STEAL THWARTED BY LAFOLLETTE

Daring Attempt Made to Sell Indians' Rich Coal Land Far Below Value.

OFFICIALS HAVE INTEREST

Relatives of Interior Department Men Said to Be Behind Scheme to Acquire Great Tracts From the Southern Indians.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.-(Special.)-Senator LaFollette, by a few quiet quesions in the committee on Indian affairs day, brought to light what appears to be one of the most gigantic steals ever practiced upon the Indian tribes. Under bill pending it is proposed to dispose of the coal lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians for some nominal sum estimated at \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000. These lands are really worth at least \$5,000,000. and will produce to the Indians, under the terms at which they are now leased,

The bill would have been recommended for passage today had not Mr. LaFollette asked the questions which brought to light the "nigger." Tomorrow it will be on for another hearing, and at that time, it is said by attorneys representing the indians, evidence will be produced to show that relatives of men high in the interior Department are interested in the leases of these lands.

The bill provides for the final disposition of the affairs of the five civilized ribes. The Choctaw and the Chickasaw tribes have about 250,000 acres of coal land, of which 107,000 acres are under lease. Under the amendments the land is to be sold, the value of the leased lands to be determined by appraisers, one to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, one by the majority of the lessees, and these to select a third, the lessees to have preference in opportunity to purchase at the appraised value. In making valuation the amendment provides that "sald appraisers shall not consider any increased value on the land caused improvements and developments placed thereon by said lessees. This land has been developed for twenty years, and the effect of this clause would be to cause the appraisement of the land practically at the value of 20 years ago.

Senator Clark, a member of the committee, said, when the valuation was made clear to him, that apparently a big fraud had been thwarted. He said the land in question is worth today \$50,000,000 and will double in value in 10 years.

The Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf Rail road is the present lessee of the land and would be the beneficiary under the bill, which now bids fair to die in committee. The railway attorneys have been lobbying for the bill for weeks, but the attorneys of the Indians have not been given a hearing. When they appeared before the committee last week they were told that they were too late, that they should have appeared before the committee when it had the Bill. Mr. LaFollette told the it had the Bill. Mr. LaFollette told the full committee today that he would insist on a full hearing being given to the Indians' attorneys.

CONFER ON WAGES TODAY

Committees of Anthracite Operators and Miners Assemble.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 .- The anthracite mine operators, including the presidents of the coal-carrying railroads and several independent operators, came to a general agreement today as to the policy they will pursue at the conference to be held on Thursday between themselves on the one hand and the president and other representatives of the United Mineworkers on the other. All the presidents of the anthracite roads and a number of independent operators are expected to be present, and about 15 of the miners' committee, Including President Mitchell. It is expected that the miners' commit-

tee will put forward its demands at the first meeting. The intention of the operators is then to adjourn the meeting in order to take time to consider their reply. The president of one road said to the Associated Press today that, while the operators knew their position, they will not reply hastily, but give due consideration to the demands of the union.

Must Strike or Back Down.

The operators' position, elicited by careful canvasa, is, as one president put it, such that "the miners will have to strike

"We do not propose," he said, "to ac-cede to their demands in any way, and don't see what else they can do but

It was stated that there are 6,000,000 tons of coal already mined, which might serve as a reserve fund, not 10,000,000, as has been stated. If a strike comes in March no serious hardship to the public will

ensue, but the operators say a strike in November would be another matter. Miners Prepare Demands.

The special scale committee of the anthracite mineworkers, numbering 36 men, tonight held its first meeting since comlong to New York, at which it took up the demands to be presented to the operators. The subcommittee, which has had charge of getting the grievances in shape for formal presentation to the employers, held an all-day session, but was unable to com-plete its work. In order to save time to-morrow, it was decided to call the full morrow, it was decided to call the full committee together tonight formally to go over the work that has been completed. Mr. Mitchell and the other members of the committee remain silent as to the exact nature of the denands to be made. It is understood, however, that the miners will put up a strong fight for a change in the methods of the board of concilia-The mineworkers are dissatisfied with the present method of settling diffi-culties, and say there always will be friction until another method is found. There is a growing belief that, if the operators will be liberal in granting concessions, the demand for the recognition of the union

Edward McKay, of Pittsburg, a National organizer in the miners' union, who was sent for by Mr. Mitchell for the purpose of discussing the situation in the Pitts-burg district, is ill in a Jersey City hosal. He was taken sick on a train on way to New York. His condition is

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All music lovers will want to attend. Price of admission \$1.00.

