

FRAUDS IN COTTON EXCEED MILLION

Alabama Brokers Operate by Means of Fraudulent Insurance Policies.

EXPORT TRADE IS SHAKEN

Drafts Made Against Non-Existing Shipments Cause Embarrassing Situations—Wildcat Oil Companies Under Ban.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Commenting on the arrest yesterday by postoffice inspectors of John W. Knight, senior member of the cotton brokerage firm of Knight, Yancey & Co. of Decatur, Ala., Postmaster-General Hitchcock today gave out a statement in which he said the operations of this concern through the alleged fraudulent use of the mails doubtless would exceed a million dollars. The alleged fraud was committed, he says, by use of bogus bills of lading covering fictitious shipments.

Mr. Hitchcock asserts that by making to insurance companies false reports of shipments, certificates of insurance were procured covering both railway and marine risks. These certificates were accepted as indicating the honesty of the shipment and the bills of lading on expedient were negotiated by New York brokers, who procured payments from the foreign importers in advance of delivery. It is chiefly against these foreign buyers of cotton that the fraud is alleged to have been committed.

"The effect of this procedure," the statement says, "is to create a wide spread lack of confidence in our cotton export trade, causing great embarrassment to reliable exporters."

Mr. Hitchcock declares that transactions of Knight, Yancey & Co. were similar to those of another concern of Corinth, Miss., whose members were recently indicted on expedient procured by postoffice inspectors. The Postmaster-General's statement alleges that the investigation developed that two concerns had arranged with each other to exchange drafts, each holding power of attorney for the other to accept such drafts, and that together they committed frauds aggregating between two and three million dollars.

Mr. Hitchcock says of the operations of Sander, Griffin & Co. of Cleveland, the principals of which concern were arrested by postoffice inspectors for the alleged fraudulent use of the mails in selling oil stock through misrepresentation:

"The successful development of certain legitimate oil projects during the last year has been taken advantage of by some promoters to defraud the public through the sale of stock in wildcat oil companies."

Investigations recently made have disclosed the fact that the mails are being extensively used in these operations.

CONTRACTORS ARE CAUGHT

Portland Father and Son Arrested by Tacoma Police.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—J. E. Reynolds, a contractor, and L. D. Reynolds, his son, were arrested here Wednesday by the police for the Portland authorities. The charge is larceny by bailment, but no particulars are known here. The men are held awaiting the arrival of Portland officers.

J. E. Reynolds and L. D. Reynolds were known under the name of Reynolds & Son, contractors, in this city. They built a house for John Eulick at Highland, and Eulick charges that they left the city, leaving bills unpaid amounting to \$400 for material used in the house. As a result liens were filed against the building, which Eulick was compelled to pay. Then warrants to be issued for the father and son, charging them with larceny by bailment, were returned by Eulick and Sloan left last night for Tacoma to bring them to Portland.

MAN WHITENS OWN COAT

Vancouver Officials-elect Have Talcum Powder Fight at Club.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Beginning an argument over how many votes each had received here in the recent election, the County Auditor-elect and the Justice of the Peace-elect last night were mixed in a talcum-powder fight. Suits of both were so widened that they had to be sent to the cleaners.

Lloyd Davis, elected Justice of the Peace, and William N. Marshall, elected County Auditor, were in the billiard room of the Commercial Club last night when the powder fight began. For a time Marshall had possession of the source of the powder and he covered Davis. Then Davis recovered the box and whitened Marshall's clothes. Losing the box again, Davis ran to a dressing-room, donned Marshall's overcoat, and darted out. Marshall was walking with the box and three the powder on his own coat. Marshall discovering his mistake, then dropped the powder for a broom.

ESTACADA RAID NETS FOUR

Men Accused of Opening Saloons Sunday and of Gambling.

ESTACADA, Or., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—A raid today by Sheriff Beatty and his deputies on several soft-drink establishments in Estacada resulted in the arrest of J. P. Aelter, J. F. Foster, C. E. Perry and F. W. Henderson, who conduct a rooming-house, on charges of keeping saloons open on Sunday and gambling.

The quartet was taken to Oregon City where all were given a hearing, after which they were admitted to bail. Detectives White and Reynolds assisted in the raid.

LENEVE MAY BE SHUT OUT

Crippen's Stenographer Likely to Be Unwelcome Immigrant.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Immigration officials here are interested in the case of Ethel Clara Leneve, the young woman who fled to Canada with Dr. H. H. Crippen, on her way to this country. Commissioner Williams declines to say anything

which might be regarded as prejudicial to the case.

