

LOCATING COMPANY BARRED FROM MAIL

Fraud Order Issued Against Sale of Maps of Railroad Grant Lands.

DECEPTION IS CHARGED

United States Attorney Takes Position Company Offers for Sale No Information Government Will Not Give Free at Later Date.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 27.—A fraud order has been issued by the Postoffice Department against the Grant Lands Locating Company, at Portland, for using the mails to defraud in connection with the sale of a map alleging to give all information concerning O. & C. grant lands in Oregon.

C. Ferguson Smith, who is sole owner and proprietor of this company, has advertised extensively in newspapers in the United States that these lands are to be opened for homestead sale, and offering for sale at \$1 a map showing the location and full description of the lands. The lands have not yet been opened for homestead sale, and it is not known when they will be, and the map was found to be inaccurate and worthless.

Many Letters Received Daily. Smith, residing at the Ritz Hotel at Portland, is said to have obtained \$7000 from the sale of these maps, and the Postmaster, F. S. Myers, reports that Smith is receiving 35 letters a day besides 232 newspapers.

The fraud order closing the mails to the Grant Lands Locating Company was issued by the Postoffice Department at the instance of Clarence L. Reames, United States Attorney for Oregon, after C. Ferguson Smith, proprietor of the company, had been afforded the opportunity of making an answer to the complaint.

Mr. Reames recommended the order after a thorough investigation of the company's map-selling scheme, and the maps, which it advertised for sale through the columns of small newspapers all over the country, were simply checkboard maps of the land grant counties, showing the locations of the different land grant quarter sections, which were colored in red.

Advertising Appeals to Farmers. The maps were to be sold at \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$5, according to size. Mr. Reames explained last night that the company's advertising gave the impression that the grant lands were open for settlement now. They were so written as to appeal to farmers, and to make it appear that great areas of fertile lands in the grant could be taken up.

"I took the position," said Mr. Reames, "that the company did not have any information to sell that the Government would not give away free when the lands are opened for settlement. I felt that the scheme should be stopped in its inception before actual fraud was committed."

The Portland Chamber of Commerce and various commercial clubs had cooperated in issuing warnings against the map scheme of the company. It is understood that criminal proceedings against the company are not contemplated by the Government, the order closing the mails to it being considered sufficient.

TIMBER DEAL IS TRADE

MILLIONS OF FEET OF YELLOW PINE INVOLVED. Bend's Two Large Milling Companies Are Exchanging Holdings in Order to Save on Logging.

Officials of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company, of Bend, are negotiating with the Shevlin-Hixon company, also of Bend, and the Huron Timber Company, of Saginaw, Mich., for the purchase of approximately 370,000,000 feet of timber located in the yellow pine belt of Central Oregon.

The Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company and the Shevlin-Hixon company each operates a big sawmill in Bend and each of them has extensive holdings in that locality. It is said the deal now under way is but the second and concluding chapter in a business arrangement whereby their respective holdings are traded in order to suit their convenience.

Recently the Shevlin-Hixon company took title from the Brooks-Scanlon mill to a large tract in the vicinity of their holdings, and now the program is to complete the deal by transferring some 35,000 acres with about 200,000,000 feet from Shevlin-Hixon to the Brooks-Scanlon people, thereby avoiding the necessity of duplicating railroad extensions some 5000 acres by John J. Rupp is president, is located in the belt that is accessible to the present Brooks-Scanlon holdings.

E. C. Shevlin, of this city, who is interested in the transaction, said yesterday that negotiations are under way to complete the business arrangement, but was not able to state how much progress had been made thus far. Norman Rupp, of Portland, is a son of President Rupp, of the Michigan company, but said yesterday he was not in any way connected with the deal.

The deal is being handled through the Minneapolis office of the Shevlin-Hixon company, and may be concluded already, Mr. Shevlin said yesterday. The blocking out of the property was settled upon some time ago, and the final details are now of little importance, Mr. Shevlin said.

