

CHOT'S CHARGE CROOKED, ALLEGED

William H. Benton, ex-Forestry Engineer Here, Charges Injustice, Fraud.

ACCUSER WOULD TESTIFY

Several in Local Office Said to Have Connived to Appoint Kin and Friends—Pinchot Deaf to Complaint, Averred.

Charging Pinchot's Forestry Service with gross injustice to settlers and other land claimants, with incompetency and extravagance and with Civil Service fraud in award of positions and salaries in the service, William H. Benton, former forestry engineer in the forestry district that has headquarters in Portland, declares he will present his testimony before the joint committee of Congress that is probing Ballinger, Pinchot and Glavis.

Mr. Benton is in Portland and expects to go to the National Capital. He possesses a mass of official letters and telegrams, which he avers will substantiate his charges. He declares that the powers of forest supervisors and rangers over the lawful process of acquiring public land is arbitrary and frequently used tyrannically; that before petitioning claims are at the mercy of those officers and by them are often ousted from their rights under the law.

Dishonesty Is Alleged.

Officers high in the service, including Pinchot, are accused of dishonesty and conniving and conspiracy to defraud Civil Service eligibles out of positions and salaries. The charges were earned under the Civil Service rules, to put in desired places friends and kin of inferior Civil Service qualifications.

Pinchot, he contends, though informed of these dishonest and unlawful doings, refused to correct them or chastise the perpetrators. Several of the men whom Benton includes in his charges are in the forestry office in Portland. He accuses them of attempting to bribe him to quit his service nearly a year ago.

Among them are C. S. Chapman, district forester; E. H. Herring, district forester; and George H. Cecil, assistant; C. H. Flory, chief of the division of operations; and E. Herring, chief engineer of the district.

These men reply that Benton was dismissed from the service for incompetency and misconduct charges, which Benton avers were trumped up seven weeks after he filed his accusation, to silence and get rid of him. During a long interval between the bringing of his charges against forestry officials and his own dismissal, Benton was acting chief engineer in the local office.

Pinchot Knew Tactics?

Mr. Benton alleges that Pinchot had full cognizance of the acts of his chiefs in appointing men from the foot of the Civil Service list, by getting rid of high eligibles by offers of lower salaries than they were entitled to, and by offering higher salaries to the particular men who were wanted. One of these men was A. L. Herring, brother of the district engineer, and another was E. H. Jones, friend of the latter Herring, both appointed as engineers.

Before coming to Portland, Mr. Benton was connected with the main forest office in Washington as construction engineer. While there, he saw signs of collusion and overheard dictation of letters and telegrams (the chief of the office later said and saw correspondence made up to cheat many Civil Service eligibles. Benton at once called on Pinchot in person to tell him of his charges, but Pinchot declined to hear them and told him to present his complaint through the chief, who later avers they were involved in Benton's charges. But Mr. Benton took no further action at that time. Officials of the engineering office, he says, were instructed to look out for Benton's interests and to work out their spite. Although he was performing important duties in the Washington office he was soon instructed to proceed westward and travel extensively through the forest reserves at a time when the chief of his district was notoriously sick in the National Capital.

The alleged Civil Service frauds were perpetrated two years ago in the Washington office. F. C. Wales, then in charge of the office of engineering, was directed by Pinchot to appoint men from W. E. Herring to appoint low percentage men on the list of eligibles to positions in the engineering department. But in the meantime, Herring stood a large number of high-percentage men.

"Wales at first planned to evade offering any positions to the highest-standing eligibles," said Mr. Benton, "but was informed he could not do this. Then he looked up the salary that each high-standing eligible had named as the lowest he would accept. Then he dictated letters, to such as he was obliged to, offering them salaries in every case far below that which he thought they would accept, and made no secret of this purpose, but spoke of it in the presence of others and myself. In every case but one he secured refusals from the high-standing eligibles. Then he picked his chosen men from among those lowest on the eligible list and named the salary offer from \$1300 to \$1500. Two of the men wanted were A. L. Herring, brother of his chief, and E. H. Jones, formerly an associate in work of his chief."

Proof at Hand, He Says.

