land. 40. J. H. Sonderregger, who claims land in section 20, is a barber, residing at Tekoa, Wash.; never lived on the land. 41. Thomas Tweed, who claims land in section 16, is a millman at the Mammoth mine near Wallace, Idaho, and there; never lived on the land. 42. Hugh Toole, who claims land in section 20, is a secretary and treasurer of the Wallace Clear Company, and a member and the president of the Wallace Chapter of Wallace, Idaho, where he lives; never lived on the claim.

43. Fred Uhlman, who claims land in section 20, is a claimant of the O. R. & N. Co., and is a member of the Elks Club, and is a member of the Wallace Chapter of Wallace, Idaho, where he lives; never lived on the claim. 44. J. H. Sonderregger, who claims land in section 20, is a barber, residing at Tekoa, Wash.; never lived on the land. 45. Thomas Tweed, who claims land in section 16, is a millman at the Mammoth mine near Wallace, Idaho, and there; never lived on the land. 46. Hugh Toole, who claims land in section 20, is a secretary and treasurer of the Wallace Clear Company, and a member and the president of the Wallace Chapter of Wallace, Idaho, where he lives; never lived on the claim.

47. Sidney Van Hook, who claims land in section 20, is a miner working at the Morning mine, Mullain, Idaho; never lived on the claim. 48. John Korum, who claims land in section 20, is a lawyer, residing at Wallace, Idaho, where he is a lawyer and is connected with the Security Trust & Title Company; never lived on the claim. 49. There is a small log house or cabin on each of the above claims. Most of the cabins were built by William Fisher on a general contract at \$25 each. The cost of labor and material. With the exception of Frank Herdman's claim and Fred Uhlman's claim, these claims are not used for any purpose, neither mining, agricultural or grazing, nor clearing, fencing or other work has been done preliminary to any of such uses. These claimants, with one or two exceptions, all voted in the towns where they lived, and not in the precinct where the land is situated; and not in the precinct where they should have voted if they had given their residences as that of the land claimed by them.

Exhibit B. Statement showing settlement claimants for lands in township 41 north, range 4 east, Idaho; their occupation and residences. 1. James Boax, claiming land in section 17, is a saloon keeper at 413 Cedar, and resides at 413 Bush street, Wallace, Idaho; never lived on the claim. 2. Albert Bakewell, claiming land in section 25, was until recently a saloon keeper in Wallace, Idaho, and now lives somewhere in the Pacific States; never lived on the claim. 3. J. S. Wallace, claiming land in section 19, is a miner working in Standard mine, Wallace, Idaho; never lived on the claim. 4. James Camp, claiming land in section 20, is a wagon driver in Wallace, Idaho; boards at Pacific Hotel, never lived on the claim. 5. James Camp, claiming land in section 20, is a wagon driver in Wallace, Idaho; boards at Pacific Hotel, never lived on the claim. 6. Charles Grier, claiming land in section 24, is a saloon keeper 16 and resides at Court St. City, Idaho; never lived on the land.

7. George Chapman, claiming land in sections 8 and 11, is a dentist living at Colfax, Wash.; he has never lived on the claim. 8. Dan Connor, claiming land in section 18, ex-Mayor of Wallace, Idaho; never worked at Standard mine; lives at Wallace, Idaho; never lived on the claim. 9. William Fishinger, claiming land in section 20, is president of the Wallace Clear Company, and resides at 706 Cedar, Wallace, Idaho; never lived on the claim. 10. Frank Frank, claiming land in section 28, is a millwright living at 800 Bank street, Wallace, Idaho; never lived on the claim. 11. Charles Grier, claiming land in section 24, was formerly a policeman in Wallace, Idaho; residence unknown; never lived on the claim.

12. M. H. Hare, claiming land in section 24, resides in Wallace, and until two months ago was for several years cashier of the Wallace Bank of Commerce; never lived on the claim. 13. Frank Herdman, claiming land in section 14, resides in Wallace, and until two months ago has a residence in Wallace, Idaho; has about five acres cleared and a brood hog house; land not made timber left. 14. Fred Johnson, claiming land in section

