

LAND FRAUD SCHEMER IS JAILED

J. T. Burns Is Sentenced for Part in "Locations" on Grant to Railroad.

END NOT YET IN SIGHT

Government Officials in California Bring Indictments Against 18, Making 47 Prosecutions for Alleged Operations in West.

When J. T. Burns pleaded guilty in Federal Judge Bean's court the other day to conspiracy to use the mails to defraud, and was sentenced to nine months in the County Jail, he was the ninth man sent to prison in connection with the Government's prosecution of fraudulent land locators on the Oregon & California land grant.

And the end is not yet, for there are other cases pending. Of 23 men indicted by a Federal grand jury in Portland on September 23, 1914, nine have already pleaded guilty or been convicted, and have gone to jail; one has been acquitted; some have not yet been tried, and a few are fugitives from justice.

In San Francisco last week a blanket indictment for the same offense of fraudulent land locating was returned against 18 attorneys and land agents alleged to have conducted their schemes from that city. This brought the total of indictments returned since the Government investigation began in 1913 to 47. Several of the San Francisco indictments, however, are against men previously indicted in Oregon for their operations here.

Connors Indicted Again.

One of those so indicted by the San Francisco grand jury is Daniel J. Connors. His case is unique in that he has already been indicted in Oregon, has pleaded guilty, been sentenced to 12 months in prison, served his time and been set free.

It is Connors to whom the sage remark is attributed, soon after he had decided to plead guilty, that as the American people like to be "bunked" anyway, he didn't see any harm in accommodating them.

The Oregon & California land-locating frauds were the most extensive of their kind ever perpetrated. Although exact figures can never be ascertained, the frauds are estimated to have netted the locators between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000. Some 15,000 or 20,000 persons were induced to pay fees, usually \$150 each, to be located on what were represented to be the choicest tracts in the grant.

Variety of Schemes Are Worked.

The method of the fraudulent locators, who worked under a sort of gentlemen's agreement with one another, was to persuade prospective settlers that they could acquire the right to purchase land in the Oregon & California grant either from the Southern Pacific Railroad or direct from the Government, if they made applications through the locator.

The evidence showed that the locators didn't hesitate at any representations that seemed necessary to separate the victims and their money. Sometimes the locators would be agents sent out by the railroad company to sell its lands to the people. At other times they were representatives of the Government, which was taking the people into its confidence to tell them that applications made then would give the applicants first right of purchase of the lands. Or they were only honest Westerners, simple-hearted fellows who would locate a homestead in 160 acres of the choicest land in the West for \$150 cash in hand.

Suit Proves Boon to Plan.

The suit of the Government to forfeit the Oregon & California grant was both the inspiration of the scheme and its best advertisement. Prospects were assured on the one hand that a forfeiture to the Government would certainly leave the lands open to settlement by the persons who got in on the ground floor, so to speak, and on the other hand that the railroad had decided to sell the land to settlers under the same plan.

The resulting locations were as worthless as the paper on which the applications were made out. More than that, locators frequently put from six to 12 persons on one claim.

The idea of getting the right to buy Government land, however, seemed to fire the imagination of the whole country. The locators did a thriving business in Illinois, Indiana and other Eastern states, even maintaining offices there. The victims were gathered from Edmonton and Montreal, in Canada, on the north, to the Panama Canal on the south, and from every state in the Union, including a large harvest in Oregon.

Investigation Started in 1913.

The locators began their operations as early as 1908 on a rather small scale. The palmiest days of the fraud were in 1913.

In August, 1913, in response to hundreds of complaints received from persons who had paid locating fees, Clarence L. Remond, United States attorney, and Louis L. Sharp, chief of the field division of the United States General Land Office, at Portland, began an investigation.

The field investigation that followed was conducted jointly by the General Land Office and Portland inspectors. Sufficient evidence was collected early in 1914 to put before the grand jury, which on February 28, 1914, returned the 29 indictments already referred to. Of the nine men already sent to jail for connection with this fraud, all but two pleaded guilty. The exceptions were W. F. Minard and J. W. Logan, convicted on September 16, 1914. Logan was sentenced to 20 months and Minard to 15 months. Thirteen months was the sentence imposed on most of the conspirators.

Houston's Case Pending.

The others sent to jail are H. J. Harper, C. A. Severance, O. E. Gross, John Cogburn, Daniel J. Connors, Fred Brantner and J. T. Burns.

