

ARMED SQUATTERS DEFY SHERIFF'S MEN

Rush on for Valuable Quartz Land on South Fork River Near South Bend.

HOMESTEADER GIVES FIGHT

Discovery of Rich Gold and Silver Veins Three Miles From City Causes Race for Filings—Officials Out Trepasurers.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Armed heavily with repeating rifles or revolvers, 100 armed men and women are camped tonight along the South Fork River, three miles from this city, and despite the efforts of the sheriff and a number of deputies to dislodge them, they are still holding their ground, although they temporarily abandoned it in obedience to the sheriff's orders.

The cause of this unique "squattling" is the discovery of gold and silver quartz on the Ellsworth ranch early in the week. Mr. Ellsworth retained Attorney John T. Welsh, ex-State Senator, to look after his interests and to draw up papers ousting these trespassers from his land. Already over 50 filings have been made, the offices of A. P. Leonard, Judge Egbert and county officials having been working overtime to take care of those who have appeared for filings.

For the past five months two Colorado prospectors and miners have been secretly working along the South Fork river. Some weeks ago they came to Mr. Ellsworth and tried to make a deal with him for an interest, confiding to him that the ore they had found was of unusual value, and telling him they believed some of this ore they had sent to the assay office in Denver would show value of \$1000 a ton.

One Assay at \$1000.—Since then they assert they have received a report from this office showing the ore of the value of \$1000 gold to the ton and \$15 silver. It is said there is a vein six feet deep and three feet wide running for a considerable distance along the South Fork. When these miners were unable to deal with Mr. Ellsworth they considered their secret soon leaked out.

Since that time there has been a stampede to the gold fields, and every available automobile, livery rig and other conveyance has been pressed into service to carry the goldhunters to the river bank.

These two miners have been staking prospectors upon claims and much of the dirt has been dug up. Hasty filings have been made and some of the ore brought to this city is declared by old Alaska miners to show much value. Every train brings in men and women anxious to be located, and it is predicted that before another week is over the stampede to the diggings will assume the proportions of some of those witnessed in Alaska.

Gold Long Known on River.—For years it has been known that there was gold along this river, but no one has ever been able to find it in paying quantity. Other strikes have been made in the Willapa Valley near Trap Creek and Chinook Change, but it did not seem to satisfy the prospectors.

The only topic discussed here and in Raymond since the strike was made in Old miners who make their trails and streams of Alaska have joined the crowd of "lenderfeet." Many have outfitting with supplies for two weeks to a month's stay, and are prepared to remain upon their claims. Mr. Ellsworth declares these gold diggers have no legal standing, as his land is a donation claim and that he is in company with Deputy Sheriff McDonald and a number of special deputies today, he went to his ranch and posted notices, and the sheriff ordered the trespassers off the land.

No sooner had the sheriff left them than there was a rush back to the temporarily abandoned claims. All of the men are armed with either rifles or revolvers, and seem determined to stand their ground. Mr. Ellsworth is equally determined that they shall not remain.

Others Have Rich Holdings.—F. A. Hazzard and P. G. McIntosh also have large claims, but the goldhunters have squatted, but the owners say they will wait and see what the miners produce before making efforts to drive them off or sell their land to them.

A few months ago Mr. Ellsworth was offered \$10,000 for his ranch, and since the discovery of gold he has had many flattering offers from prospective purchasers. There is a fear among loggers that if a dam situated above the goldhunters is opened, the rush of water will catch them and drown them in the big ravine before they can make their escape. They have been warned of the danger, but some of them believe this is a ruse to frighten them away. This dam is used to float logs down, and is often opened. Every train brings in new prospectors, and the excitement is reaching into the cities of the state.

HARD CAMPAIGN PREDICTED

Democratic Chairman Says, "Political Heavens Aflame," Quits.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—I predict that the political battle of this year will be fiercer and harder fought than any since the memorable campaign of 1896. The political heavens are all aflame and it certainly behooves the Democratic party to select its very best men for candidates. This is not only true for President, but for all other candidates. There will perhaps be more independent voting this year than ever before. Electors are going to vote for men, for principle and without much regard for partisan policies.

