

SAYS SOUTHERN CO. IS BEHIND THE COOS BAY FRAUD

Tillman Starts Postal Inquiry Into Coos Bay Land-Grant Dealers.

SAYS HIS NAME MISUSED

Portland Firm Locating Settlers on Timber Land Attacked at Washington—Contest of Wagon-Road Grant Proposed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 20.—The St. Paul & Pacific Timber Syndicate, having an office at 225 Chamber of Commerce, Portland, is to be investigated by the Postoffice Department to ascertain whether or not it is using the mails for fraudulent purposes. Senator Tillman yesterday charged in the Senate that this company is flooding the country with circulars, in which his name is used without authority and in which the company offers to "make \$5000 out of \$300" invested with it, to be in turn invested in timber land in Coos and Douglas counties as soon as the Government recovers title to the patented portion of the grant to the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company.

Tillman Calls It Swindle. Tillman charged that this company, of which Bryan R. Dorr is president, is engaged in a "scheme of swindling," and said he proposed to stop the rascals from getting any more of the money accordingly laid the circular before the Postoffice Department today, and by his request the concern will be investigated. It is found that its circulars misrepresent facts, and it is charged by Mr. Tillman, this company is swindling those who subscribe to its scheme, it will be denied further use of the mails. Mr. Dorr's company would probably not have been attacked, had it not in its circular stated that Mr. Tillman had invested in his own behalf and for 19 relatives who were named, who had received the circular and who looked with suspicion on any scheme which can make \$5000 out of an investment of \$300, as Mr. Tillman said in his circular. In that way the matter found its way to the Department.

Chance Remote, Says Fulton. Senator Fulton, who is unacquainted with Dorr and knows nothing of the St. Paul & Pacific Timber Syndicate, says the chance is very remote that any individuals being able to acquire land in the manner suggested by the circular. It is his opinion that any suits brought by private individuals will fail, that the Government alone can enforce the enforcement of the law under which the land grant was made.

SAYS IT IS LEGITIMATE DEAL

Dorr Tells About Scheme to Get the Coos Bay Land Grant.

Bryan R. Dorr, who is the president of the St. Paul & Pacific Timber Syndicate, with offices in 225 Chamber of Commerce, made the following statement in regard to the proposition of his company last night:

"I have in my possession information which I consider authoritative, showing that Senator Tillman made a statement during October, 1907, to purchase from the Coos Bay Wagon Road grant to quarter sections of timber land for himself and other members of his family. This information shows that he sent in his application to the attorneys, Reeder & Watkins, of Marshfield, Or., in good faith, as any other citizen has a right to do. In this matter I and the corporation I represent are acting solely as sub-agents for the above mentioned attorneys and for a prominent real estate man of Portland who is operating at Coos Bay. Senator Tillman's application to purchase land, as provided for by the terms of the grant, was generally understood among various well known citizens of Portland and elsewhere who had applied for land during October, November, December and January, whereas I made no attempt to obtain applications until early in February.

"The sum of \$300, which I request my clients to advance, covers the legal retainer fee, cruising and locating fees and the commission on the purchase of the land. In case the title is not secured, my clients will obtain title to one-quarter section of some of the most valuable timber on the Coast upon payment of the sum of \$250 per acre, as provided for by the terms of the grant, plus a commission of 25 cents per acre, for us, out of which we agree to pay the attorneys a contingent fee of \$100. If there is anything questionable or fraudulent about this matter, I wish to know it at once, in order that I may protect my clients. Personally I have absolute confidence in our attorneys, in the justice of our position and in the successful outcome of the suit."

How to Make \$5000 Out of \$200.

I have just unearthed an opportunity whereby each of my correspondents can obtain a quarter section of the most valuable timber on the Pacific Coast with an expenditure of \$200. This timber is located in Coos and Douglas counties, Oregon, close to timber and each quarter section of 160 acres is valued at from \$5000 to \$15,000, on a very conservative basis. The particulars, including a table of elastic ground on the part of the notorious timber thieves, grafters and landgrabbers of Oregon are familiar to all in this state.

Continuing, the circular says:

The Prosecution of the Grafters. But the day when the sort of knavery game unpublicized is at an end. No longer are state and Nation sitting idly by while the people are being robbed of their birthright by the rapacity of corporations too large to be attacked by any single individual. Francis J. Heney, the great United States District Attorney, has been sent out to prosecute the grafters and their officers in California and Oregon on their own ground, and after having run Ruff and Schmitz to earth in San Francisco, and secured convictions against them in Oregon, securing wholesale convictions reaching even as high up as that of United States Senator Mitchell, is here in Portland, now, prosecuting a Government official for conspiracy with the land thieves to defraud the Government.

Realizing that the time to act has come, and that only by concerted action can anything be accomplished, representative business men of Coos Bay, Portland and elsewhere, including members of the Reeder & Watkins, the leading attorneys of Marshfield, Coos County, Oregon, to make a legal tender for us of \$250 per acre, or \$400 per quarter section of 160 acres, to the Southern Oregon Company, and to take care of our interests.

