

CHARLES WATSON CONFESSES GUILT

Admits Perjury in Homestead Proof and Implicates C. B. Zachary.

NEVER LIVED ON HIS CLAIM

Also Declares That He Had Made Agreement to Sell the Land to Zachary for Butte Creek Land Company.

FEATURES OF WATSON'S CONFESSION.

Charles A. Watson filed a homestead entry January 4, 1898, for a 160-acre tract of land on Butte Creek, Wheeler County, Oregon. He made final proof June 23, 1904, alleging continuous residence on the claim and that he had substantially improved. Coe D. Barnard and Clarence B. ("Cam") Zachary were the witnesses to his final proof, each testifying before United States Commissioner James A. Stewart that Watson had resided continuously on the land, and that a cabin well equipped for living purposes existed there. Watson and his witnesses were indicted on February 8, 1905, by the federal grand jury on a charge of perjury, and in the two trials preceding the Zachary case both Watson and Barnard were found guilty by a jury in Judge Hunt's court.

Yesterday Watson created a profound sensation in court by taking the witness stand for the Government during the trial of Zachary and confessing his share in the fraudulent transaction.

The feature of Watson's confession was the admission that he never slept a night in the cabin, and that he was never in the Fossil country from July, 1899, to May, 1903, when he was supposed to have been residing continuously on his claim; also that he had made an agreement to sell the land to Zachary for the Butte Creek Land, Livestock & Lumber Company.

With faltering voice and trembling lips, and eyes that looked timidly at frequent intervals in the direction of Clarence B. Zachary, the co-defendant in the Butte Creek case, Charles A. Watson, convicted of perjury in having made a fraudulent homestead entry upon a tract of land in the big pasture of the Butte Creek Land, Livestock & Lumber Company, in Wheeler County, yesterday afternoon made a complete confession of his complicity in the matter, corroborating the Government witnesses who had previously testified in every essential particular.

Ever since last Tuesday morning Clarence B. Zachary, general manager of the big corporation that dominates the social and political destinies of Wheeler County, has been on trial before a jury in the United States court here on an indictment charging him with perjury in having testified falsely to the final proof in the homestead entry of the Butte Creek claim.

Watson was called merely to identify the signature of Zachary to the final proof, while ex-Special Agent Loomis told about his trips to the Fossil country for the purpose of investigating the alleged illegal fencing of public lands by the Butte Creek Land, Livestock & Lumber Co.

Rings gave evidence connecting Zachary with the scheme of driving all stock out of the illegal enclosure, and testified that upon one occasion he had seen the defendant driving out band of horses, a portion of which belonged to witnesses. The rest were owned by settlers thereabouts in this case.

At the close of Watson's confession, when asked if he intended to introduce evidence to refute the testimony of the Government witnesses, Judge Bennett replied that he would have to take time to consider the matter, but thought that he would not. It is believed the case will go to the jury early this afternoon.

In view of the fact that Judge Hunt was averse to having the jury in the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve was tied up any longer than possible, Judge Bennett yesterday morning decided, after consultation with Mr. Heney and W. D. Fenwick, United States District Attorney, to take a fresh start on Monday morning, and the case went over until then.

At first it was feared he could not recover, but he was resting easy at last accounts and hopes were entertained that he would recover. The doctor expects to be able to make a more thorough examination of the boy's injuries today. The boy is about 7 years old.

Watson's confession was substantially as follows:

"In 1898 I was living in Wheeler County, having gone there from the Willamette Valley some time previously. My folks were residing near Greenville, Washington County. I had often been up in Wheeler County while my folks were living at Greenville.

"In that year I filed on a homestead claim. Before doing so I had a talk with Zachary, the substance of our conversation being that he wanted me to take up a claim on the creek because the land would be more valuable than on the hill. There was nothing said about fencing at that time. That was all the vacant land left on the creek between Mettrea's and Zachary's places. I was stopping with the latter at the time. He went with me to Hendricks's office, and the description of the tract he wanted was obtained from a Government plat in Mr. Hendricks's office.

