HIRED VETERANS AT $300 A HEAD

Land Locator Tells How Cattlemen Acquire Government Land.

ALL AGREE TO SELL CLAIMS

Nebraska Landgrabbers Shown to Be on Par With Oregon Brand in Contempt for Law and Oaths.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 30.—An effort will be made today by the defense in the Richards-Comstock land fraud trial in the United States District Court to discredit one of the Government witnesses, Irving D. Hull, who announced himself as a professional land locator. It was claimed by the defense that Hull's testimony was given in exchange for his immunity from prosecution on charges in connection with the land fraud cases. Hull admitted having been arrested and bound over to the grand jury by a United States Commissioner, but said no indictment was found against him and that he was not promised immunity.

Hull's testimony developed an agreement between himself and Thomas M. Huntington to secure soldiers' filings. The soldiers were to be given $300 for their land after having proved up. Preparatory to final proof they were to lease the land to Comstock, and Huntington was to get $100 for each lease, and out of this $100 the expenses and improvements were to be paid. When final proof was completed the consideration for each section was to be $900. Three hundred dollars of this was to go to the soldier and the other $300, which included the lease money, was to be divided between Huntington and James Hull, a brother of the witness.

Hull testified to meeting Huntington at Norfolf about the middle of June, 1899. He said: "We talked about securing old soldiers to file on government land. He wanted me to get all I could and have the men on the land the day the Kinkaid law went into effect. He said arrangements had been made whereby he could place all the filings he could get. He preferred soldiers who had the longest service in the army, because they could prove up soonest. He said he had a talk with my brother, James C. Hull, a few days before, and, I being an old soldier, thought I would get other old soldiers to file better than he. He had a man named Comstock who could place filings. He agreed that the soldiers were to go out to the land, make a lease of it, and when it was made out he would pay $100, the filing expenses to be taken out of the lease money and the balance of the proceeds of the $100 would go to Huntington and my brother.

"The lessees were to put the improvements on the land. I was to tell our men that, when they proved up, they were to get $300 for the land. There was a perfect understanding that, when they proved up, they were to sell the land for $900. Huntington said that he had seen Comstock and made arrangements for these filings, and would take all he could get, and we would make lots of money out of the deal.

"I then went to Iowa and got all the declaratory statements I could at Logan, Missouri Valley and Magnolia, twenty in number, and sent them to Huntington by registered letter. I paid the expense of the entrymen out to Gordon, but the hotel expenses were paid by some one else. I was afterward reimbursed for the expense I had advanced. I took a number of soldiers down from Gordon to file."

In cross-examination the defense tried to develop a motive for Hull's testimony.

James C. Hull of Gordon, Neb., followed, his testimony in the main corroborating that of his brother.

"THE" ALLEN DENIES IT

Not Interested in Gambling and Bribed No Policemen.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—"The" Allen, whose home was recently raided under orders from the District Attorney's office, today gave out a statement, in which he denies that he has had any interest in games of chance or made a confession implicating the police. During the raid the police seized letters, which, it was hinted, might develop a scandal in the police department.

"I have made no confession," says Allen, "nor have I any confession to make. Acting on the advice of my counsel, I went to the office of the District Attorney and met Mr. Jerome, who treated me with consideration, but I made no statement to him whatever.

"I have never paid any money to a police official or to any politician for protection. Only twice in my entire career have I contributed to a campaign fund; the first time was a good many years ago, when I took $50,000 down to Thurlow Weed as a campaign contribution to aid the election of President Abraham Lincoln. The only other contribution to a campaign fund that I made was to help elect William Travers Jerome District Attorney for the second time, for the reason that I believed he would enforce the law without fear or favor."

MANY COMMEND ACTION

President Receives Messages Approving Discharge of Negroes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Scores of telegrams and letters have been received by President Roosevelt commending his course in dismissing without honor the members of three companies of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, some of whom were engaged in the trouble at Brownsville, Tex. They come mostly from the North and include many of the persons who served as officers and privates during the Civil War and who have served with negro troops.

It is expected that, as a result of the criticisms of the President which have been made, a resolution will be introduced in Congress calling for all the information in the War Department together with the President's action in the case. Meanwhile any further statement from the President on the case is said at the White House to be very unlikely.

