PUTER'S STORY OF **BUYING OFFICIALS**

King of Land Thieves Gives Graphic Recital in Trial of Hermann.

HOW HE WORKED MITCHELL

Long Flirtation With Two \$1000 Bills End in Acceptance and Patents Follow-Tarpley Tells of Hold-Up by Senator Mays.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washpled the limelight in the trial of Binger liermann today, while men under indict-ment played minor roles. S. A. D. Puter, the Government's heavyweight witness. was put on the stand this afternoon and was put on the stand this afternoon and began the narration of his relations with Hermann in connection with land opera-tions that have subsequently turned out to be fraudilent. His story was not nearly concluded when court adjourned. which he, Horace G. McKinley and F. P. Mays attempted to "get rich quick" through the absorption of land in the Mountain forest reserve.

retold today to show their relations with Hermann and to aid the Government in but certainly believed that he had. Its efforts to show Hermann's motive for destroying the fateful letter-press copywhen the witness began to state with the control of the control o

Before leaving the stand Tarpley ad- from the Government attorneys." tied that after his arrival in Washing-he was visited by Hermann's son-in-r and associate counsel, H. P. Gatley, and questioned as to whether he had ever received letters from Hermann, the third or fourth Government so approached by Mr. Gatley.

Puter's Story of His Deal.

his efforts to obtain patents to 12 homestands, now known as the "eleven-seven" frauds in Oregon. He said he first "rounded up" ten people and made an agreement to pay them \$150 each to make and 23 others. entries to the claims and turn over the deeds to them. He then saw Dr. Loomis, of the General Land Office, gave him \$500 to make a favorable report on the claims and promised him a like amount when the patents should be issued. He also endeavored to "fix things" with Ormsby.

Agent without going upon the land rethe State Forester, by giving Ormsby's ported on.

was wrong, and decided to come at once.

Before leaving Oregon be got a letter of introduction to Senator Mitchell from T. P. Mays, of Portland. Puter said he knew Mitchell, but asked Mays to write a "strong" letter and indicate to the Senator that Puter would a "strong" jetter and indicate to the Senator that Puter would pay him well to fix things up. He presented the letter to the Senator on his arrival and also called on Hermann. The latter told him that his matters were being looked into and indicated that things might be going along all right.

Mrs. Watson on Mitchell's Trail.

Mitchell visited Hermann and after several consultations it was decided additional affidavits were necessary. It was regarded as necessary to send for Mrs. Watson, who had made one of the en-tries. On her arrival, Puter said, he took her at once to Mitchell and affidavits were drawn up. Continuing, Puter said that the next morning Mitchell took Mrs. Watson and Puter to see Hermann, and at this meeting the Senator told the Comas soon as they were sworn to they would be furnished. This formality, he said, was attended to at the Senate, and Mitchell advised Mrs. Watson to call fre-

quently on Hermann.
"You will find him a very agreeable old man," he said, "and it will not do any harm to call frequently.'

Mrs. Watson called on Hermann several times in the next three days, Puter stat-ing that during these visits he waited utside. It was about four days after the affidavits had been furnished that he called on Hermann and said he was surprised at being told that his claims all needed more proof. Hermann advised him to go back to Oregon and get his proof.

Those Two \$1000 Bills.

Puter testified that he at once called on Mitchell, who also advised the same way. Puter said he told both Mitchell and Hermann that it was useless to do this, that the people who had made the entries were scattered. Besides, he said McKamie, near here, last night by further, if he did get them together, they would held him up for more than he had first paid. He talked the matter over with Mitchell for two hours, as the re-sult of which Mitchell went to see Her.

mann that day.

That night he called on Mitchell and had another conference, he said, that he took out two \$1000 bills and laid them on the table in front of Mitchell, saying that this amount represented all that he (Puter) could spend on the claims and get out whole if he got patents. He testified that he told Mitchell to take the money and get the patents. He said Mitchell took one of the bills and tossed it over to Puter, saying that Puter could not afford to spend so much. Puter sa he tossed the bill back and it passed se eral times in this way. Finally, Puter testified, Mitchell took both bills and kept them and said he would see what could be done.

