SETTLERS HIRED TO GRAB LANDS

Government Witnesses Expose Illegal Acts—$300 Paid for Each Claim.

HENEY NEARING CLIMAX

After Operations of Butte Creek Land Company Are Established, He Will Try to Show Part of Hall and Mays in Conspiracy.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HALL-MAYS TRIAL.

Witnesses for the Government expose illegal operations of the Butte Creek Land, Livestock & Lumber Company and testify that they filed on homesteads at suggestion of C. B. Zachary, foreman of the company, and afterwards sold their claims to the company for a pre-arranged consideration of $300 above all expenses.

Entrymen declare they never saw their claims before filing on the land and that they never lived on the property; that such improvements as were made were done by the Butte Creek Company.

Heney expects today to complete the introduction of testimony establishing the beginning of the alleged conspiracy and will then proceed to associate defendants John H. Hall and Edward Mays with the unlawful agreement. Other more important witnesses, probably W. W. Steiwer, H. H. Hendricks and C. B. Zachary, of the Butte Creek Company, and C. E. Loomis, formely special agent for the Interior Department, may be called either tomorrow or Thursday.

With testimony strong and apparently conclusive, the Government yesterday by several witnesses in the Hall-Mays conspiracy trial exposed the bold and law-defying operations of the Butte Creek Land, Livestock & Lumber Company and disclosed to the jury how during the years 1900 and 1901 this company acquired fraudulently a considerable area of public land. By the same evidence it was shown how this land-grabbing corporation by the acquisition of these lands was enabled to complete the enclosure of a still larger area of Government land to which other settlers were denied access for grazing purposes.

Heney, for the prosecution, made considerable progress in establishing the existence of a conspiracy among the members of the Butte Creek Company and he said last night that the Government's case would be supported still further as to the alleged conspiracy by the introduction today of more testimony of the same character as that presented yesterday. When this has been done, Heney will begin the next step outlined by the prosecution and will seek positively to connect Hall and Mays with the conspiracy that will have been proved against the officers of the Butte Creek Company.

How Land Was Grabbed.

Beginning at 11 o'clock yesterday morning and continuing until court adjourned shortly after 5 o'clock in the afternoon, five witnesses for the Government told of the method of the Butte Creek Land, Livestock & Lumber Company. These witnesses swore to facts, the testimony of each supporting that of the others, that seemed incredible. Clarence B. Zachary, foreman of the company, served as a sort of an advance agent for the corporations in its land-grabbing crusade, according to the sworn testimony of the witnesses. They represented that it was Zachary who first suggested to them the idea of filing on a homestead. Either at the time of filing or before final proof was made, Zachary assured the different entrymen that the proceeding would entail no inconvenience to them, that the company would attend to the erection of a cabin on their claims, look after the cultivation of the land and other improvements that were required under the homestead law and would purchase the claims from the settlers for a consideration of about $300 each as soon as final proof had been completed.

All of these applications were filed with H. H. Hendricks, another member of the Butte Creek Company, who was at the time United States Commissioner. Not one of the entrymen knew where his land was located when he filed on the claim, and testified that when he went before Hendricks the necessary blanks containing a description of the land to be filed on had been prepared in advance and that all he had to do was to sign the necessary papers. None of them ever lived on their claims or so much as pretended to visit them more than two or three times and then they rarely remained on the land more than from 10 to 15 minutes. After the land had been filed on the Butte Creek Company kept its agreement and erected box-cabins on each claim and in some instances attempted to cultivate the land. Only one of the witnesses paid from his own funds the filing fee, and it was refunded to him when he finally settled with the company, and either deeded his land or assigned his patent to the corporation.

Company Furnished Funds.

When the time arrived for making final proof, each of the entrymen appeared before H. H. Hendricks, one only going before James S. Stewart at The Dalles, where he affixed his signature to the final proof papers which had invariably been made out in advance. The witnesses testified that the funds required for commuting their homesteads and making final proof were furnished by the company. Later, when their final receipt had arrived from the Land Office, some of the settlers told of transferring their property to the company at the stipulated consideration.