"I never paid the filing fees. After filing, I continued to live at Zachary's place for a little while, and Zachary told me he would put a cabin on the land. There was nothing said about any fence at that time. The tract was going to be fenced. The purpose of the fence was to enclose the pasture around the three ranches.

"At the time I filed there was no fence on the place. My claim was located in Brush Hollow. From Zachary's I went to Lone Rock and worked for Neal. Was there a month or so. Then worked for George Perry, near Neal's ranch, about two weeks, returning to the Fossil country and stopping at Zachary's probably two months.

"Never Slept in His Cabin.

"I think there was a cabin on my claim then. I went by it a number of times, but did not stop over night in the cabin—not if I know myself. I was inside the cabin lots of times, and might have slept there, but I did not. I was on the floor, but that was about all.

"In 1902 I went to work for Coe D. Barnard. I saw Zachary a few times while I was working for him. He told me something about my claim. It is difficult to tell just what our conversation was about, but it seems to me he asked me if I was working for Coe Barnard at the time. I told him I did not know whether I was or not, and to the best of my recollection he said I had been on the claim and as much as anybody around there.

POLICE LOOKING FOR HIGH ROLLER

J. H. Drinkwater Gives Doubtful Checks in Payment for Auto Rides.

PAINTS TOWN ROSY RED

Young Man of Luxurious Tastes Claims to Be Son of Canadian Pacific Railway Magnate.

Baggage at the Imperial.

Portland men who keep automobiles for hire are shaking in their shoes while J. H. Drinkwater, claiming to be a son of General Manager Drinkwater of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, is using their machines day and night for his own and the pleasure of others, and issuing what are said to be doubtful checks in payment. Drinkwater, although bearing a strictly temperate name, has succeeded in painting the city and its suburbs a brilliant carmine during his short stay in Portland, and the authorities and his creditors are wondering whether he is the real thing or merely an imitation.

To end their anxiety in the matter and make the young high-roller come from under cover, a complaint was sworn to before District Attorney Manning yesterday by C. H. Snyder, a salesman for the Covey & Cook Automobile Company, charging the alleged son of the railway magnate with larceny. A warrant was issued for his arrest and detectives and policemen have been instructed to arrest him.

So far Drinkwater has escaped the clutches of the police and some believe that he has left the city. Others believe that Drinkwater is the real thing and say that his checks are as good as if signed by John D. Rockefeller.

Drinkwater has apartments at the Imperial Hotel, but has not made them his headquarters. His belongings were at the hotel last night and his name was still on the register. The management believes that he is still in the city. The hotel people, however, are as much worried about the standing of Drinkwater as are the automobile men, and yesterday a telegram was sent to Montreal to the head office of the Canadian Pacific to learn whether or not the young man is the son of the railway magnate. Nothing has been heard from Montreal so far.

If it were not for Drinkwater's automobile riding proclivities he would not be under the ban of the law. One spin at a time is not enough for the young man. He rents a machine by the day or the night for himself and friends and causes the roadhouses and taverns to sit up and take notice. His automobile bills alone have been between \$40 and \$110 a day. Drinkwater pays on the check system, which was perfectly satisfactory until the checks were presented for payment. His paper was then held by the bank for collection and the auto men are still waiting for their money.

Covey & Cook have a check for \$110, Alex Smith of the Imperial Hotel has one for \$45, the Claremont tavern has one

COOS BAY IMPROVEMENT

Harbor Improvement Petition Signed by Leading Business Men.

WHOLE STATE INTERESTED

North Bend Citizens Circulating Paper to Secure Signatures in Many Communities—Visit Portland in Interest of Work.

MAY HE HOLD TWO OFFICES

Wharfed, Coos Bay is the best harbor between the Columbia River and San Francisco Bay and according to the United States engineer's report can be improved with the expenditure of only \$1,000,000. The improvement of the harbor is of great importance to the business of the coast, and the citizens of Coos Bay are circulating a paper to secure signatures in many communities in the state in interest of the work.

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STRAP SAVES HIS LIFE

Bit of Leather Prevents Lineman From Being Electrocutd.

