

# STANDARD OIL AT ITS OLD TRICKS

Holds Oregon and Portland by the Throats to Fleece Them.

## EXPOSURE OF METHODS

Will Faulkner, Employee of the Corporation Here, Tells of the Way It Crushes All Rivals and Overcharges.

Will Faulkner, a former oilfielder of Alabama, who sold out his interests in the South to the Standard Oil Company, with the understanding that he would receive a lucrative position with that organization, and was assigned to the Pacific Coast territory, has severed his connection with the trust, and after the first of the year will begin a lecturing tour in which he intends to expose many of the methods of that corporation. Mr. Faulkner's experiences with the Standard Oil Company are much the same as those of many other small dealers who have been "bought out" by the trust, and in the following statement he tells of his dealings with the company: "Some few years ago I was a minority stockholder in the Southeastern Oil Company of Birmingham, Ala., in which corporation I held the position of general manager and was a member of the board of directors. These controlling majority stock in the company sold out to the system without consulting me.

### Starts Independent Company.

"I placed my interests in the hands of an attorney and eventually recovered my investment, and immediately organized the Valiant Oil Company, and was president of this concern during its existence. As we were situated in an inland town, the system was able to place a ring around the territory adjacent to the distributing point of the Valiant Company, within which it immediately cut prices from 25 to 50 per cent, while the prices were raised outside that territory to make up the deficit caused by the effort to freeze out our company. The trust finally approached me with a proposition which I agreed to accept, by which I was to move to the Pacific Coast to take the position of lubricating oil expert and contracting agent, and I was to receive a salary of \$10,000 a year. I found that it was not the intention to allow me to come in contact with, or handle the line of business with which I had become accustomed. In fact, three-fourths of my time has been taken up with catch-penny business, trade which if I had sold them every gallon consumed would not have paid me salary for two months. After leaving all my old friends and business acquaintances in the South and coming to the Pacific Slope, I found that I was to be practically buried so far as business prospects of the system are concerned.

### Justifies the Exposure.

"In view of this situation, from which I believe I am justified in the effort to show up some of the methods of this grasping concern, I believe that I can give the public the benefit of my experience in so far as I believe that I can show how they can save money on oil purchases. "The people of the Pacific Slope contributed more than their share to the last \$10,000,000 dividend declared by the system. The meretricious land of this oilhouse corporation is clutching the throats of the people throughout the United States, but its grip is doubly strong on the people of the Pacific Slope. The State of California alone has enough crude oil to supply, after it is refined kerosene, not only the Pacific Slope, but the entire United States, for years to come.

"But what has led me to the people of the Pacific Slope derive from this natural supply of wealth which our Creator has seen fit to store in the bowels of the earth in our sister state? With the natural advantages of the Pacific Slope, with water transportation from the oil fields to our very doors, the poor people should be getting oil for less money than in any section of the United States.

### Explains the Conditions.

"But what are the conditions as we find them? The system with its pipe lines transporting and bottling up the system of the independent producer thereby dictates to him the price of his crude. When once in the pipe lines, it is carried to the refineries at a minimum cost, and there refined as cheap or cheaper than any section of the country.

### Poor Are Its Victims.

"Every poor person who buys five gallons of kerosene is forced to pay a 10-cent per gallon freight charge, when the facts are this oil has less than 1 cent per gallon freight charges against it, since it is handled by boat from the California refineries to all navigable points on the Pacific Slope. The system thus robs the people of over \$2,000,000 a year on this freight graft alone.

"What benefit, then, do the people get from the splendid natural resources of their own section? The system has the same right to force the people of Pennsylvania to pay imaginary freight charges from the Pacific to the Atlantic on every gallon of Pennsylvania oil as it has to force the people of this section to pay this trans-continental freight on every gallon of oil consumed by them.