15, is a carpenter and miner, residing in Wallace, Idaho; never lived on the claim. 15. Sam Johnson, claiming land in section 14, is a saloonkeeper at and residing at Court St. City, Idaho; never lived on the claim. 16. Emil Krause, claiming land in section 20, is a saloonkeeper at and resides in Wallace, Idaho; never lived on the claim. 17. P. F. McGovern, claiming land in section 20, is a member of the Wallace Chapter of Wallace, Idaho, where he resides; never lived on the claim. 18. Dan McInnis, claiming land in section 24, is a saloonkeeper and saloonhall proprietor in Wallace, Idaho, and never lived on the claim. 19. P. F. McMillan, claiming land in section 28, is an ironworker at the Standard mine and lives in Wallace; never lived on the claim. 20. John J. Peltzer, logger and manager for James Camp, resides at 413 Cedar street, Wallace, Idaho; never lived on the claim. 21. Henry Pannabaker, who claims land in section 28, lives at Wallace, Idaho, and is a member of the Wallace Chapter of Wallace, Idaho, and never lived on the claim. 22. Charles Pittsmeier, who claims land in section 28, is a cigarmaker and lives at 706 Cedar, Wallace, Idaho; never lived on the claim. 23. John J. Quinn, who claims land in section 20, is a policeman, Idaho; never lived on the claim.

24. J. H. Sonderregger, who claims land in section 20, is a barber, residing at Tekoa, Wash.; never lived on the land. 25. Thomas Tweed, who claims land in section 16, is a millman at the Mammoth mine near Wallace, Idaho, and there; never lived on the land. 26. Hugh Toole, who claims land in section 20, is a secretary and treasurer of the Wallace Clear Company, and a member and the president of the Wallace Chapter of Wallace, Idaho, where he lives; never lived on the claim. 27. Sidney Van Hook, who claims land in section 20, is a miner working at the Morning mine, Mullain, Idaho; never lived on the claim. 28. John Korum, who claims land in section 20, is a lawyer, residing at Wallace, Idaho, where he is a lawyer and is connected with the Security Trust & Title Company; never lived on the claim.

29. There is a small log house or cabin on each of the above claims. Most of the cabins were built by William Fisher on a general contract at \$25 each. The cost of labor and material. With the exception of Frank Herdman's claim and Fred Uhlman's claim, these claims are not used for any purpose, neither mining, agricultural or grazing, nor clearing, fencing or other work has been done preliminary to any of such uses. These claimants, with one or two exceptions, all voted in the towns where they lived, and not in the precinct where the land is situated; and not in the precinct where they should have voted if they had given their residences as that of the land claimed by them.

Hone 4 and 9, I did not locate. He has never lived on the land. 46. A. Theodor, claiming land in section 9, I did not locate. He has not resided on the land. 47. R. B. Pico, claiming land in section 8, I did not locate. He has not lived on the land. 48. O. Doldeberg, claiming land in section 8, I did not locate. He has not lived on the land.

These claimants, with one or two exceptions, all voted in the towns where they lived, and not in the precinct where they should have voted if they had given their residences as that of the land claimed by them. State of Idaho, County of Shoshone, ss: I, Charles E. Hoyt, being first duly sworn, do on this 25th day of September, 1905, certify that I am a freight packer and inspector, having my postoffice at Wallace, Idaho, and that I have prospectively located the above claims on the waters of the St. Joe and Clearwater Rivers, south of Wallace, for the past five years, and that I have had a settlement claim on the St. Joe in township 45 north, range 5 east, since 1894.

Heyburn Objects to Operation. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 25.—Senator Heyburn is slightly improved today and expects to start for home early next week. Notwithstanding his attack of appendicitis is rather mild, his physicians have urged him to undergo an operation, but the Senator declines, insisting that he will recover without it.

LEAVES SEQUOIA FOR JAPAN. MISS ROOSEVELT LOADED WITH HONORS IN COREA. Visits Tomb of Late Queen and Receives Valuable Gifts—Farewell Dinner to Americans.

SEOUL, Korea, Sept. 25.—Miss Alice Roosevelt and party left Seoul today by special train for Pusan. Owing to the damage done by the recent rains, the trip to Pusan will take two days. The party will stop tonight at the Presbyterian mission house, and tomorrow will reach Pusan, whence they will go to Shinonoseki and Yokohama. The visit to Japan will be entirely private. Miss Roosevelt will decline any public recognition or hospitality. The Emperor of Korea received Miss Roosevelt in faraway Seoul, and presented her with his photograph, to which was affixed his autograph.

The Koreans made every effort to make Miss Roosevelt's visit pleasant. On Wednesday she and her party visited the tomb of the late Queen. The road leading there was especially widened and repaved, and the highways for miles outside the city were repaired in anticipation of Miss Roosevelt wishing to ride over them. Korean high officials, including General Min, formerly Minister at Washington, gave a dinner yesterday in honor of Senator Francis G. Newlands, of Nevada, American Minister Morgan and the other men of the party and toasted President Roosevelt.

The Emperor of Korea gave valuable presents to the whole party, including tiger skins, silver and brassware and embroideries, and extended to them every possible courtesy. She has never resided on the land.

