

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. 18 .- Secretary of the Interior Ballinger today followed up his reply to the attack made in a magaon his action regarding the Deschute zine on his action regarding the Deschutes River Rallroad rights of way by making a detailed reply to the same writer's attack on his conduct with regard to the Cun-ningham 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 Governperpetrate a traus upon the order in ment." he said. "Is not only fails but is intentionally so, if made by anyone who has taken the trouble to inquire into the facts.'

the facts." In explanation of the charges in con-nection with the Alaska coal lands, he went into the history of President Roose-velt's withdrawal from entry of all coal lands of Alaska in 1906, 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 of 1907 as Com-missioner 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

trusts by claimants to coal lands, and added: "The anti-trust clause of the Alaska coal act as finally passed May 25, 1906, was not submitted by Mr. Gifford Pinchot, but was submitted as a suggestion to Sec-retary 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."

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 re-port that he was interested in 155,000 shares of the Alaska Petroleum & Coal Company.

#### Counsel Never Given.

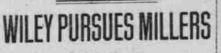
The statement that I or my former

"The statement that I or my former firm was attorney for this company or ever advised or counselled it 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, after he had resigned as Commissioner of the land office, he had been consulted in the preparation of articles of incorporation under the law of 1968, which had been approved by the Pressient and which permitted the entry President, and which permitted the entry of as much as 2560 acres of coal lands, but it was not true that either in this or in any other connection he had given any advice looking to a fraudulent act against the Government.

Asked about a statement that he had. sold that the proper course to take with the public domain was to "divide it up

of the American Telegraph & Telephone Company with the Western Union Tele-graph Company. We have not wished to join it and have not been invited to join it. There have been no negotia-tions 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 an-nounced.

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"It is true that we own a large block of stock of the American Telephone & Telegraph 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 telehons companies in the Middle West.
"We are not disturbed in any way. We have successfully met hard competition for over 25 years and have propered and are in first-class financial condition; better than ever before. We have walted until this matter had simmered down so that we could make one statement covering the whole subject.
"As I stated several weeks ago, competition, the same as heretofore."



PORTLAND COMPANY MADE SUB-JECT OF CIRCULAR.

Case Has Been Tried and Adjudicated, but Food Expert Is

Not Content.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Wash-ington, Nov. 19.-Dr. Wiley, the Govern-ment pure food expert, is pursuing an-other Portland manufacturing concern, the Accme Mills Company, which was accused, tried and convicted of putting on the market a foodstuff bearing a mis-leading label. "Iowa Rolled Oats Mix-ture." Not content with having beated his concern in the courts, Dr. Wiley is pursuing his regular policy of widely ad-vertising it and the 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 cecision are given. — This history and review relate that an inspector of the department found in he possession of a Los Angeles firm 509 sacks of the product, labeled as stated, and that upon analysis it proved to con-sist of 50 per cent outs and 50 per cent what and misbranded in the respect the adulterated" with wheat. The ship-ment was condemned duly. — The decree of condemnation relates that the concerning admitted the truth of the OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ment was concerned duty. The decree of condemnation relates that the corporation admitted the truth of the allegations made in the condemnation suit and recovered the goods upon pay-ment of the costs, \$47.30.

## OREGON APPLE WORLD KING

Eagle Point Product Carries Off Honor Prize at Spokane.

SPOKANE, Nov. 19 .- The sweepstakes

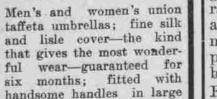
SPOKANE. Nov. 12.-The sweepstakes prize of \$1000 for the finest exhibit of a full carload of apples at the National Ap-ple Show was awarded this afternoon to Tronson and Guthrle, of Eagle Point, Or., for a display of Splizenbergs. The award carries with it a gold medal banner and this tills of "Apple King of

banner and the title of "Apple King of the World." The prize for the "largest perfect apple"

was awarded to Lorr and Ball, of Me-thow, Wash., for a Wolf River apple weighing 25 ounces and 16% inches in cir-



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 guaran-Umbrellas teed. 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 



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 twopound box of these raisins costs less than a two-pound box of poor candy.

95¢ Fancy seeded raisins, 11 pounds for .....

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among the big corporations and let the cople who knew how to make money out

people who knew how to hinke more that of it." Mr. Ballinger replied: "So assinine a statement hardly merits a denial. Of course, I made no such state-ment. Such a thought could not be en-tertained by any normal intelligence. tertained by any normal intelligence What I really think in regard to the pub lic domain and the conservation of nat-ural resources may be found in my offi-cial reports as Commissioner of the Genreports as commission of the own eral Land office and in my present annual report, soon to be published. I have not only been consistently in the vanguard of the conservation movement, but I have sought to give it permanence along lines reasonably within the spirit of present law and to secure adoptate additional law and to secure adequate additional

He made an equally emphatic denial of a statement that his firm is known as the Standard Oll legal adviser in Se-

## CUNNINGHAM'S WORDS BACKED

### Coal Expert, Government Investigat-

#### or. Corroborates Claimants.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 19.-The Gov ernment began the introduction of evi dence to show that no development work had been done on the Cunningham coal claims in the Katalla district of Alaska at the hearing before Special Commis-sioner William J. McGee today.

The first witness called after the intro-duction 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.

toward developing the claims. Mr. Kennedy spent two months going over the 32 claims for the purpose of as-certaining the amount of work that had been done on them. His testimony to-day covered 14 of the filings. On several of these he found evidences of prospect work, but said that he did not find any wildence of development work. They 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, sildes having partially filled them. Mr. Kennedy said that he found numerous coal exposures which evidently were not the result of work upon the part of claimants, but came from natural causes, such as erosion and land-sildes. J. M. Sheridan, attorney for the Gov-ernment, brought out the fact that in several causes where tralls had been built they were not for the purpose of leading

they were not for the purpose of leading to the works, but served as connections between the different claims.