CAMPAIGN TO OPEN SOON

C. A. Miller Here From Washington to Push Liberty Bond Sale.

The campaign for subscriptions to the second issue of liberty bonds will be well under way within the next few days. C. A. Miller, special representative of the Government, who will have

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Big Food Problem Yet to Be Solved by Thrifty Folk.

BREAD POOR IN QUALITY

Suppression of Two Meatless Days Caused by Cheese Supply Giving Out—Sugar Cards Make Division Equitable.



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Archie F. Roth, son of Dr. J. B. Roth, was born in Portland, Or., and graduated from the Washington High School, where he was the star basketball player and one of the best in the interscholastic league. He was manager of the Washington High School football team last year.

Several months ago he enlisted in the United States Aviation Corps, and a week ago received orders to report at the Aviation School at Berkeley, Cal.

General supervision of the work here, has arrived and is preparing for the work. The arrival of Secretary McAduf, of the Treasury Department, and his appearance at a public meeting at the Auditorium, October 10, will give a decided impetus to the campaign. Frank Wilson, representative of the Treasury Department, also will come to Portland in the interests of the loan soon.

DEAF MAN IS ACCUSED

John Ewen Arrested at Aberdeen for Tearing Down Draft Rules.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—John Ewen, a deaf man, who has been a resident of Aberdeen for some years, was arrested today by the Government agents on a charge of tearing down draft instructions from newspaper bulletin board. Ewen refused to discuss the matter following his arrest, although the criminal wrote questions on a paper and asked him to answer them. One sheet of the draft instructions was found in his pocket when he was taken to the station. He is to be held pending an investigation of his case by Federal authorities.

WOMEN TO BE REGISTERED

Dates for Service Enrollment Set in Sixteen States.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Definite plans for registration of the Nation's woman power were approved today by the women's committee of the Council of National Defense. Dates for registration already have been set in 16 states, ten of them by Government recommendations, and in three the work already is under way. In some states registration is being carried out gradually through the local organizations. It was made clear today that while listing of all women is desired, registration is purely voluntary, and only women who seek Government service will assume any obligation.

HOOD RIVER JAPANESE AID

Fund Being Raised to Defray Expense of W. H. Hardy's Trip.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—A campaign to raise funds for financing the tour to be made of Japan by W. H. Hardy, of Portland, who accompanied Commodore Perry on his visit to the Nipponese Kingdom 64 years ago, is being subscribed to locally by local Japanese ranchers and fruitgrowers. Subscription papers have been placed on a counter at the store of Yasui Bros., local Japanese merchants. At the head of them appears a photograph of Mr. Hardy. "Nearly everybody who comes in contributes something to the campaign," says M. Yasui.

Youthful Forger Paroled.

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, Sept. 27.—(Special.)—Crate McLean pleaded guilty to the charge of forgery recently in the District Court, and was placed under parole for one year by Judge Steele. McLean is only 23 years old, and because of this fact the court was lenient. He is to report to Sheriff Yates at regular intervals.

Wife of Pioneer Called.

EUGENT, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Helen Lovena Crow, wife of J. A. J. Crow, a pioneer resident of Lane County. She is survived by her husband and one son. Funeral services were held this afternoon at the I. O. O. F. Hall at Crow, interment being made in the McCulloch cemetery.

Bail Is Forfeited.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—Chief Lenhart and First Officer Simon, of the steam schooner Johan Paulsen, who were arrested a few days ago on a charge of having liquor in their possession unlawfully, failed to appear for trial in the Justice Court and their bail of \$50 each has been declared forfeited.

The annual softfall of Pittsburg is said to be 1031 tons a square mile.

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Choice of 150 COATS marked special for Greater September Sale. Choice of 100 Lovely SUITS. Every new model—every new material for Fall will be found in this assortment of suits. We won't quote comparative prices, but these suits are worth much more than \$25. Materials are Gabardines, Serges, Twills, Poplins, Oxfords and Mannish Mixtures—such fabrics found in suits selling up to \$40. We'll let you be the judge. All sizes. Select early for first choice.

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