"While this was going on there was mild protest from the Civil Service Commission and Wales' attention was called, in my presence, by an official to the fact that he could not properly offer small pay to high-percentage men and after getting rid of them appoint low-percentage men at higher pay. Yet it remains that this was done, and I am prepared to prove that it was done by a copy of dictation letters and W. E. Herring."

"After Jones was safely installed in the engineering service, he was later sent to the Ogden office. The point of incapacity, it was necessary to put him and A. L. Herring under instruction, even to teach them to dictate letters. District engineers from other districts were detailed to Ogden, to tutor Jones, also A. L. Herring. An additional stenographer was engaged to dictate them practice for dictation and the voucher for the additional stenographer was so formed to make out that the salary there was for a 'temporary clerk.'"

Mr. Benton says it is no new thing for the Pinchot administration to pay salaries to its employees while they attend to school studies in colleges and elsewhere, to fit them for the Government's service. According to the decision of the Controller of the Treasury, there is absolutely no authorization of law for this practice of schooling forest rangers and paying them salaries at the same time.

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WATER MAKES CONDUCTOR

Standing on Wet Board Man Touches Highly Charged Testers, Is Believed—Verdict of Accidental Death Is Returned.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special.)

Edward P. Swanson was killed last night at the Cazadero power plant of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. He had been working as a carpenter since last January, and last night he was put to work on the machine testers, which are charged with 2300 volts. These testers are outside of the main building, and as they were wet and Swanson was warned of his danger. At 11:35 o'clock he was seen alive by one of the employees, and a minute later his lifeless body was found in a shallow pool of water beside the testers. He was lying with his feet on the wet boards. Swanson was not familiar with electrical apparatus and it is supposed that he touched the highly-charged testers, conditions adding to conductivity. The foreman's jury returned a verdict of accidental death. The power company provided a special car to bring the body to Oregon City.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. R. Smith, of Springwater, is at the Seaward.
M. Miller, State Senator from Lebanon, is at the Perkins.
C. C. Lane, of Woodburn, is among the Sunday arrivals at the Lenox.
O. P. Skipworth and Mrs. Skipworth of Eugene, are at the Imperial.
Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Slupe are the parents of a little son, born February 19.
W. A. Chamberlain and wife, now of Vancouver, B. C., are at the Portland.
E. J. Wells and wife, of Albany, were among the arrivals at the Seaward yesterday.
Oscar Hayter, of Dallas, is among the well-known Oregonians who are at the Cornellius.
Miss Maud Millotte, of Seattle, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Royer at the Nortonia.
Oscar L. Fisman, joint star with "The Merry Widow" company, is staying at the Cornellius.
Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Buell left last night for a month's sojourn in Southern California points.
E. L. James and wife, of Denver, Colo., are at the Lenox.
Albert Andrews, president of the Northwestern Land Company, is ill at his residence in Irvington.
M. T. O'Connell, lumber manufacturer at Winlock, was among the Sunday arrivals at the Oregon.
Charles K. Spalding, a leader among the business interests at Eugene, registered at the Perkins Sunday.
Mrs. J. F. Proctor, of Gresham, and a number of Christian Science thought in Oregon, are at the Ramapo.
Leroy Walker, banker at Canby, came to the Oregon yesterday and is accompanied by Mrs. Martin.
William Penn Evans, connected with the Canadian Pacific Railroad at Vancouver, is at the Cornellius.
J. Martin, the Astoria merchant, came to the Imperial yesterday and is accompanied by Mrs. Martin.
Dr. and Mrs. A. Tlizer returned last night from a pleasant visit to San Francisco, where they were guests at the Palace Hotel.
Les L. Matlock, manager of the Perkins hotel, returned yesterday from a visit to New York, as the guest of Fred M. Swift, railroad promoter.
Colonel and Mrs. E. B. R. Holm, of the United States Army, and stationed at Fort Lawton, arrived at the Nortonia yesterday.
W. J. Kerr, president of the Agricultural College, and E. D. Ressler, member of

HIPS SET 18 TIMES

Girl Auto Victim Undergoes Many Operations.

LAST ORDEAL SUCCEEDS

Miss Hazel Ross, 17, to Leave Good Samaritan Hospital Cured—Careless Seattle Surgeons Blamed. Lass Hurt in 1898.

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