The cross-examination of the witnesses was conducted by Judge Webster for the defense. He sought to discredit each witness by having him admit that the answers he had made in his final papers were false and that the answers were known to be false when they were given.

Heney expects today to be able practically to complete the introduction of preliminary testimony, and beginning tomorrow some interesting developments may be looked for. Heney is not discussing the plans of the prosecution or the order the Government's large number of witnesses will be called, or for that matter just who will testify. But there is a feeling that some of the really important witnesses may be expected to take the stand tomorrow or Thursday, at the latest.

C. E. Loomis, a former Special Agent, attached to the Interior Department, is in the city and in all probability will be heard in behalf of the Government. It was Loomis who was ordered repeatedly to visit Wheeler County and to report on the alleged unlawful fencing of which the settlers had complained. He gave numerous excuses for delaying his investigation and finally, during the Summer of 1902, he called at Fossil, spent a part of a day pretending to investigate the fencing of public land, and then departed. He afterwards wrote that it would be necessary for him again to visit the scene of the alleged unlawful fences before it would be possible for him to proceed against the offenders. But he never made the second visit. It is believed he will tell on the witness stand why he did not.

E. D. Stratford, also a former Special Agent, was thought to be included among the witnesses for the Government, but it is not believed he will be present. Heney was recently asked by opposing counsel if he would call Stratford as a witness and he replied he did not know that he should. Stratford is now residing in Kansas.

But in contemplating the more important witnesses that are to follow, the names of W. W. Steiwer, H. H. Hendricks and C. B. Zachary, the officers of the Butte Creek Company, are naturally suggested. These men were named in the indictment on which Hall and Mays are being tried and the fact that they were excused from trial at the last minute is taken to indicate that they will testify for the Government in return for an immunity bath.

Wilkes Tells of His Agreement.

Irvin Wilkes, of Forest Grove, was the first witness called by the Government yesterday positively to prove the fraudulent character of the homestead entries that were made by various settlers who afterwards sold their claims to the Butte Creek Company. Wilkes testified that he had lived at Fossil from 1895 until after proving up on his homestead in 1900. He explained that the claim on which he filed was included in the Government land that was enclosed by the fence afterwards constructed by the Butte Creek Company. He alleged that Clarence B. Zachary, foreman for the company, had asked him to file on the claim and afterwards sell it to the company, the purpose of the company in acquiring this piece of land being to control the water supply within the enclosure. Wilkes said that Zachary had told him that if he, Wilkes, would file on the claim and prove up on it and then deed it to the Butte Creek Company, he would be paid $300 above all of his expenses.

This agreement with Zachary, said Wilkes, provided that the Butte Creek Company should make all of the necessary improvements on the land required by the homestead law. Witness testified that he had nothing to do with the slight improvements that were made and that he did not live on the claim at all. In fact, he admitted that he had visited the premises only twice before he completed final proof in March, 1900, before Hamilton H. Hendricks, an officer of the Butte Creek Company, who was also United States Commissioner at the time. It was the recollection of the witness that he made final proof before Hendricks when neither of his witnesses was present and that most of the answers to the questions proposed in the final proof papers were suggested by Hendricks himself. After filing on the claim and before making final proof, Wilkes testified that he was given a horse, valued at $15, by Zachary with the understanding that it should apply in payment of the agreed price of $300 he was to receive for his land. When he had received the final receipt from the Land Office, Wilkes said he surrendered his claim to the Butte Creek Company and received the balance of the stipulated consideration of $300.

Judge Webster was particularly severe in his examination of Wilkes, whom he arraigned not only for swearing falsely when he made final proof himself, but because he had advised his wife to swear likewise. But afterwards, in answer to a question from Heney, Wilkes declared that many of the questions had not been asked him at all, the answers to a majority of them having been written in either by Hendricks or Zachary. He also swore that the statutes printed on the final proof blanks and warning the entryman against perjury were not read to him at the time he went through the motions of making final proof.

Mrs. Wilkes Also Testifies.

