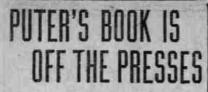
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Charge That the Northern Pacific Grabbed 320,000 Acres, Though Congressional Act Included in Oregon Land-Fraud History.

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## Northern Pacific Singled Out.

The Northern Pacific Railroad Com-pany is alleged to have been responsi-ble fox securing the passage by Con-sress of an act creating Mount Rainfer National Park, whereby, it is charged, int corporation, by the exclusive privileges conferred by the act, was nabled to grab about \$20,000 acres of valuable timber lands in this state, as well as 120,000 acres in Mashington. C. A. Smith and various other wealthy humbermen of Wisconsin are shown up and the part they played in robbing the copie of Oregon of their posses-sions. The celebrated '11-7' case is given in detail. Puter's explanation of his confession to Heney differs ma-of his confession to Heney differs the obside the part is the chapter in which Puter in his own words tells of which Puter in his own words tells of which Puter in his offer to suppress the scape from Sums in Boston. Roose-vely and ex-Secretary Hitchcock is given credit for his efforts to suppress the and states in this state. The Northern Pacific Railroad Com-

the land steals in this state. In brief, Futer tells about his connec-tion with different fraudulent land trans-actions covering a period of 20 years, his operations being confined principally to the Pacific Coast. Feculiar interest attaches to nearly all his recitals, as many persons of National reputation are involved in some of the disclosures. That the book will create a decided sensation in certain quarters is a foregone conclu-sion.

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## Big Land Graft Charged.

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Story of Burns' Daring.

Fenway branch postoffice in Boston on

the night of March 26, 1906, and his sub-

sequent escape from the famous, Gov-

ernment sleuth, will doubtless create onsiderable of a stir, as it differs materially from any account heretofore

Stephen A. D. Puter, Whose Book

Does Not Spare Himself.

ing a disposition to "take up the burdens of life on improved plans" as soon as the news reached him, December 31 last, that

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he had been pardoned by the President. Upon the completion of Puter's portion of the book, Horace Stevens, his col-laborator, takes up the thread of the narrative, and in the course of six chap-ters makes some startling revelations chief among which is his history of the oil-land litigaton in Kern County, Cal-fornia, wherein some serious charges are made reflecting upon the integrity of Judgo E. M. Ross, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, ninth circuit. Stevens was formerly in the Government

Circuit Court of Appeals, ninth eircuit. Stevens was formerly in the Government service as an assistant to special inspec-tor, Department of the Interior, but re-signed February 10 last for the purpose of finishing Puter's book, upon which he has been working during his spare mo-monts ever since the idea was conceived of publishing it.

Puter makes no effort to spare himself any of the recitais, but boldly acknowledges his own wrongdoing, indicat-

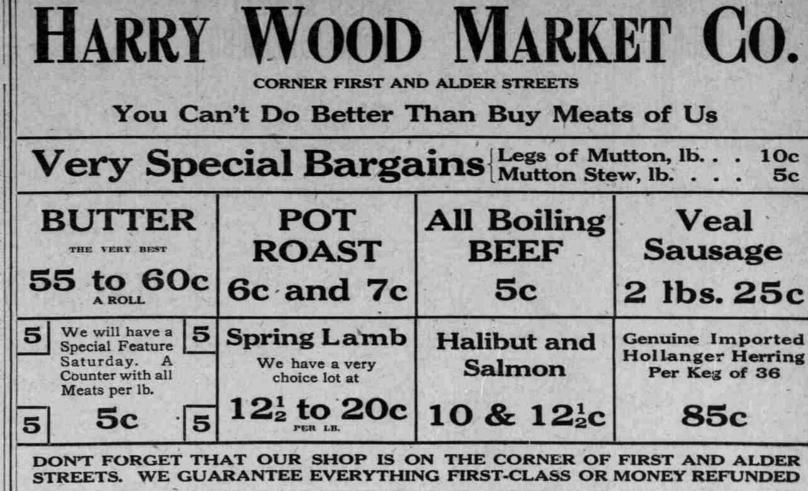
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stitution.

The story of Puter's capture by Secret arvice Agent William J. Burns at the

A complete history of the famous township "11-7" conspiracy is given, and much that has never heretofore seen the light of day is presented in the chapter relating to these frauds. It was in con-nection with this case that Puter and his associates were convicted by a jury in the Federal Court on December 6, 1904, and the trial of the defendants marked the first appearance of Francis J. Heney in Oregon as a public presecu-tor. In his account of the trial and con-viction of the "11-7" sang. Puter de-clares that himself and associates were to be sacrificed as a burnt offering for the sins of those "higher up," and that ex-United States Attorney John H. Hall was to be the high priest at the cere-mony. Hall is also accused of being ac-tanted by animosity against the defend-ants on account of the failure of Puter and McKinley to pay him \$5000 for hav-ing the indictments against them dis-THERE was a good supply of wild pigeons when I made my market rounds, but I cannot say for certain whether they are available today, for the owner was debating in his mind the wisdom of shipping the whole lot to Be attle. "Nearly all the 'bon-tons' have gone up there to see the fleet," he said

