

SILEZ CASES TO BE SETTLED SOON

Charges of Collusion Made by Oliver Lee Hull Are Being Investigated.

RECENT ENTRIES RECALLED

Webster Ballinger, Attorney for the Original Claimants, and Representative Hawley Urge That Congress Take Action.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 12.—Final decision may be expected within the next two weeks in the so-called Siliz cases in Oregon which have attracted widespread attention during the last four years. Both the Land Commissioner and the Secretary of the Interior are determined to bring this long-drawn-out controversy to an end.

Oliver Lee Hull secured a postponement of action on the cases of Jacob L. Condon, Falls City, Or.; Peter A. Finis, Dallas, Or.; C. J. Graden, Sunnyside, Wash.; Chester V. Hare, Portland; George R. Lowe, Falls City, Or.; Richard Paul, Falls City, Or.; Arthur E. Lawton, Meadowsdale, Wash.; Eva C. Smith and Lee Smith, Dallas, Or.; William L. Wells, Halsey, Or.; and John D. Murphy, Buhl, Idaho, on the charge, first, that the entrymen were attempting to obtain patents to the lands by perjured evidence; second, that District Attorney McCourt and Special Agent Sharp, at a recent hearing held at Portland, had taken only such testimony as was favorable to the claimants, and had refused to call witnesses against them.

Hull submits brief. Upon Hull's telegraphic protest to the Commissioner, action on these cases was deferred until March 15, in order to enable him to file with the Commissioner a transcript of the evidence taken before McCourt and Sharp which Hull declared would substantiate his claim that the so-called hearing was in fact a dummy affair held in the interest of the claimants. The Commissioner received a lengthy brief March 14, signed by Hull, accompanied by 150 extractions of the evidence. Hull protesting that he was too poor to pay the costs of a complete transcript of the record. The Commissioner then, at the request of Webster Ballinger, attorney for the claimants, wired Agent Sharp to forward without delay a complete transcript of the record of the hearing, which is expected here within a few days. When the record is received, final action on all of these cases will be taken, but whether they will be rejected or passed to patent is problematical.

New Filings Allowed. In the meantime the Commissioner's office, on March 17, mailed orders to the local officers at Portland, to allow William H. King to make entry of the land embraced in the canceled entry of Levi M. Gilbert, of Salem, and to accept the final proof tendered by Henry A. Hostetler and issue him final certificate for the lands embraced in the canceled entry of Benjamin P. Courtney, of La Grande, Or. Other orders of a similar nature had been prepared in other cases, when Representative Hawley and Webster Ballinger, attorney for the original entrymen, discovered the action taken.

Before Congress adjourned, the chairman of the public lands committee of the House, acting upon the recommendation of a subcommittee, the members of which had examined into the bill introduced by Mr. Hawley directing the issuance of patents to Earl Hooman, Albert M. Southwick, Benjamin P. Courtney, William R. Ellis, Abiah Williams, Conrad W. Boeschen, Joseph Kosydar, Ferris A. Lucas, Edith G. Southwick, William D. Conner, Amelia Wagner, Willis B. Morse, Lyman M. Lee, Howard H. Ragan, Hans M. Branson, Thomas Holverson and Levi M. Gilbert, requested the Secretary of the Interior to permit no action to be taken by the officers of his department that would in any way be prejudicial to the rights of the original entrymen until Congress could at the next regular session fully inquire into the rights of these claimants.

Nullification of Act Charged. It had been asserted by Mr. Ballinger, attorney for the claimants, and by the Oregon delegation, that the department had nullified the Act of March 4, 1911, by construction, and had denied these 17 claimants the benefits of that act which was passed primarily for their relief. A vigorous protest was made by the Secretary of the Interior, in orders allowing King to enter the Gilbert land and directing the local officers to accept the proof offered by Hostetler covering the Courtney land, being recalled by wire and an order suspending further action affecting any of the lands included in the former entries of the 17 original entrymen until Secretary Lane can fully inquire into the matter, preparatory to acting upon the request of the chairman of the public lands committee of the House, who is scarcely possible that Secretary Lane will deny the request made by Chairman Ferris, and the indications are the rights of these claimants will be passed upon again by Congress at the next regular session, at which time the Oregon delegation will endeavor to pass these cases to patent.

