

INHERITANCE BECOMES INVOLVED

Judge Bean Thinks Congressional Act Shuts Off Federal Court Authority.

TITLES BADLY TANGLED

Bill Gives Interior Department Full Authority—Decrees Asked by United States Attorney Held Up Pending Decision.

Inadvertently, perhaps, but nevertheless effectively, an act passed by the Congress of the United States on June 25 of this year, appears to have deprived the United States courts of jurisdiction of all Indian affairs with the possible exception of criminal prosecutions.

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Special Agents Required.

It is said that the Secretary of the Interior would be compelled to rely upon his force of special agents in the field service for the information upon which his decisions would be based.

Bankruptcy Fraud Charged.

Alleging that Emanuel Meyer and his wife, Esther Meyer, concealed valuable farm lands in the vicinity of Montavilla, when they were declared bankrupts in June last, Clara Kaufman, another creditor, yesterday filed a petition in the United States court asking that the case be reopened.

M'COURT WILLING TO SUE

District Attorney Discusses Bridge-Draw Controversy.

"I am perfectly willing to institute civil suits in their regular order, if Major Melndoe so desires," said John McCourt, United States District Attorney, last night, discussing the Major's comments that he had not heard from Mr. McCourt on the drawbridge controversy.

IMMIGRATION OFFICERS UNEARTH PLOT TO SMUGGLE CHINESE, SCORE BEING FOUND ABOARD THE KUMERIC



CHINESE IN TRAP

Smuggling Plot Disturbed by Immigration Officers.

26 STOWED IN FOREPEAK

Customary Hiding Place Is in Chain-locker of Kumeric, Whose Officers Put Blame for Trans-action Upon Boatswain.

When 26 slinking, cowed Chinese heeded the warning cry of their keepers yesterday morning, as immigration inspectors entered the forepeak of the British tramp Kumeric, lying at the Portland wharf, they were not sufficiently agile to elude the officers and their assistants.

Chinese Stowed With Cargo.

Those details were learned from Quong Gow, one of the party, who informed immigration Inspector Barbour through an interpreter, that he and his companions were not told that they had 27 fellow passengers, two of whom were captured at Victoria and the other at Seattle, because the latter were quartered in the hold, aft of the engine room, where space had been given them between bales of hemp that constituted part of the cargo brought to Puget Sound from Manila.

Work to Pay for Passage.

As to financial considerations, Quong Gow delivered to certain interests at Vancouver, B. C. for whom they were to have worked six months, receiving no pay for their labor, as their wages were to be paid by the ship's owners, their benefactors in advancing passage money.

Chinese in Trap

had caused the Kumeric to be searched at the time of her arrival, but nothing was found to indicate that stowaways were aboard.

Boatswain Stands Guard.

When Alesky and Watchmen Stephenson and Green were making a search yesterday, Alesky reached the forepeak in time to see the stowaways hustling into the chain locker like so many rats.

Struck a Rich Mine.

S. W. Bends, of Coal City, Ala., says he struck a perfect mine of health in Dr. King's New Life Pills for they cured him of Liver and Kidney Trouble after 12 years of suffering.

BASIC ISSUE INVOLVED

MINNESOTA RATE CASE WILL SETTLE BIG QUESTION.

Whether Return Shall Be Made on Investment or Present Valuation to Be Decided.

E. T. Young, ex-Attorney-General of Minnesota, is at Gearhart Beach with his family, for a rest after 18 days' oral argument before the United States Circuit Court on the famous Minnesota freight rate case that has been in the Federal Court two years.

"It has taken a long time to prepare the case," said Mr. Young at the Portland Hotel before leaving for the beach, "but we have presented a case that will be a precedent for all states, no matter which way the decision goes, for it hinges on the basic principle of freight rates—whether a rate should be established that will give a reasonable return on the amount actually invested by the railroads, as the state contends, or a rate that will give reasonable returns on the present value of the railroad properties, based on an estimated cost of replacement of all facilities. While there have been all sorts of rate cases before the courts, it seems strange that this vital point, which should settle the matter for all time to come, has never before been presented. We expect a decision from the Circuit Court this Fall, and the case will then go to the United States Supreme Court, whatever the decision may be. When the United States Supreme Court decides the case a precedent will be established that may be a guide for all Railroad Commissions and Legislatures."

Officers of the steamer recounted that they had no idea where the stowaways had boarded the Kumeric, as they had called at the usual Chinese and Japanese ports. Mr. Barbour, acting on advice of the Seattle office of the Immigration Department,

MT. HOOD IS SCALED

Y. M. C. A. Boys Climb to Peak Through Snow Storm.

16 HIKERS NOW MAZAMAS

Party Spends Six Days on Trip and They Welcome Association Showers and Baths on Their Return. Lectures Given in Camp.

The 15 Y. M. C. A. boys who went on a hike to Mount Hood last Friday returned to Portland last night, after having reached the summit of the mountain during a heavy snow storm. They were six days on the trip and declare they appreciate the Y. M. C. A. shower baths more than ever.

