

PUTER VISITS TO LAND-FRAUDS

Land-Fraud Operator Offers Help in Recovering Pi- rated Lands.

GIVES HISTORY OF STEAL

Puter Visits Washington in Interest of Returning Large Tracts to Public Domain, and In- terests President.

S. A. D. Puter has returned from Washington, D. C., with the assurance from the Department of Justice that a legal council will be assigned to this state to assist United States Attorney McCourt in prosecuting the suits brought by the Government to recover nearly 15,000 acres of valuable timber land in Linu County alleged to have been acquired unlawfully by C. A. Smith, the Minnesota millionaire. Some of the lands involved in the pending suits were included among those illegally acquired by Puter and his confederates, and afterwards transferred to the Minnesota man.

"While in Washington I called on President Roosevelt personally and presented the facts surrounding the Smith lands," said Mr. Puter yesterday. "The President appeared greatly interested and assured me of his co-operation in every possible way in any steps that might be taken to restore this land to the Government. I also presented the matter to George W. Woodruff, Assistant Attorney-General, who told me that the Department of Justice would send Judge Pugh to this state to assist District Attorney McCourt in preparing the cases for trial. I was also informed that if it were possible, Frank J. Henry or some other man acquainted with land conditions in this state would be sent to Oregon to assist in presenting the case to the court when it came up for trial. In the suits to cancel patents which are now pending in the courts, there are involved 90 claims of 160 acres each, and aggregating 14,400 acres."

Pugh a Man of Experience.

Judge Pugh, who is to assist District Attorney McCourt, was assistant to District Attorney Baker, who prosecuted successfully the Hyde-Brown land-fraud trials in Washington last summer. It was in connection with the unlawful acquisition of a portion of these lands that Mr. Puter was convicted on a charge of perjury and sentenced to two years in jail, being pardoned by President Roosevelt before his term had expired. He is now naturally interested in any proceedings which may be brought and prosecuted by the Government to restore these lands to the public domain.

In presenting the facts attending the improper seizure of the Smith lands, Mr. Puter submitted to the President and the Department of Justice a statement detailing the operations of Smith in this state. That statement was as follows:

In the Spring of 1906, C. A. Smith, a multi-millionaire lumberman of Minnesota, Minn., P. J. Kriss, his partner in business, and S. D. Puter, of Portland, Ore., entered into an agreement whereby the latter was to locate a group of tracts in the large tract of timber in Linu County, Ore., in the interest of Smith who was to furnish all necessary funds, with the understanding that the various tracts thus acquired were to be made to whomsoever he might designate. Smith, Kriss and Puter made personal inspection thereof, and upon the method of transferring the title, Smith furnished the money with which to purchase the same. Final papers were made, and all the entries, in accordance with instructions from him, thereupon executed. The favor of John A. Wild, Commissioner, Minn., a stockholder in the C. A. Smith Lumber Company of that place, and likewise a relative of Smith's. At the same time each claim was mortgaged to F. A. Kriss for \$500. The deals in which were not recorded and the mortgages to Kriss were made, but the mortgages to Kriss were placed on record immediately thereafter.

Smith Will Fight Hard.

C. A. Smith has upon several occasions been indicted by Federal grand juries in Minnesota and elsewhere in connection with friends of various kinds upon the public domain, and has been repeatedly driven to his own state for a more extensive attack upon such occasions were men of the standing and reputation of C. A. Smith, United States Senator, Cushman Davis, Judge Khan, and ex-Governor John Lind, of Minnesota, at present a Congressman in that state. If the Government hopes to achieve results in the pending cases, that legal ability of the highest order should be retained to prosecute these suits. These facts are presented without the intention of casting any reflection upon the integrity or ability of the Government attorneys at present handling the cases, but to show the desperate and unscrupulous nature of the men who go in order to save their lands.

License Law is Invalid

Unjust, Says Judge, to Collect Fee From Commission Men.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—Judge A. W. Frater today decided that the law requiring commission men to pay a license fee of \$10 and deposit a bond for \$200 with the latter Commissioner of Horticulture is unconstitutional.

Loses New Friend and \$600.

W. C. Anderson, a trusting farmer from Washington, Wash., came to Portland by boat yesterday. On board he met an engaging young stranger, about 22 years old, who so ingratiated himself with Anderson that the latter quickly agreed to his new friend's proposition that they take a room together. Accordingly they put up at the Dewey House, Second and Burnside, and in the evening set out to cement their friendship further by copious libations. Then they retired.

Retail Grocers to Meet.

The Retail Grocers Association will meet tonight at the factory of Cisset & Devers. This will be the third of a series of meetings held in local factories for the purpose of enabling the merchants of the city to observe the methods employed by the local manufacturers in handling their respective products. All grocers are invited to be present.

"Tag Day" for Baby Home.