"The matter will be investigated as the facts warrant," he said. "If she is not considered a desirable alien, the woman can easily be kept out of the country despite the fact that the English courts acquitted her of being an accomplice of Dr. Crippen. If sentence of deportation is passed on her, it will probably be on the ground that she crossed the Atlantic with Dr. Crippen, to whom she was not married."

GIRL EMBARKS FOR AMERICA

Passenger Supposed to Be Miss Leneve Denies Identity.

QUEENSTOWN, Nov. 24.—A young woman, supposed to be Ethel Clara Leneve, boarded the steamer Majestic when the vessel touched here today on her way to New York. Questioned, she emphatically denied this identification. Those in close touch with Miss Leneve say she is still in England, remaining in seclusion.

The passenger on the Majestic who closely resembles Miss Leneve arrived here on the mail train from London. She purchased a second-class ticket in the London office of the steamship company. Yesterday morning the White Star officials received a telephone message from an unnamed inquirer asking whether it would be possible to catch the Majestic at Queenstown. The steamship men comment on the unusual occurrence of a second cabin passenger traveling from London to Queenstown to board the liner.

YOUTH IS RATE EXPERT

B. B. BURGUNDER, 19, CALLED BY INTERSTATE BODY.

Essay on Stockholders' Rights Earns National Reputation and Student's Counsel Is Sought.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 24.—(Special.)—In the offices of Macubbin, Goodrich & Co. of this city, as its sole occupant this Thanksgiving day, B. B. Burgunder, 19 years of age, was busily engaged in "brushing up," as he called it, on a subject of which few mature and experienced financiers have little knowledge, in preparation, for his appearance in Washington tomorrow before the Interstate Commerce Commission in answer to a summons from that body.

Before he left college young Burgunder prepared and read an essay, entitled "The Declaration and Yield of Stockholders' Rights," which bids fair to make him famous. One of the faculty of the University was struck with the merit of the composition and advised young Burgunder to enlarge upon it and submit it to the American Academy of Political and Social Science for publication.

Because of the deep research and knowledge of this branch of American financing, which was evidenced by the article, young Burgunder is considered qualified to instruct the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission in their efforts to ascertain what relations the past financing of American railroads bear to the claim of the railroads that an increase in freight rates is essential at this time.

RIGHT TO BALLOT DELAYED

Returns Not All in, and Hay Waits Despite Protests.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—It was announced by Governor Hay this evening that he would be unable to issue the proclamation granting women the right to vote in time for Thanksgiving, as three of the counties in Eastern Washington have not sent in the returns of the election held on November 8, although it is conceded that the constitutional amendment carried.

The women of the state have sent in scores of telegrams urging the issuance of the proclamation, but the Governor is unable to concede the request. The Secretary of State informed him late in the afternoon that three counties were missing and the time when women can vote was further delayed.

The suffragette leaders have set tomorrow as a special day of thanksgiving.

TOLEDO MAY BE TERMINUS

Tacoma Eastern Buys No Right of Way Beyond That Town.

TOLEDO, Wash., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—The Tacoma Eastern road, through L. D. Howe, a local banker, has closed deals for right of way with Messrs. Pecheh, Bonny and Edmond.

The right of way secured is adjacent to Toledo, and is for use in the extension of the Tacoma Eastern to Toledo. No attempt being made to purchase right of way further than Toledo, it is supposed that this city will be the terminus.

Further interest is aroused on the local railroad situation by the report of heavy purchases of grain and hay from farmers adjacent to Toledo, by the Tacoma Eastern grading contractors.

It is expected grading will commence on the new road as soon as weather conditions permit.

GIANT PARSNIP IS GROWN

Rich Chemawa Soil Yields Vegetable Weighing 20 3-4 Pounds.

CHEMAWA, Or., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Twenty and three-quarters pounds is the weight of a giant parsnip which was taken today from the gardens of the Chemawa Indian School. This great vegetable is one of many almost as large taken from a half-acre of especially productive soil. From this one little plot have been taken already 200 bushels of parsnips, enough to give the Indian students of the school all the parsnips they will need this winter.

John Wesley, school gardener, says this parsnip is the largest ever taken out in this section. He attributes the large size to the rich soil, which is found in the Chemawa gardens. Only yesterday Mr. Wesley found a carrot weighing 10 1/2 pounds.

PORTLAND DAY.

Hood River Fruit Fair, November 26.

Saturday, November 26, will be Portland day at the Hood River Annual Fruit Fair. For this occasion the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company will make a special round trip rate of \$2.55. Tickets will be good going Friday, the 25th, or Saturday, 26th, with final return limit November 27.

Trains leave Union Depot at 8 and 9 A. M., 4, 6, 8 and 11 P. M. Tickets on sale at the Cosur d'Alene Hotel. The Washington streets, or Portland Union Depot.