Wilkes was excused early in the afternoon session and was succeeded by his wife, who had also filed on a homestead at the suggestion of Zachary, who advanced the necessary money for filing. Zachary also furnished witness the money with which to commute her claim, and afterwards when he demanded the return of the funds he had expended, Mrs. Wilkes testified that she sold her claim to him, receiving in cash $150. She testified that the final proof papers had been prepared by Hendricks and all that she was required to do was to sign her name to the documents. In answer to a question from Heney, Mrs. Wilkes said that neither of the witnesses who certified to the genuineness of her proof as to her residence on the land and its cultivation had ever visited her claim.

Clyde Brown, a sheepherder employed by the Butte Creek Company, was the next witness. He testified that, in accordance with a prearranged understanding with Zachary, who had promised him $300 for the claim when he had proved up on it, he had filed on a homestead which he relinquished January 23, 1905, after the indictment charging Hall and others with a conspiracy had been returned. He said that after he had made the filing Zachary, for the company, had asked for and was given permission to construct a fence across the Brown claim.

Witness Morgan Fared Well.

John H. Morgan, who claimed to be a painter, followed Brown on the witness stand, but according to his testimony and the actual facts in his case, the company's relations with Morgan proved an expensive luxury. Morgan admitted that in 1898 or 1899 he relinquished a claim, receiving in consideration therefor $20 worth of carpet from the store of W. W. Steiwer, president of the Butte Creek Company at Fossil. He afterwards filed on another claim, being located by Zachary, who had promised him $300 for the claim after he had completed final proof. But before going into the deal Morgan demanded that the company supply him with lumber to the value of $150 with which to construct a house. This was done, the understanding being that the value of the lumber should be deducted from the purchase price of $300 when the claim was turned over to the company. When the time arrived for Morgan to commute on the homestead, the company advanced him the necessary $200 and he completed the proof at The Dalles Land Office. Witness said he afterwards relinquished this claim also.

But he did not tell the interesting transaction he engineered between the time he made final proof and the time the relinquishment was filed. It is said that about the time Morgan applied for his final receipt when he commuted the claim, the Government authorities had became suspicious and caused the wholesale suspension of final proofs. Before the embargo against these entries had been raised, Morgan acquainted himself sufficiently with the land laws to know that by signing a relinquishment at any time before the final proof had been accepted and a receipt issued, he could draw down the $200 he had paid into the Land Office when he commuted the claim. Accordingly, it is understood he went to the Land Office at the Dalles, without the knowledge of the company, made the relinquishment, and received the $200 the company had advanced him. This terminated his relations with the company, which got some expensive experience in lieu of a coveted homestead, and is still looking for the return of its $200.

Morgan proved a stubborn witness on cross-examination and Judge Webster found it difficult to make him admit that he had sworn falsely in making final proof. In his direct examination the witness has said that he visited the claim not more than three times and that his visits were at least six months apart.

"You say you only visited your claim two or three times," commented Judge Webster. "What did you go out there at all for?"

"I went out to see if there was a ranch there," soberly responded the witness, while the spectators tittered until rapped to order by Court Bailiff Humphreys.

"What was your object in trying to visit the claim every six months?" followed Judge Webster.

"Oh, it was the custom of the country about that time," replied the witness, amidst further laughter.

Witness Promised $300.

Cynthia E. Hamilton, who was the last witness for the day, testified that she had visited her claim only once and that she remained there only 15 minutes. Mrs. Hamilton now resides at Mount Angel, but at the time the confiscation of Oregon's public lands was in full blast she conducted a hotel at Fossil. She testified that Zachary had asked her to file on a homestead, advising her that she could very readily do so without interfering with her work in any way. He told her that the company would not only look after the care of the claim until after final proof, but would pay her $300 for the land if she would deed it to the corporation. Mrs. Hamilton, however, did not conclude her deal with the Butte Creek Company, but relinquished the claim last Fall, some time after the indictment against Steiwer and others, including defendants Hall and Mays, who are now on trial, had been returned.

