

SEEK TO CONVICT

Postal Inspectors After Dishonest Land Operators.

THEY REAP RICH HARVEST

Many Applicants Found for Oregon & California Railroad Land, but All Are the Dupes of Scheming Sharks.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 9.—(Special)—The investigation by Postal Inspectors Clement and Hines of mail used by C. I. Leavengood in inducing people to file on O. & C. Railroad land, it transpires, is not confined to Leavengood alone, but to others in this city, who have also been in this line of business. The only difference between Leavengood and the others is that the former has far more important business in this line. The postal inspectors are investigating these cases of the United States District Attorney, who in turn, it is presumed, has been led to take this action at the request of some of the investors. The inspectors came to Roseburg from Ashland, where they conducted investigation along the same line. They will report their findings to the United States Attorney, who will take such action as the evidence warrants.

The land operators are very careful to in no way incriminate themselves. They do their work through agents at a number of points, at San Francisco and even in Idaho. The agents approach the prospective applicant and in glowing terms describe the chances that will be his to secure 160 acres of the finest of timber lands for the small sum of \$2.50 per acre. The applicant is then told that small sum is needed for attorneys' fees and the expenses of filing, recording with the appropriate officials at San Francisco, about \$100 being the sum usually secured. When the operator gets together about 50 of these applications, he goes to San Francisco and presents them to the proper officials, at the same time tendering \$400 for the application fees. The official promptly consigns the applications to the waste basket. The operator's obligation is thus discharged, and he returns home to await the gathering of another bunch of applications, which for the past six months have been flowing in at a steady stream. In nearly every document the operator promises anything, or in no way guarantees that the applicant has even a chance to secure this land. The operator does not guarantee that the applicant is the first to file on this land, and in some cases as many as 25 applicants have filed on the same 160 acres.

The operator is so very careful in his work that it is doubtful if any charge can be brought unless some of the glowing circulars sent out are in conflict with the postal laws.

By representing that the Government would force him to give up these lands to settlers at this remarkably low price, the applicant is easily induced to part with the money. Hundreds of applications have been received by operators, out of which they have reaped an immense harvest.

The blank used by the operators, no way lays him liable for the return of any of the money in case the applicant does not secure the land, and neither is the operator liable to prosecution.

EXPERTS AT WHITE HOUSE

Men Who Will Speak at Conference of Governors.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—A notable array of speakers has been selected for the conference of Governors on the conservation of the National resources at the White House next week. For the discussion of each topic will be selected the most eminent expert known to the advisers of President Roosevelt. Among the most prominent speakers will be Andrew Carnegie on "Ore and Related Minerals"; James J. Hill, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Great Northern Railway, "Transportation"; and John Mitchell, former president of the United Mineworkers of America, who will lead the discussion on "Coal Mining."

Ex-Governor Pardee, of Oakland, California, will speak on "Reclamation."

Judge Joseph M. Carr, Cheyenne, Wyoming, will discuss "Land Laws."

L. A. Jastro, Bakersfield, California, will talk on "Grazing and Stock Raising." He is president of the American National Livestock Association.

BIBLE CONFERENCE PLANS

Work for Summer Session at Albany Being Mapped Out.

ALBANY, Or., May 9.—(Special)—Plans are progressing rapidly for the Bible school conference, to be held in this city this summer, under the auspices of Albany College. It is now assured that at least 50 people from outside cities will come here to take the course. The greater number of these will come from Portland and Eugene, but there will be some from many other Valley cities.

Rev. George T. Nesmith of New Lenox, Ill., has been engaged to deliver a series of lectures on "The Rural Church." Rev. Mr. Nesmith has done post-graduate work at Chicago University, and he was called in by the department of sociology of that institution to deliver this series of lectures.

Another department of the Bible conference, which has been definitely arranged will be a daily conference on "Methods in Christian Endeavor Work," conducted by Rev. C. T. Hurst, of Corvallis, president of the State Christian Endeavor Union.

