

BALLINGER RAPS MAGAZINE WRITER

Alaska Coal-Land Cases Discussed in New Statement of Denial.

NO FRAUD EVER ADVISED

Investigation of Validity of All Claims Vigorously Prosecuted, Secretary Declares—Official Reports Prove Views.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Secretary of the Interior Ballinger today followed up his reply to the attack made in a magazine on his action regarding the Deschutes River Railroad rights of way by making a detailed reply to the same writer's attack on his conduct with regard to the Cunningham coal land entries in Alaska.

"To say that I ever have advised, ordered or lent support to any effort to perpetrate a fraud upon the Government," he said, "is not only false but is intentionally so, if made by anyone who has taken the trouble to inquire into the facts."

In explanation of the charges in connection with the Alaska coal lands, he went into the history of President Roosevelt's withdrawal from entry of all coal lands of Alaska in 1904, showing that the order was so modified by Secretary Garfield as to validate all applications made prior to May 15, 1907.

No Alaska Claims Patented. He then called attention to the fact that in his annual report to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, he had recommended action by Congress to prevent any formation of combinations or trusts by claimants to coal lands, and added:

"The anti-trust clause of the Alaska coal act as finally passed May 23, 1908, was not submitted by Mr. Gifford Pinchot, but was submitted as a suggestion to Secretary Garfield by Representative Herbert Parsons of New York, in his letter of May 7, 1908, and favorably considered and indorsed by the Secretary in his report to Congress."

Mr. Ballinger then stated that no Alaskan coal claims have been patented and that the investigation of all such claims with a view of determining their validity or invalidity had been vigorously prosecuted. Mr. Ballinger denounced as "a plain, ordinary falsification" a report that he was interested in 335,000 shares of the Alaska Petroleum & Coal Company.

Counsel Never Given. "The statement that I or my former firm was attorney for or counsel to in its efforts to acquire title to public lands is also without basis in fact," he added.

Mr. Ballinger said it was true that, in his private practice, he had resigned as Commissioner of the land office, he had been consulted in the preparation of articles of incorporation under the law of 1908, which had been approved by the President, and which permitted the entry of as much as 2500 acres of coal lands, but it was not true that either in this or in any other connection he had given advice looking to a fraudulent act against the Government.

Asked about a statement that he had said that the proper course to take with the public domain was to "divide it up among the big corporations and let the people who knew how to make money out of it," Mr. Ballinger replied:

"So assume a statement hardly merits a denial. Of course, I made no such statement. Such a thought could not be entertained by any normal intelligence. What I really think in regard to the public domain and the conservation of natural resources is found in my official reports as Commissioner of the General Land Office and in my present annual report, soon to be published. I have not only been consistent in the vigorous conservation movement, but I have sought to give it permanence along lines reasonably within the spirit of present law and to secure adequate additional laws."

CUNNINGHAM'S WORDS BACKED. Coal Expert, Government Investigator, Corroborates Claimants. SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 15.—The Government began the introduction of evidence to show that no development work had been done on the evidentiary coal claims in the Katalla district of Alaska at the hearing before Special Commissioner William J. McGee today.

The first witness in the introduction of the affidavits of the claimants corroborating the affidavit of Clarence Cunningham, showing the intent of the entrymen, was Andrew L. Kennedy, Mr. Kennedy, who is a coal expert, was sent to Alaska in July of this year by the Government to investigate the work done toward developing the claims.

Mr. Kennedy spent two months going over the 23 claims for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of work that had been done on them. His testimony today covered 14 of the filings. On several of these he found evidence of prospect work, but said that he did not find any evidence of development work. There were a few short tunnels and several cuts. All were small and were in bad condition, slides having partially filled them.

Mr. Kennedy said that he found numerous small exposures which evidently were the result of work upon the part of claimants, but came from natural causes, such as erosion and land-slides.

J. M. Sheridan, attorney for the Government, brought out the fact that in several cases where trails had been built they were not for the purpose of leading to the works, but served as connections between the different claims.

CARLISLE IS COMFORTABLE. Ex-Secretary of Treasury Passes an Easy Night. NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—John G. Carlisle, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, was reported today to have passed a comfortable night.