D. M. Walton, a rancher living near Fossil, took the stand at the opening of yesterday's session and testified that on March 7, 1903, while riding across the inclosed public land near Fossil, he was attacked by Clarence B. Zachary, foreman for the Butte Creek Land, Lumber & Livestock Company, who was armed with a pitchfork. Witness testified that Zachary not only ordered him out of the inclosure, but warned him not to trespass again in the pasture. The cross-examination of Walton by Judge Webster served only to gain the admission from the witness that he had not been good friends with Zachary and other members of the Butte Creek Company "since 1900, when they stole my timber land."

W. G. Shepard, a former neighbor of Walton, but now a resident of Mountaindale, Washington County, told practically the same story that was related by Putnam and Walton regarding the alleged illegal inclosure of public land by the Butte Creek Company. Before leaving Fossil in 1902, witness said he had sold his ranch to W. W. Steiwer. He identified affidavits he had made before both Loomis and P. H. Swift, in which he had recited the alleged unlawful practices of the Butte Creek Company. These were offered in evidence, together with a letter dated April 10, 1900, that was written by Shepard and Putnam, a neighbor, to Hall, in which reference was made to plats of the inclosed land that had been forwarded to Hall. The letter also contained a description of the fences and their location, and requested Hall to cause them to be removed. This letter was admitted by Judge Hunt over the objections of counsel for defendants. In one of his affidavits, dated February 5, 1903, Shepard represented that it had been the practice of the Butte Creek Company to secure land outside and surrounding Government land, so that by constructing a line of fence on its own premises the Government land would be inclosed thereby and all other settlers would no longer have access to the public area so fenced in.

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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Jan. 20.—Maximum temperature, 48 degrees; minimum, 38 degrees. River reading at 8 A. M., 6.4 feet; change in last 24 hours, rise of 0.9 foot. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), 0.65 inch; total since September 1, 1907, 22.39 inches; normal, 32.58 inches; deficiency, 1.21 inches. Total sunshine, January 19, none; possible sunshine, 9 hours and 12 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea-level), at 5 P. M., 30.18 inches.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Yesterday's storm moved rapidly across the northern half of this district and it is now central over the upper Missouri Valley. During the last 12 hours the barometer has risen very rapidly over Western Oregon and Western Washington and the winds have shifted to the west and brought clearer weather. The rain, however, has not wholly ceased and during the last 12 hours the fall has been quite heavy in the Willamette Valley and the Sound country and light elsewhere in this district. Good rains have also fallen in Northern California and at San Francisco the amount was 0.62 inch. It is slightly cooler in this district, notwithstanding which, the temperatures are generally above normal.

The indications are for generally fair and cooler weather in this district Tuesday, except in Northwestern Oregon and Western Washington, where occasional light rains may be expected.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

Observations taken at 5 P. M., Pacific time.

STATIONS.	Maximum Temp	Precipitation past 12 hours	Wind. Velocity.	Wind. Direction	State of weather.
Baker City	42	T.	4	NE	Cloudy
Boise	50	0.02	8	W	Cloudy
Eureka	46	0.62	8	W	Cloudy
Bismarck	50	0.00	6	N	Cloudy
Helena	42	0.10	12	W	Pt. cloudy
North Head	48	0.18	20	W	Cloudy
Pocatello	42	0.01	8	SW	Cloudy
Portland	48	0.46	4	W	Cloudy
Red Bluff	50	0.16	4	NE	Cloudy
Roseburg	50	0.00	4	NW	Pt. cloudy
Sacramento	58	0.10	6	SE	Rain
Salt Lake	46	T.	4	E	Cloudy
San Francisco	54	0.62	4	E	Rain
Spokane	36	0.00	14	SW	Cloudy
Tacoma	42	0.01	14	SW	Cloudy
Walla Walla	48	0.00	6	SW	Pt. cloudy

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Partly cloudy, with possibly occasional light rain; cooler; westerly winds.

Western Oregon—Occasional light rain; cooler; westerly winds.

Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho—Generally fair; cooler.

