

TRACES LOOK BND

Signatures for School Land Are Bogus,

SAYS STATE AGENT WEST

Applications for 57,000 Acres Laid Before Governor.

JUSTICE TURNER INVOLVED

Nearly All Who Applied for Tracts in Blue Mountain Reserve Made Out Their Affidavits Before One Notary Public.

SALEM, Or., April 1.—(Special).—That over 50,000 acres of state school land in the region of the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve were bought in November and December, 1900, by means of fraudulent applications and perhaps by the use of names of fictitious persons, is charged by State Land Agent Oswald West in a letter addressed to Governor Chamberlain.

Mr. West has pointed out the applications which he believes to be fraudulent, and Governor Chamberlain has referred the matter to Attorney-General Crawford to ascertain whether the certificates of sale issued to the applicants can be canceled and the purchase money declared forfeited to the state.

Justice Turner, attorney and Justice of the Peace at Salem, appears as Notary Public upon the applications in question. During the two months mentioned Turner's office in this city was besieged by 152 persons who were anxious to purchase school lands and to have him take their affidavits. The land applied for aggregated more than 57,000 acres.

After diligent and extended search, State Land Agent West has been unable to find persons answering to the names on the applications, nor has he been able to find the names in the directories of this or other cities.

Went Through One Dealer. The charge made by General W. H. Odell a year ago that many of the applications for the purchase of land in the Blue Mountain Reserve region were fraudulent was what started the investigation which Turner just admitted found that during two months in 1900 scores of applications for state land were sworn to before Turner, and that practically all the certificates issued upon these applications passed through the hands of one dealer in lands.

That the purchaser wanted the land for their own use and had made no contract, express or implied, to convey the same to any other person. The fact that Turner would just admitted to the bar, got more of this class of business than all the other attorneys in Salem, made the transactions look suspicious.

Signatures by One Man. Besides this, Mr. West, who was for a number of years paying for in a bank and is an expert on handwriting, believes, after examining the applications, that many of the signatures were written by one person. He asserts in most positive terms that many of the signatures are fictitious, and in his opinion he is supported by other experts who have examined the writing.

Justice Turner, when seen today, asserted most emphatically that all his transactions in regard to applications for state land were legal and free from fraud. He says he does not remember any person to make application for state lands, that he was not employed by any operator to make the affidavits of applicants, and that he never acted as an operator or as a manager of the office, and that he never saw any of the affidavits in the paper showing that he was a Notary Public.

Made Affidavits Before Him. Turner also says that the men who swore to their affidavits before him signed the affidavits in his presence. They did not send any blank at the same time, though he thinks some of them may have come before him later to make the assignments. He says he does not remember to whom the assignments were made. He asserts that his connection with the applications was solely as a Notary Public, and not as a manager of the office, and that he never saw any of the affidavits in the paper showing that he was a Notary Public.

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questions involved. Among other things, the Governor said: If the State Land Agent is correct in his claim that all of the certificates referred to in his letter ought to be canceled by the State Land Board, and if there is any authority of law for declaring a forfeiture of the money paid to the state, this ought to be done in addition to the cancellation of the said certificates. One thing is certain, whether there is any express authority conferred on the State Land Board or not to cancel these fraudulent certificates and forfeit the money paid to the state, such course, if adopted by the State Land Board, will at least require the persons who have been engaged in fraudulently acquiring the state's lands to show the circumstances attending each particular transaction.

The Governor's letter contains the following questions, upon which information is desired: 1. Has the State Land Board express or implied power to cancel without notice certificates of sale where they have been issued to fraudulent applicants? 2. In case you should hold that there is no authority conferred on the board to make such cancellations, what remedy would the fraudulent certificate-holder have against the state, if such certificate were cancelled without authority? 3. If you advise that the State Land Board has no authority to cancel certificates of sale based on fraudulent applications, what would be the remedy of the state against fraudulent certificates referred to in the letter of the State Land Agent?