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We wish to call attention to our large stock of high-grade pianos. Here you find the Knabe, Everett, Hardman, Packard, Conover, Ludwig, Fischer, Smith & Barnes and many others. Our prices are conceded to be the lowest, considering quality, and our terms most reason-

Would be pleased to have you call and inspect our line.

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Corner Sixth and Morrison

will be able to leave the institution to

Strike at Two Coal Mines. SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 13 .- The miners and laborers at the two collieries of the Jermyn Coal Company at Rend-ham, near here, went on strike today. The men say the company has discriminated against them in reduction of wages, contrary to the award of the strike commission, and that the reduc-tion is an entering weage to a general cut in wages to be put into effect in the entire region before the award of the commission expires, on April 1. Twelve hundred men are involved.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Feb. 12.-Seven hundred employes of the Pittsburg Reduction Company went out on a sympathetic strike today, because of an order affecting eight heaters at the smelters.

PACKERS' TRIAL DRAGGING

Witnesses Give Details and Judge Tries to Hurry Lawyers.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.-But two witnesses were on the stand today in the packers' trial, both of them employes of Swift & Co. Their testimony was simply a re-bash of what others have told relative to the matter for which the agents of the Government seked at the offices of the packers and of how they received it. When court met pursuant to the noon adjournment, Judge Humphrey asked the attorneys if they could not agree to hold

BRIEF TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

rative outbreak has been beld practically in hand.

London.—Rev. R. C. Fillingham has been sentenced by a church court today to deprivation of his position as a ciergyman of the Church of England, unless within a fortnight a pologiese and promises to reform. He was ordained a Nonconformist in an unconscerated chapet, despite the commands of his histop, and got into a controversy with Bishop Potter, of New York, a year ago.

New York.—Though Thesday morning's papers amounce the death of Mrs. Maude Henry, x-wife of Arthur Henry, the author, who was taken unconscious from a Cincinnati sleeper yesterday, as having occurred at 1 o'clock Toesday morning. Mrs. Henry is still alive, and there are hopes of her recovery.

Chicago.—Fifteen men were arrested Monday in South Chicago in connection with the circulation of hundreds of forged pay checks of the lilinois Steel Company last Saturday. Eight of them will be held pending a further investigation. So far 150 forged checks have been found, ranging in amount from \$22\$ to \$150. The officials of the steel company believe that at least \$16,000 was lost.

New York.—Spencer F. Bidg, secretary of the United States Englasery at St. Petersdourg, and Yvette Guilbert, the French singer, arrived Tuesday on the steamer Kalser Wilhelm If from Bremen.

Chicago.—The police have been ordered to see that no boy or girl under 18 years of age

and Tverte Guilbert, the French singer, arrived Tuesday on the steamer Kalser Wilhelm II from Bremen.

Chicago.—The police have been ordered to see that no boy or girl under 18 years of age goes to a public dance unsattended by parents. Beginning Toursday the police will close all theaters where scenes of vice, degradation, and crime are depleted uniess the presentations are taken off the boards.

New York.—Joseph Arthur, the playwright, is seriously ill. An operation was apparently successful, and hope for the patient's recovery is expressed.

New York.—Five hundred newsboys fed by F. Adano Weeks at the Brace Memorial Homeon Lincoln's hirthday, received a letter from President Roosevelt and sent a telegram thanking him and pledging themselves to be good clitices. It was signed by Kid Betta, Line Adams. Sunny Jim, Kid Hiscott, and Canalson Lague. It was signed by Kid Betta, Line Adams. Sunny Jim, Kid Hiscott, and Canalson to the only mannes these boys themselves know.

Sait Lake City.—Fisher Harris, secretary of the executive committee of "See America League." left Monday night on a tour in the interest of the league. He will speak in a number of cities, beginning at Portland.

Joplin, Mc.—Charles L. Bianton, charged with complying in the location of Federal buildings, testifying in his defense on Tuesday, denied emphatically having any knowledge of money raised to influence the selection of sites in the several towns of Missouri and Arkansas.

Chicago.—G. W. Durphy, superintendent of

URBANA WINE CO'S GOLD SEAL



America's Favorite Champagne Derived from the

most luscious American grapes. Equals quality of French wineseosts only HALF as much.

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Stock-Reducing

Sale... Sixth-Street Annex-First Floor.

Smart, stylish shoes, in snappy styles, often prove irresistible temptations to enthusiastic department buyers who have an eye for the artistic in footwear, especially so when artistic beauty and matchless style are linked with QUALITY and surpassing wearing properties. Ofttimes such temptations cause the undoing of the most expert buyer, and with his succumbing to the siren voices of style and matchless values comes, generally, the overstocking of a department. Such is the condition of affairs today in the shoe store. And there is but one remedy.