Easy Night.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13 .- John G. Carliste, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, was reported today to have passed a com-fortable night.

## POSTAL IS NOT IN DEAL

President Mackay Denies Reported Combine With Western Union.

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

ROGUE VALLEY CELEBRATES Apple-Growers Elated Over Winning

#### World Honor.

MEDFORD, Or., Nov. 19.-(Special.)-This city is celebrating tonight following the announcement that Tronson & Guth-rie's car of Spitzenberge carried off first prize and the sweepstakes at the Spo-kane Acade Show kane Apple Show.

kane Apple Show. Rogue River Valley growers have long contended that Rogue River Valley pro-duces the finest apples in the Northwest, and confirmation 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. 19.-(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 va. P. A. McDonald and others, one of the parties being the State Land Board. The action was an eacheat proceeding, ap-pealed from Union County. In an opin-ion by Justice Slater, the appellate court reversed the trial court and remanded the

ause. The Supreme Court held that "the Legislature does not possess the power to de-prive the County Court of its primary and fundamental jurisdiction to determine the heirabip as to personalty and make dis tribution of the estate of a decedent."

## JAPANESE IN LOS ANGELES

## **Commissioners Will Come North Be**

## fore Sailing for Orient.

LOS ANGELES, Cal. Nov. 19.-The Japanese Commercial Commissioners arrived in Los Angeles by special train from Salt Lake City today. Most of the places of interest have been vis-ited. 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 No-Proceeding northward, the vember 26. party sails for Japan from Seattle.

## ARMY MANEUVERS PLANNED Philippines to Be Rendezvous for

AH U. S. Transports.

SEATTLE Nov. 19 .- 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 Philip-pines next January. According to the plans the maneuvers will be the most extensive action engaged in by troops in the Philippines since the close of the

Charming Waists \$2.29

A double Saturday special in our splendid Waist Section. The style center of the Northwest contributes a briliant 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.

Lot 1-Women's lingerie waists of very sheer. dainty lawn or linen lawn, trimmed with fine tucks, embroidery, insertion, or exquisitively dainty lace; all sizes. Regular values to \$2.29 \$3.50 each. Today you can get them for \$2.29

Lot 2-Women's lingerie waists; beautifully hand-embroidered; also trimmed with pretty lace and small tucks; extra fine quality lawn. \$3,79 Regular values to \$5.50, today at only...

# Women's Hose SPECIAL at 15c

of suspects this morning.

berger, who fell from a log he

was about 30 years old and had been here three months.

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.

ceed at once to Manila in order to par-ticipate in the maneuvers. It is planned to use all the Government transports on the Pacific in connection with the

MAN DROWNS FROM SCOW

Misses Footing and Goes Down in

Swift Columbia Current.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 19.-(Spe

cial.)-After tying his scow fast to a pile

Yeggmen Blow Depot Safe.

Men's and boys' fast-black cotton ribbed stockings, with reinforced heel, toe and knee. These are all reg- 15c ular 25c; choice for today, the pair .....

assortment. Reg. \$2.48 vals. to \$3.50; today.

AUTOMOBILE VEILS-40 inches wide, 90 inches long, in all the leading colors; extra quality chiffon; hemstitched edges; the regular prices are up to \$1.98 \$3.50; special at...\$1.98 45-IN. DRESS NETS in plain silk or in tucked effects; white, ecru or assorted colors; also 18-inch Venise lace all-overs in white, cream or eeru; values up to 95c \$2.00 the yard at.....

## 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 \$20.00 today at ONE-FOURTH LESS.



Choice seeded raisins, 12 pounds for ..... \$1.00 

# Boys'Sturdy Shoes \$1.60

Our "Ruff on Rocks" shoes for boys give and the search of the search o 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 131/2, for to-day's selling, the pair. \$1.60

Sizes 21/2 to 51/2, special \$2,00 value at low price of .... Sizes 1 to 2, special **\$1.80** price the pair, only...

'GOOD SHOES FOR BAD BOYS'' are guaranteed for three months. They will not wear through the sole in that time, nor will the uppers erack; 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.

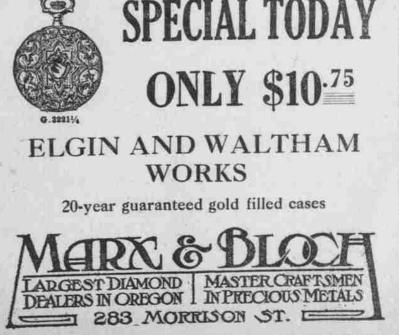
Free Today-Toys of Many Kinds Will Be Given in Addition to the Specials Presented Here.



#### Lumber Steamer Clears.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 19 .- (Special.)-ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 19.-(Special)-The steamer Casco cleared, at the Cus-tom-House today for San Francisco with a cargo of 475.000 feet of lumber, load-ed at Portland, and 65.000 feet loaded at Rainier and 200.000 feet loaded at Knappton.

Teday is positively the last day for dis-count on East Side gas bills. Read "Gas



chai.)—After tying his show that to a pro-at the Fittock & Leadbetter Company's mill at ten minutes of 5 tonight, George Oiney, aged 59, walked along the edge, missed his footing and fell into the Co-lumble. He sank at once and in the darkness his body could not be recovered. dargness 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 dity but a short time. He had been making fires in a local laundry in return for his room

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