It is my opinion that these fraudulent certificates ought to be cancelled at once, whether the board has express authority to cancel them or not, and as one member of the board, I shall feel it my duty to take such course unless you advise that this cannot be done. An inspection of the records shows



NEW CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AT FOREST GROVE WHICH WILL BE DEDICATED TODAY.

that many of the certificates of sale issued upon applications sworn to before Turner were assigned to A. T. Kelliker. Since the greater number of the certificates of sale are still outstanding, there is nothing to show who secured them.

STUDENTS EXPEL A MEMBER. "Vigilance Committee" Finds Senior Robbing a Locker. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley, April 1.—(Special).—Fears that the new undergraduate "vigilance committee" which was recently established at the University of California would not do its duty have proven groundless, for within a fortnight after its institution it has expelled a student and recommended that he be expelled from the university.

In a very short time after its establishment, J. A. Harris, a senior in the University, was found pilfering a locker in the gymnasium, and was arrested on the charge of committing a number of robberies during the past year. The faculty took no action, but passed the matter up to the students' committee. That body met, took testimony, and finally recommended that Harris be expelled from the university, and the man is now in custody of the law.

MOHAIR POOLS ARE BOUGHT UP. Products of Polk and Yamhill Go for 32 1-2 and 31 1-2 Cents. DALLAS, Or., April 1.—(Special).—Dallas witnessed one of its busiest days today, occasioned by the selling of the pool of the Polk and Yamhill County Mohair Association. The bidding pool, consisting of 40,000 pounds, was purchased by Bumholder & Co., of Portland, at 32 1/2 cents. The association retains the sacks, which were sold at 25 cents each.

The Polk County pool, consisting of 50,000 pounds, was bought by H. L. Fenton, of Dallas, at 32 1/2 cents. The prices paid are considered the best, as the market is high, and the product is of the finest grade.

A great deal of interest was manifested among the growers of both counties, who filled the streets of Dallas and the place of sale beyond standing room. Several of the most prominent firms of the Northwest were represented among the buyers. The bidding was slow and deliberate, though each pool was started at a good figure by William Brown, of Salem, 31 cents being the starting point.

OYSTERS BY THE ACRE. Highly-Bred Bivalves to Be Grown by New Company. ABERDEEN, Wash., April 1.—(Special).—E. C. Finch has completed negotiations for the purchase of about 200 acres of oyster lands at South Bay, the deal involving between \$12,000 and \$15,000. The lands were purchased from T. C. Soule and R. L. Philbrick, who will retain an interest in a company to be incorporated and which includes some of the leading capitalists of Gray's Harbor. Mr. Finch, speaking of the deal, says that he believes the oyster industry at South Bay will be of much significance to this section.

It has been demonstrated beyond a doubt that as fine an oyster, and in fact a better one, can be produced by transplanting of the Eastern Bivalve into the waters of the Pacific. From seedlings planted a short time ago a splendid oyster has been produced, and the variety can be still improved by the interbreeding of the Puget Sound and the Eastern oysters.

Jokey Victim Losing Mind. LEWISTON, Idaho, April 1.—Ray Kammars, a perfect fool from Indiana, who was the victim of a fake hold-up at Lake Waha, near here, is in a hospital at Lewiston with fast falling mind. He sinks around in constant fear of masked men, after the joke a month ago the boy brought a \$10,000 damage suit against Henry Haines and others, and sought to be improving from his fright, when one of the offenders fled and cursed him. That night he had a relapse and is going insane. His mother has been sent for at Spencer, Ind.

CONTROL ALL BARS

Saloon Monopoly Wanted by a Judge of Seattle.