The boys, headed by A. M. Grilley, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., went as far as Boring on the Casadero line Friday morning, taking the 6:55 car from Portland. From there they hiked to the top of the mountain and back, a wagon having been provided to take the luggage. By dinner time they had reached Sandy, and Friday night they camped five miles beyond Ashcroft on the Sandy River. Saturday they cooked and ate their dinner at Toll Gate, and their supper at Twin Bridges.

Snow Line Is Reached.

Sunday saw the hikers at Government Camp. Sunday afternoon they walked to the snow line and camped there, making the summit of the peak Monday, although they were delayed four hours at Crater Rock on account of the snow storm. After the storm had abated and they had started on their way it commenced again to snow and had not stopped when they reached the top.

The 15 hikers were the first to register in the Mazamas new book. They had a snow fight, after which each added to a stone monument a rock for himself and another for his sweatshirt, and returning arrived in camp without mishap.

Mr. Grilley said that on none of his previous trips had he seen the cloud effect he saw this time. During a part of the journey the clouds broke and Eastern Oregon could be seen. The hikers could also see Mountains Jefferson and Three Sisters and Diamond Peak.

Nicknames Are Given.

At the outset the boys nicknamed each other Grandmother, Auntie, Cousin Amy, Huekleberry Finn and Stony Jim. In camp the hikers were favored with lectures, one by O. E. Haring on the forest service, and one by E. Wilkes, Jr., on bridge building.

ELOPERS APPEAR IN COURT

Mrs. Schweiker Vainly Seeks Mercy From Husband.

Pitifully shaken by her arrest, Mrs. George Schweiker appeared in Police Court yesterday, in company with Joe Mallet, to answer for eloping with him from her home as a husband in St. Louis, taking with her her two children. The couple were arrested Tuesday night by Patrolman Croxford upon a complaint sworn to by the husband, who followed them from St. Louis. Croxford also took custody of the two children, a girl 9 years old and a boy of 5, and turned them over to the detention home.

Schwelker testified that he was a workman in a carriage factory at St. Louis, that his wife left there with Mallet on May 4, and that he learned of their being here through a letter from a woman in whose house they stayed when they first came here. On cross-examination he denied that he had failed to support his wife, but ad-

EXPENSIVE PIPE ORGAN AND COSTLIEST CHICKERING FOR NEW MOVING PICTURE SHOW



When Manager James opens, next Saturday, the Majestic Theater, Portland's latest moving-picture show, in the recently-vacated Olds, Wortman & King building on Fifth street, near Washington, the public will be treated to music by a superb Kimball Soloist, Self-Playing, Tubular Pneumatic, Two-Manual and Pedal Pipe Organ, containing numerous orchestral stops especially adapted for concert work. Clifford D. Carney has been se-

lected as organist. A superb Chickering Orchestral Grand, as well as one of the world-renowned Fearless Electric, Self-Playing Piccolo and Xylophone Pianos, all of them supplied by Gilzer Music House, will complete the equipment of this truly majestic picture-show house. It is said, out of hundreds of theaters of this kind on the Coast, few will compare with the many attractive features to be offered by this theater.

mitted that he had choked her once, to prevent her from assaulting him, he said. Schweiker said that he had other witnesses to offer, who were not present, and the case was set over until today.

As the husband left the stand, the wife reached toward him imploringly, but he passed without a sign of notice. The fainting woman was supported from the courtroom and was allowed to go on her recognition, while Mallet was held.

Train Kills Unknown Man.

SIENAIKO, Or., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—An unknown man was killed by the southbound freight one mile north of Kent this afternoon at 5 o'clock. He was evidently stealing a ride either on a car of lumber or between cars. Parts of clothing were found on three cars in the

rear of the train. Arms and legs were severed and the body otherwise badly mutilated. Nothing was found on the mangled mass which could identify him. He was apparently about 30 years of age and a foreigner. A constable at Kent took charge of the remains.

Goats on Track Killed.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 17.—Nine goats were killed by the eastbound Albany-Yaquina train just east of Elk City last evening. A band of the animals ran onto the track directly ahead of the train and two were killed by the engine and seven more so badly injured that they were killed later.

Even in Honan city, distant only two days by rail from Peking, kung silver, the same cumbersome currency that has been used for centuries, is still employed.

Afraid of Ghosts

Many people are afraid of ghosts. Few people are afraid of germs. Yet the ghost is a fancy and the germ is a fact. If the germ could be magnified to a size equal to its terrors it would appear more terrible than any fire-breathing dragon. Germs can't be avoided. They are in the air we breathe, the water we drink.



The germ can only prosper when the condition of the system gives it free scope to establish itself and develop. When there is a deficiency of vital force, languor, restlessness, a sallow complexion, hollow eyes, when the appetite is poor and the sleep is broken, it is time to guard against the germ. You can fortify the body against all germs by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It increases the vital power, cleanses the system of clogging impurities, enriches the blood, puts the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition in working condition, so that the germ finds no weak or tainted spot in which to breed. "Golden Medical Discovery" contains no alcohol, whisky or habit-forming drugs. All its ingredients printed on its outside wrapper. It is not a secret nostrum but a medicine of known composition and with a record of 40 years of cures. Accept no substitute—there is nothing "just as good." Ask your neighbors.

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