IMMEDIATE REDUCTION OF STOCKS VIA THE ROUTE OF MERCILESS PRICE

We must turn the shoes into money—and at once. Starting today, we shall slaughter prices in a seemingly reckless way. The shoes which comprise this amazing offering are selected from our best lines—most desirable footspear, the result of expert judgment in choosing, and made on honor by makers of world-wide reputation for quality and fashion in workmanship.

1500 Pairs Women's Shoes \$1.98

All from our own peerless stocks-not factory discards, not shoes laid away by the makers in their "damage room" to be veneered over and sold cheap to people who "don't care"—but thoroughly good, new and stylish, absolutely perfect shoes. All wanted leathers are embraced, including patent kid and colt, vici kid, box calf and gunmetal leathers. Made up in welt and hand-turn soles, high or low heels, "swing" lasts or straight styles. An immense assortment, embracing about 25 distinct styles, all made up in splendid workmanship. Values up to

\$4.00 in Shoes for \$1.98

\$1.98 FOR WOMEN'S \$3.50 SHOES. Women's Dress Shoes, with patent vamps and mat tops, hand-turned soles and Cuban-dress-heeis, medium toe and extremely dressy last. All sizes and regular \$3,50 value for\$1.98

WOMEN'S \$3.50 SHOES FOR \$1.98. Women's patent colt Shoes, in lace styles, mat ealf tops, plain vamps, "no-tip"; Goodyear welt, high military heels, close edge, high arch last. A very smart Street

value......\$1.98 WOMEN'S FINE KID WALKING SHOES.

In lace style, with heavy soles and medi-um low heel, patent tip, medium exten-sion soles; very serviceable and of dressy appearance; all sizes and widths. A wonderful value at the special price of \$1.98

WOMEN'S PATENT STREET SHOES Dressy lace styles, made with heavy, dura-ble soles, medium extension effect, military heels, perforated vamp stitching, straight foxed. A stylish foot-fitting last.

Best \$3.50 values-special. \$1.98 WOMEN'S \$3.50 SHOES AT \$1.98. Fine black kid stock, with mat calf tops and patent tips, welt soles, "Blucher" cut, military heels and swing last, circle foxed. A very snappy style in an extremely comfortable shoe. \$1.98

WOMEN'S SLIPPERS AT \$1.19.

In patent and kid leathers; a big assortment, embracing every wanted style. Values to \$4.00 in this lot-\$1.19 INFANTS' SHOES FOR 35c.

500 pairs in this exceptional offering; but-ton and lace styles; choice of black or red leathers; sizes I to 6, and values to \$1.00-all go in at a choice

OUR "TWO-BIT" SHOE POLISH FOR 19c.

Choose from these 25c values during this sale for...... 19C

MEN'S SHOES FOR \$1.00 THE PAIR-LESS.

Take your pick from the best lines in the house-products of the leading factories in America, which means the world. No better shoemakers are known to the footwear world than Edwin Clapp & Son,

Fforsheim & Co. and Pingree Shoe Co. Shoes from all of these celebrated makers are included in this sale. The best shoes for men's wear in all the universe. Smartest styles and best for wear. Especially adapted for wear in the climatic conditions DURING THIS GREAT SPECIAL SALE

OF MEN'S SHOES

We	shall	sell	all	\$7.00	Shoes	at\$6.00
We	shall	sell	all	\$6.00	Shoes	at\$5.00
We	shall	sell	all	\$5.00	Shoes	at\$4.00
						at\$3.00

MEN'S \$5.00 SHOES \$2.49.

Men's fine footwear-Shoes made in all the leading styles and leathers that fashion favors. Shoes made up in the very best possible workmanship. Wonderful bargains. You pick from values up to \$5.00 in this lot-and you pay us but \$2.49 for the choice.

EVERY BOY ON EARTH SHOULD SHARE THESE BARGAINS.

Great Sale of Boys' Waists

First Floor.



Big Values at 29c, 49c and 69c

Boys' School Waists, blouse or shirtwaist styles, laundered or unlaundered, light or dark shades. Regular 50e and 65e values-

at.....29C Boys' "Mother's Friend" or blouse styles in pretty percale Waists for school wear; light, medium and dark shades in attractive patterns. Also a lot of pretty dressy Lawn Waists in Russian blouse and Fauntleroy styles, Regular 75c and 85c values—today at... 49C

Boys' Laundered Waists in pretty percales, light and medium shades, also white, in Russian blouse and Fauntleroy styles, prettily trimmed with embroidery. Regular \$1.00 to \$1.75 values - 69C special at.....