POSTAL IS NOT IN DEAL. President Mackay Denies Reported Combine With Western Union. NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Mackay companies, issued the following statement to the public this afternoon: "We have had nothing to do either directly or indirectly, with the combination

of the American Telegraph & Telephone Company with the Western Union Telegraph Company. We have not wished to join it and have not been invited to join it. There have been no negotiations whatsoever with us in regard to the matter and there is every reason why we should not have had anything to do with it. We knew nothing about it until the day when it was publicly announced.

"It is true that we own a large block of stock of the American Telegraph & Telephone Company, but that is one of our many investments. We never have had and have not now any representation on the board of that company, and our stock is not consulted or considered, any more than the stock of any other stockholder, as you will see from the fact that we knew nothing about this deal until it was publicly announced.

"The statement that William H. Baker represents us is incorrect. He does not represent us in anything in the slightest degree. Neither have we had anything to do with purchase of telephone company in the Middle West.

"We are not disturbed in any way. We have successfully met hard competition for over 25 years and have prospered and are in first-class financial condition better than ever before. We have waited until this matter had simmered down so that we could make one statement covering the whole subject.

"As I stated several weeks ago, competition will continue, and it will be real competition, the same as heretofore."

WILEY PURSUES MILLERS. PORTLAND COMPANY MADE SUBJECT OF CIRCULAR. Case Has Been Tried and Adjudicated, but Food Expert Is Not Content.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 15.—Wiley, chief of the most pure food expert, is pursuing another Portland manufacturing concern, the Acme Mills Company, which was accused, tried and convicted of putting on the market a foodstuff bearing a misleading label, "Iowa Rolled Oats Mixture." Not content with having bested this concern in the courts, Dr. Wiley is pursuing his regular policy of widely advertising in a manner in which it heretofore has been doing business. In a circular just printed for circulation by the Department of Agriculture the history of the case and review of the court's decision are given.

This history and review relate that an inspector of the department found in the possession of a Los Angeles firm 500 sacks of the product, labeled as stated, and that upon analysis it proved to consist of 50 per cent oats and 50 per cent wheat, and misbranded in the respect that it was called "rolled oats," being "adulterated" with wheat. The shipment was condemned duly.

The degree of condemnation relates that the corporation admitted the truth of the allegations made in the condemnation suit and recovered the goods upon payment of the costs, \$47.30.

OREGON APPLE WORLD KING. Eagle Point Product Carries Off Honor Prize at Spokane. SPOKANE, Nov. 15.—The sweepstakes prize of \$1000 for the finest exhibit of a full carload of apples at the National Apple Show was awarded this afternoon to the Eagle Point product, of Eagle Point, Or., for a display of Spitzenbergs.

The award carries with it a gold medal banner and the title of "Apple King of the World." The prize for the "largest perfect apple" was awarded to Lorr and Bull, of Medford, Wash., for a Wolf River apple weighing 25 ounces and 16 1/2 inches in circumference.

A "Spokane beauty" apple weighing 41 ounces and 18 1/2 inches in circumference was expected to be the winner, but proved to have a blemish.

ROGUE VALLEY CELEBRATES. Apple-Growers Elated Over Winning World Honor. MEDFORD, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—This city is celebrating tonight following the announcement that Tronson & Guthrie's car of Spitzenbergs carried off first prize and the sweepstakes at the Spokane Apple Show.

Rogue River Valley growers have long contended that Rogue River Valley produces the finest apples in the Northwest, and commendation of their claims by competent judges caused much elation here.

COUNTY COURTS CONTROL. Higher Tribunal Holds They Have Jurisdiction Over Personal Estate. SALEM, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—In a decision by the Supreme Court, the doctrine that the County Courts shall have exclusive control of the personal property of decedents is strongly emphasized. The case was that of the State of Oregon vs. P. A. McDonald and others, one of the parties being the State Land Board. The action was an exchequer proceeding, appealed from Union County. In an opinion by Justice Slater, the appellate court reversed the trial court and remanded the case.

The Supreme Court held that "the Legislature does not possess the power to deprive the County Court of its primary and fundamental jurisdiction to determine the heirship as to personalty and make distribution of the estate of a decedent."