With each application they are offering to the duly authorized officials of the Southern Oregon Company in the presence of witnesses the sum of \$400 for a certain specified quarter section. The corporation refuses this tender, thereby violating the terms of the grant and laying itself open to suit. There is no doubt in the minds of Messrs. Reeder & Watkins or ourselves as to the outcome of the suit, for the law is

Tillman Takes Eleven Quarters.

The illegal and outrageous robbery on the part of the Southern Oregon Company is notorious in this state, but until now it has been impossible to secure the necessary concerted action. That the right now is behind this movement will be appreciated at once when I state that among those who have spoken through our attorneys for a part of this land is Senator Tillman, of North Carolina, the leader of the Democratic party in the United States Senate, a man who usually writes what he goes after. So sure is Senator Tillman of our success that he has subscribed and paid the necessary fees for a quarter section for himself and ten other quarter sections for ten of his nearest relatives.

The Oregonian is quoted in reviewing the history of the Coos Bay wagon grant land in the circular, the facts of which are already familiar to the people of this state. The circular then says:

You May Join Us. Now we will allow you to join in this proposition if you care to do so, and if you wish read this circular carefully you surely will. You must act at once, as only about 50 quarters are left.

The circular continues and gives the terms whereby the land in the Coos Bay wagon road grant can be secured by investors in the St. Paul syndicate. It points out that claimants need never see the land they desire to lie upon and the only delay incident to the successful prosecution of the suit is the uncertainty of the date of decision of the suit against the Southern Oregon Company.

The syndicate is composed of prominent men of St. Paul, Minn., and is a corporation, for which Reeder & Watkins, of Marshfield, Or., are attorneys.



SHIPPING SCENE IN THE HARBOR OF CALLAO, WHERE THE UNITED STATES FLEET ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

SENATOR LATIMER IS DEAD

Passes Away at His South Carolina Home After Operation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Senator Asbury B. Latimer of South Carolina died at Providence Hospital at 9:15 A. M. today. He had been at the hospital since Sunday last, when he underwent an operation for appendicitis. It was then discovered that the bowels had become twisted and his condition was found to be such that surgeons held out little hope for his recovery. He rallied, however, and his progress was satisfactory until last evening, when he steadily became worse. The members of the Senator's family were with him when he died. Senator Latimer, who was a Democrat, was born July 15, 1832, at Abbeville, S. C., and spent his early life on his father's farm, first taking an active part in politics in 1871. He served two terms as Democratic chairman of Abbeville County, beginning in 1890, and in that same year was urged to make the race for the Lieutenant-Governorship of his state but declined. He was a member of the Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh Congresses and was elected to the United States Senate in 1903, receiving a majority of 17,700 on the popular vote. His term in the Senate would have expired March 3, 1908.

CONGRESS MOURNS LATIMER

Both Houses Adjourn After Adopting Resolutions of Regret.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Because of the death in this city today of Senator Latimer, of South Carolina, both branches of Congress adjourned, the Senate almost immediately after convening and the House an hour afterward upon receiving official notice of the Senator's death. In each case the House and Senate adopted a committee appointed to accompany the body home.

Most of the time the House was in session on the reading of the resolutions of condolence offered by Mr. Waldo, of New York, against Federal Judge Lebeaux R. Wilkey of the United States Court at Shanghai, China, who was referred to the committee on judiciary.

Chaplain Hale in his prayer opening the Senate referred feelingly to the death of Senator Latimer.

The immigration committee, of which Mr. Latimer was a member, also adopted resolutions of regret.

Brigadier-General Dodge.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Brigadier-General Francis S. Dodge, U. S. A., retired, 66 years old, who was awarded a medal of honor by Congress for distinguished gallantry at the battle of White River, in Colorado, in the Indian campaign in 1876, died at his residence here yesterday. General Dodge served with the Twenty-third Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment during the Civil War.

Widow of Veteran of 1812.

EAST ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Elizabeth Barnum, one of the few surviving widows of the War of 1812, died yesterday at the age of 94. She was born in Vermont. Her husband, Enoch Barnum, of Franklin, Vt., was a cousin of P. T. Barnum, the famous circus man. He was a mere boy when the second war with England broke out, but ran away from home and joined the Vermont regiment, in which he served for three years, and after he was rapidly in rank and was in many active engagements during the Civil War.

Explains Delay of Payment.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—M. C. Markham, assistant to the vice-president of the Missouri Pacific Iron Mountain system, and who has supervision over the auditing department, stated today that the delay in the payment of the \$5,000 employes of the system, the first instance of the kind in a number of years, is due to a reduction in the force in the auditor's office.

Kentucky Still Deadlocked.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 20.—The ballot for United States Senator, in the joint session of the Legislature today, resulted as follows: Beckham, 57; Bradley, 55; Allen, 4; Blackburn, 3; Campbell, 4. Necessary to a choice, 68.

Spectacles \$1.00 at Metzgers.