Valentines at Half Price

First Floor, In order to close our remaining stocks of these dainty love tokens, we shall offer choice of any and all that linger in the Valentine Shop today, at... HALF PRICE Regular prices ic to \$2, Wednesday, for... HALF

The Pretty New 1906 Embroideries are Here

FASCINATING EXPOSITION OF CHARM-ING ATTRACTIVENESS TO WOMEN. First Floor-See Fifth-Street Window Expos

Among the host of spic-span new things listed among the latest arrivais from Eastern fashionland, where our little army of buyers is diligently engaged in securing the best and newest creations for the store's patrons, handsome Embroideries have a prominent position. All the newest in handsome Swisses; uainsooks or cambrics in embroideries and insertions; hands and applique on linen or batiste. It's the prettiest styles that everybody wants. Why not get them? So many people tell us that the best styles that everybody wants. Why not get them? So many people tell us that the best styles and values are aiways here that we really have to believe them, for shoppers are disinterested and mighty apt to tell the truth. And they see ALL the stocks at ALL the stores. Their judgment must therefore be pretty near authority. Such being the case, this season our stocks will be a revelation, for they're bigger and handsomer than ever. By far the best in Portland. Why not get the best? We are ready to fill your orders for these dainty trimmings to undergarments, street or evening gowns or the baby's wardrobe. Suppose you come and see for yourself. Seeing is believing—if you're a doubter, come, and don't miss the window display. Especially note the state flower designs—the Oregon grape and California poppy.

vivid-new blues, plums, maroons, greens, coral, reseda and grays being most prominent. Coat styles and Blouse Jackets are also favored, and the three-quarter length retain a niche in public esteem among good dressers. Most favored materials are broadcloth and tweedish mixtures. A wide range of prices among

The Suits -- \$15.00 to \$75.00 CIRCULAR SKIRTS are most in vogue. In the new showings you'll note many light plaids and smart mannish mixtures in tweedish effects. "Smoked plaids" are "hot" favoritės. Many new black Panamas in trig walking length. Price choosing on Skirts allows. \$3.50 to \$28.50

The styles are those that will predominate-revelations of beauty. In suits, Eton and

Pony effects are most popular among smart Eastern style leaders. Colors are most

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Authoritative Spring

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Correct Apparel

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Grand Salons-Second Floor.

KING'S. The entire second main floor given over to

the surpassing exposition; the largest department on

the Pacific Coast entirely devoted to women's smart

and stylish garments. A department having twice the

number of needed helpers and selling more than twice

the number of garments of any other in Portland. And

the great salons are full to overflowing with the newest

from the world of fashion, ready for her votaries to

select. Apparel seen at this store is neither the un-

sanctioned extreme in newness-that soon passes out-

nor the commonplace-but always the MODE. These

days are days of information-and will show to those

who come and look the many radical changes in dress

that are correctly new for the Spring of 1906. These days at OLDS, WORTMAN & KING'S are days for

seeing-for shopping-and for economies worth while.

Many price surprises await early buyers of the new SUITS, JACKETS, SKIRTS and handsome WAISTS.

First general showing at OLDS, WORTMAN &

Fancy Leather Belts

for Half

Leather Goods Aisle, First Floor

New Spring Jackets

Are being shown mainly in Coverts, fashioned in tight-fitting models, boxy effects and jaunty "Pony" styles. Some blacks are shown among the latest creations, these latter being in the tight-fitting effects. Wide choosing as to price \$5 to \$50 -cach the best at its respective value.