JAPANESE IN LOS ANGELES. Commissioners Will Come North Before Sailing for Orient. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 15.—The Japanese Commercial Commissioners arrived in Los Angeles by special train from Salt Lake City today. Most of the plotters of interest have been identified. Several days will be spent in Southern California and Arizona. While here the party will be entertained by the Chamber of Commerce.

Monday the party goes to San Diego, Cal., thence to Riverside, Cal., San Bernardino, Cal., and Redlands, Cal.; the Grand Canyon, Oakland and San Francisco, arriving at Oakland November 26. Proceeding northward, the party sails for Japan from Seattle.

ARMY MANEUVERS PLANNED. Philippines to Be Rendezvous for All U. S. Transports. SEATTLE, Nov. 15.—Information was brought by the United States Army transport Dix, which has arrived from Manila, that preparations are being made to hold army maneuvers in the Philippines next January. According to the most extensive action engaged in by troops in the Philippines since the close of the insurrection.

The Dix is under orders to load supplies there as quickly as possible and proceed at once to Manila in order to participate in the maneuvers. It is planned to use all the Government transports on the Pacific in connection with the maneuvers.

MAN DROWNS FROM SCOW. Misses Footing and Goes Down in Swift Columbia Current. VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—After trying his scow fast to a pile at the Pittock & Leadbetter Company's mill at ten minutes of 6 tonight, George Olney, aged 59, walked along the edge, missed his footing and fell into the Columbia. He sank at once and in the darkness his body could not be recovered. Olney had been working only since yesterday noon and little is known of him, for he had been in the city but a short time. He had been making fires in a local laundry in return for his room rent.

Yeggen Blow Depot Safe. MONTESANO, Wash., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Some time during Wednesday night robbers entered the Northern Pacific depot here and, by the use of nitroglycerine, blew the safe open and secured about \$45 in cash. Some chairs and furniture were damaged by the explosion.

Sawmill Injuries Fatal. VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Joseph Erickson, aged 25, head sawyer for the Harvey Lumber Company on the North Fork of the Lewis River, died here today from injuries received Monday. He was attempting to

Saturday, Children's Day of Specials

At the style center of the Northwest. The leading Portland supply center for children's and grownups' needs in dependable merchandise. Store open tonight until 9:30

Olds, Wortman & King

Furs for Christmas Gifts Should Be Chosen Now

Children's Coats \$6.98---Child's Bathrobes \$1.48

The decidedly clever models we present in this Coat special will claim the favorable attention of every mother and every little girl who sees them. They're the juvenile adaptations of the best models of this Fall's modes for women. Materials are covert cloth, chevots and wool mixtures. Colors are gray, light brown, blue and other good shades, as well as the most pleasing effects in fancies. For little ladies of 6 to 14 years, double or single-breasted, some full-lined, some reefer style and some in the very smart side-pleated effects. The regular values run up to \$12.50 each, at only \$6.98



CHILDREN'S MOTHER HUBBARD DRESSES—Ages 6 months to 3 years, plain or fancy yokes, made of white lawn, special for today at the low price of... 59c

CHILDREN'S BATH ROBES—Made of double-faced blanketing or eiderdown; come in cardinal, blue, pink and tan; ages 1 to 5 years; spe. price today each... \$1.48

CHILDREN'S BATH ROBES—Larger sizes, ages 6 to 14 years, spe. price today each... \$2.59

Children's Rain Capes An Art Dept'm't Special



Standard Sewing Machines-- Our Club Plan--\$1 a Week

Men's \$1.50 Shirts 95c Each

Over 2000 stylish, well-made shirts to go at more than a third less than their regular selling price. They were bought to sell at \$1.50 and were good value at that figure, but today for an extra special they will be priced as above stated. The sizes, fit and colors are guaranteed. The materials are percale, madras, chambray, etc. Cuffs are attached or separate; coat styles; no old stock in the lot; all bright, clean, new and modish patterns, beautifully laundered, the kind that good dressers prefer. A shirt special worth remembering, on \$1.50 shirts for today at the very low price of... 95c

Charming Waists \$2.29

A double Saturday special in our splendid Waist Section. The style center of the Northwest contributes a brilliant bargain for today's selling—a striking instance of the supremacy of this store in the women's garment field. An immense purchase fortunately secured at much less than regular; divided into two lots and much underpriced for today's selling.