Thus spoke Will M. Peterson, attorney today, in the concluding portions of his resignation as chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee. Continuing, he said: "The Democratic party is no longer dismembered, disrupted and faciliated. It is stronger and more formidable than it has been since 1892."

HOG PRICE HOLDUP HEARD

Klamath Falls Butchers Make Serious Charges; Remedy Seen.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Complaint which has been heard from farmers in this vicinity that they cannot find a market for their hogs and that they have been unable to dis-

pose of their porkers is met by the Klamath Falls butchers with the contention that the agricultural men here have been trying to hold them up on price of porkers. They declare that farmers have asked 3 and 10 cents for hogs, alive, and quote one instance where a sale was made at 11 cents, when the Portland quotation was shade under 7 cents a pound and something besides for freight and something besides for Klamath Falls buyers to import squealers. One firm some time since, when the farmers demanded 10 cents a pound for live porkers, sent to Sacramento for a carload, which they had laid down here, including freight, for 7 cents.

The present condition of affairs, the Klamath Falls Meat Company, recently incorporated with a capital of \$10,000, proposes in the Spring to begin the slaughter of hogs, and the endeavor to supply the local market with porcine products. The concern will have a capacity for 40 hogs a day and is able to take care of all the stock raised in this vicinity. If the farmers fail to make a satisfactory price the butchers will see if they cannot bring down the market to the level of the market on a substantial level. Secretary of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce of hog products, he also is being shipped into Klamath Falls, and it is this trade that the Klamath Falls butchers want to get.

PORTLAND MEN ARE OUT

LEA, DITCHBURN AND WILHELM DECLARE SELVES.

Secretary of State, Declaring His Intention to Ask Nomination Says His Residence Is Salem.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Three Portland men and one giving his residence as Salem, A. H. Lea, John Ditchburn, Ludwig Wilhelm and Bon F. Olcott, now Secretary of State, today filed their declarations to enter the race for as many places in the coming election.

Secretary Olcott filed his petition for nomination with himself today and with it sprang a surprise when he announced that his residence is Salem. He also supplemented this by registering as a Republican at the office of the County Clerk.

When Governor West announced that Secretary Olcott would be his appointee as Secretary of State, he also announced that Olcott's residence was in Crook County, where he owns a patch of cleared sagebrush land.

So far the only two avowed candidates in the race are Olcott and County Clerk Fields, of Multnomah County. Fields filing his declaration some time since. In his platform Secretary Olcott says:

"If nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, continue to give our people the best of my own duties. My training and experience have fitted me for the work. By active and harmonious co-operation with the other members of the State Board, have assisted in placing our state institutions on a more economical basis and a higher plane of efficiency. Have installed money-saving devices in the Secretary's office. Taxpayers' pocketbooks are vitally affected by the conduct of this office, which is estimated yearly \$500,000. I shall continue to apply the acid test to every claim against the public funds. I request that the following words be printed on the ballot: 'Fearless administration to protect consumer and develop producer.'"

"Results talk. My record is before you. Believe in the Oregon system."

"Demanding protection of butter against unfair competition with colored oleomargarine," as a part of his platform. Mr. Lea says he will become a candidate for the office of State Dairy and Food Commissioner. He is a Republican. He says he favors enforcement of pure food laws and cleanliness of healthful food products; full weight and measure; protection of honest dairymen and honest manufacturers against dishonest competition; protection of development of Oregon's dairy industry; encouragement of co-operative associations; enlargement of work and broadening of the ministerial association of the people of Oregon with fearless but intelligent enforcement of present laws, no discrimination and additional laws to develop and foster dairying and protection of Oregon State Brand on both butter and cheese, as well as an active campaign against misbranding food products.

He was printed after his name on the ballot: "Fearless administration to protect consumer and develop producer."

Mr. Ditchburn, Republican, filed his declaration to become a candidate for nomination for the office of Circuit Judge in Multnomah County, Department No.