Albany-Corvallis Excursions Start. ALBANY, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—The first Sunday excursion by boat from this city in many years occurred yesterday when the Oregon City Transportation Company inaugurated a series of special Sunday trips between Albany and Corvallis with the steamer Grahams. The steamer left Corvallis at 9 o'clock, arriving in Albany shortly after 10 o'clock. It left Albany at 11 o'clock, reaching Corvallis at 1 o'clock. A second round trip between the two cities was made, the steamer leaving Corvallis at 2 o'clock and Albany at 4 o'clock.

Springfield Dedicates Church. SPRINGFIELD, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—The new Christian church at Pleasant Hill was dedicated with appropriate services yesterday. Farmers from the country for many miles around, as well as many people from this city and Eugene, attended the services. The building is of the bungalow type. It is built upon a hill and can be seen for many miles in nearly every direction. This is the first religious organization in Lane County. Pleasant Hill being the first settlement in the county. Rev. Harry Benton is the pastor.

Oregon City Woman Dies at 82. OREGON CITY, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—The death of Mrs. L. A. Alexander, of West Oregon City, occurred this morning at 9:45 after an illness lasting a little over a week. Mrs. Alexander, who was 82 years old, leaves a family of seven children as follows: William and Ross, of Lebanon, Or.; Mrs. Edward Lovell, of Hubbard, Or.; Mrs. G. Aronson, of Newport; Vern, of Astoria, and

Cyril, of Newport, besides an adopted daughter, Miss Florence Reisenberg, of Portland.

HOG AND COW RECOGNIZED

Stanfield Sets May 24 as Day of Appreciation for Livestock.

Recognition of the part played by the hog and the cow in the upbuilding of the wealth of the community will be made by the people of Stanfield in the celebration of "Hog and Cow" day, May 24.

J. M. Kayle, Mayor of the city, has written to many of the business men of Portland, asking them to participate in the celebration.

"This is not a meeting," he says, "gotten up for the purpose of honoring any particular town or land, but for the benefit of the farmers and business men of the entire state. We are arranging to have a sleep-in attached to No. 8, which leaves Portland at 8 o'clock the evening of May 23, and returns on the morning of May 25.

KLICKITAT COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION VOTES TO INCREASE STOCK.



Ralph W. Fenton, GOLDENDALE, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—The capital stock of the Klickitat County Fair Association was increased from \$2000 to \$12,000 at a meeting of the stockholders held at Goldendale Saturday. Two-thirds of the stock was represented at the meeting and there was not a dissenting vote. Subscriptions for 130 shares of the increased capitalization at \$10 a share have been received.

The association was incorporated in 1909 and has expended \$5000 on grounds, race track and buildings.

Goldendale business men retired from the executive board in 1912 and with the exception of the secretary and treasurer the management of the fair is entirely in the hands of farmers.

Ralph W. Fenton, president of the association, is practically a stranger to the Klickitat Valley. He is now the owner of a 1200-acre grain farm.

Several representatives of the business organizations of Portland are preparing to go, and Portland will probably be represented at Stanfield on May 24 by a fairly large crowd.

President Campbell to Talk. ASHLAND, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—President Campbell, of the University of Oregon, will deliver the address before Burns Post G. A. R., on Memorial day. Mr. Campbell is a Civil War veteran. His visit to Ashland will be in a dual capacity, that of addressing the high school graduates on May 29, in addition to meeting with the old soldiers.

Albany Girl Dramatic Graduate. ALBANY, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—Miss Ora Harkness, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Harkness, of this city, was graduated Saturday from the Columbia School of Expression in Chicago, where she has been studying for 14 months. She has appeared upon the platform on many occasions in Albany and other Valley cities. Miss Harkness is expected here next month.

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CARD OF THANKS. Mrs. Timmons wishes to thank her friends for their many kindnesses in her late sad bereavement.

TWO GLEE CLUBS GIVE CONCERT AT VANCOUVER HIGH SCHOOL.



GLEE CLUB OF VANCOUVER HIGH SCHOOL. VANCOUVER, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—More than \$200 was realized tonight by the fourth annual Glee Club concert given in the auditorium of the Vancouver High School. This fund will go towards buying a baby grand piano, which has already been furnished by A. J. Dorland, of this city. The program was excellent, and showed much training and unusual merit on the part of the performers. The boys' and girls' glee clubs of the Vancouver High School participated in the contest.

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BABCOCK SEES PLOT

To Refer Compensation Act Is Scheme, Is Assertion.