EDWARD A. BEALS, District Forecaster.

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FUNERAL NOTICES.

VITEK—The funeral services of Frank Vitek will be held at Finley's chapel at 2 P. M. today (Tuesday). Friends invited. Interment Multnomah Cemetery.

BOEHMER—The funeral services of Mary Boehmer will be held at the Cathedral, corner 15th and Davis sts., at 9 A. M. today. Friends invited. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery.

GRENIER—The funeral services of the late Theodore P. Grenier will be held at 671 Kearney st., the residence of his mother, at 2 P. M. today (Tuesday). Friends invited to services at residence. Interment Greenwood Cemetery.

BUNDY—In this city, January 19, at his late residence, Captain Thomas Bundy, aged 87 years, 8 months and 7 days. The funeral services will be held at Finley's chapel at 2 P. M. Wednesday, January 22. Friends invited. Interment Rose City Cemetery.

BRANDES—The funeral services of Mrs. Fred Brandes, of Hillsdale, will be held from Holman's chapel, corner Third and Salmon streets, Tuesday forenoon, January 21, at 11 o'clock. Friends invited. Interment at River View Cemetery. Services at grave private.

COYNE—Manila, P. I., December 10, 1907, Frank B. Coyne, aged 31 years, 2 months, son of Mrs. Susan Coyne, brother of Mrs. W. J. Wilson, George T. Coyne, John B. Coyne, Mrs. J. N. Matschek, J. H. Bates. Funeral from Holman's chapel, corner Third and Salmon streets, at 1:30 P. M., Tuesday, January 21, thence to St. Lawrence Church, corner Third and Sherman streets; services at 2 P. M. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. Interment River View Cemetery.

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Cottage Grove Passenger	11:30a. m.
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Portland Express	11:15 p. m.
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Corvallis Passenger	6:35 p. m.
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North Coast & Chicago Limited	2:00 p. m.
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Pendleton Passenger	5:15 p. m.

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ALLEN-GOODWYN—S. H. Allen-Goodwyn died suddenly Monday, January 12. A native of England. London, England, and Canadian papers please copy.

MEETING NOTICES.

CANTON PORTLAND, NO. 1, P. M.—Regular cantonment this (Tuesday) evening, Jan. 21, at 7:30 o'clock, Oddfellows Temple. Work and adoption of by-laws.
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B. P. O. ELKS—MEMBERS OF PORTland Lodge, No. 142, are requested to meet at Holman's Undertaking parlors today at 1:30 P. M. to attend the funeral of our late brother, Frank B. Coyne, of Manila Lodge, No. 761. Visiting brothers invited to atttend.
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It is easily understood by many people of good judgment that a first-class upright or grand piano or a high-class organ that has been used a little is invariably better than a new one of inferior make.

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Still again, other numerous instruments have been exchanged for the incomparable Pianola Pianos, the standard of the world, also controlled exclusively by the House of Eilers.

NONE WILL BE RESERVED.

All these exchanged pianos, taken in trade by us, in addition to those returned from rental use, and also a number which have become slightly marred by having been used for display purposes, and others a little shopworn, are included in this Special Clearance Sale. But to fully appreciate this extraordinary event, one must see the pianos themselves, and note their excellent condition and smallness of price.

UPRIGHTS AT WAYDOWN PRICES.

There are excellent uprights ranging as low as $68 for a Steadman, to $75, $118, $132 and from that up to $315 for a magnificent Steck (the $650 style).

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PIANO PLAYERS UNDERPRICED.

In piano players there are a number of most extraordinary values, including several Melville Clarks, Angelus and Cecilians, ranging from $65 upward. There are also a couple of the famous pianolas at a substantial saving from original cost, these having been taken in exchange for Pianola Pianos with the player inside the case. A year's subscription to our circulating Pianola Music Library is also included with the Pianolas. And with several of the players of other makes we will also give a supply of music.

ORGANS $12.50 AND UP.

There is a fine list of organs from which to choose, a number of well-known makes being included, ranging from $12.50 upward.

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