NEARLY REGAINS LIBERTY

Fred Nelson Suspected of Theft Gives Police the Slip.

While being held prisoner at police headquarters yesterday afternoon, Fred Nelson left the seat he was occupying behind the Captain's desk, walked slowly to the Oak-street door and then made a dash for liberty. His absence from the station was not noticed and he would have made good his escape had he not encountered Acting Detective Tichenor, who had arrested him and who had gone out to secure some one to identify his prisoner as a petty larcenist.

"Where are you going?" asked Tichenor, as he laid hold of Nelson, alias Roberts.

"I got tired of waiting and walked out," returned the prisoner.

"Well, you get back as fast as you can," said Tichenor, and he started to lead Nelson to headquarters.

"If I was fixed as I ought to be, I'd kill you on the spot," growled Nelson, savagely.

From Nelson's appearance and actions, the police at once concluded that he was a dangerous character and last evening he was identified by Detective Hellyer as an ex-convict from the Walla Walla, Wash., penitentiary. He had just served a term for burglary, committed in Tacoma. When confronted with the facts, he broke down and admitted that he was in the penitentiary under the name of Roberts.

Nelson is now lodged in the City Jail on a charge of stealing a suit case from a Pullman car conductor at the Union Depot. Tichenor saw Nelson carrying a suit case and as he answered the description given, he was taken into custody on suspicion.

Three black cravats and a silver soap case found in Nelson's possession were identified as having been stolen from the Pullman conductor.

CZAR HOT AFTER GURKO

WILL NOT RISK WHITEWASHING OF FAMINE GRAFTER.

Exposure Aggravates Suffering, but Facts Grow Worse as Stolypin Pushes Inquiry.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 30.—As a result of the investigation which the press campaign and public indignation have compelled the ministry to make into the Lidval contract for the purchase of grain intended for famine relief, in which Assistant Minister of the Interior Gurko is alleged to be involved, the sufferings of the stricken population of the Volga provinces have been greatly augmented. On account of the disappearance of Lidval, the chief grain buyer, in the face of threatened proceedings, the purchase and shipment of the sorely needed grain have been suspended, and considerable time must elapse before new contracts can be drawn up.

Further disclosures increase the gravity of M. Gurko's action in awarding the contract to Lidval. Governor Alexandrovski, of Penza Province, who has been mentioned as one of Lidval's sponsors, says he never heard of the man until he received orders, through M. Gurko's department, to purchase grain only through Lidval. It also developed that the profits of the deal were even greater than at first supposed.

The Zemstvo convention of the neighboring province of Tula was able to purchase grain for 6 1-3 cents per bushel below Lidval's contract price, equivalent to over $400,000 on the whole contract.

Princes Gavoff and Orbelinani, representing the Zemstvo bureau of famine relief, who had just returned to Moscow from a trip through the famine-stricken province, report that the situation is even worse than described in the earlier accounts. Sickness follows in the track of the famine. An epidemic of scurvy has broken out in the Kolfsk district of Saratov province, and in the absence of the needed food and medicine, is spreading widely.

While there is a large accumulation of coal at the Donetz mines, the railroads are not moving it, and in consequence, the mines have shut down. It is feared that the lack of coal may lead to a suspension of work in the factories and great distress in several of the manufacturing districts.

Controller Schwanebach, who is head of the inter-Ministerial committee appointed to inquire into the grain scandal, went to Tsarskoe-Selo tonight to lay the matter before the Emperor and obtain instructions.

The removal of M. Gurko, if found necessary, will hamper the execution of the administration's agrarian programme, as he is the author of the great mass of the agrarian legislation already promulgated, and was charged with the preparation of projects to be submitted to Parliament.

The composition of the Gurko investigation commission has been changed. It will not be composed of members of the Ministry, as first announced, but the members will be selected from dignitaries of high rank and men in public life independent of the government. This step is made in order to minimize the possibility of a whitewashing verdict. The Emperor has said that this investigation must be conducted without delay.