Hermann Issues Patents.

Mitchell called on Hermann that day and then advised Puter to call on him. This, Puter says, he did, and Hermann told him that he thought things could be arranged so that the patents would issue. He said he had taken the matter up personally. The witness testified that Mitchell saw Hermann again the next day, and later that day Puter met Her-Hermann next shook hands with he said, stated he had seen Mitchell sights about the city. day or so later, Puter says, he

A day or so later, Puter says, he called at Hermann's office and was taken to the basement of the General Land Office, where his patents were being made out. He said he took the trip for the West at once and, upon reaching Portland, after stopping for a short time at his home in Berkeley, Cal., found the patents waiting for him. His total expense, Puter said, had been \$7,000 or \$8,000. At this point in the story court adjourned for the day.

Previous to the testimony of Puter, W. Heldecker, of Detroit, Or., de scribed a trip he made as guide to loomis, when the latter made the in-vestigation of the "seven-eleven" Before Loomis reached the

Puter claims, he fell from his horse and was injured. He did not go to the Puter claims and, when asked if e was not going, the witness testified that Loomis said:
"I am a special agent of the Land
Office; mum's the word."

Held Up by Mays.

Tarpley, who has been convicted of land frauds in Oregon, gave the details of acquiring with riorace McKinley about 17,000 acres of school land in what was later the Blue Mountain for-est reserve. F. P. Mays of Portland, he said, had demanded part of this land, see said the offered to relinquish lands to the value of \$8000, but Mays wanted more, saying that the amount named would not go anything like far enough in Washington. He testified that Mays threatened to have his lands checker-boarded," if he did not give

up more money or land.

Witness said he had been called on when he reached Washington February 2 by H. P. Gatley, one of Hermann's counsel, and asked if he had any letters from Hermann. He had none

Loomis' Effort at Immunity,

Mr. Worthington continued his ef-fort for the defense to ascertain whether Dr. Clarke Loomis, of Oregon, was influenced in the testimony he gave yesterday for the Government by promises of immunity or believed that he would receive immunity from the charges now pending against him. The witness said he had never had a promise of immunity, "but I am satisfied I could obtain immunity," he said.

He was allowed to give the details of negotiations between himself and Puter regarding immunity after the latter's conviction for land frauds in Ore gon. During a single day Puter went slx or seven times between the witness and F. J. Heney, assistant to the At-torney General, and Secret Service Agent Burns, in Portland, Loomis said, to arrange for this immunity. The efforts failed, the winess stated, because Mr. Heney wanted Loomis to state to Puter what he knew before he would let Loomis come before him. Loomis said the gist of the matter was that he repeated over and over again to Puter that he did not know he knew anything that the attorneys wanted, The stories told by Puter and Tarpiey
The stories told by Puter and Tarpiey
did not throw any new light on either
the Blue Mountain or the 11-7 land-fraud
cases, which were threshed out in Portland. But the stories of both men were
said he did not know that Puter consaid he did not know that Puter conferred with the Government attorneys,

Justice Stafford ended the inquiry when the witness began to state what Puter had told him as "not coming Only Time He Was Bribed.

In his experience as Special Agent for the Land Office In Oregon, Dr. Loomis said the money he took to re-port favorably upon the 12 Puter claims was the first and only time he had taken money for reporting on claims. He said he had not been in-fluenced in this case by the money he had received. The claims in question were 12 homestead claims which Puter Puter, who gave his address as Mult-nomah County Jall, Oregon, gave with startling directness the full details of the difficulties and cost which had attended

> Mr. Worthington placed in evidence a letter to Loomis from Hermann in-structing him to examine the 12 claims and 33 others. His report to the de-partment, he said, was the same in all

PRISING ARITHMETIC.