BUY ALL DRINKS FROM HIM

Patrick P. Carroll Says if Given Ten-Year Rights He Would Build City Hall and Hospital and Pay \$5,000,000.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 1.—(Special).—If Patrick Pittman Carroll, lawyer, publicist and ex-Populist politician, should induce the City Council to pass an ordinance which he filed with the City Controller yesterday afternoon, every saloon in Seattle would after July 1 next, go out of business, and Judge Carroll would be in absolute control of the retail liquor



trade of the city, under municipal direction. Judge Carroll took a proposition for an exclusive blanket liquor license to Mayor Ballinger yesterday afternoon, and after indicating the scope of his plan he went into the legal phases of the matter at length. Mayor Ballinger, being a brother lawyer, listened attentively, and advised the Judge to file his documents with the City Clerk. "I am prepared to back up financially my proposition to gain control of the liquor traffic," said Judge Carroll. "Why, my whole desire is to eliminate, as far as possible, the criminal and evil elements of the saloon business. Unheard of? No, sir. In Holland, in Switzerland and in New Zealand the municipalities farm out to the highest responsible bidder the retail liquor privileges. The City Council of Los Angeles today has a proposition before it from a syndicate of business men to take over and control all the saloons of that city.

"If the city would give this franchise to myself and associates I will guarantee in ten years to build a City Hall, a City Hospital and pay \$5,000,000 in cash into the City Treasury at the end of that time." Judge Carroll proposes to frown upon treating and late lotting in saloons.

CRIMES ARE KING'S HABIT.

So Burglar Must Spend Rest of His Life in the Penitentiary.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 1.—(Special).—Unless the Supreme Court grants him a new trial, John King will spend the rest of his natural life in the penitentiary at Walla Walla. Judge Griffin, in the Superior Court this morning passed a life sentence upon him, pursuant to his conviction under the habitual criminal act. King heard his sentence with the same nonchalant air as he heard the verdict that made the passing of the sentence compulsory upon the court.

King is the second man in King County and in the entire state to receive a sentence passed upon him for a third conviction of felonies. Except in King County, the law has not been enforced since its passage.

King's last offense that made him amenable to the habitual criminal act was burglary.

UNITE BEFORE THE ELECTION

"Wets" and "Drys" Caucus and Nominate City Ticket.

WOODBURN, Or., April 1.—(Special).—At a public caucus called by Mayor Grant Corbett at the Armory, licensed anti-liquor advocates affiliated for the first time in many years. The following officers were nominated: Mayor, George H. Beebe; Councilmen, Captain O. D. Henderson and Henry D. Brown; Marshal, William H. Broyles; Recorder, G. A. Landon; Treasurer, S. C. Berry. The city election will be held on Monday, and the saloon question will be the prominent feature.

FIRE LOSSES WELL COVERED

Report Shows That Total Insurance Far Exceeds State Valuation.

SALEM, Or., April 1.—(Special).—An increase of 15 per cent in fire risks written in Oregon in 1904 as compared with 1903, and an increase of 100 per cent in net premiums received by fire insurance companies, is shown by the annual report of Insurance Commissioner Dunbar, which was issued today. The report shows that fire risks to the amount of \$110,500,000 were written, upon which there was paid \$2,542,000 in gross premiums. Losses were paid to the amount of \$775,000 and premiums returned to the amount of \$549,000, leaving the insurance companies net premiums to the amount of \$1,217,000. Mutual fire insurance companies wrote risks to the amount of nearly \$9,000,000. Since many of the policies of both old-line companies and mutual companies are for three years it is evident that there must now be in force in Oregon fire insurance to the amount of about \$125,000,000. The total assessed value of property in Oregon is only \$128,000,000, and of this, property of the value of \$125,000,000 is real estate or other property that is not

liable to loss by fire and is not insured. It thus appears that in this state insurance is carried to the amount of \$125,000,000 on property that is assessed for only about \$63,000,000. Since insurance companies do not write policies to the full amount of the value of the property, the comparison of insurance figures and assessments shows how far short of actual values the assessed values are placed.