At the monthly meeting of the directors of the Baby Home it was announced that the necessary street improvements about their property would amount to nearly \$200, for they are in a district where the

streets are now being graded and sidewalks are being put in. The cut on the north side of the home is about four feet, which with the cement walk, will cost over \$1200. On the west side it is \$42. It is proposed to extend Tibbets street, which will follow along the south side, thus making it rather a heavy burden to the home. Just how to meet the obligation looks like a serious problem for the directors, as they have no endowment fund to aid in meeting this necessary expense. It was suggested by one of the board that a novelty be introduced, known in other cities as "Tag Day," which has proven very effective in raising money without any burden of consequence to anyone. A committee was appointed to consider the matter and later on will announce its plans. Mrs. D. C. Burns is chairman of this committee.

DAVIDOR IN LIMELIGHT

Promoter Has G. W. Whitson Arrested in Mix-up Over Piano.

S. V. Davidor, who has become well known in Portland through promoting some questionable franchises, swore out a warrant late yesterday afternoon against G. W. Whitson, ex-manager of the Colored



The Late Mrs. Henry Pape.

After an illness covering a period of 11 years, death claims Mrs. Henry Pape, the wife of Henry Pape, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, at the Portland Sanitarium, Mount Tabor. Mrs. Pape was 48 years of age. She was born in Richmond, Va., and came to Oregon 32 years ago. Mrs. Pape is survived by her husband and three sons, F. B. Pape, C. H. Pape and E. C. Pape, all of Portland. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon, at 4 East Eleventh street, North, and the interment will be at Lone Fir Cemetery.

FESTIVAL IS BEGUN

Chinese Free Masons Celebrate Annual Event.

THREE DAYS, FOUR NIGHTS

Observance of Annual Thanksgiving, When Chinamen in Tong Settlement Quarrels, Starts at Joss House, at 129 Second Street.

The Chinese Free Mason Society, which in point of numbers is the strongest of its kind in the city, is celebrating the annual Harvest Festival, which always marks one of the most interesting events of the Chinatown year. The observance, which began last night at the headquarters of the Free Mason Society, 129 1/2 Second street, will be continued through three days and four nights, and are attended by features as attractively as the Chinese history records the celebration of the Harvest Festival by this society as far back as 1800 years before Christ, although participated in by only the members of this society. It is an event of general interest to all the Chinese residents of the city.

HELD UP ON EAST SIDE

J. R. Kepp Relieved of \$13 by Thug With Revolver.

Surprised by a thug who jumped at him from behind a clump of bushes, J. R. Kepp, who lives at 123 North Twelfth street, was held up and robbed at the muzzle of a revolver of \$13 at 8 o'clock last night at the corner of East Eighth and Almsworth avenue. Kepp was carrying an umbrella, so he could not see in front of him. He did not notice the robber until he had been stopped.

IDAHO IS SAFE FOR TAFT

Senator Heyburn Talks After Trip Through His State.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Oct. 12.—(Special.)—Senator Heyburn, who has been over practically every part of Idaho, declares that Taft and Sherman will carry the state by 15,000 majority, and that it is probable the majority will reach 20,000.

FALLS ON TO SKYLIGHT

Man, Supposedly Intoxicated, Drops 20 Feet From Window.

Daniel Martin, a roomer at the Hotel Antlers, corner of Tenth and Washington streets, was the victim of a serious accident last night and is now in the Good Samaritan hospital in a dangerous condition. Martin fell from his window on an inside court and landed on a glass skylight, 20 feet below. He was terribly gashed about the face, head and arms, and was hurriedly removed in the Red Cross ambulance. The accident happened after midnight and the police upon making an investigation came to the conclusion that Martin had come home in an intoxicated condition and had accidentally fallen out of his window.

Registration More Active.

Nearly 2000 voters have registered this Fall. The number stood at 1850 at 5 o'clock last night. Before the books closed for the day at 9 P. M. the number had reached the 1900 mark. One thousand and seventy-six Republicans signed the books this Fall, 518 Democrats and 286 miscellaneous. The voters who visited the Commission yesterday to sign the registration books numbered 231, 128 being Republicans, 68 Democrats and 27 miscellaneous.

Snitter's Counsel Want Pay.

Dan J. Maloney and John F. Logan have petitioned the City Council for payment of attorney's fees in the

BARTENDER IS A SUICIDE

Cannot Obtain Work and Is Too Proud for Charity.

More than 3000 miles from home, without money and out of work, Joe Hamm, 22 years old, who said that he came here three months ago from New York City, committed suicide last night by shooting himself in the right breast with a revolver. The tragedy occurred on the porch of Charles Piltz at Twentieth and Quimby streets. The sound of the shot brought Piltz and his wife to the door. Piltz opened it and Hamm staggered into his arms.