LET TIME PROVE HIM RIGHT

Heyburn Will Not Devote Session to Fight on Forest Reserves.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.—Senator Heyburn said today in regard to the statement in the press that he would oppose the President's forestry policy at the approaching session of Congress:

"While my views in regard to the forest reserve policy of the administration have not changed, and I intend to pursue a constant course of opposition, I fully realize that the administration is committed to it, and that it would be futile to attempt to reform the ideas of the administration on that subject. I shall reserve my efforts to change the present policy until such time in the future as shall appear more opportune, on the theory that the way to secure the modification of a bad law is to enforce it.

"Statements recently sent out tend to create the impression that I expect to devote my time during the approaching session to antagonizing the administration on the forest reserve question but such is not the case. I have a number of important questions deserving special consideration that will fully occupy my time."

TOMMY BURNS ISSUES DEFI

Posts Forfeit to Stop "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 30.—Tommy Burns, of this city, who fought "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien 20 rounds to a draw before the Pacific Athletic Club, last Wednesday night, today posted a $1000 certified check as a forfeit with a local sporting editor, agreeing to stop O'Brien, if the latter would agree to a return match.

The only stipulated condition was that there was to be a $5000 side bet. The fight would be held before the club offering the largest purse.

How to Cure a Cold.

The question of how to cure a cold without unnecessary loss of time is one in which we are all more or less interested, for the quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger of pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. L. Hall, of Waverly, Va., has used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for years and says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds. I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by all druggists.

THEY TURN ON SHEA

Enemies in Teamsters' Union Will Aid Conviction.

DRAMATIC SCENE IN COURT

Leader of Great Strike Taken by Surprise When Others Accused Plead Guilty and Turn State's Evidence.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—The dissensions which for the last year have prevailed in the ranks of the teamsters' union here today were carried into the trial of Cornelius P. Shea, who, in company with 16 other men, is on trial for alleged conspiracy in connection with the great teamsters' strike of June, 1905. Albert Young, former president of the teamsters' union; William Kelly, business agent of the coal teamsters' union, and William Murphy, said to have been a member of the wrecking crew during the strike, withdrew their pleas of not guilty and entered pleas of guilty. All of the men declared their intention of turning state's evidence.

The incident caused great excitement in the courtroom and took the other defendants completely by surprise. Shea and Young had for years been close friends and had worked through a number of strikes side by side. Since the last convention of the teamsters' union, however, they have been opposed to each other.

Great Shock to Shea.

As soon as court opened today Attorney Leroy Brown, who has not previously appeared in the case, addressed Judge Ball, saying:

"Your honor, I desire to give notice that I herewith enter my appearance as counsel for the following named defendants in this case:

"Albert Young, Willam Kelly and Michael Murphy."

The attorneys for the defense showed their surprise at this announcement, and a moment later, when it was announced that all three men desired to enter pleas of guilty, they were for a time taken completely aback. President Shea turned in his chair and stared fiercely at Young, who returned his look with an indifferent stare. The statement was then made by Attorney Brown that his clients desired to turn state's evidence.

The attorneys for the defense then informed the court that they demanded the right of reopening the examination of the jurors in order to question the jurors regarding their acquaintance with Attorney Brown. The court overruled them and an exception was taken by the defense and granted.

Outgrowth of Feud.

The trouble between Albert Young and Cornelius P. Shea resulted from the effort made by the former to secure the presidency of the International Teamsters' Union. He represented an element in the union that was opposed to Shea and dissatisfied with his methods of conducting the Chicago strike. Shea was re-elected and Young then organized a rival organization, which is known as the United Teamsters of America. Since the creation of the latter body there has been bitter strife between teamsters and assaults and fights on the streets have occurred.

When court convened in the afternoon the defense renewed its efforts to obtain a delay. It was declared by the attorneys for the defense that the action of Young, Kelley, Murphy and Schultz in changing their pleas had so taken the defense by surprise that it was impossible for the defense to proceed. Judge Ball overruled the request for the defense and ordered the trial to proceed. The afternoon was taken up by Assistant State's Attorney Miller, who outlined the case of the state.

SHERIFF SEEKS PROMOTER

LYMAN OF GOLDFIELD ACCUSED OF SWINDLING.

