

CONTESTS TO FINE TIMBER

Portland People Institute Suit in Federal Land Office at Olympia.

EVER TITLE IS INVALID

Hope to Secure Preference Rights if Government Declares Hyde- Benson Scrip to Have Been Fraudulently Secured.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—Excited Oregon residents today started contests in the Federal Land Office here in an effort to secure title to what is said to be the best standing timber in Washington. The claims were originally taken up in July, 1899, by C. W. Clarke, under scrip, and the contestants allege this scrip was fraudulently acquired from the state of Oregon and California by false and fraudulent school land applications by the Hyde-Benson people.

The contestants recite the Federal case brought at the National capital charging conspiracy to defraud the Government, the conviction of Hyde and Benson and allege the entries are void. The Interior Department suspended the entries some time ago, after they had been approved. Originally much of the land was claimed by homesteaders who were beaten on their filings by Clarke with his scrip. Success in the contest, land office officials say, will not give the contestants any preference right to the lands. These officials express the belief that if the contestants are successful the Government will extend such preference right to them.

NO TIMBER BARONS IN DEAL

Horace Stevens Says Contests Have Been Made in Good Faith.

When shown the dispatch from Olympia last night, Stevens said: "The facts are about as stated in the dispatch, except that there are no timber barons' back of the matter. The lands have been considered properly subject to contest and as such have been contested by residents of Yamhill County, all of whom are well-known and reliable citizens and who are acting in perfect good faith. Their legal rights are being asserted and they are not in any way being aided by their attorneys in making out their affidavits of contest and in filing the same with the Register and Receiver of the Federal Land Office. I may possibly represent them in all future proceedings before the Land Department at Washington, D. C."

"I have practiced before the various state and United States land offices of California for the past 25 years and also before the Department at Washington, hence, as I am still an attorney, I am standing in a position to represent any client desiring my services in connection with land matters. The fact that I have been in the Government service does not prohibit me from engaging in private practice, and I shall probably follow this line in the future to a certain extent, depending a great deal upon how soon I may be able to make arrangements for having a better book of legal practice and the two Sacramento cases emanated from base that Fred Krebs and S. A. D. Pitzer induced two men to file upon as homesteaded land.

IN GOVERNMENT'S STEPS

Attorney Draper Says Clients Are Trying to Get in as Interveners.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—Acting for 11 contestants, John W. Draper, a land-office attorney, has filed protests against new selections made by the United States land office at Fred Krebs interests. About 2000 acres of choice timber lands are involved, six contests just having been filed in the Olympia district, while two were recently made in the Sacramento land-office and nine in the Vancouver office. "These contests," said Mr. Draper, tonight, "cover practically the same ground as the suits the Government is instituting to set aside the selections. The base for the selections was originally obtained through fraudulent practice and the two Sacramento cases emanated from base that Fred Krebs and S. A. D. Pitzer induced two men to file upon as homesteaded land.

MEIGS WILL BE SPEAKER

Yakima Aspirant Receives King County's Indorsement.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—The fight for the speakership of the House of Representatives in the coming session of the Legislature was practically settled today when the King County House-delegation indorsed L. O.

Meigs, of North Yakima, for the place. Meigs has been here in conference with the members of the King County delegation for two days. He came with some 35 votes from Eastern and Central Washington practically assured. Individual members of the King County delegation showed an inclination to favor Meigs, and at a meeting this afternoon he was assured the support of the delegation.

With the 35 votes he already had, the King County action practically settles the fight. Meigs' chief opponents have been Dr. P. H. Carlson, of Thurston County, and J. W. Slayden, of Pierce County. Slayden made a trip to Spokane to enlist the support of that delegation, but telegraphic word from Spokane shows that the county prefers Meigs. Meigs will treat King County liberally in the distribution of House committee.

Meigs has never served in the Legislature, but he has been both chief clerk and reading clerk of the House and has had an extensive parliamentary knowledge, as well as a wide acquaintance in the next House.

