

# WITNESSES WILL BE HELD FOR PERJURY

Federal Attorney Gets Warrants for Scanlon and S. Pickins.

## M'COURT LOSES PATIENCE

Scanlon Testifies That Affidavits Made to Detective Burns Under Direction of Heney "Did Not Amount to Anything."

Sidney Scanlon and Samuel Pickins, witnesses for the Government in the case now being heard in the United States Court, were arrested today, charged with perjury.

Immediately following the adjournment of the hearing involving cancellation of title to 25 timber claims in Linn and Lane Counties now held by the Linn-Lane Timber Company, in which the principal stockholder is Charles A. Smith, Minneapolis millionaire, District Attorney McCourt began preparation of information upon which warrants were obtained.

It is stated that the Government is in possession of evidence leading to the belief that the larger part of the entries in the famous case have been coached to repudiate former affidavits and testimony, and that witnesses will be sent upon the stand in the perjury cases who have knowledge of how the men were reached.

Perjury charges have not been expected since the early days of the trial. The first witness for the Government, Mrs. Luesia Ingersoll, testified that she had been approached by Dan W. Tarpley on the day before the hearing commenced.

Witnesses Are Visited.

Tarpley, said Mrs. Ingersoll, placed in her hands a copy of the false affidavit which she had at one time given to Special Agent Stratford, and asked her to confirm those statements at the present hearing. Mrs. Ingersoll said that Tarpley conveyed the information that he was representing Frederick A. Kribs on the mission.

On the following day, District Attorney McCourt pointed his finger at Attorney C. P. Minson, the latter seated in court beside Mr. Kribs, and accused the attorney of having visited all of the entries who had been summoned by the Government to reveal the inner workings of the scheme by which the lands were acquired.

In the complaints filed in the three cases now pending in the court, the Government charged that 58 claims, now valued at \$802,000, were acquired through a conspiracy to defraud by the use of dummy entries. It is alleged that Steven A. D. Puter, Horace G. McKinley, Frederick A. Kribs, Charles A. Smith and Mealy Brothers were parties to the transaction, and that they entered into an arrangement whereby farmers, bartenders and saloon keepers were engaged to file upon the lands in the Roseburg land office.

### Smith Gave Money Is Charge.

The Government further charges that Smith, through Kribs, who is admitted to have been an agent for Smith, furnished the money and covered up the deal by taking a mortgage for \$500 in each case. Deeds were passed from the entrymen to John H. Willd on the day final proofs were made, and not entered into any contract to sell or dispose of the lands prior to the time of making the original filings.

In 1908, Francis J. Heney entered upon an investigation of Oregon land frauds and brought Detective Burns into action. Burns went after the entrymen in the Smith land cases and caused them to be brought to Portland, where the United States grand jury was in session. Burns is said to have told the men that unless they told him the truth he would cause all of them to be indicted. The men told Burns that they made the entries for McKinley and Puter and that they were to deed them to men McKinley and Puter designated.

Since the beginning of the present hearing, witness after witness has denied both the Stratford and the Burns affidavits. The chorus of evidence has had not a single discordant note, the stories being so identical as to become monotonous.

Statements Made in Fear.

The witnesses have stated that all of their Burns affidavits were given through fear of the penitentiary and that they signed anything he wanted them to in order to escape the grand jury.

In almost every case during the present trial the men on whom the Government has relied for recovery of the valuable lands have testified that they borrowed the money from Kribs in good faith and that they relied upon McKinley and the Mealy Brothers to furnish the man with the money to lend. When McKinley, Puter and Mealy Brothers brought Kribs forward they signed the papers, but received no money aside from the \$50 or \$100. Kribs paid the money at the land office, as the evidence shows. The men have insisted that they had the right to sell the land to anybody they could find to buy it, and in three instances witnesses averred that they had put forth unsuccessful efforts in that direction.

With the statement from Witness Scanlon that "the Burns affidavit did not amount to anything," the patience of the Government prosecutor yesterday gave way.

"I do not care to make any statement regarding the matter," announced District Attorney McCourt last night, "further than to say that I intend to make it plain that perjury cannot be committed before the United States Court with impunity."