The Government's success in these cases was due to the close co-operation between the different departments investigating and gathering the evidence, and the skillful handling of the cases by United States attorneys.

The one man acquitted was E. J. Sellers, who was tried with Minard and Logan. D. R. Houston, indicted with them, demanded a separate trial and his case is pending.

With the 18 new indictments from California, several of which are secret, it is believed the Government investigation will rest as the locating frauds have been broken up.

Among those already arrested in California on the new indictment are W. A. S. Nicholson, Franklin P. Bull and Norman D. Cook, attorneys, and William E. De Garmo, real estate dealer. Rev. Richard Fyfe, and Sydney L. Sperry, hardware merchant.

Gardiner Telephone System Sold.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Charles Hall, manager of the Coos & Curry Telephone Company,

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announced today the purchase of the Gardiner telephone system, comprising country lines with a total of 150 instruments and miles of lines. This gives the company a territory reaching from Rogue River to the Umpqua, a distance of 140 miles north and south. The Gardiner system includes connections with Redport and Scottsburg.

"A. P." OPERATOR WEDS

JOHN C. DERVILLE, ON VACATION, WINS STELLACOOM GIRL.

Telegrapher, Who Takes 20,000 Words of News of World Nightly, to Bring Bride to Portland.

John Clinton Derville, who, as night operator for the Associated Press in Portland, has his ears turned to all points of the compass, receiving from 20,000 to 40,000 words of news nightly as they are ticked over the telegraph wires, and who, in turn, sends out much of the news that goes from Portland between sunset and sunrise, left Portland several days ago, ostensibly on a vacation.

In reality, however, Mr. Derville went to do worship at the shrine of the little gods, Lures and Penates, and to be enlisted among the household followers. Yesterday the news trickled down from Stellacoom, Wash., that last Monday Mr. Derville and Miss Catherine Thompson were married at Al Clegh, the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Martin, near Stellacoom.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thompson. She was attended by her sister, Miss Hannah Thompson, and William Thompson, a brother of the bride, did the honors for Mr. Derville. The wedding was a marriage played by Miss Lieta Mannin, Rev. W. A. Majors officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Derville will make their home in Portland. Mr. Derville, whose home is near Stellacoom, is one of the younger telegraph operators in the Associated Press service, and is known well in several of the Northwest cities, where he has presided over the keys that literally feel the pulse of the world.

BONNIE ANSEL IS WINNER

Crowd of 25,000 Sees Amy McKinney Press California Entry.

STATE FAIR GROUNDS, Salem, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—The big end of the \$2000 purse went to Bonnie Ansel today in the 2:12 trot at Lone Oak track, when she nosed out a victory over Amy McKinney in three straight heats. The brown mare from Eastern Oregon pressed her California opponent every inch of the way, winning the three heats, and the driving finishes brought the crowd of 25,000 to a fever of excitement as the pair raced, neck and neck, down the stretch. The second heat was made in 2:13, three-quarters of a second less than the mark made by Dean Swift, last year's winner.

Today's heat of the \$1500 relay proved the best so far run, with Drumheller and Armstrong riding abreast nearly all the way. Drumheller took today's heat in 4:05½, while Armstrong's time was a quarter second more. Cannon was left far behind.

Results:

2:20 pace, purse \$700— 1 1 1
Jennie Mae (Hogoboom)..... 2 2 2
Della (McManis)..... 3 3 3
Helen Hal (Smith)..... 4 4 4
Kath Hal (Sawyer)..... 5 5 5
Time, 2:18, 2:13, 2:13.

2:12 trot, purse \$2000— 1 1 1
Bonnie Ansel (Wilbourne)..... 2 2 2
Sam Matthews (Brown)..... 3 3 3
Sargo (Swisher)..... 4 4 4
Time, 2:15, 2:14, 2:14.

Free-for-all trot, purse \$500— 1 1 1
Eddy Bear (Mills)..... 2 2 2
Hal Ede (Carter)..... 3 3 3
Ardward (Hogoboom)..... 4 4 4
Time, 2:09½, 2:09½, 2:12.

One-mile race, running, purse \$100— 1 1 1
Leo H. (Powers) first, Lillian Ray (Clark) second. Time, 1:48.

Relay race, fourth heat, purse \$1500— 1 1 1
Drumheller, first, time, 4:05½; Armstrong, second. Time, 4:05½; Cannon, third. Time, 4:30.