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A Few More Little Boys and Girls Can Register Today

We know there are many who were unable to come Monday, and in order that they will not be disappointed, we have arranged to issue invitations up to 11 o'clock this morning. Come as early as you can, Little Boys and Girls, and register and get your invitations, which will have a number on them, and we will tell you what day you are to come to the party.

Today and Tomorrow, Dear Children, Are the Days That Santa Claus Will Entertain You at His Tea Party

All the Little Boys and Girls Whose Invitations Are Numbered Between One and One Thousand Are to Come to the Tea Party This Afternoon at Two o'clock. Those Whose Invitations Are Numbered From One Thousand Up Are to Come to the Saturday Tea Party at Two o'clock.

And now, Dear Little Friends, the Christmas Tea Party, which we know you have all been looking forward to, will soon be given. For many days Santa Claus has been busy preparing for that royal good time that he promised to all the Little Boys and Girls who would come to Toyland and register and get an invitation. He has given instructions to our chef to prepare lots of goodies and has also engaged an orchestra to play at the party. And remember that after the party he is going to take you to Toyland and present you with a Souvenir and a bag of candy. Don't forget to have Mother or Father look at the number of your invitation and tell you what day you are to come to the Christmas Tea Party.

Children's Days Will Be Duly Celebrated Here by the Offering of Wonderful Values in Wearing Apparel for Children Today and Tomorrow



Santa Claus has, during the past few days, also been preparing a surprise that will be equally as attractive as the Tea Party. The stock of Children's Wearing Apparel for Little Tots from six years up, and including garments for children of 14 years, has been thoroughly gone over, with the following bargain offerings as a result. The Junior sizes for Little Girls—9, 11, 13 and even 15—have not been overlooked. They, of course, are just like the garments that grown-up sister wears, but the skirts are not so long. And many a mother and father will welcome the many opportunities that this Children's Day Sale brings for choosing gifts of the right kind.

One-Third Off on All Children's Winter Coats

Even the very latest arrivals have been included to make this event more remarkable in value-giving and to offer greatest variety for selection. The collection includes plain coats, made just like brother's coat. Others are trimmed just a little, and then there are the fancy kind that some prefer. Mothers will certainly appreciate the opportunity that this sale offers for choosing warm, serviceable Winter Coats for the children.

One-Third Off on Children's Wool Dresses

From the staple styles that we sell at \$5.95 to the very finest Dresses of English wash serge, not one has been excepted from this offering. The showing includes one-piece Dresses of every kind—of blue serge, of fancy plaids in all colors, and in stripes and fancy mixtures. Juniors' Dresses, too, of the style that the grown-up sister wears, only with shorter skirts, are included.

\$2.00 and \$1.75 Dresses \$1.39

Another special Santa Claus group that presents a chance to save in Children's Wash Dresses. The lot includes navy and cadet blues, checks, and plaids. Many different styles to choose from and the kind that will not fade.

Our Dorothy Rain Capes

will be another attraction during Children's Party Days. They're the kind with hood that have plaid silk lining—ideal for school wear; special, \$2.39 \$1.25 and \$1.50 Flannelette

Kimonos for Girls—at 89c

Another offering from Santa Claus; these pretty little house garments with scalloped edge and sailor collar; not many of them, so we advise early selection.

75 Short Coats, Special \$1.98

\$4.75 to \$6.95 is the range of regular prices to be found in this special Santa Claus group. They're made like big brother's coat, medium weight and of all-wool materials, lined and unlined. Double and single-breasted. Some cloth and serge coats also included in this lot.

Special in Children's Gloves

Santa Claus has not overlooked our new Glove Section in choosing his offerings for Children's Days, and the result is this:

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Gloves at 89c

Real Kid Dress Gloves and real Chamois Gloves—the kind that mother can wash and make like new. Also real Mocha Gloves, both the unlined and fleece-lined. The Kid Gloves



A Santa Claus Special in Children's Wash Dresses

Many mothers prefer to have their girls wear washable Dresses the year round—they're so much more sanitary and serviceable—especially the kind that retain their color after washing.

\$1.25 Dresses at 89c

A remarkable assortment of dark colored percale prints to choose from at this special—strictly tailor made and absolutely color fast. Coat Dresses, we call them, for they button from neck to hem. Stripe trimmed. Come in navy and cadet blue, with small dot and ring patterns.

\$1.50 Dresses for 97c

Another Santa Claus special in this lot of Children's Washable Dresses, in navy, cadet and black and white checks, some of them red trimmed, and, of course, washable—we guarantee them.