"What do the City of Portland and the State of Oregon get in return for the volume of business they contribute to the system? Think of this! This monstrous corporation doing over \$100,000,000 annually from the Pacific to the Atlantic alone. At least 25 per cent of this amount is taken from the pockets of the poor people across the continent. And yet our people sit still and quietly submit to this wholesale robbery.

### No Appreciation Is Shown.

"The system shows absolutely no appreciation for the business it gets in Portland and the state. It treats both with the greatest contempt. It has not enough respect for the people to equip respectable quarters for its employees. There is not a junk dealer in Portland whose place of business is not kept in a better sanitary condition than the quarters or offices of this corporation.

"While the head of this corporation is donating millions to colleges and churches for advertising purposes, its employees in Portland are boxed up in 8x10 rooms, standing day after day working over their great ledgers. I care not how cold the day may be, the only heat they have is from these boxes in a small oil stove, which gives forth its vile odor and poisonous gases to be inhaled day after day by the

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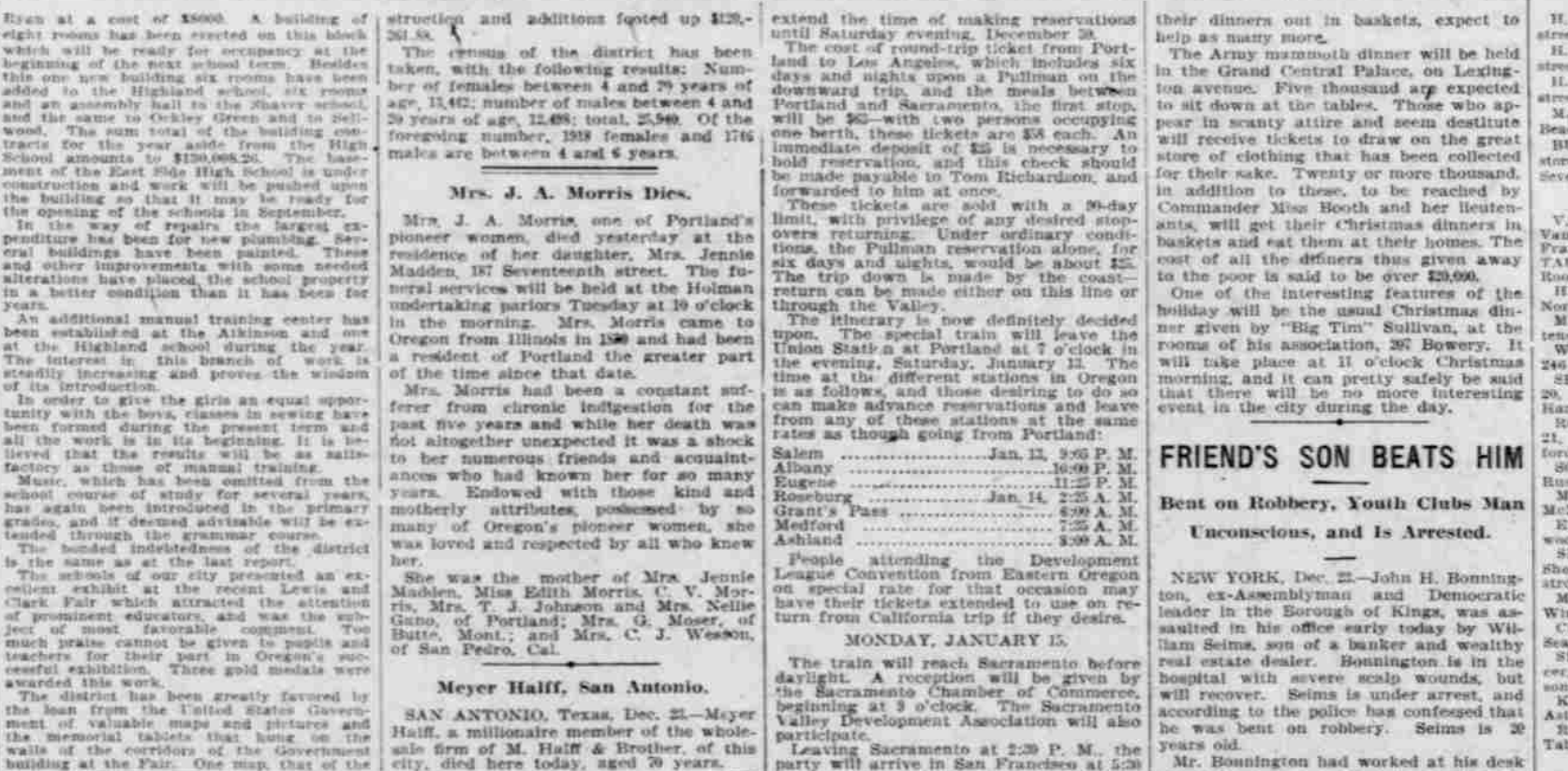
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struction and additions footed up \$128,361.88.