Chicago Man Says He Misrepresented Mining Stock and Causes Arrest of Secretary.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Nov. 30.—Dr. J. G. Lyman, a promoter lately operating under the name of the Union Securities Company of Goldfield, Chicago, New York and elsewhere, is being sought by the Sheriff's office of Esmeralda County, Nevada, because of charges brought against him by B. F. Sheffles, of Chicago. Dr. Lyman's office is in possession of the authorities and his secretary, E. H. Lattimere, is under arrest.

Sheffles, in his complaint, alleges that he was induced to buy a large amount of stock in the Boston & Greenwater Mining Company through misrepresentation, the amount of money named in the affidavit being $3250. Lyman is now supposed to be in Pasadena, Cal., and a warrant has been sent there for service.

Lattimere, who was arrested here today and placed under $1500 bond, says that he is an innocent party, as he was employed in the office simply in a clerical capacity, and, although secretary of the company, acted as such only in a perfunctory capacity.

ELKS' LODGE OF SORROW

Public Invited to Attend Memorial to Absent Brothers.

The public is invited to attend the exercises of the annual memorial service in honor of the "absent brothers" at Elks' Hall, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The memorial committee completed its plans for the programme yesterday. It is desired that all members of the order, as well as members of other lodges, assemble in the Elks' clubrooms, in the lodge building, at Seventh and Stark streets, at 1 o'clock, whence they will march upstairs in a body at the time of the opening of the services.

Dr. B. E. S. Ely, pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, will deliver the annual address, while Ralph E. Moody has been selected as eulogist.

Since the organization of the local lodge in 1890, 79 members have passed away. During the last year 13 members died, which is the largest number in one year in the history of the lodge. The programme:

Marcot Funebre, from Eroica Symphony (Beethoven), orchestra direction, Waldemar Lind.

Opening ritualistic exercises, Portland Lodge, No. 142, B. P. O. E.

Roll call of "Our Absent Brothers," secretary of lodge.

Andante Religioso (Thorne), Orchestra.

Opening ode—Air "Auld Lang Syne," audience to join.

Prayer (from ritual), chaplain of lodge.

Quartet, "Until the Day Breaks" (Gounod-Vogrich), Mrs. May Dearborn Schwab, Miss Ethel M. Shea, Arthur L. Alexander, W. A. Montgomery.

Address, Rev. B. E. S. Ely, Jr., D. D.

Soprano solo, "Alone With God" (Abbott), Mrs. May Dearborn Schwab.

Eulogy, Brother R. E. Moody, Portland Lodge, 142.

Contralto solo, "Come Unto Me" (Lindsay), Miss Ethel M. Shea.

Closing ritualistic exercises by the lodge.

Quartet, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (Schnecker), Mrs. Schwab, Miss Shea, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Montgomery.

Violin obligato, Mr. Lind.

Doxology, audience to join.

Benediction, Rev. B. E. S. Ely, Jr., D. D.

"Hymn to the Sun," from "Iris" (Mascagni), orchestra.

Accompanists, Mr. Denton, Mr. Alexander.

FRED SHEPHERD IS HANGED

MURDERED EMPLOYER AND ASSAULTED HIS WIFE.

Crook County Prisoner Goes to the Gallows With a Smile on His Face and Light Words on His Lips.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—Fred A. Shepherd was hanged at the state penitentiary today for the murder of Ben Zell, in Crook County, last September. This was one of the speediest administrations of capital punishment ever conducted in Oregon, the crime having been committed but a little over two months ago. Shepherd went to the gallows with unfaltering steps, repeated the religious rites of the Roman Catholic Church in a clear voice and stood without flinching upon the drop while the straps and rope were being adjusted. He made only a short statement before the execution, merely acknowledging the crime, which, in fact, he has never denied since his trial. His neck was broken by the fall and he died without a struggle.

After being dressed for the execution Shepherd tied a gaudy red silk handkerchief around his neck "to make him look pretty," and then wanted his picture taken. His wish was gratified and at his request a picture will be sent to his mother. While posing for the picture he tipped his hat back on his head in a careless fashion and assumed an air of recklessness. His manner during his confinement here has been that of a man who does not care for life or death. He joked about the gallows, complained because no death watch was placed over him and repeatedly asked that he be handcuffed while being shaved, as is done with other condemned men.