COTTAGE GROVE FAIR ON

Fine Display of South Lane Prod- ucts, Despite Lateness of Season.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—The Cottage Grove District Fair Association opened its first annual meet in this city this morning at the fair grounds on South Fifth street, where suitable buildings have been erected and a fine display of products is being shown.

CROSSED PLAINS TO OREGON IN 1852.



Mrs. W. B. Dohelhower, deceased. RAINIER, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. W. B. Dohelhower, who died here Thursday, crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852. Emily A. Tizard was born in Washington County, Arkansas, January 9, 1834. With her two brothers and one sister she settled in Washington County, Oregon, where she married William B. Dohelhower, February 3, 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Dohelhower lived in Washington County for eight years, moving to Portland in 1862, where they lived for 20 years, after which time they returned to Rainier.

Mrs. Dohelhower was the mother of eight children, five of whom are dead. She is survived by her husband and three children, Mrs. W. J. Ditz and C. C. Dohelhower, of Rainier, and Mrs. F. B. Turner, of Vancouver, B. C.

DECOY CAPTURES "SLAVES"

Woman Secret Service Agent Makes Arrest in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 19.—With the arrest of Captain T. Gawley, former master of the Sound steamships Edna and Advance, and K. Katayama, charged with the importation of Japanese women into the United States, a general shakeup in the affairs of the boat as well as the British Columbia immigration offices is expected. For two years conditions have been such that to smuggle Japanese women into the country has been an easy matter. Chicago, New York and other cities of the Middle States have been supplied at various times with Japanese women, for whom the price of \$500 a head was paid. A few months ago the Department at Washington sent a woman decoy to Seattle, who, upon her arrival here, began her negotiations with the dealers in women. She learned that Captain Gawley could furnish her with many Japanese women, he could get at \$500 a head. A retainer of \$200 was given him and a few days ago, upon request or demand, he was given \$5 more. A few days ago he furnished the decoy with five women. He became suspicious and was preparing to leave town last night, when Secret Service Agent G. A. Miller, who had been shadowing him, pointed him out to the police, who arrested him. Gawley makes his home in Bellingham. It is thought that his manner of doing business was through the mosquito fleet at Vancouver and Victoria. K. Katayama is a Japanese interpreter and has been handling the legal phase of the business for Gawley and the others who have been importing the women into the country.

Alco Club Officers Chosen.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—H. H. Hewitt was elected president of the Alco Club, Albany's well-known social organization, in the club's annual election last evening. Mr. Hewitt has been vice-president of the club almost continuously since it was organized, and was promoted to the presidency by acclamation. Other officers were chosen as follows: Vice-president, George Taylor; secretary, George E. Sanders; treasurer, H. C. Clinks, board of trustees, C. A. Flood, D. W. Merrill, Charles H. Stewart, J. C. Irvine and D. O. Woodworth.

RATES SAME NOW AS 20 YEARS AGO

Pacific Express Company Has Made No Reduction on Oregon Lines.

BOARD'S KNOTTY PROBLEM

Great Mass of Statistics Must Be An- alyzed Before Basis for Just Rate Can Be Ascertained by State Railroad Commission.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—That there has been no material reduction in rates charged by the Pacific Express Company's lines, operating over the O. R. & N. Road, in the last 15 or 20 years, notwithstanding the large increase in population and business, was one of the most important developments at the hearing today upon the reasonableness of the company's rates. It was intimated that there has been very little reduction in 15 to 20 years. A large amount of evidence was introduced today, chiefly of a statistical character, but the hearing was not concluded, though adjourned indefinitely. No arguments were made. The Commission will examine the evidence, ascertain whether more information is needed in order to arrive at a full determination of the question, and then will set a date for further hearing or will listen to the arguments of the attorneys.

Work Ahead for Commission.