WOMAN'S BODY IN ASHES. Mrs. Ida Bowen Meets Foul Death Near Redding.

REDDING, Cal., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—The home of Mrs. Ida Bowen, of Scott Valley, four miles from Etna, was burned early this morning. The charred remains of Mrs. Bowen were found in the ruins. Strange foot-tracks and blood in the vicinity of the ruins, and the fact that her body was dragged, lead to the belief that the woman was murdered in her yard and her body dragged in the house, which was then set afire to cover the crime. A. Bowen, formerly her husband, is suspected, and is said to have made threats against her. Bowen was seen in Graysville, near her home, three days ago, but now cannot be found.

BRIEF TELEGRAPHIC NEWS. A blast in New York City blew a laborer to pieces, took off another man's arm and sent a rock weighing 50 pounds through a tram 700 feet distant. John Andrews, known as "Jim the Penman," has been charged with forgery, and officers from Texas started with him for Texas, where he is wanted for passing a \$500 forged draft.

George E. Moore, of Chicago, is accused of inventing a new kind of dynamite, which would hang around department stores and learn what customers ran bills, then call on them and collect the money. He has been arrested by the police.

James M. Shockley, convicted of the murder of two street-car men in an attempted hold-up at Salt Lake City, was yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment, the jury before Judge Chase on Monday had recommended mercy. He will be tried for the second murder, the prosecution hoping to secure the death penalty.

A Rock Island passenger train collided near a high bridge at Iowa City yesterday with a delayed freight which was running at full speed. Four were injured, one perhaps fatally. Frank Rogers, of Rock Island, a fireman, may die. John Ryan, the Pacific Express messenger wounded in a duel in an express car Wednesday, swore out a warrant at Decatur, Ill., for Edward B. Green, charging assault with intent to kill. Green is still in the hospital. His condition is serious.

While walking in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, N. Y., Thursday night, Vincent Grieco, 25 years old, shot and mortally wounded his companion, Kate Kelly, 23 years old, because she insisted on going home. Grieco tried to throw himself into the lake, but was captured.

The dead body of Miss Nellie West Long was found in a room at the Burlington Hotel, St. Louis, yesterday, she having committed suicide with morphine. Bert Grimm, her fiancé, who was with her, is under arrest, charged with having entered into suicide compact with the woman.

The new Franco-Russian commercial treaty was signed at St. Petersburg yesterday and becomes effective March 1, 1906. The skeleton of a woman with a bullet hole through the head and buried more than two years ago.

When he heard a report that his son had deserted the Carpenters' Union during the labor trouble here, the father of a friend, Joseph Kran, had made the accusation, William Keuppel, of Chicago, sought Kran Thursday night and struck him with an ax, fracturing his skull. Kran, it is said, will die. Both the father and son, August Keuppel, were arrested, charged with attempting to commit murder.

New Opera-House for Aberdeen. ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—R. Duhony, of Los Angeles, an owner of much property here, has announced his intention to build a block on Washkah and G streets, to cost \$75,000. His plan is to erect an opera-house in connection with the building.

But the people, because they are tired of bitter fighting, are ready to elect a new legislature that usually follows. Carter's Little Liver Pills. One pill a dose.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Secretary Wilson, the Department of Agriculture, predicts lower retail prices during the coming winter season, for most dairy products, poultry and other necessaries of life.

BLOWS OUT BRAINS

Travers, New York Millionaire, Found Dead.

RELATIVE OF VANDERBILT

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—William B. Travers, millionaire, man of leisure, son of the celebrated Wall-street operator, William A. Travers, committed suicide today by shooting himself through the head in the apartment of Madison avenue. The suicide is inexplicable, Mr. Travers being in the prime of life, in fair health and the possessor of a large fortune.

Mr. Travers married Miss Lilly Harrison, a sister of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr. The couple separated three years ago. Mrs. Travers going to Paris to live. Mr. Travers was an uncle of Mrs. Clarence Mackay. He had two sisters, Mrs. James Wadsworth, of Genesee, N. Y., and Mrs. Walter Gay, now living in Paris. Since his separation from his wife he had lived entirely alone, with the exception of his valet, Martin Moon.

When Mr. Travers arose this morning he appeared to be in excellent spirits, and after breakfast he went to his study and would not require his services during the day. Shortly after noon a maid found Mr. Travers lying dead on his bed with a revolver by his side. He had placed the muzzle of the weapon in his mouth and sent a bullet through his brain.