NEW YORK GLAD OF FROST

Hardens Slush Produced by Rain, Which Saved City Money.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Lower temperature this morning has brought measurable relief to New Yorkers from a spell of about as disagreeable weather as has fallen to their lot in years. The trouble started with yesterday's early snowfall, and became decidedly accentuated when a rise in temperature of 10 degrees about noon brought on a rain that of itself was sufficient to flood streets, and on top of the snowfall produced conditions that made the city's streets for several hours resemble a network of canals. Cellars were flooded by hundreds, and water kept out of the sewers by dams of combined snow and mud, overflowed the sidewalks in innumerable places and made them impassable. At most points it was impossible even to board a trolley car without a thorough wetting, and carriages were at a premium. By midnight conditions were considerably relieved, the rain having ceased early in the evening, after having washed away a goodly proportion of the snowfall. According to Commissioner Crowell, of the Street-Cleaning Department, the rain has probably saved the city a bill of about \$200,000 for snow

Ruef's Claim Backed Up by Affidavit of Kaplan.

JUDGE READY TO TESTIFY

Heney and Other Prosecutors May Be Questioned—Rabbi Maintains Ruef Acted in Good Faith With Langdon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Judge Lawlor today admitted into evidence the affidavit filed by the defense in the case of Abraham Ruef and overruled the objections of the prosecution to them. In addition to the affidavit filed last week, Henry Ach, leading counsel for Ruef, filed and read with great dramatic effect the affidavit of Dr. Bernard M. Kaplan,

removal, as the contractors were not called out.

WOMAN IS SENTENCED

Ex-Society Leader Goes to Penitentiary for Forgery.

WINONA, Minn., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Amiel Sickle Lloyd, aged 24, formerly one of Winona's society leaders and prominent in church circles, was today sentenced to an indeterminate term in the State Prison, for forging a check at the District Court at Rochester, Minn., when she pleaded guilty to having passed worthless checks on merchants at that place. After leaving Winona Miss Sickle was married to A. B. Lloyd at San Francisco.

RECEIVES JAPAN'S REPLY

Ambassador O'Brien Reports Its Receipt to Secretary Root.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Ambassador O'Brien, at Tokyo, called Secretary Root today that he was in possession of Japan's latest reply on the emigration question, that the statement was long and that he would forward it in substance. Pending its receipt, which is expected shortly, nothing authentic is known here as to the exact terms of Japan's proposal.

BRIEF NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

Ocean Park, Cal.—Dr. Madge, a Civil War nurse, called to death, with his house, Thursday morning.

Boston.—General Nelson A. Miles left Boston for Washington, D. C., where he will make his home.

New York.—Whitell Reid, American Ambassador to Great Britain, called for Europe Thursday on the steamer Europa.

Woburn, Mass.—Damages estimated at \$100,000 were caused Thursday by a fire which destroyed the large department store of James McGrath.

New York.—Dr. Adolph Clues, a German scientist, has come here to examine the beer-making methods for the Austrian government.

Chicago, N. Y.—Chester Gillette, convicted of the murder of his sweetheart, is to die in the electric chair during the week beginning March 20.

Manila.—Senator Gomez has resigned as a member of the Philippine Assembly, the action of the Assembly in ousting him having destroyed his influence with the people.

San Francisco.—The Church of St. Vincent de Paul was on the verge of disintegration in the case of the Church of the Advent, because of value was obtained.

Oakland, Calif.—George B. McCane is under arrest here on a charge of marrying Miss O'Connell, while he had a wife living in St. Louis.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Charles J. Romadka has insisted on being divorced from his wife, Kain Romadka, whose sensational escapades during the war resulted in her imprisonment for burglary.

North Woodstock, N. H.—Three business blocks and a livery stable, which comprised the larger part of the business of this town, were destroyed by fire Thursday. Loss \$100,000.

Chicago.—The Federal grand jury has discovered that hundreds of matrimonial bureaus with Mr. C. J. Conroy, of Chicago, and Chicago, the arrest of whom will break up the whole combination.

Provo, Utah.—Mrs. Robert Conover has charged her husband with polygamy because, believing her killed in the San Francisco earthquake, she married Miss Anna Richmond, of this city, in August, 1907.

Los Angeles.—Richard B. Bakridge, of Seattle, was fined \$20 for speeding his automobile Wednesday. In payment he gave a \$50 bill and among the changes received \$10 California gold which is worth \$50.

New York.—Colonel Eugene V. Guindon, president of the Pullman Express Company, today fired a bullet into his brain while seated at his desk and died shortly afterward. His friends believe it health caused the act.

New York.—That Americans are really nothing more than children in the matter of art is the proposition of Theodore Chalmers, the Russian basso, who left for home Thursday after staging in New York for several months.

Pettibone to Go Under Knife.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 20.—George A. Pettibone, recently acquitted of the charge of complicity in the murder of ex-governor Steunenberg, will submit to a serious operation at San Diego, Cal., according to information received today by his former attorneys here. It has been decided that in order to save his life it will be necessary to remove one of his kidneys.

Fat Bequest to Harvard.

NEWPORT, R. I., Feb. 20.—By the will of the late Mrs. Amelia Sheldon, filed here today, a bequest of \$500,000 to Harvard University is made.

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