Police Arrest Demented Man.

Because of hallucinations in which he imagined himself haunted by invisible foes, Cody Vandine, 25 years of age, who told the police that he had just come to this city from Wisconsin, was arrested last night to be held awaiting an examination as to his sanity. Vandine was found in a condition of delirium about o'clock last night and begged Captain Slover to call off the bloodhounds of the law which, he said, were following him about. He asserted that he had served time in the Wisconsin penitentiary for the crime of burglary and had come West to start life anew.

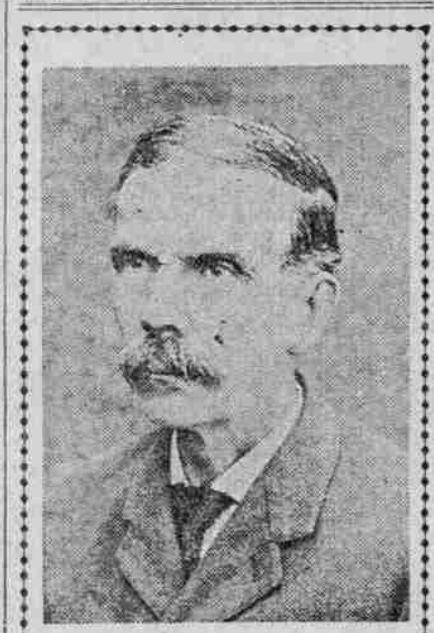
Bar Honors Late Member.

Members of the Portland Bar Association and others gathered yesterday in department No. 1, in the Courthouse, to listen to the tribute to the memory of the late Charles Cogswell. Although Mr. Cogswell had not been actively in practice in Portland, his public service and personal worth served to attract a large crowd to the courtroom. The committee named to draft resolutions of respect, consisting of George W. Stapleton, chairman; R. W. Montague, Joseph

Simon, Judge L. R. Webster and Ralph E. Moody, presented the resolutions to Presiding Judge Gantzenbien. They were read and ordered adopted by the minutes of the court. W. D. Fenton, R. W. Montague, L. R. Webster, G. W. Stapleton and Judge E. C. Bronaugh, all testified to the high character and professional standing of the deceased.

JOSEPH HOLT TEMPLETON
Pioneer of Oregon, Noted as Artist and Photographer.

HALSEY, OR., May 9.—(Special)—Joseph Holt Templeton, one of Oregon's pioneers, died in this city at the home of his son, Leighton Templeton, Thursday, April 30. Mr. Templeton was 56 years, 2 months and 12 days old, was born in Holt County, Mo., April 30, 1842. He was the son of a family of 13 children; ten of whom reached maturity, three dying in childhood. He crossed the plains with his parents in 1847, locating three miles east of Brownsville, where he spent the greater part of 60 years. Mr. Templeton remained in Oregon after the Civil War, afforded at that time. He was a man of rare mental ability and unusual memory but always frail physically and of a quiet disposition and lovable nature. He chose art as his profession and studied



Joseph H. Templeton.

with Mr. Hinckley of Portland. He was a skillful artist with both pencil and brush, as well as a leading photographer. But his health broke down while running a gallery in Corvallis and he returned home to the farm where he lived quietly in feeble health several years, doing some literary work and pastimes. He engaged in hotel raising in 1869 and 1870. In 1880 he sold his interest and moved on a farm. In 1893 his health forbade further hard work, and he sold the farm and settled in Brownsville. He was married December 15, 1853, to Miss Emma D. Huddleston of Philadelphia, who died October 18, 1898, at the age of 50 years. They were born the same children: the second a little girl who died in infancy. The two sons, Leighton F. and Raymond E., are left. The funeral was conducted at the First Presbyterian Church by Father Bobo, assisted by the present pastor, Rev. Dr. Lyon. Interment was made in the family plot in McHargue Cemetery. Mr. Templeton united with the Presbyterian Church of Brownsville, May 1, 1858, at the second communion after his organization by Dr. Edward B. Gary. He was the oldest member of the church, having but a few members of his original number left. He honored the profession he made by living a quiet, consistent and continuous Christian life. He leaves behind his two sons, two sisters and four brothers.