The fact that the express company owns very little property, and the further fact that its expense in conducting intra-state business cannot be segregated from its expense in conducting interstate business, make it difficult to establish a basis for the determination of what is a reasonable rate. In making comparisons with rates charged elsewhere there must be taken into consideration relative expense, quantity of business, etc., and in order to make full comparisons a thorough examination of extensive statistical tables will be necessary. It is, therefore, not likely that the hearing will be finally concluded for some time. So far as comparisons with rates in other states are concerned, the company asserts that its lines run through a sparsely-settled region, while lines in other states run through thickly-settled territory. On the other hand, the complainant contends that even though this be true, there are a corresponding larger number of express lines in the thickly-settled states, while the Pacific Express Company has nearly all of Eastern Oregon from which to draw business.

Companies Closely Allied.

Just before today's hearing closed, Attorney McCamant, for the company, called the complainant, Representative R. F. Jones, of Polk County, and asked him how much business he had with the Pacific Company in the last year. He replied "about \$2." He then explained that, not for himself but for his constituents, he brought a proceeding against the Wells-Fargo Company, which operates in his county, and that, finding that the rates of the Pacific Express Company were still higher than those of the Wells-Fargo, he found it necessary to proceed against both companies, lest the Pacific's rates be used by comparison to justify those of Wells-Fargo. Jones also remarked that the two companies seem to be closely allied, for they are represented by the same attorney and by the same general agent.

Baker Pioneer Laid to Rest.

BAKER CITY, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—Funeral services were held here today over the remains of H. A. Kinnison, one

of Baker County's most highly respected pioneers, who died Tuesday night. Mr. Kinnison had been identified with Baker City for the past quarter century and was a public-spirited citizen. Members of the local lodge of Elks and Oddfellows turned out in large numbers.

DOGS ASSESSED IN LINN

Canines of County Valued at \$14- 215, Average Being \$7.44.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—The total valuation of Linn County property is \$21,223,885 on the 1908 assessment roll, which was completed today by County Assessor D. B. McKnight. This is a gain of \$41,900 over the 1907 roll. Under the law passed by the 1907 Legislature, making dogs personal property, dogs were assessed here this year for the first time and the roll develops the fact that there are 1918 dogs in Linn County. They range in value from a \$100 bird dog down to a \$2.50 cur and the average value on the roll is \$7.44. The summary of the roll is as follows:

118,074 acres of tillable land.....	\$ 4,523,595
806,367 acres of non-tillable land.....	8,140,150
Improvements on patented land.....	948,546
2182 lots and city lots.....	222,700
Improvements on town and city lots.....	1,207,852
Improvements on lands not deeded.....	10,950
128 miles of railroad bed.....	1,902,500
Telephone lines.....	125,835
Three-fourths of a mile of street rail- way.....	20,000
19 miles water ditches.....	156,000
2000 horses and mules.....	396,250
Manufacturing machinery, etc.....	207,610
Merchandise and stock in trade.....	307,482
Farming implements, etc.....	180,070
Money.....	170,235
Stock.....	281,410
Shares of stock.....	96,200
Household furniture.....	78,250
2000 horses and mules.....	488,020
23,443 cattle.....	378,150
2000 horses and mules.....	396,250
10,802 swine.....	87,152
1918 dogs.....	14,215
Total.....	\$21,223,885

CATHOLIC FAIR IS SUCCESS

Event at Albany Draws Crowds From Eugene and Portland.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—The annual Catholic fair in this city closed tonight after one of the most successful fairs ever held in Albany. Today was "Elks' Day" at the fair. Yesterday was "Eugene Day" and a big delegation from the Lane County metropolis attended the fair. Among the speakers at the program last evening were City Attorney J. P. Kavanagh, of Portland; Circuit Judge William Galloway, of McMinnville; Manager E. I. Dasset, of the Albany Commercial Club, and Rev. Father O'Farrell, of Eugene. J. E. Weatherford, of this city, delivered the principal address this evening and Rev. Father Arthur Lann, rector of the local Catholic Church, expressed himself as well pleased with the success of the fair. The proceeds of this fair go to the building fund of the new parochial residence which is nearing completion and which will give Albany the finest group of church buildings in the state outside of Portland. The Catholic buildings in this city include St. Mary's Hospital, the Sisters' Academy, with a splendid new annex, the Parish Hall, and the church, which is one of the finest in the state and a splendid specimen of the Roman basilica, besides the new parochial residence.