\$7.48 for \$8.75 Raincoats

They're all new ones—have been here but a short time—rubber lined and with kimono sleeves. They, too, are made just like the Raincoats that the boys wear.

Santa Claus Says That 75 Pretty Dresses for Little Girls Will Be Offered at Half Price

He found these tucked away in one corner and said they were just what he wanted to complete his special offerings. They are of white lawn, linen and pique, and although they are somewhat mussed up, but not soiled, are as pretty as can be. Mind you, he says that they are to go at HALF PRICE.



BROTHERS TO UNITE

Spokane Man Locates Relative After 20 Years.

HE WILL GO TO GERMANY

Two Have Tried to Find Each Other for Long Time and Success Brings Great Cheer to Both Pete and John Sandergrath.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 24.—(Special.)

After 20 years of separation, Pete Sandergrath, a pioneer blacksmith and owner of the proposed city hall site at Wall street and Fremont avenue, and his brother, John Sandergrath, a retired army officer, have been brought in communication with each other, and within the next month will probably be united. The missing brother of the Spokane pioneer is now residing at the old family home, Eversburg, Germany, on the Rhine River.

A letter received this morning from the retired army officer reached Sandergrath at the Cosur d'Alene Hotel. The news was received with great delight, and a telegram announcing the receipt

of the letter and word that the local man would make a special trip to the old country to visit his long lost brother was immediately dispatched.

"It has been over 20 long years since I have even heard from John," said Mr. Sandergrath. "I guess I have been trying to find him as hard as he has been trying to locate me. His letter stated that he had written a number of times to this city and other towns in the West in an effort to locate me, but on each occasion the letters were returned. 'I shall certainly make preparations to take a trip across the pond and visit with my brother.'"

7-FOOT FALL IS FATAL

Medford Painter Dies of Fractured Skull Week After Accident.

MEDFORD, Or., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—L. T. Conson, a painter died in the Southern Oregon Hospital here last night from a fractured skull sustained by a fall of seven feet, while at work on the new Cuthbert building a week ago.

Naturalization Papers Identify.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Discovery of fragments of a body strewn along the Southern Pacific track near the depot at Marion called Coroner Clough to that point today. Naturalization papers found in a pocket of the clothing identified the man as Gasparol Cienaski, but nothing further is known concerning him.

AD MEN ARE EXPECTED

SALEM BOARD OF TRADE WILL ENTERTAIN CLUB.

Development League Session Promises to Be Greatest Publicity Gathering Ever Held in State.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Preparations are being made by the Board of Trade to entertain the Portland Ad Men's Club, which has voted to attend the meeting of the Oregon Development League in a body next Tuesday. Indications are that the league meeting will be one of the biggest publicity gatherings ever held in Oregon and new preparations are under way to accommodate all the visitors.

Efforts are being made to postpone a Railroad Commission hearing which was to have been held at Medford November 29, to allow Governor-elect Oswald West to be here and also to give Medford boosters an opportunity to be in the city.

An informal luncheon will be held Monday noon at the Illihee Club and the Armory has been secured for Monday evening to accommodate the session, as the Grand Opera-House has been otherwise engaged for that evening. It was first planned to hold the meetings at the Board of Trade rooms, but owing to the large number of ac-

ceptances being received, it is certain the rooms would be much too small.

Springfield Delegates Chosen.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—The Springfield Commercial Club held a special session last evening to select delegates to the convention of the Oregon Development League at Salem. Six delegates were chosen. This number is considered large for a city this size but the Springfield Commercial Club intends to let the state know that it is one of the "big" towns of the Willamette Valley. The men selected are A. S. Walker, W. M. Suttler, W. J. Barnes, M. J. Machee, A. J. Henderson, John A. Mullin. The Commercial Club is planning a large amount of work for this winter. It has on hand a considerable promotion fund which will be used for advertising and encouraging industries to the "Mill City."

Forest Grove Men to Go.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—President Ferrin, of the Board of Trade, and a number of local boosters will attend the meeting of the Oregon Development League to be held in Salem November 28 to 30. Among those chosen by the local commercial organization are: M. Peterson, W. H. Hollis, E. F. White, Y. S. Abraham, George S. Allen, E. W. Haines, A. G. Hoffman, Homer C. Atwell, Edward Seymour, Gerald Volk, W. J. Good, H. J. Goff, J. A. Thornburgh, A. C. Alexander, Charles H. Pratt, W. J. R. Beach, L. J. Corl, W. K. Newell and George Secour.

Ashland to Be Represented.

ASHLAND, Or., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Ashland will be well represented at the forthcoming meeting of the Oregon Development League which is scheduled to



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