Umbrellas

Men's and women's union taffeta umbrellas; fine silk and lisle cover—the kind that gives the most wonderful wear—guaranteed for six months; fitted with handsome handles in large assortment. Reg. \$2.48

Bonnets 1/4 Less

A special line of bonnets for children from 1 to 8 years of age, in all colors and in the latest styles. Fine French and velvet models, worth from \$1.75 to \$2.00 today at ONE-FOURTH LESS.



Today Is Your Last Chance to Buy Mrs. Mowatt's Fine Raisins

The special Introductory Sale of these high-class raisins in our store ends today. They will be on sale later by several of the leading grocers in Portland. You'd better come in today and buy direct from the grower. We have several boxes of high-class layer raisins in special holiday packages. These make very acceptable Christmas gifts and are less expensive and much more acceptable than candy. A dainty two-pound box of these raisins costs less than a two-pound box of poor candy.

Boys' Sturdy Shoes \$1.60

Our "Ruff on Rocks" shoes for boys give remarkably good wear and look well, too. Made of Milwaukee calf, oiltanned, soles are fastened on with brass rivets which pass through the inner sole and clinch. Best on earth for the money.

Sizes 9 to 13 1/2, for today's selling, the pair \$1.60

"GOOD SHOES FOR BAD BOYS" are guaranteed for three months. They will not wear through the sole in that time, nor will the uppers crack; made of prime Norwegian calf, blucher cut, soles quilted with steel; our own special method. No better wearing shoe made, and they are NOT EXPENSIVE.

We Have the Exclusive Portland Agency for Hood Rubbers for Men, Women and Children—Best Made. LITTLE FOLKS' RED-TOP RUBBER BOOTS—Decidedly cunning and sensible wet-weather footwear for little chaps who want to run through all sorts of places. BOYS' WATERPROOF HIGH-CUT BOOTS with buckles at top. Free Today—Toys of Many Kinds Will Be Given in Addition to the Specials Presented Here.



Women's Hose SPECIAL COUNTER at 15c

One of the large tables in the Hosiery Department is especially devoted to the display of this splendid lot of hosiery—stockings for women and children. In the assortment are: Women's Winter-weight cotton hose with ribbed top. Women's Winter-weight fleeced hose with ribbed top. Women's plain fast-black cotton hose. Men's and boys' fast-black cotton ribbed stockings, with reinforced heel, toe and knee. These are all regular 25c; choice for today, the pair... 15c

Deputy Sheriff Schelle Matthews arrested a couple of suspects this morning.

HOOD RIVER CLAIMS MAN. Joseph Weisenberger Falls from Footlog While Crossing East Fork.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The body of Joseph Weisenberger, who fell from a log he was crossing on the east fork of the Hood River last night and drowned, was recovered today two miles down stream. Weisenberger, in company with his brother-in-law, Paul Scheine, had been looking at property in the upper valley, with a view of buying. They were returning to Dea.

Lumber Steamer Clears. ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The steamer Casco cleared at the Custom-House today for San Francisco with a cargo of 425,000 feet of lumber, loaded at Portland, and 65,000 feet loaded at Rainier and 200,000 feet loaded at Knappton.

Today is positively the last day for discount on East Side gas bills. Read "Gas Tips."

put a belt on a moving pulley when his clothes caught and he was dragged beneath the pulley and belt, breaking his right leg in two places. He was a native of Portland.

JURY CONVICTS INDIAN. Slayer of 14-Year-Old Girl Is Found Guilty of Murder.

WOODLAND, Cal., Nov. 15.—The jury in the case of Wilbur Benjamin, the Indian charged with the murder of Violet Glimmer, the 14-year-old school-teacher, who was found choked to death near Rumsey on October 4 last, brought in a verdict today of murder in the first degree.

Judge Hawkins announced that sentence would be pronounced November 22.

SPECIAL TODAY ONLY \$10.75 ELGIN AND WALTHAM WORKS 20-year guaranteed gold filled cases MARX & BLOCH LARGEST DIAMOND MASTER CRAFTSMEN DEALERS IN OREGON IN PRECIOUS METALS 283 MORRISON ST.