The reports of life insurance companies show risks written in 1904 to the amount of \$14,710,841.10; gross premiums received, \$1,877,994.73; losses paid, \$491,274.97; net premiums, \$1,319,524.60; net premiums, \$1,319,524.60.

Insurance license fees and taxes paid on business transacted by all companies for 1904 amounted to \$50,271.39, as compared with \$48,829.92 for the preceding year, or an increase of 40 per cent. The increase in net premiums and in taxes received is due not only to heavier business, but to a very marked decrease in fire losses as compared with the preceding year. Fire losses in 1903 were over \$1,300,000, but in 1904 only \$775,000.

The growth and prosperity of this state are shown in a very convincing manner by the increase in the fire insurance business in the last six years. In 1898 fire risks were written to the amount of \$7,439,822.58, and in 1904 \$14,710,841.10. Life insurance risks written in 1898 amounted to \$5,708,487.50, and in 1904 to \$14,710,841.10. There are now in force in this state

life insurance policies to the total amount of \$24,200,000.

The reports of mutual fire insurance companies show risks written in 1904, \$3,867,797; income, \$109,114.66; losses paid, \$3,213.47; total expenditures, \$90,202.48.

HE IS ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD

Edward Loney Hale and Hearty Except for Broken Leg.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 1.—(Special).—In listing the property of the county, Deputy Assessor J. K. Morris this week enrolled the name of a centenarian, Edward Loney Hale, of Pleasant Hill precinct. Mr. Loney, who resides near Wilsonville, last October celebrated his 100th birthday anniversary. With the exception of a broken leg, the result of an accident last Spring, the centenarian is unusually hale and hearty. Mr. Loney is a native of Tennessee, and has resided for 23 years in Oregon. He is making his home with an only surviving daughter, all of the other members of a large family being dead.

Wins Intercollegiate Debate.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore., April 1.—(Special).—The debate held here last night between the teams representing the Universities of Oregon and Washington, the Eugene men won the decision in a contest that it has been accredited with 100 years. The Seattle men have won the annual debates since 1901, when Allen L. Loney, of Pleasant Hill precinct, defeated the Eugene team. The result of the victory last night was enthusiastically cheered, and when the result was announced the Oregon students rushed forward and paid tribute to their representatives by cheering and carrying them about the stage.

Urging Exhibit for County.

WOODBURN, Or., April 1.—(Special).—Judge John H. Scott, Hon. Frank Davesy and W. H. Savage, superintendent of Marion County's exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Fair, today addressed a large audience of enthusiastic farmers and business men upon the great importance of the proper Marion County exhibit. An organization was formed for the express purpose of growing and preparing exhibits for the section of the county. The following officers were elected: J. H. Settlemier, president; H. L. Gill, secretary; executive committee, Walter T. Hays, H. E. Jones, John Whitney, O. S. Pomeroy, John W. Cook, B. T. Hall, Dolph Boyer.

Haggard Addresses Students.

BERKELEY, Cal., April 1.—H. Rider Haggard, the English author and humanitarian, delivered an address before the University of California today. He told of the colonization schemes of the Salvation Army, whose purpose it is to get the masses of the people crowded into the slums of cities back to the healthy country life. The speaker drew a vivid picture of the wretchedness of life in London, and said that unless the evils brought about by this congestion of the masses in cities is stopped, Western civilization is in danger of being swept away by the virtues of the Orient, and are not afflicted with Western evils.

Pacific Student Headed Off.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore., April 1.—(Special).—Last night when it was reported that a student of Pacific University had come to Eugene to hear the Oregon-Washington debate, the university authorities at once formed a committee to inform him that any attempt to hear the debate would be resisted. This was done, and the student from Forest Grove was not among those present. The University of Washington debated with Pacific on the same question in two weeks.

New Officers and More Stock.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 1.—(Special).—Klamath Water Users' Association elected nine directors here today. They are: E. I. Applegate, J. C. Rueck, J. C. Churchill, F. L. Fountain, W. F. M. H. Or. B. L. Griggby, O. A. Stearns, and J. K. Van Riper. The association adopted by-laws and increased the capital stock to \$300,000.