Ludwig Wilhelm, also of Portland, filed his declaration as a candidate for the office of delegate to the National convention on the Democratic ticket.

MEDFORD MINISTERS BUSY

Plan On to Make Religion More of Constructive Force.

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—With the determination to make religion more of a constructive force in the community, the ministerial association arranged today for midday and evening meetings during the week and if the plan is a success they may be continued with some modifications through the year.

The midday meetings will be held on consecutive days in different retail stores in the city and the evening meetings will be held out of doors at the corner of Main and Front streets. All the ministers of the association will take part, representing different churches and different theological beliefs but all working to increase church membership and appeal to the practical value of right living in every day life.

TWO BONDSMEN SUE BANK

Failure of Vancouver Contractors and Hinge on Litigation.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—M. R. Sparks and C. A. Burrock, of this city, who were on the bonds of Rector & Daly, contractors, when the latter were declared bankrupt, have brought suit against the Vancouver Trust & Savings Bank to collect \$10,000.

Sparks and Burrock, when left on the bonds of Rector & Daly, took over street contracts in the city, for which they were bondsmen, and completed the work. Sparks & Burrock pray a judgment in the amount or a decree from the court holding that the plaintiffs are entitled to the whole of the \$10,000 now in the hands of the defendant.

AN EPIDEMIC OF COUGHING is sweeping over the town. Old and young alike are affected, and the strain is particularly hard on little children and on elderly people. Little's Peppermint Cure is a quick, safe and reliable cure for all coughs and colds. Contains no opiates. Sold by all druggists.

HAZZARD METHOD CALLED CROOKED

State Scores "Fast-Cure" Specialist Pleading for Public's Protection.

CASE GOES TO JURY TODAY

"Real Reason for Prosecution Is That Mrs. Hazzard Is Not College Graduate," Says Woman's Attorney in Seeking Acquittal.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 2.—Arguments began today in the murder trial at Port Orchard of Mrs. Linda Burfield Hazzard, accused of starving to death Miss Claire Williamson, a wealthy Englishwoman. The opening arguments of the state and of the defense occupied all of the afternoon and night session. The closing arguments will be made and the case probably will go to the jury tomorrow.

Prosecuting Attorney Thomas Stevenson, of Kitsap County, made the opening argument for the state. "This case is of unusual significance," said Mr. Stevenson. "We are not here to avenge the death of Claire Williamson, but to protect the public not only from Mrs. Hazzard, but from others like her. There are other Claire Williamsons all over the United States who may fall into the clutches of such a woman as this."

Verdict to Be Far-Reaching.—"Your verdict will be of far-reaching effect. This case is being watched all over the civilized world. If Mrs. Hazzard is acquitted consider the effect of your verdict. Then throughout the United States all sorts of faddists will be reaching out for the weak and unprotected."

"When Dorothea and Claire first came to Mrs. Hazzard she thought they were just ordinary patients coming to be plucked, but when she found they were women of great means and she had them in her power she developed the criminal intent. She allowed Claire to die of starvation and she did not do the next best thing. She had herself appointed Dora's guardian. Did you ever hear of such fraud and crookedness?"

"Here is a woman who can get others under her control. Are you going to bring in a verdict that will permit her and others like her through the entire country to continue such practices with impunity?"

Seattle Man Pleads for Woman.—E. D. Karr, of Seattle, counsel for Mrs. Hazzard, opened the argument for the defense. He declared that death was not due to starvation. "The real reason for this prosecution," said Mr. Karr, "is that Mrs. Hazzard is not a college graduate. Her offense consists of having been indicted in the school of hard knocks. She has only the common, garden variety of intelligence and because of this doctors with degrees cannot stand her competition."

"She has lost some patients, but where is the physician who has not. She has lost eight in the last 12 years. If she is not losing more than that why not let her alone? You don't need to put her in the penitentiary if she isn't doing good her practice will dwindle and she will have to go back to the garden."

FOUR VERDICTS ALLOWED

Judge Keyes Instructed the Jury that a verdict of murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, manslaughter or acquittal could be returned.