### WET TOWN SALOON MAN FAILS

First Instance on Record Occurs in Case of Clatskanie Resident.

For the first time within the remembrance of the oldest attaché of the United States Court a saloonkeeper in a wet town has petitioned to be declared a bankrupt. The distinction is accorded Charles H. West, of Clatskanie. Declaring that he owed \$1815.32 and that his total assets would amount to only \$2122.70, West asked that his creditors be compelled to accept that

## QUESTION OF FLOATING NEW MADISON-BRIDGE LIFT DRAW INTO PLACE CAUSES WORRY



MADISON-STREET CROSSING OVER WILLAMETTE RIVER AS IT APPEARS TODAY.

Difficulty in floating the new Madison bridge lift draw into place is expected by the engineers in charge of the work, unless Robert Wakefield, who has the contract for the piers, rushes the work to completion in a short time.

It was expected to be putting in the draw right now," said Drake C. O'Reilly, representing the contractors for the superstructure. "At the present stage it would not be difficult to float the lift draw into place. But if we have to wait until September before we have a chance to put it in, we will have to put some 30 or 40 feet of cribbing under it, as the water will then be much lower. We are wondering how much cribbing we will have to use, as we do not know how high the water will be. Neither do we know when Mr. Wakefield will be through with the piers."

Three piers have been finished, and the steel superstructure erected. Riveters are now at work upon them, and expect to finish the work in a week or 10 days. Mr. O'Reilly said his company could as well be working upon three spans as upon two, but the fourth pier is not ready. Mr. Wakefield has set May 19 as the time for finishing it.

There are seven piers in all. The cribbing of the four from the West Side out is in various stages. In two of them some concrete has been placed, but none has been put in the other two.

### amount and allow him to be freed of debt.

Almost immediately after the West petition was filed a similar document was presented by the attorneys for E. F. John W. and W. A. Russell, of North Bend, Coos County. Forced to make an assignment in 1908, at which time their assets paid creditors only 23 cents on the dollar, the former partners find themselves encumbered with an unpaid indebtedness of \$346,834, from which they desire relief. They assert that they have no assets at this time.

On the heels of the Coos County petition followed the appointment of J. F. Phy, of La Grande, as receiver for the merchandising house heretofore conducted by E. F. Webb at Alsea. It was charged by the Inhaber Flouring Mill Company and the Island City Mercantile & Milling Company that Webb transferred all his property on April 23 to J. L. McKinnis, one of his creditors. As the first move of an attack upon the transaction, it is intended to have Webb declared an involuntary bankrupt in hopes of forcing a division of the assets among all persons to whom he is indebted.

### Judge Wolverton Goes South.

Judge Charles E. Wolverton, of the United States Circuit Court, will leave for San Francisco Friday night, where he will sit as one of the judges of the Court of Appeals.

The Court of Appeals for this district is composed of Presiding Judge Gilbert, of Portland, and two judges of either the Government Circuit or District Courts for the ninth division. Judge Wolverton will be absent four or five weeks and during that time Judge R. S. Bean will sit in both divisions in this city.

## 7000 TO SIT AT BANQUET

### HIBERNIANS ANNOUNCE PROGRAMME OF CONVENTION.

Plans Outlined Evidence One of Greatest Gatherings in History of Portland—20,000 Coming.

The general programme for the National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, to be held here July 18 to 25 was announced yesterday. It includes meetings, receptions, a grand ball, a monster banquet at which 7000 plates will be laid, excursions out of Portland, trolley rides and various other amusements. Fully 20,000 visitors are expected in Portland in July.

On the opening evening two large meetings, restricted to delegates to the convention, will be held in the Woodmen of the World Temple, 128 Eleventh street. At 9 A. M. the following morning, which will be Tuesday, pontifical high mass will be conducted by Archbishop Alexander Christie. At 3 P. M. the delegates will be taken on a trolley ride to Council Crest.

In the evening the reception and ball will be given in the Masonic Temple at West Park and Yamhill streets.

### Wednesday evening there will be an auto and float parade. The details of the arrangement of the parade have not been made.