SHOW WALLEY STOCK

Fair at Woodburn Opens With Bright Prospects.

PRIZES FOR HORSES GIVEN

Permanent Organization Will Be Perfected, and Plans Are Laid for More Extensive Exhibition During Autumn.

WOODBURN, Or., April 1.—(Special).—Two thousand people attended the livestock fair in this city today. A splendid address was delivered by Hon. J. W. Withycombe, of the State Agricultural College of Corvallis. Colonel J. B. Eddy, Hon. J. W. Bailey, State Food and Dairy Commissioners, and J. H. Settlemier also delivered lively speeches.

Altogether the initiation of this fair was a magnificent success. President Fred Deane and Secretary William P. Pennebaker will proceed to perfect a permanent organization. A three-days fair of all products and livestock will be held during next October. The following premiums were given:

Aral Bros. for best shire stallion, \$10; Edison, Belgian stallion, \$10; Wint-cent, second prize, Belgian stallion, \$2.50; H. H. Hopkins, best Percheron stallion, \$10; T. A. Spate, second prize Percheron, \$5.

Sweepstakes by Aral Bros. for best stallion, \$15; Nasil de Gosden, best 2-year-old draft, Eugene Davidson, \$2.50; Charles McCormick, same, \$2.50. Span best brood mares, Charles Whitney, \$1.50; second prize, F. Bushe, \$1.50. Best team draft horse, W. H. Evans, \$2.50. Best team roadsters, Charles Hartman, \$2.50; single, P. Relling, \$2.50. Best 2-year-old roadster, F. A. Spate, \$2.50.

Other premiums were awarded, and hundreds of dollars will be given in prizes during the fair to be held in the Fall.

HOW DID JOHN D. GET IT?

Vital Question in Discussion on Accepting Rockefeller's Gift.

TACOMA, Wash., April 1.—(Special).—The question of the right of the Congregational Church to accept a gift of \$100,000 from John D. Rockefeller for the benefit of the missionary society is one that is being discussed by the clergy and members of the local churches, with considerable interest. Rev. E. T. Ford, pastor of the First Congregational Church, says that in his opinion the question involves a supreme moral issue which must be clearly defined and probed to the bottom before any final action is taken.

"I also believe there are two sides of merit to the issue," he said. "And if, after investigation has been made, it is agreed that Mr. Rockefeller has obtained his wealth through gambling or other illegal methods, I think the money ought not to be accepted by the missionary society. Personally, I believe the money already accepted by the board ought to be returned to the donor, and the matter decided. In my opinion Mr. Rockefeller's immense wealth was obtained illegally."

Rev. John Reid, pastor of the East Congregational Church, stated that in his opinion there were two sides to the question whether the Congregational Church should accept the gift of \$100,000 from John D. Rockefeller. "I believe that a decision should not be made by the church," he said, "until it has been legally decided whether the Standard Oil money is made by unlawful practices. If it is, an appeal should be made to the acceptance of the gift."

JURORS UNDER INDICTMENT

Saloon Case Needs New Panel, and Will Continue for Weeks.

BAKER CITY, Or., April 1.—(Special).—The jury in the case of Gus Anderson, of Bourne, charged with keeping his saloon open on Sunday, after being out all night, came into court this morning and reported that they could not agree. The judge discharged the jury. It was learned that the jury stood in the favor of acquittal from the first to the last ballot.

Regarding the motion of Senator Rand, attorney for the saloon, to have Deputy Sheriff Brown in place of Sheriff Brown on the ground that the latter was a party to the suits, Judge White refused to grant the motion, but he ordered that the regular and special venire jurors be discharged for the term and that another panel of Jurymen be drawn from the regular box. This was done, and nearly all of the new jurors drawn are residents of this city, two of them being saloon men under indictment.