The census of the district has been taken, with the following results: Number of females between 4 and 20 years of age, 13,422; number of males between 4 and 20 years of age, 12,489; total, 25,911.

The foregoing number, 1918 females and 1716 males are between 4 and 6 years.

Mrs. J. A. Morris Dies.

Mrs. J. A. Morris, one of Portland's pioneer women, died yesterday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Madden, 167 Seventeenth street. The funeral services will be held at the Holman undertaking parlors Tuesday at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Mrs. Morris had been a constant sufferer from chronic indigestion for the past five years and while her death was not altogether unexpected, it was a shock to her numerous friends and acquaintances who had known her for so many years. Endowed with those kind and motherly attributes, possessed by so many of Oregon's pioneer women, she was loved and respected by all who knew her.

She was the mother of Mrs. Jennie Madden, Mrs. Edith Morris, C. V. M. Morris, Mrs. T. J. Johnson and Mrs. Nellie Gano, of Portland; Mrs. G. Moser, of Astoria; and Mrs. C. J. Wesson, of San Francisco, Cal.

Meyer Half, San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Dec. 23.—Meyer Half, a millionaire member of the wholesale firm of M. Half & Brother, of this city, died here today, aged 70 years.

The train will reach Sacramento before daylight. A reception will be given by the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, beginning at 9 o'clock. The Sacramento Development Association will also participate.

Leaving Sacramento at 2:30 P. M., the train will arrive at Portland at 5:30 P. M. Sleepers will be transferred from Oakland to the Third-Street Depot and baggage will be taken to the hotel to be occupied by the excursionists.

The entertainment at San Francisco will include a trip to the Golden Gate, and a visit to the city. Those preferring accommodations at the hotel to those of the excursionists will be taken to the Hotel California. The California Promotion Committee, assisted by other organizations, will offer special entertainment.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16.

The exact programme to be announced later. The California State Board of Trade have also extended invitation for a reception at its rooms in the afternoon.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17.

Leave San Francisco from Third-Street Depot at 9 A. M., arriving at Palo Alto at 10 A. M. Here will be taken a draw to Leland Stanford, Jr. University, one of the most attractive and interesting of America's greatest educational institutions.

Leaving Palo Alto at 12:30 P. M., the train arrives at San Jose at 1 P. M. Luncheon at the Hotel Vendome. At 2:30 P. M. the train will leave San Jose for San Francisco. The train will arrive at San Francisco at 10:30 P. M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18.

Breakfast at the Hotel del Monte, the show place of California. Vehicles will be engaged in advance to leave the Hotel del Monte at 9 A. M. for the famous Seventeen-Mile Drive. Luncheon at 2:30 P. M. at the Hotel del Monte. Departure from Monterey at 1:30 P. M.

At 5 o'clock party will arrive at Paso Robles. Dinner will be served at the Hotel Paso de Robles. The celebrated battle recently completed, will be thrown open to