The charge said that Mrs. Hazzard need not be personally withheld food to make her acts constitute a crime. If she advised abstinence from food, acting as a physician, having gained the trust and confidence of Claire Williamson, and if Claire Williamson, completely trusting Mrs. Hazzard, followed her instructions and death resulted, it was a crime.

Claire Williamson's assent to such a course of treatment is not a defense, the court said, but if Claire was of sound mind and refuses to eat, death offered by Mrs. Hazzard, the verdict should be not guilty.

Hours before Prosecutor Stevenson opened for the state this afternoon, 248 women, by actual count, were in line before the courthouse door waiting for the rush for advantageous seats in the courtroom.

Mrs. Hazzard lost much of her poise last night. She appeared haggard and today, paying strict attention to the argument of Prosecuting Attorney Stevenson, Special Prosecutor Frank H. Kelly, whose work in cross-examination has been a feature of the trial, will make the closing argument for the state.

BUILDING CONTRACT LET

Kansas Firm Gets Walla Walla Undertaking at \$119,144.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 2.—The contract was awarded today to Dieler & Wenzel, of Wichita, Kan., for erecting a public building at Walla Walla.

They were lowest bidders, at \$119,144.

BANK WRECKER IS LOSER

Supreme Court, Acting on Welty Case, Calls Judge to Account.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 2.—The state Supreme Court at Olympia yesterday

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure

The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar NO ALUM, NO LIME PHOSPHATE

DENIAL IS POSITIVE

Mabel Young Warner Dramatically Narrates Life Story.

WILL CASE'S CLIMAX SEEN Accused Woman Bitterly Assails Those Who Would Show She Attempted Bribery to Secure Estate Left by Her Uncle.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Holding spellbound an audience which crowded the courtroom to its fullest capacity, Mrs. Mabel Young Warner occupied the stand in her own behalf for more than three hours this afternoon and dramatically narrated the history of her life.

Starting with her arrival when 3 years of age at the home of her uncle, J. W. Young, she told how that uncle had always treated her as his own child, sent her to school and promised her times without number that she was to be made his heir when he died.

She did not omit to tell how her uncle came between her father, his brother, and her mother whom he afterwards married, and the fact that she herself passed three years on the vaudeville stage as a singer of illustrated songs, dancer and expert shooter.

Denials Are Positive.—The accused woman denied absolutely that she had ever offered Mrs. Mary Eastman \$500 to testify for her, and instead of having offered John Lowry \$5000 to produce her a will, declared she had most emphatically repudiated on four different occasions his offer to make her a will "that all hell couldn't shake."

She admitted having gone to his home, but insisted it was at his solicitation and on his assurance that he had information of value to her.

She was only cross-examined long enough to emphasize her stage career and to bring out the fact she had not seen her uncle for 10 years prior to his death.

Writing Expert Testifies

Aside from Mabel her principal witness was E. H. Thompson, Spokane handwriting expert, who declared Young was one man in a million, and that his ability to write names not only twice but several times exactly alike, overthrows all the theories of books.

This testimony is to contradict the state's experts, who declared the three signatures of Young in the "fourth" will, on which she is being tried, were too exactly alike to be genuine. Young pronounced the "will" to be unqualifiedly a forgery. Thompson says, in his opinion, it is genuine, though he refused to state it as a fact, explaining that there was so much forgery in connection with the case that it is hard to find genuine writings enough on which to base comparisons.

Taking severe note of the writings for comparison, he declared she could not

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have written the two wills admitted by all to be forgeries. Two witnesses also swore the reputation of John Lowry for truth and veracity is bad.

Medford Now Asks Federal Building MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Medford wants a Federal building and wants it bad. The city is now 50 from the top of the list at Washington in spite of the fact that there is

no building for a Federal Court and the Postoffice is burning the doors of the present accommodations. At a meeting of the Commercial Club tonight a committee was appointed to communicate with Representative Hawley in an endeavor to secure the proposed Federal building sooner than would be possible under the present arrangements and if possible have the place moved forward on the waiting list.

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