L. T. P.

Many Native Sons Are Older Than Thorp

George H. Himes Says Claim of North Yakima Man Is Not Well Founded, and Gives Names.

HERE are a number of persons in the Pacific Northwest older than Leonard L. Thorp, of North Yakima, Wash., according to George H. Himes, of the Oregon Historical Society. In a recent news item, published in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, the statement was made that Mr. Thorp believed himself to be the oldest native-born son. He was born in Independence, Or., October 15, 1845. He was recently elected president of the newly organized society of pioneers of the Yakima County.

According to Mr. Himes, the oldest child born of white parents in Oregon, is Marshall Bernier, who is thought to be alive, and whose last known residence was in Lewis County, Washington, where he was born in the early 30's.

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Pawnbroker Is Arrested.

Samuel Mazurasky, who conducts a sec-

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ond-hand and pawnshop shop at 235 Burnside street, was arrested last night. Deacon Smith was taken to the police station, charged with conducting a second-hand store without a license in violation of city ordinance 14,631. The charge against Mazurasky, according to the police, is merely a technical one to hold him until an investigation can be made into alleged fraudulent dealing. He made a statement that he had pawned a valuable gold watch for a small amount and several days later, when he presented the money to redeem the property. Mazurasky refused to return his property. The case will be heard before Judge Cameron. Mazurasky was released last night on bail of \$100.

PLAN CONTINUOUS REVIVAL

Indian Preachers to Visit Various Reservations in Turn.

PENDLETON, Or., May 9.—(Special)—Today at the big camp meeting on the Umatilla reservation a continuous circle of evangelistic meetings was arranged, which will include every Indian reservation in the Northwest. The plan is to be placed in operation July 1, 1908.

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From our showing of high-grade bedroom furniture we have selected and are offering in this one week's sale many odd pieces in the beautifully-figured Circassian walnut, including also several two and three-piece suites. Furniture of this character is rarely offered at such remarkable prices, and those who contemplate selecting stylish bedroom pieces cannot afford to overlook this opportunity. On no account will suites be broken or any selections held for future delivery.

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\$38.00 Dressing Table reduced to	\$15.00
\$45.00 Cheval Mirror reduced to	\$20.25
\$58.00 Bed reduced to	\$22.50
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\$61.00 Bed reduced to	\$28.00
\$64.00 Cheval Mirror reduced to	\$28.50
\$85.00 Chiffonier reduced to	\$36.00
\$82.50 Dresser reduced to	\$36.25
\$84.00 Chiffonier reduced to	\$36.75
\$92.00 Bed reduced to	\$41.50
\$116.00 Chiffonier reduced to	\$43.25
\$125.00 Chiffonier reduced to	\$53.75
\$135.00 Princess Dresser reduced to	\$65.00
\$135.00 Dresser reduced to	\$65.00
\$180.00 Twin Beds reduced to	\$81.00

TWO-PIECE AND THREE-PIECE SUITES

\$117.50 Suite—Dresser and Chiffonier—reduced to	\$57.50
\$172.50 Suite—Dresser and Chiffonier—reduced to	\$83.00
\$194.00 Suite—Dresser and Chiffonier—reduced to	\$89.50
\$200.00 Suite—Bed, Dresser and Chiffonier—reduced to	\$95.00
\$210.00 Suite—Dresser, Chiffonier and Toilet Table—reduced to	\$97.50

\$16.00 Table reduced to	\$7.75
\$18.00 Table reduced to	\$8.25
\$21.00 Table reduced to	\$10.75
\$28.00 Table reduced to	\$13.75
\$35.00 Table reduced to	\$16.50