DELAY TO 1914 IS CHARGED

Member of Commission Says Agents of Casualty Companies and Lawyers, Who Solicit Business, Back Plan to Halt Law.

SALEM, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—Declaring that agents of casualty companies and lawyers who solicit business in the name of the Compensation Commission, upon his return from Portland today, said a move had been started to refer the workmen's compensation act and to test the constitutionality of the Day bill providing a special referendum election in November.

He charged that the object was to delay a vote on the act until the 1914 election. "Petitions to refer the act are being circulated in Portland," declared Mr. Babcock. "Of course, the casualty men and ambulance-chasers are keeping in the dark, and strenuously deny that they are connected with the movement. The plan is to tie up the bill by referendum and then go into the Supreme Court and test the constitutionality of the Day bill."

"If the special election can be declared illegal the compensation act will not become operative until after its approval by the people at the November election, 1914."

"If the act is referred there is little doubt that, at the first opportunity, it will be initiated a bill providing for a comprehensive system of state insurance. It is not improbable that the compensation act will be made compulsory, and the writing of liability insurance in this state by private corporations will be absolutely prohibited, as has been done in Ohio."

PORTLAND TEACHER NAMED PRUNE CROP MAY BE SHORT. G. W. Henderson to Become Superintendent of The Dalles Schools. THE DALLES, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—At a special meeting of the local school board Saturday G. W. Henderson, principal of the Oakley Green School, Portland, was elected superintendent of The Dalles schools at a salary of \$2100 a year. He will succeed A. C. Strange, who has been elected to the superintendency of the Baker schools.

Mr. Henderson comes here highly recommended. He has been at the head of the Oakley Green institution for the past five years and was instructor in the Lincoln High School, of Portland, nearly three years. He has also had several years' experience in village and smaller schools in Michigan and Ohio. Mr. Henderson was graduated from Harvard. Superintendent W. R. Rutherford, of McMinnville, was first elected to succeed Mr. Strange, but failed to accept. Then Mr. Henderson became a candidate and was elected.

Clarkston Host to Convention. LEWISTON, Idaho, May 12.—(Special.)—The District Sunday School Convention opens at Clarkston tonight with 300 delegates in attendance. It will last three days. Rev. Mr. Brown of Chicago, International superintendent, delivered an address tonight.

McGarry's Friends Insistent. W. R. McGarry was saved from being a candidate for Commissioner only by his disinclination to be a candidate. Shortly after the passage of the commission charter, some of his friends urged him to get into the race. They went ahead and began circulating petitions for him. He decided not to run and managed to get all the petitions.

called in except one, which was being circulated by his friend, George E. Hamaker, who had not been notified. Yesterday Mr. Hamaker appeared at the Auditor's office with the petition, and wanted to file it. When Auditor Barbur examined it he found that it was minus Mr. McGarry's certificate of acceptance. Mr. Hamaker wanted to file it anyway, but Mr. Barbur was necessarily obdurate.

WORDEN PLANS CAMPAIGN

Frank Ira White Chosen to Make Race Against Judge.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—Judge Worden says that he will not fight his recall by any legal proceedings, but will carry the fight to his constituents on the grounds that he was elected to put the county roads in good condition and that he has done this and that he promised to build the new Courthouse and that he has gone as far as he has been able toward that end. He says that as the people put him in, they must put him out if he leaves the office before the end of his term.

Frank Ira White, formerly a newspaper man of Portland, but largely interested here and a resident of this city some seven years, has been chosen to popular subscription for 15 days. The City Council, at its meeting tomorrow night, will be asked to accept the action of the finance committee in declining all bids for the bond issue. Salem residents having asked that they be accorded the privilege of buying the bonds, the committee felt that it was just to them to decline bids of outside concerns.

For the convenience of small investors bonds will be issued in denominations of \$50, and will bear 5 per cent interest. Numerous bids have been received, and all bonds not taken by residents of the city will find a ready outside market.

Judge Worden Continues Work. KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—A goodly force of men is at work on the new Courthouse and the steel frame is nearly completed. Bricklayers are at work also. While the petition for the recall of Judge Worden has been filed there has been no effort to enjoin him from continuing this work. The petition recites that the signers are not opposed to good roads nor to the erection of the Courthouse, but they claim that the work has not been economically done in either case, and that the county has suffered by lax management in these and other respects.