Credits Portland With 109,884 People in 1906, Not Knowing How the West Grows.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 20-The Census Office to-day made public its estimate of population of states and of cities over 50,000 for the year 1906. This estimate shows that Portland is the largest city of the Northwest, its population being mated at 109,884 as against 104,163 in Seatabsoner about the affidavits and said the and 55.382 in Tacoma. Spokane does Dixon and Zimmerman Dodge Arrest not reach 50,000, and its estimated population is not given.

> The population of states is estimated as follows: Oregon, 474,738; Washington, 814,-In 1900 the census showed the following

figures: Portland, 90,426; Scattle, 80,671; Tacoma, 37,714; Oregon, 413,536; Washington, 518,103; Idaho, 161,772.

NEGRO WOMEN SHOT DEAD Mob Avenges Assault on White

Women With Razors,

STAMPS, Ark., March 20. - Charged with having used a razor with proba-bly fatal results on Morella Rhettor and her daughter, white women, two colored women were shot to death at mob. According to the statement of Mrs. Rhetton, she and her child were attacked by the negro women while walking along the public road yesterday, she and her daughter receiving wounds which may prove fatal. The women were arrested and placed under guard at the station, from which place they were removed by the mob last night and shot to death.

VOTES FOR RECOUNT BILL

Legislative Committee Favors Reopening Mayoralty Fight.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 20 .- The Assembly judiciary committee today re-ported favorably the bill providing for a recount of the ballots cast at the Mayoralty election in New York City

Gas Kills Usher of Wedding.

CHICAGO, March 30.-On the eve of the day that he was to officiate as usher at a fashionable wedding, Calhoun Mason, 25 years old, great-grandson of a former Mayor of Chicago and a member of the prominent Mason family, was found dead in bed yesterday. Asphysiation was the cause of death, the gas jet in the room having been left

partly open. His relatives believe his death was accidental. They said outside of ill health, which was not grave, the young man had no apparent motive to end young man ind no apparent motive to end his life. Mr. Mason was a student at Yale University for two years. His great-grandfather, Roswell B. Ma-son, was Mayor in 1871, and his grand-father was the late Edward G. Mason. The young man was to have been usher at the wedding of Alfred Manierre and Miss June Parkinson.

German Reichstag Adjourns. BERLIN, March 20 .- The Reichstag ad. journed today until April 10.

Kiset Co-Lobby Imperial Hotel. PROTO POST CARDS-SCENERY,

Suffragettes Attack British Parliament House.

BRAVE POLICE STOP THEM

Army of Suffragists Attempts to Storm House of Commons, but Leaders Are Arrested and Denied the Joys of Martyrdom.

LONDON March 20.—The woman suf-fragists attempted today a demonstrative raid on Parliament more imposing and more numerous than any of their pre-vious efforts. The police, however, had timely warning and made preparations that resulted in making the demonstra-tion somewhat ineffective. The net result was some amusing disorderly scuffles and the arrest of nearly 70 suffragists, who

were at once liberated on bail.

Previous to the demonstration an indignation meeting, largely attended by the "Suffragettes" and their friends, held, where the speakers denounced the House of Commons for stilling the Dick-inson woman suffrage bill. The raid was led by Lady Harburton,

asissted by the most prominent women who took part in the previous raids. The women drove up in wagons and, after promenading before the House of Parliament, attempted to storm the House of Commons, where police reinforcements, drawn up for the occasion, awaited the onslaught and drove the women back. After this first rebuff, the women made a second determined attempt to penetrate the police cordon, but all to no purpose. In accordance with instructions, the police employed against the women used as

Princely Automaniae Kills Woman, ATHENS, March 20,-M. Simopoulos, son of the Finance Minister, while driv-ing an automobile on the boulevard last Sunday in a race, it is alleged, with a on of King George, ran over and killed

The Prince's car, in which he was ac-companied by his wife, was unable to check its speed, and also passed over the woman's body.

Japan Buying Big Guns.