The hanging was witnessed by about 50 men. Father Moore, of the Catholic church here, conducted the religious exercises.

September 24, in the early morning, Shepherd shot Benjamin F. Zell, his employer, at his ranch, then ravished his wife. He was tried and convicted October 10. The defense was insanity. Three physicians pronounced him sane.

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The six cents is not for the medicine. We give you that. We give you a FULL-SIZED DOLLAR'S WORTH OF MAN MEDICINE ABSOLUTELY FREE. It has cured thousands—perfectly and permanently—and we know what it will do for you. We want you to have a whole dollar's worth to prove its merits on yourself. We want to prove it to you at our expense—so we give you the medicine—make you a present of it.

Your six cents simply HELPS to cover the cost of postage on one whole dollar package for you.

There is no other expense—absolutely none. Simply inclose your six cents, stamps, in your letter, at our risk, and the full dollar package of MAN MEDICINE, carefully packed in plain wrapper, will reach you by return mail. This is a square deal, men. We say "MAN MEDICINE is great—it is worth more than money to weak men—it will add pounds to your horse power—it will cure you. We KNOW this, but you don't—you have to take our word for it. Just ONE package will PROVE it, however. So we take the hundred cents' risk to your six cents' risk to PROVE it to you. That's fair. It means more than six cents to you—it means life, vigor, strength, endurance.

That weary, worn condition, that debility, that lost animation, that prostatitis and kidney trouble due to the exhaustion of your strength, the drains, losses and weakness peculiar to men will not get well "of itself." You must get help somewhere, and there is none so sure and quick as MAN MEDICINE.

That's why we offer you MAN MEDICINE for a trifle—so you can STOP and MEND—now. Enclose six cents for postage and send for the dollar package of MAN MEDICINE today. Interstate Remedy Co., 165 Luck building, Detroit, Mich.

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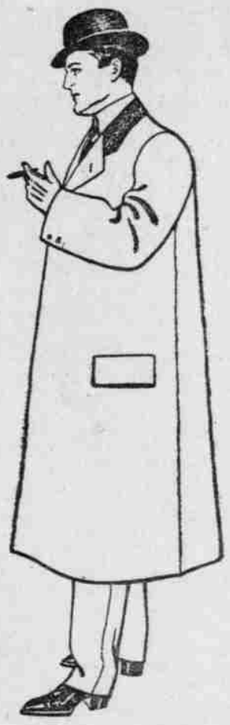

The monster bargain offering embraces the combined stocks owned by that well known wholesale clothing house of Nathan, Wertheimer Co., from their factory and salesroom, 620 Broadway and 154 Crosby street, New York City, and their wholesale store in this city at 72 Front street. "The rush is at its height—today will probably be one of the busiest days of the season" at

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This progressive firm of well known and reliable merchants who thru shrewdness and ready cash achieved a mercantile triumph and made a master stroke in purchasing this gigantic wholesale stock at a figure so absurdly low as to allow of selling it today AT RETAIL, BUT AT LESS THAN THE WHOLESALE PRICES. The retirement from business of the Nathan, Wertheimer Co., with the prompt action of the management of the RED FRONT CLOTHING CO., brings the lowest prices on clothing to Portland's smart male dressers ever offered on reputable merchandise. A few examples of the marvelous values: It will pay you to walk down to the First and Taylor-street corner today for such values as these.

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No matter what your taste—whether you want the new style, close-fitting, broad-shouldered overcoat, of gray cheviot or worsted, or an overcoat of more conservative cut—let it be made as it should be, with the right lines, and properly tailored.

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Girl Slayer to Be Tried.

HORNTON, R. I., Nov. 30.—Ethel Smith, the 15-year-old girl who shot and killed Elmer Briggs yesterday while the latter was attempting to force an entrance into her family's home, where Briggs and his child were staying, will be tried on a charge of manslaughter, December 17.

To cure scrofula, salt rheum, dyspepsia, catarrh and rheumatism, take Hood's Sarsaparilla.