Williamina Fruitgrowers to Picnic. WILLAMINA, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—The first annual picnic of the Williamina Fruitgrowers Association will be held in the picnic grounds adjoining the city on May 23. Commencing at 10 A. M., there will be a parade and livestock show, followed by an address of welcome by Mayor Harris. Professor Jackson of the Oregon Agricultural College, will lecture on "Fruit Trees."

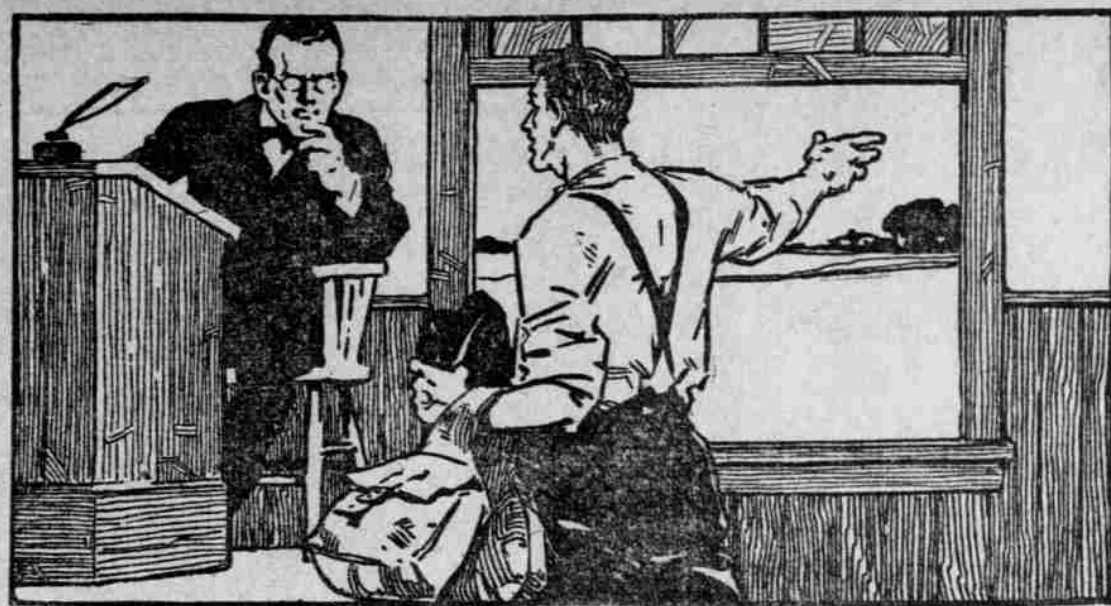
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"I allowed, Professor, that I would tell you all good-bye. I am just naturally goin' to back right square out and quit. "Yes, sir, Q-U-I-T. It ain't a-doin' me no good a-tall. I don't 'low ever to be a doctor like Pa's a-hankerin'. I'm goin' to be a farmer. I ain't fitten to be nothin' else. And book learnin' ain't helpin' me none. It's just a waste of time. I got to clear land and work it into a farm. If I was going to be a book-keeper, or an engineer, or something,

what you're teachin' me here might help; but I can't remember 'at I've ever learned a thing, since I got the hang of how to figure the interest on a mortgage, that'll be any 'count to me on a farm. Most of the boys has got to be farmers like me. You know, Professor, it 'pears to me like these schools that is for the people ought to be teachin' the children of the people how to make a livin' on the farm—how to make life better an' easier instead just of makin' us plumb disgusted with ourselves."

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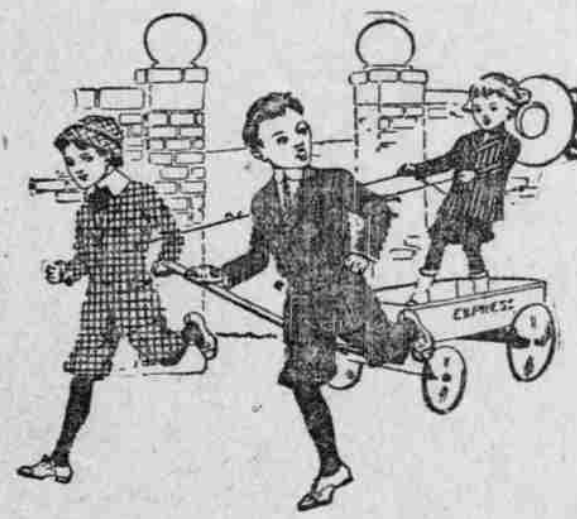
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