"It's no use," said he in a whisper. "I guess it is all over with me now. You may send for a doctor if you want to." The Red Cross ambulance was summoned and the wounded man was hurried to St. Vincent's Hospital, where he died shortly after his arrival. Little is known about Hamm or his antecedents. Up until three weeks ago Hamm had been the bartender for Piltz at the saloon at 254 North Seventeenth street, when the place was sold and Piltz refused from the saloon business. Since that time Hamm had not been able to get any work and out of pity for his plight the Piltz family had given him a place to sleep and his meals. Being forced to accept this charity, it is said, hurt Hamm that he was unable to bear it.

TRIES TO THWART PENCE

Parkkeeper Mische Fears He Will Invade Macleay Park.

Fearing that Life Pence is about to put on a big force of men and construct a flume across Macleay Park over night in defiance of the orders of the Park Board, Parkkeeper Mische has called upon City Attorney Kavanagh for instructions as to what means can be taken to checkmate Mr. Pence. As yet no reply has been received to a letter sent the city's legal representative recently, but an opinion is looked for in the immediate future.

The activity of Mr. Pence's forces in the vicinity of Macleay Park do not particularly please Parkkeeper Mische. He fears that Mr. Pence intends something unusual and evidently proposes to be ready for any emergency. In view of the performance of the Pence Company on a previous occasion it is thought there might be some foundation for Mr. Mische's fears. The flume was extended across the park at one time, and the Mayor and Chief of Police led a load of policemen, armed with sledges, who tore down the flume. Since that time a close watch has been kept upon the Pence operators by the park authorities.

COMEDY IN UNION STATION

Theatrical Manager, Hounded by Girls, Makes Promise to Pay.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—The union station at King street was the scene and the playing grounds of a practical joke which the audience of a wide-spread one-act comedy of real life here last night. William Edgar Graham, theatrical manager of the Grand Opera company, and erstwhile manager of the Circuit Theater, on Pike street, is the down-trodden hero of the comedy.

The first scene of the comedy opens with the ten members of the company discoursing furtively in corners of the depot, and conspiring against the manager of the Grand Opera company, a company to Salt Lake City and incidentally to pay them back salaries which they claimed were past due.

Enter the manager, William Edgar Graham, with no time to spare. He is accosted by the different members of the troupe, who proclaim in loud enough to be heard by an entire audience of passengers that they must have "real" money.

TALMUD TORAH MAY BUILD

Jewish Congregation Is in Flourishing Condition.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Congregation Nevah-Zedek, Talmud Torah, at the corner of Sixth and Washington streets, the annual election of officers took place Sunday night. David Nemerovsky was unanimously re-elected as president of the congregation by the members of the executive committee of office. I. Savransky was also re-elected as vice-president; I. Friedman is treasurer; Dr. George Rubenstein succeeded as recording secretary; Louis Rubenstein is financial secretary, and the following five trustees were elected: M. Ostrow, A. Fishman, L. Shank, I. Bromberg and H. Goldstein.

A report was then read, showing the congregation to be in a flourishing condition. A mortgage which has burdened the society for some time will soon be lifted. Plans were also discussed for the erection of a new and larger edifice. The meeting was then concluded with a banquet given by the officers in the such, or booth, which serves as a part of the religious ceremonies during this Feast of Weeks.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

TAYLOR-HUGHES—Waldo Taylor, 21, Silver Lake; Georgia Fae Hughes, 21, city. MATCOVICI-PARISHOH—Gasper Matcovich, over 21, city; Matya Parishoh, over 18, city. FRUITH-CLOW—Frank E. Fruith, 25, city; Grace Clow, 22, city. WHITE-ARSON—William Berrie White, Jr., 22, city; Lulu Linnea Swanson, 18, city. MILLER—George W. Carr, over 21, city; Daisy Miller, over 18, city. BUCKLES-BLACK—Thomas A. Buckles, 22, St. John; Marie E. Black, 27, city. HEDMAN-BRANDT—Otto Hedman, 25, city; Augusta Brandt, 21, city. BROOKS-WOODMAN—O. E. Brooks, 22, city; May Woodman, 20, city.

DECEIVED MOTHER

Thought She Was Drinking Coffee.

It is surprising how many persons have thought they were drinking coffee, when in fact it was Postum. The secret of "good Postum" is in boiling it until it is dark and rich. This brings out all the food value and, with good cream, one can scarcely tell it from coffee—if at all. And yet there's no coffee in Postum. It is made of clean, hard wheat and a trifle of molasses. But the way the wheat is roasted brings out a flavor similar to coffee.

"My mother was troubled with indigestion," writes a Ky. woman. "She made her coffee so strong that no one else would drink it. I knew it was killing her by degrees. "She would make one pot of coffee to suit the family and then another for herself—much stronger. When she came to visit me I made her coffee while we drank Postum. "One morning, the pots containing coffee and Postum being alike, got mixed. She drank Postum and said it was 'fine coffee,' had a better taste than hers, so rich and good. Then she began the use of Postum and found she began to get better. Now she is entirely well. "There's a Reason."

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN EXPRESS.

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