Thursday evening the big banquet will be given in the Armory. This probably will be the largest dinner, in point of attendance, ever given in Portland. More than 7000 plates, it is expected, will be laid. Dr. A. C. Smith will act as toastmaster. Among the speakers will be City Attorney Kavanaugh, Archbishop Christie, Rev. P. C. Yorke, of San Francisco; Matthew Cummings, National president and others.

A feature of the banquet will be the chorus of 100 voices, led by Professor Goodrich, with an orchestral accompaniment. On Saturday trips will be made to Cascade Locks, on the Columbia River, by steamer, and to Seaside.

Dr. J. C. Monaghan, formerly chief of the National Bureau of Consular Reports, and at present national lecturer of the Hibernians, will speak several times during the convention.

### Roadhouse Employees Arrested.

George Stewart and Fred Homer, employed by Fred T. Merrill at the Twelve-Mile House, who were indicted by the grand jury along with Merrill for selling liquor without a license, were arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriffs Leonard, Boyer and Huckaby. They gave bail and were released. They will be arraigned this afternoon.

### Elitely lost 60,000 inhabitants by earthquake in 1903.

## WAGES UP; MEN SCARCE

### RAILROAD CONTRACTORS SEEK 5000 IN VAIN.

Laborers Gossip in Front of Employment Agencies, but Refuse to Take Good Jobs.

The railroads now building in the Northwest could put 5000 men to work, if the workers were available. Wages are the highest ever paid for common labor, ranging from \$2.75 to \$3 a day.

With the contract now let to H. C. Henry, of Seattle, for the construction of the second link of the Oregon Trunk line, the situation will be intensified. The agencies every day report to contractors at present requiring men that they can not fulfill their demands. This in spite of the fact that hundreds of idle men can be seen along the street in front of the employment agencies.

"They are just there for gossip and fun," said a railroad man yesterday. "They would be horrified if you suggested work."

James Sweeney, who is building from Tillamook on the Pacific Railroad & Navigation Company, wants 1600 men right away. Weekly work reports show the work is falling away behind on account of the scarcity of men.

Porter Bros. have employment waiting for 5000 on the Oregon Trunk and wages are higher there, if anything. H. C. Henry will want at least 2000 men for the extension of the Oregon Trunk from Madras to Klamath Indian Reservation.

Thus, at least 8000 men could find employment out of Portland within four weeks in railroad work alone. In logging, farming and other lines there is probably a demand for 2000 more. A shortage of 10,000 laborers, with hundreds crying hard times and bad luck, seems an anomaly, but the figures are authentic.

From San Francisco the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe are building to Eureka and there is also a shortage of men, as marked as it is in the Northern camps.

### LARGE STORE TO RENT.

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## Store Opens at Nine o'Clock

**\$5.50 Silk Waists \$2.98**  
Made of plain, plaid and fancy stripe, soft taffeta silks in tailor-made effects with Gibson shoulders, also some black silk waists at same price.

**\$1.50 Lace Curtains 89c**  
Fine Nottingham curtains, white only, 48-50 in. wide, 3 yards long, finished edge.

**\$1.50 Muslin Gowns 89c**  
Made of good muslins, assorted styles, lace and embroidery trimmed.

**85c to \$1.25 Petticoats 48c**  
These are cut full width, are made of fast black heatherbloom and satine, and have deep corded ruffled flounce—85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 value at 48c.

**\$2 Damask Napkins \$1.39**  
Bleached damask napkins, 20x20, soft finish, extra good value, in deed.

**\$1.50 White Petticoats 89c**  
The sale price is less than the cost of the materials used. Lace and embroidery trimmed.

**75c Swiss Vests 43c**  
Ladies' silk finished Swiss ribbed Vests, with crocheted yokes, two styles.

**\$1.50 Lawn Waists 83c**  
Large line, long and short sleeves, open front or back. Embroidery and tucks.

**Shetland Floss 7c**  
Black, white and colored Shetland Floss, best grade, 7c skein.

**75c and \$1 Hand Bags 45c**  
All the Handbags that sold at 75c to \$1.00 are now only 45c.

**10c-50c Handkerchiefs 5c**  
Hemstitched and embroidered Handkerchiefs, 10c to 50c values at 5c.

**10c Paper Doylies 5c**  
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