SOCIAL PROBLEM DEPICTED

National Theater to Give Private Exhibition of "Damaged Goods."

A large attendance of those interested in social problems is expected at the National Theater this morning for the private exhibition of the new production of "Damaged Goods," which will be shown publicly at that theater beginning Sunday morning.

Acceptances and letters of commendation to the National Theater for portraying on the screen a play such as "Damaged Goods" were received in large numbers yesterday by Orton E. Goodwin, manager.

Grange Plans Co-operative Phone.

GRAYS RIVER, Wash., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—The Pomona Grange of Wahkiakum County met at Grays River Tuesday and took steps to establish a county co-operative telephone system. A class of seven was instructed in the rites and ceremonies of the fifth degree. The Wahkiakum County fair will be held at Skamokawa on October 6, 7 and 8.

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NO-HALT AUTO TRIP AIM

FIVE MEN IN CAR ARE TRAVELING FROM MEXICO TO CANADA.

Machine Driven over Three-Mile Trestle to Maintain Record and Drivers Sleep by Relay.

Nearly exhausted after riding in a Chandler automobile that has been kept continually in motion since leaving Tijuana, Mexico, last Sunday morning, five Los Angeles automobile men passed through Portland yesterday en route to British Columbia via the Pacific Highway.

To maintain their perfect record of non-stop of wheels as well as motor it was necessary for the Californians to drive their car across the ties of the three-mile railroad bridge that spans the Columbia River and its shores between East St. Johns and Vancouver, Wash. Personal attention was given the unusual event by A. J. Davidson, superintendent of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad.

Despite the obstruction of guard rails, operating levers, cross-overs, turn-outs and switches of various sorts along the three-mile course of bridge, viaduct and trestle, the pilot, C. H. Hunter, managed to surmount every obstacle and keep the machine in motion all the way.

Soon after arriving at Vancouver at

2 o'clock the car departed for Chehalis and other intermediate points between here and Canada. Unless one of the tires loses its Mexican air or an unforeseen mishap takes place the record-breakers probably will reach their destination some time today or tomorrow.

In the party were C. H. Hunter and Ben Knopf, alternate drivers; Joseph Waddell, movie man; Al Waddell, of the Los Angeles Times, and Jack Griffin. By alternating back and forth and jumping out for brief intervals here and there, each of the men has had at least four or five hours' sleep since leaving Mexico.

BOARD UPHOLDS DISMISSAL

Insubordination Charge Against Park Bureau Employee Proved.

The dismissal of J. A. Chard from the Park Bureau on a charge of insubordination was sustained yesterday by the Municipal Civil Service Board after a hearing. Mr. Chard recently attempted suicide. His dismissal followed. Prior to that time it was said he had written improper letters to and about city officials and had committed other offenses. The Board put over for two weeks the case of M. S. Hazen, patrolman, who was dismissed on a charge of helping himself to candy, fruits and other things in stores and saloons.

R. H. Thomas sat yesterday as a member of the Board for the first time.

CHICAGOAN TO BE GREETED

Illinoisans Arrange for Welcome of Mayor Thompson.

Former residents and natives of Illinois who have migrated to Oregon will give Mayor Thompson, of Chicago, an ovation October 12. The Chicago executive will be in Portland all that day on his way up from the exposition. Former Illinois residents of Portland will give Mayor Thompson a fitting reception. T. H. McManis has issued a call to all the members of the Illinois Society and others from Illinois to meet him and assist in framing a programme.

Dr. L. B. Fisher Speaks at Reed.

Dr. Lewis Beals Fisher, D.D., LL.D., president emeritus of Lombard College, Illinois, addressed the students of Reed College in chapel Thursday morning.

He took as his subject the text from Isaiah, "I have called thee by thine own name."

He made a plea for a deeper appreciation of individual responsibility. "No man is responsible for his own hereditary failings, but he should remember that he is responsible for the heredity of boys and girls in the generations to come," he said.

Klamath Duck Hunting Starts Today

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 30.—

(Special.)—Tomorrow morning will witness the opening of the hunting season for Klamath County for ducks, geese, rail, snipe, plover and quail. Deer, grouse and doves have been in season for some time and have all been killed in abundance this year. The prospects for the quail and the water birds are reported excellent, even though there has as yet been no bad weather to bring the ducks and geese south.

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