He left several letters all relating to business affairs and giving no clue to the cause of the suicide. Mr. Travers never engaged in any business except when, about six months ago, as an experiment, he became a partner in the banking-house of Hugh Eddy, the affairs of which, however, ended in failure. At that time, Mr. Travers, who was 49 years old, was a member of the Knickerbocker, the New York Athletic, the Tennis and Racket and many other clubs.

Leader in Newport Society. NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 25.—News of the death of William B. Travers caused great surprise here. Mr. Travers was well known here. He was prominent socially and in a business way in Newport for many years.

LAND OFFICE BUSINESS. Yields \$4,457,978 for Irrigation, Oregon Leading State.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Commissioner Richards, of the General Land Office, today forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior the annual report covering the fiscal year ending June 30 last. It shows that during the year 16,979,500 acres of the public lands and 72,446 acres of Indian lands were disposed of, the total exceeding that for 1904 by \$60,500 acres.

The public lands disposed of, 12,985,571 acres were entered under the homestead law, 696,677 under the timber and stone law, 11,124 under the desert land law, and 3,967 acres of swamp lands patented.

The receipts for the year, including those for the sale of Indian lands, were \$7,975,811. The patents issued numbered 31,984, as against 24,356 the preceding year. There were pending in the office July 1 last, 23,528 cases awaiting adjudication, a decrease of 36,941 from the number existing July 1, 1904.

Under the law the net proceeds of the public lands are covered into the Treasury for the benefit of the irrigation fund, and the total amount for the year to be disposed of is approximately \$4,457,978, to be distributed among the states and territories as follows: Arizona, \$7,449; California, \$28,533; Colorado, \$20,900; Idaho, \$370,273; Montana, \$200,612; Nevada, \$12,116; New Mexico, \$83,693; Oregon, \$675,325; Utah, \$406,717; Washington, \$222,202; Wyoming, \$234,962.

WHISKY RATES TOO HIGH. Liquor-Dealers Sue All Big Railroads Before Commission.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today set for hearing October 20 the case of the National Wholesale Liquor-dealers' Association of America against the Atchafalaya, Topoka & Santa Fe railroad and 30 other roads, including practically all of the principal lines in the United States. The complaint involves the freight charges on alcohol, high wines and spirits, and the rate on whisky from East and Middle West points to the Pacific Coast.

The charges on whisky exceed those on alcohol, high wines and spirits, most 50 cents per 100 pounds in less than carload lots, and 40 cents per 100 pounds in carload lots, both rates having been advanced in April, 1904. The complainants are seeking relief from the alleged discriminating rates.

CANNIBALS IN SOUTH SEA. Murder Traders and Roast and Eat Their Bodies.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 25.—News of a cannibal feast by blacks at Mallicolo was received by the boat Mowera. Two natives of Muskeline Island were trading when they were waylaid near Mallicolo by Kanakas. The men were slaughtered and their bodies carried to a coast village, where they were opened, a game and prepared for a feast. The bodies were placed in a native canoe, and as the murderers were leaving they incurred the suspicion of M. Vigoureux, a French trader. The natives told him they had killed some pigs, and the Frenchman, believing their story, allowed them to go. It subsequently transpired that several tribes were assembled and a feast on human flesh was held. White settlers learned of this, and under pressure the natives admitted they had roasted the bodies and devoured the arms and legs of the unfortunate men.

WILL RETURN TO CAPITAL. President's Vacation at Oyster Bay Ends Today.

OYSTER BAY, Sept. 25.—President Roosevelt spent the last day of his Summer sojourn at Sagamore Hill in preparation for his departure for Washington. After devoting a couple of hours to his official correspondence, he passed the remainder of the time about the house and grounds, giving directions as to their care. The President, Mrs. Roosevelt and their children will leave for Washington tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

COST LESS TO LIVE IN WINTER. Wilson Predicts Cheaper Food Result of Good Crops.

Today Portland Day

Travers, New York Millionaire, Found Dead.

RELATIVE OF VANDERBILT

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—William B. Travers, millionaire, man of leisure, son of the celebrated Wall-street operator, William A. Travers, committed suicide today by shooting himself through the head in the apartment of Madison avenue. The suicide is inexplicable, Mr. Travers being in the prime of life, in fair health and the possessor of a large fortune.

Mr. Travers married Miss Lilly Harrison, a sister of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr. The couple separated three years ago. Mrs. Travers going to Paris to live. Mr. Travers was an uncle of Mrs. Clarence Mackay. He had two sisters, Mrs. James Wadsworth, of Genesee, N. Y., and Mrs. Walter Gay, now living in Paris. Since his separation from his wife he had lived entirely alone, with the exception of his valet, Martin Moon.