MAY HE HOLD TWO OFFICES

St. Johns Mayor Is Also Serving as Postmaster.

BOY CRUSHED UNDER LOG

The 15-year-old son of H. O. Nelms, of the Star Brewery Company, at the corner of East Third and Burnside streets, was accidentally killed at Long Beach Wednesday evening by a log rolling over him. Mr. Nelms left yesterday morning for Long Beach.

The first information was that the boy had been drowned, but this was corrected by a telegraphic dispatch to Mr. Nelms yesterday morning. The boy had been staying at the beach for some time. The father is expected home with the body today.

COLLINS CHILDREN REFUSE TO RETURN TO SQUALID HOME

THIS PICTURE, TAKEN YESTERDAY AT THE BOYS' AND GIRLS AID SOCIETY HOME, SHOWS THE COLLINS CHILDREN AS THEY NOW APPEAR.

CRUSHED BETWEEN LOGS

Little Boy Seriously Injured While Swimming in River.

MILWAUKEE COUNTRY CLUB

The four children of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Collins, of Tygh Valley, who were brought to the Receiving Home of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, East Thirtieth and Hoyt streets, for the reason that the agent of the society found that "they were being brought up in provisions and squalor," are still at the home, but would now hardly be recognized as the same children.

Collins, the father, very bitterly resents the interference on the part of the agent and scores him severely, but the court awarded the society the custody of the children, at the Dalles, after hearing evidence in the case, with the understanding that if in two months the parents would build a new house, clean up the surroundings and make provisions for the proper education of their four children they should be returned to them.

So far as reported these conditions have not been complied with, although the neighbors have offered to assist them in fixing up their premises. The mother up to recently had been in Portland, but has now returned to her home.

According to Superintendent W. T. Gardner, the four children have greatly improved since they came to the Receiving Home. The children are: McKinley, 12 years old; Thomas, 10 years old; Pauly, 9 years, and Mark, 5 years old. They are bright children and have enjoyed their stay in their clean and comfortable surroundings, and express no wish to go back to their Tygh Valley home.

Superintendent Gardner would be glad if the parents would comply with the conditions under which the court turned them over to the Aid Society, so they could safely return them to their parents, but it is now considered improbable that they will do this. It is quite certain that these children will not be sent back to the Tygh Valley home unless the conditions there are vastly improved over what the agent says he found, and which the evidence in the court showed them to be.

Thousands of Women ARE MADE WELL AND STRONG

Success of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Rests Upon the Fact that It Really Does Make Sick Women Well.

Fainted and Was Drowned

Gold Visible to the Eye

IF BABY IS CUTTING TEETH

Thousands upon thousands of American women have been restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Their letters are on file in Mrs. Pinkham's office, and prove this statement to be a fact and not a mere boast.

Overshadowing indeed is the success of this great medicine, and compared with it all other medicines and treatment for women are experiments.

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Why has it lived and thrived and done its glorious work for a quarter of a century?

Simply and surely because of its sterling worth. The reason no other medicine has even approached it is because it is plainly and positively because there is no other medicine in the world so good for women's ills.

The wonderful power of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound over the diseases of womanhood is not because it is a stimulant—no, because it is a palliative, but simply because it is the most wonderful tonic and restorer ever discovered to act directly upon the female system, positively curing disease and displacements and restoring health and vigor.

Marvellous cures are reported from all parts of the country by women who have been cured, trained nurses who have witnessed cures and physicians who have recognized the virtue in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and are fair enough to give credits where it is due. If physicians dared to be frank and open, hundreds of them would acknowledge that they constantly prescribe Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in severe cases of female ills, as they know by experience that it will effect a cure.

Women who are troubled with painful or irregular periods, backache, bloating (or flatulence), weakness, displacements, inflammation, ulceration, that "bearing-down" feeling, dizziness, faintness, indigestion, nervous prostration or the blues, should take immediate action to ward off the serious consequences, and be restored to health and strength by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Any way write to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for advice. It's free and always reliable.

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