Election Enlivens Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—There will be several candidates for Councilmen in Albany's city election, which will be held December 7. Petitions are in circulation today calling for the nomination of George Taylor in the First Ward, J. N. Chambers in the Second Ward and W. A. Eastoury and R. D. Snell in the Third Ward. The retiring Councilmen are: J. L. Tomlinson, of the First Ward; S. A. Dawson, of the Second; and W. R. Hand, of the Third. Many other candidates are in prospect, especially in the Third Ward. Thus far all of the old Councilmen have refused to be candidates for re-election.

Old Soldier Found Dead.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—Louis Brien, an old soldier and a member of J. W. Geary Post, G. A. R., of Eugene, was found dead in his son's barn, at Marcola, last evening. Heart failure was the cause of death.

TALK GOOD ROADS

Farmers and Professional Men Meet at Kennewick.

GOVERNOR MEAD ATTENDS

Federal Judges Whitson and Han- ford Also Interested Spectators at Eastern Washington's Three-Day Convention.

SPokane, Wash., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—If the plans of the good road advocates of the state now in session at Kennewick for a three days' convention come anywhere near fulfillment, there will be such progress in the state's highways during the year to come as has never been before seen in Washington. The efforts of the Washington Good Roads Association will be directed particularly toward securing advancement in the methods of applying public money toward the betterment of traffic and for better administration. President E. A. Bryan, of the Washington State College, and of official representatives of nearly every county in the state. Farmers, college professors, professional men and owners of automobiles are joining in the campaign for better roads and more of them.

Present when Samuel Hill, state president, called the convention to order, were Governor Albert E. Mead, Federal Judge Edward Whitson, of Spokane, and Hanford, of Seattle, President E. A. Bryan of the Washington State College and of official representatives of nearly every county in the state. Farmers, college professors, professional men and owners of automobiles are joining in the campaign for better roads and more of them.

TEACHERS FINISH WORK

Klickitat and Skamania Institute Closes at White Salmon.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—The joint Teachers' Institute of Klickitat and Skamania Counties closed yesterday. Over 100 teachers were in attendance. It was one of the most successful and enthusiastic institutes ever held in this part of the state. The reception held by the White Salmon teachers in honor of their guests was a brilliant affair. Here the Mayor, J. C. McLean, handed over the keys of the town as a symbol of the hospitality of its citizens.

The programme of the Institute was excellent in its character. Professor W. G. Beach, of Pullman, lectured on "Industrial Training," "The Geographical and Economic Sides of American History," "The Unwritten Constitution" and the "Formation of Habits." Miss Laura Soper, of the Dalles, led the discussion in the art side of school life. She particularly emphasized the value of art work in the primary grades. Professor E. O. Sisson, of the State University, lectured on subjects dealing with the physical and moral growth of the child. He emphasized the thought that the great end of education was the supremacy of character. H. B. Dorey spoke on grade work and the various phases of school curriculum, pointing out some of its defects and where it could be improved. Friday afternoon the visiting teachers went on an excursion to one of the apple orchards of the valley.

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Twenty Committees at Work Raising Funds for Y. M. C. A.

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- Latest Fall styles, 26 to 42-inch jackets; \$25.00 values..... \$19.75
- Latest Fall styles, 26 to 42-inch jackets; \$35.00 values..... \$27.50
- Latest Fall styles, 26 to 42-inch jackets; \$45.00 values..... \$32.50

Semi and Tight-Fitting Coats In Blue, Black and Brown.

- \$25.00 values..... \$14.95
- \$35.00 values..... \$19.95
- \$45.00 values..... \$24.95

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- \$10.00 values..... \$ 4.95
- \$15.00 values..... \$ 7.95
- \$25.00 values..... \$12.95



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