BERLIN, March 20.-Japan is doing ensiderable business with the Krupps in the line of war materials. A number of guns are now being inspected by J. panese officials at Essen, preparatory to their being accepted by Japan. As an indication of the friendly relations existing between the management of the works. of the works and Japan, several Japanese engineers are now working there

Artistic Thieves Captured.

MILAN, March 30 .- De la Robbia's re MILAN, March 20.—De la Robbia's re-nowned figure in terra cotta of the Virgin, which was stolen recently from Count Forzell's villa, has been located, and the men believed to have stolen it taken into custody. Several other per-sons thought to have knowledge of the theft have also been arrested. It is believed the thief was acting on behalf of English or French dealers.

Mourning for Lamsdorff.

GENOA, March 20.-Many telegrams GENOA, March 20.—Many telegrams of condolence are arriving at San Remo, especially from Russia, on the death here last night of Count Lamsdorff, the former Russian Minister of Foreign Af-

Noble Thief Held for Trial.

LONDON, March 29.—Lord William Neville, fourth son of the Marquis of Abergavenny, was today committed for trial on a charge of stealing jewelry from a friend. Ball was fixed at \$25,000.

STEER CLEAR OF JEROME

in Theatrical Trust Suit.

NEW YORK March 20 -- In the course bach, counsel for Klaw & Erlanger, said in court today that Dixon and Zimmer-man, who also were indicted on a charge of conspiracy, are in Pennsyl-vania, and will not voluntarily surrender themselves in New York. He added that they wanted the New York Dis-trict Attorney to cause their arrest in Philadelphia, so that the question of their extradition could be taken up be-fore the Governor of Pennsylvania. De-

MANY WORKMEN BURIED Furnace Lining Caves In and Un-

known Number Are Dead.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 20 .- The lining of a new furnace of the Woodward Iron Company, which has been undergo-ing repairs, fell today and hundreds of tons of bricks and mortar buried a num-ber of workmen. Five bodies have been taken from the debris.

DYNAMITE KILLS SIX MEN

Powder Mill Blows Up, Carrying Its Employes Skyward.

DUBOIS Pa., March 20 .- A dynamite explosion occurred late tonight in the Emporium powder-mill, two miles west of Emporium, and caused the death of six men—three Americans, C. R. Eckels, James Thomas and William Moran, and three unknown Italian laborers,

Will Test Coal at Denver.

DENVER, March 20.-Dr. J. A. Holmes, of the United States Geological Survey of the United States Geological Surrey, last night completed negotiations for the land upon which the first Government coal-testing plant will be constructed. The Chamber of Commerce of this city agrees to furnish the land, and the plant will be constructed in this city. Work on the building will be begun as soon as final arrangements, are completed. Compress building with be negun as soon as man arrangements are completed. Congress has made an appropriation for carrying on this experimental work.

A completely equipped chemical laboratory, with special apparatus for the treatment of coal and its products, will be built in connection with the testing plant.

Accused of Swindling Druggists.

CHICAGO, March 20.-Apcused of de frauding wholesale drug houses out of \$20,000 worth of goods, William H. Bode-mann is sought by the police. He con-ducted the Western Drug Company at \$22 West Van Buren street. The police have received many complaints by mail in which officials of wholesala drue con-

ing upon the theory that the goods were reshipped to distant places immediately upon receipt. Little of value was found when the police recently went to the place.

DENIES THEY VOTE STRIKE

Morrissey Says Trainmen's Ballots Not Yet Counted.

CLEVELAND, March 20.—J. P. Morrissey, grand master of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, said today that there was no truth in the report that the trainmen employed on roads west of Chicago had rejected the wage scale recently offered by the general managers of the various lines and that the men had voted to strike if their demands were not granted.

Mr. Morrissey said that while it was true that a vote was being taken upon the offer of the managers, the result could not be decided before next Tuesday. The officials of the brotherhood today express the opinion that a peaceful set-tlement of the wage question upon the Western railroads will be reached.