wisdom of shipping the whole lot to Sentitle. "Nearly all the 'bon-tons' have gone up there to see the fleet," he said, "and people are always more anxious for choice things to eat when they are away and don't kick about prices either. Then they'li come back and tell what fine meaks they date and set why they can't get the same things at home."
I don't know what the price will be to those "bon-tons" in Seattle, but in Porland the pigeons were sold at 75 cents a pair. The sight of them suggested the "wilde lauben mit spargels pitton" (wild pigeons with asparagus tips), which is one of the famous dishes in a certain well-known German watering lace noted for "good eating."
There was nothing else of any special note in the flesh and fowi line and poultry prices were unchanged. In the fish, shad, sturgeon, cropples, perch, flounders, sole, catfsh, crab, shirimps and clams. The price of strawberries fias supposed for "good eating."
The price of strawberries fias supposed been kept up by the recent food weather. Some were 10 cents a bound and otherries at 15 cents. A pound and otherries at 16 cents. A pound and otherries at 20 cents. There were Oregon therries at 18 cents. Of oreign fruits the news two res mail mangoes from Mexico. Mangoes are delicious when i saw one man, however, whe flung down the nickel entitling him to one disponder of the favor or did he flavor or did he promptly took a bite. Was she dispondent in the flavor or did he promptly took a bite. Was she dispondent, and the the mangoes from Mexico. Mangoes are delicious when is nock his pet tooth on the stone? I now the stone. I many how were, when the muttered a word best not recorded and that the mango went suddenly a flying into the mid-dest not recorded and that the mango went suddenly a flying into the mid-dest not recorded and that the mango went suddenly a flying into the mid-dest not given publicity. According to Puter, there was a fieree battle on the side-walk between Burns and himself, for possession of the latter's revolver, and when the land-fraud king got the upper



Pineapples are 25 and 35 cents just now, and there were alligator pears at 25 cents, too. I noticed a particularly fine shipment of grape-fruit just fin the largest and best appearing I have seen for some time. Green "Windsor" beans were to be had at 15 conts a pound. These are not green "limas," though the two are sometimes confused.

THE PEOPLE'S hand in the struggle, and advanced threateningly towards the great detective, Burns is charged with imploring "For God's sake, Steve, don't shoot!" and First and Taylor Sts., Phones Main 1412, A1412 SPECIAL FOR then seeking safety in flight behind a Then seeking surery in fight behind a friendly lamp-post. Considerable space is devoted to a de-scription of his prison life in the Mult-nomah County Jall, wherein Sheriff Ste-vens comes in far a great deal of preise in connection with his conduct of the in-

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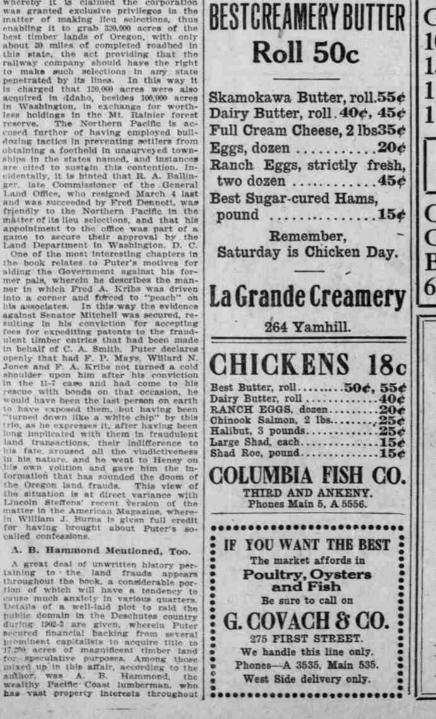
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whereby it is claimed the corporation was granted exclusive privileges in the matter of making lieu selections, thus enabling it to grab 230,000 acres of the best timber lands of oregon, with only about 30 miles of completed roadbed in hest timber lands of Oregon, with only about 30 miles of completed roadbed in this state, the act providing that the railway company should have the right to make such selections in any state penetrated by its lines. In this way it is charged that 10,060 acres were also acquired in diaho, berides 100,000 acres in Washington, in exchange for worth-less holdings in the Mt. Rainier forest reserve. The Northern Pacific is ac-cused further of having employed bull-dozing factics in preventing settlers from obtaining a footheld in unaurveyed town-ships in the states named, and instances are died to sustain this contention. In-cidentally, it is finited that R. A. Ballin-ger, late Commissioner of the General Land Office, who resigned March 4 last and was succeeded by Fred Dennet, was friendly to the Northern Pacific in the matter of its liou selections, and that his appointment to the office was part of a game to secure their approval by the Land Department In Washington, D. C. One of the most inturesting chapters in the book relates to Puter's motives for alding the General context of the General for a side the General the their approval by the land Department to the office was part of a game to secure their approval by the land Department and the states for alding the General context is for One of the most informating chapters in the book relates to Putter's motives for aiding the Government against his for-mer pals, wherein he describes the man-ner in which Fred A. Kribs was driven into a corner and forced to "peach" on bis associates. In this way the evidence against Senator Mitchell was secured, re-sulting in his conviction for accepting frees for expediting patents to the fraud-ulent timber entries that had been mide in behalf of C. A. Smith. Puter declares openly that had F. P. Mays, Willard N. Jones and F. A. Kribs not turned a cold shoulder upon him after his conviction in the H-7 case and had come to his reacte with bonds on that occasion, he would have been the last person on earth to have exposed them, but having been "turned down like a white chip" by this trib, as he expresses it, after having been the book relates to Puter's motives for lo, as he expresses it, after having been ng implicated with them in fraudulent long implicated with them in fraudulent land transactions, their indifference to his fate, aroused all the vindictiveness in his nature, and he went to Heney on his own volition and gave him the in-formation that has sounded the doom of the Oregon land frauds. This view of the situation is at direct variance with Lincoln Steffens' recent version of the matter in the American Magazine, where-in William J. Burns is given full credit for having brought about Puter's so-called confessions. A. B. Hammond Mentioned, Too.

A great deal of unwritten history per-ianing to the land frauds appears throughout the book, a considerable por-tion of which will have a tendency to cause much anxiety in various quarters. Details of a well-laid plot to raid the public domain in the Deschutes country during 1902-3 are given, wherein Puter secured financial backing from several prominent explicities to acquire title to cominent capitalisis to acquire title to



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