The Benevolent Fund Contest Closes: The Final Result

A BRIEF RESUME

Pursuant to the usual custom of the OLDS, WORTMAN & KING Store, at the close of each fiscal year-which occurs on the 10th of February-it will distribute an amount of money among the charitable institutions or organizations of Portland, known as its annual "Benevolent Fund." The amount of business done by the house the past year being considerably larger than in any previous year, the firm decided to increase its contribution to charity in proportion to the business prosperity accorded it by the public. And as that same public was the great factor in bringing to the store that generous increase, for which it is earnestly and sincerely grateful, its guiding powers decided to ask the people to direct as to how and in what proportion its fund for charity should be divided. \$2500.00 was set aside as the donation, to be divided in 15 parts, as follows: To the charity receiving the greatest number of votes, \$750.00; to the one receiving the next greatest, \$500.00; to the organization receiving the third largest, \$300.00: to the fourth, \$200.00, and to the fifth, \$125.00. To the next five, each \$75.00, and to the five others next in order, \$50.00 each, the grand total aggregating the lump sum of \$2500.00. The contest was first announced on Sunday, November 12, and the voting started the next morning, Monday, November 13, ending on Saturday last at closing time-6 P. M. Tremendous interest was aroused from the start and increased with the days. As the close drew near it came to fever heat, and many people, faithful and loval each to his or her favorite charity, worked day and night, expending their time, energy and every resource in gathering the votes. Over 200,000 votes came in on the last day of the contest, and our counters were snowed under. With an added force we took up the task of making the last count Monday morning, finishing at 5 P. M. Up to almost the last moment first and second choice were in doubt. Last packages of votes were opened and the following result ascertained. To those who took such a great interest in the plan of division of the store's benevolent fund and made the contest so interesting, we are indeed grateful. To the great public we desire to express our thanks for approval and support, and to these gentlemanly and accommodating representatives of the local daily press who gave their valuable time and services gratis-Mr. Milburn. of the Oregonian; Mr. Hoffman, of the Journal, and Mr. Lee Hynson, of The Telegram -as final examiners and judges of the careful methods and exact accuracy employed in the conduct of the entire contest, and in obtaining of the result appended below, we wish to express our cordial and sincere thanks. We thank you all, and in return we can almost hear you say to the store-"A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR."

FINAL RESULT IN THE BENEVOLENT FUND VOTING CONTEST:

St. Vincent's Hospital227,641	
Fruit and Flower Mission225,061	
Patton Home	
Orittenton Home	
Salvation Army	
People's Institute 63,807	
Baby Home 60,256	
Mt. St. Joseph's Home for the Aged 50,070	
Good Samaritan Hospital 43,328	
Old Ladies Home 20,757	

Volunteers of America 12,952 Open Air Fund 10,560 King's Daughters of Marshall-Street Church 8,264 Children's Home 7,609 Boys' and Girls' Aid Society 5,998 Scattering 25,728

A Pascinating "Rummage Sale" of

Jewelry Pieces First Floor-Sixth-Street Annex.

To clean up on a lot of Odds and Ends that accumulated during our busy holiday and clearance sales, we have placed on sale some very interesting bargains for our Jewelry Store patrons. These Odds and Ends are comprised of Stick Pins, Beauty Pins, Brooches, Hat Pins, Link Buttons, etc. The articles are divided into two lots: LOT 1-Take your choice at, each 5e LOT 2-Take your choice at, each 10c

2'c BEAUTY PINS FOR 15c.

Men's Bargains

First Floor Annex-Sixth Street.

MEN'S 'KERCHIEFS AND FOUR-IN-HANDS Rousing bargains for men patrons. A new line of Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched in % and %-inch effects-best new and handsome line of Silk Four-in-Hands-a grand value at the usual acc

MEN'S 75c UNDERGARMENTS 40c.

new line, elastic ribbed, nicely fleeced, French neck and ribbon front on shirts; drawers have sateen facings, ribbed ank-

MEN'S 20e HALF HOSE 10e PAIR.

Black Cotton Hose, two lots, scamless, with white feet or heavy "Lasher" patent make —best 20c values; special......10c

ville, III., when he discovered the latter in the company of Mrs. Durphy, was released Toesday in \$10,000. Mrs. Durphy was put under bond en a charge of discovery conduct. Padheld is in the Chicago Emergency Hospital suffering from two builet wounds, neither of which is serious.

Nashville, Tenn.—The capital stock of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company has been increased from \$22,248,000 to \$30,000,000.

Publishing Company was ended Tuesday by the resignation of John Temple Graves as editor and the dismissal of certain court pro-ceedings.

Rulo, Neb.—Government rip rap work cost-

penship."

Denver—The Colorado & Southern Railroad shops were destroyed by fire Tuesday, which started in the varnish department, Loss estimated at \$200,000.

New Tork.—Wellace Pickens, a consulting engineer in the service of the Panama Canal Commission, suddenly became violently incare Tuesday and threatened Dr. George Woolsey, of Believue Hospital. He was locked up. He returned from Panama only

Sandusky, O.—John J. Each, secretary of the local aerie of Eagles, convicted of em-bezzlement, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary Tuesday. Each until re-cently was a prominent merchant.

missed from the Army and Burbank is given 15 months, Lewis 18 months in prison. New York—A group of well-known New York men will establish in this city a theater to foster and develop dramatic art. The Isle of Pines treaty was taken up by the Senate in executive session. It was read formally and will be discussed at the next executive session.

The President approved the sentences of the courts-martial on Lieutenant S. S. Burbank, charged with falsebood in regard to marriage with a Filipine woman and with