Whether or not trainmen on the Oregon branches of the Harriman system will walk out in compliance with a general strike order from the heads of their organization is still problematical. So far as can be learned, it seems that the Northwestern trainmen voted to strike.

Federation Not in Goldfield Fight. DENVER, March 20.—Problems arising from the labor situation at Goldfield, Nev., have become so serious that C. E. Mahoney, acting president of the Western Federation of Miners, has decide to take charge of the interests of the federation in person, and left last night for the gold

no part in the quarrel between the I. W. W. and the employers of the men belonging to that organization.

"We were affiliated with all the Industrial Workers of the World." he said, 'but at the last convention a question crose as to whether the federation should ontinue with the I. W. W. tion is not settled, going over to the next convention, so that the Western Federa-tion of Miners does not feel called upon to take any active part in the present

He said that the federation is taking

More Steel Men Strike at Hammond.

HAMMOND, Ind., March 20 .- The strike situation at East Chicago was in-tensified today when 3500 men, employed by the Inland Steel Company, walked out. The reason for the walkout was the demand of the laborers for an increase of 25c per day. Six hundred men struck yes-terday at the Interstate Steel Company and 1200 at the Republic Iron & Steel Company and the walkout today brings the total number of strikers to more

Some rioting occurred today and one the strikers was beaten by one of the guards at the Inland Company's plant.

UNITE ALL PROTESTANTS

Aim of Conference of Three Churches in Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 20 .- A general council representative of the Congregationalist, Methodist Protestant and United Brethren Churches, met here today to discuss the formation of a general union of Protestant churches.

The primary efforts of the council will be directed toward the union of the three.

be directed toward the union of the three hurches named, but the ultimate object a the gathering of all the Protestant sects in the country into one body under the name of the "United Church," which will have as underlying principles freedom of individual action in the local affairs of each church and the unity of all the churches for mutual welfare and co-operation.

MUST FILE ACCIDENT RECORDS

Commission Will Investigate Causes of Railroad Wrecks.

SALEM. Or., March 29.—(Special.)— Simplying with the requirements of the chapin bill which governs the movements of the State Raliroad Commission, every reliroad and transportation company in the state will, in future, have to furnish the commission with a detailed and sworn report of all accidents, deraliments, colisions or casualties which occur on their respective lines. These will be filed in the office of the commission, and immedi-ate investigation made of each report as it comes in from the companies.

it comes in from the companies.

The Pullman Company, from its Portland office, has requested an extension of 30 days' more time in which to file a schedule of its rates, charges and regulations. The time specified for filing was 36 days from the date the bill went into effect, which would have been March 18. The commission, however, fixed today as the final day, and has notified the Pullman Company that it will be impossible to grant the additional time and that its schedule must be filed at once.

SNOW 50 FEET ON MT. HOOD

Guide Says Ascent Cannot Be Made Before June 1.

HOOD RIVER, March 20.-(Special.)-William Edick, employed during th summer as a gulde for tourists in the will not be possible to reach Cloud Cap Inn this year before June 1. The snow on the road leading to the inn, he says, is drifted in many places to the depth of 50 feet. There is still from two to three feet feet. There is still from two to three feet of snow also in the vicinity of Mount Hood settlement. The heavy snow during the Winter kept

appie-growers in that section from get-ting out their fruit, and they are now packing and shipping it. Several thou-sand boxes of it will go to Siberia.

Will Recoin Filipino Pesos.

SAN FRANCISCO March 20.—The United States mint in this city received yesterday 740 boxes, containing 2,000,000 Philippine pesos, to be received into pesos of the new mintage, lighter in weight and containing more alloy than those in circulation. As soon as the coins are con-verted into the new mintage they will again be shipped across the Pacific.

Immunity Given Bankwrecker. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 20 .-Judge Phillips, in the Federal Court here today, dismissed the case against





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Frank Jones, teller in the Charlotte tary's report showed that the creamery

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Remains of irrigation systems 4000 years old have been executated in South Africa.

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