The case will proceed again Monday. It looks now that the court would be in session all Summer trying these cases.

STUDENTS OF THE COAST.

Conference Attended by Delegates From Twenty-One Institutions.

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., April 1.—The session of the Pacific Coast Students' Conference, which opened at Capitola today, was attended by delegates from 21 schools and colleges of the Pacific Coast from Seattle and Tacoma in the North to Los Angeles and Riverside in the South.

The morning programme, which will be the morning programme for the entire conference, consisted of four mission study classes covering India, China, etc., and a public address by Rev. W. H. Day, of Los Angeles, on the acts of the apostles; the other by Prof. H. W. Gilchrist, of San Francisco Theological Seminary. Life of Christ. Mrs. G. C. Craven, of Northfield, Mass., addressed the platform meeting.

The afternoon was occupied in an informal reception, at which the delegates from Pomona and Occidental Colleges were the hostesses.

DIES UNDER HEAVY WHEELS

Four-Horse Team Runs Away, and Son Finds Dead Father.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 1.—(Special).—A son, who was riding with him, was thrown from the wagon, escaping with slight bruises. The horses became frightened on a steep hill, and got behind the control of Martin, who held them heroically until dragged from the seat. The wheels ran over his skull. The lad found the dead body of his father and ran for help. The body was brought to Walla Walla this morning. Martin is survived by a widow and five children.

TWO INCHES OF WATER.

One Day, March 3, Felt This Rain-fall, a Record-Breaker.

ASTORIA, Or., April 1.—(Special).—According to the records at Weather Observer Cowling's office, the month of March was an exceptionally wet one. The pre-

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pitiation was 10.93 inches; maximum temperature, 76 degrees, March 3; minimum temperature, 42 degrees. March 3, Thursday afternoon, under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. The services will be under the immediate direction of the Canby Lodge of Oddfellows, the deceased being a member of that lodge.

Two New Rural Routes.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 1.—(Special).—On April 15 a new rural mail route will be started from Brush Prairie, with August W. Johnson as carrier. On May 1 another route will be started from the postoffice at Orchardia. No carrier has yet been named for this route. This will accommodate about 150 families.

Marry in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 1.—(Special).—H. L. Kellogg and Miss Minnie Hunter, both of Portland, were granted a marriage license today by the County Auditor.



Do you remember the little things that gave us so much pleasure when we were young? With what zest did we sit down to the table after our play was over and eat the mush and milk our mother put before us. But as we get older it takes more to give us pleasure. Mush and milk are no longer tastes good to us, and our digestion may be impaired. The best advice we can give to such a person is to take up our stomach with Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is nature's most valuable and health-giving agent—made without the use of alcohol. It contains roots, herbs and barks, and is the concentration of nature's vitality as found in the fields and woods. This remedy has a history which speaks well for it because it was given to the public by Dr. R. V. Pierce, founder of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., nearly forty years ago, and has since been sold by druggists in ever increasing quantities.

Some medicines, tonics or compounds, enjoy a large sale for a few years, then disappear from the public attention, but Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has proved such a reliable blood remedy and tonic that it often enjoys the confidence of several generations in a family, and its increased sales year by year coming from the recommendation of those who have tried it, prove its lasting merit, so that every bottle bears the stamp of public approval. Every other blood-maker and tonic for the stomach that we know of contains alcohol, but Dr. Pierce guarantees that no alcohol is contained in his "Medical Discovery."

In Charge of Alaska Cannery.

ASTORIA, Or., April 1.—(Special).—Councilman L. O. Belland filed an application with the City Council today, asking for a leave of absence from April 15 to September 15. Mr. Belland goes to Alaska as superintendent of the Columbia River Packers' Association's cannery on Nushagak River.

County Clerk Sleigh's Funeral.

ASTORIA, Or., April 1.—(Special).—At the County Courthouse the flag has been placed at halfmast because of the