

NEUHAUSEN READY TO QUIT SERVICE

Announced Action Long Before It Was Rumored That He Would Be Dismissed.

FRIENDS DEFEND OFFICIAL

Special Inspector Declines to Discuss Situation, but Others Say His Enemies Have Been Hard at Work.

Thomas B. Neuhausen, special agent and attorney to the General Land Office, yesterday refused to discuss the dispatch from Washington, announcing that he is to be dismissed from the Government service as soon as the pending Oregon land-fraud cases have been tried. The news from Washington predicts that Mr. Neuhausen will be relieved of his present duties not later than October 1, next, but this information cannot be regarded either as surprising or alarming by that gentleman, who announced publicly last February his intention to resign from the position he holds with the Government.

It has been only his sense of duty as an assistant to the Government in the prosecution of the Oregon land-fraud cases that has prompted Mr. Neuhausen to continue his services as special prosecutor to the Interior Department. It is known here to have been not only his desire, but his intention, to resign just as soon as he could conveniently give up his work in connection with the land-fraud cases and with which he has been identified so closely ever since the indictments were returned by Francis J. Heney over three years ago.

Good Work for Government.

Friends of Mr. Neuhausen do not hesitate to say that his threatened removal from office is the work of enemies who, necessarily, have formed themselves in the past and faithful performance of his duties in assisting to prosecute the land-fraud prosecutions in this state. Never since Mr. Neuhausen became identified with the Interior Department has there been a question of his efficiency, declare his friends, who scoff at the implied charge that he has not "made good."

It is known locally that the services of Mr. Neuhausen have been devoted almost exclusively during the last three years as assistant to the Government in compiling the evidence in the prosecution of the land-fraud cases. To show that his work in this connection has been recognized, his friends only point to the fact that of the many cases tried, that against James Henry Booth, ex-Receiver of the Roseburg Land Office, was the only one in which the prosecution was defeated.

This defeat was not attributed in any measure to the efforts of Mr. Neuhausen, but rather to the failure of the Government through its prosecutor, Heney, to bring the cases to a more speedy trial. In the meantime, the Government's immunity-promised witnesses, realizing that the statute of limitations had run against any offenses they might have committed, decided not to "peach" on the defendant Booth and because of the insufficiency of the evidence offered by the Government only a verdict of acquittal could have been expected.

Puter's Book Played Part.

Men unfriendly to Mr. Neuhausen are known to have sent marked copies of S. A. D. Puter's book, "Looters of the Public Domain," to Secretary Garfield, Commissioner Dennet and ex-Commissioner Ballinger, at Washington. In this book these officials were severely censured and it was from this act that the pending proceedings against Mr. Neuhausen are said to have been inspired largely.

As to the charge that Mr. Neuhausen has been out of harmony with the officials at Washington, the friends of the Special Inspector refer to the fact that he has frequently of late been complimented by those very officials for his loyalty to the Government and the particular branch of the service with which he was identified. On his recent visit to Portland, only last week, Secretary of the Interior Garfield is known personally to have thanked Mr. Neuhausen for his good work.

In order that no possible blame could attach to Mr. Neuhausen either for the publication of Puter's book or for its contents, Horace Stevens, who collaborated with the author in its publication, personally addressed a communication to the officials at Washington, following the appearance of the book, entirely exonerating Neuhausen from any responsibility for the volume or its criticisms. Stevens went so far as to explain that the completeness of the book so far as documents was concerned was defeated through the refusal of Neuhausen to give its authors

access to important papers that were in his possession and which were desired further to complete the exposition of the Oregon land-fraud situation.

LOCATORS FACE FRAUD CHARGE

O. M. Stafford and J. C. Burke Before Federal Commissioners.

United States Attorney McCourt and his assistant, Walter H. Evans, are resolved vigorously to prosecute fraudulent timber land locators who have for some time been operating extensively in this state. During the last month not less than 40 complaints have reached the office of the United States District Attorney from victims of these bogus locators who have been fleeced out of from \$200 to \$600 each.

Two of these alleged fraudulent locators have been arrested. They are O. M. Stafford and J. C. Burke, whose preliminary examination before United States Commissioners Marsh and Cannon, respectively, has been postponed until next week. Burke's case will be taken up Tuesday and the examination of Stafford will follow the next day. Besides improperly locating their victims on worthless lands, Stafford and Burke are charged with assisting the entrants to make affidavits before the land office in support of their applications.

The plan of operation adopted by grafting locators is to find some person who is desirous of locating on a quarter section of timber land. Among such applicants are men and women, many of them being wage earners who are desirous of acquiring for themselves homes. The applicant is then taken into a rich timber district and shown a desirable tract which is represented to be the one contained in the description furnished the prospective entryman by the locator. Naturally the homeseeker jumps at the bait, produces the required location fee, which ranges from \$300 to \$400, only to discover afterwards that he has been located on a tract of worthless timberland from 20 to 40 miles distant from the tract originally shown him by the locator.

So frequent have these complaints become that Mr. McCourt has decided, if possible, not only to put a stop to these fraudulent practices but to prosecute the offenders. Each of the defrauded entrymen, who appear as complainants against Stafford and Burke, has supplied himself with a small army of witnesses and is prepared to establish positive proof of the fraudulent operation of the accused locators. Stafford and Burke are charged with having operated largely in timberlands in Clackamas County in the vicinity of Molalla.

BUNCO MEN BILK TAILORS

OPERATE UNDER GUISE OF RAILROAD AGENTS.

Men Giving Names of H. E. Howitz and M. A. O'Mera Will Be Arrested on Steamer.

Two clever bunco men from St. Paul, traveling under the guise of railroad agents in the Middle West, have been working Portland merchants for the past few days and got away yesterday morning on the steamer State of California for San Francisco. Owing to tricks turned while in the city, the authorities at Astoria were telegraphed yesterday to arrest and hold the pair pending their return to Portland to answer to charges against them.

The two give the names of H. E. Howitz and M. A. O'Mera, and while in Portland fraternized with local agents along Railroad Row, pretending a former acquaintance. The charge on which they will be brought back to face trial is that of defrauding two tailors of this city, John B. Coffey and Joseph Polivka. One went to each tailor, engaging suits of clothes, which were made for the pair. The pair then appeared and tried on the clothes. Pretending that the fit did not exactly suit, they asked to be allowed to take the suits home and ask the advice of their families as to the fit, saying they would return yesterday morning and settle for the clothes.

Instead of carrying out their agreement, the two reserved accommodations on the steamer for California and left on board her yesterday morning. When they did not appear at the tailors' shops yesterday morning, as agreed, the clothes makers became suspicious and visited the railroad and steamship office. The names of the two were found on the passenger list of the State of California and the authorities complied with the request to stop them at Astoria.

TWENTY REBELS WILL DIE

Sent From Casa Grande to Chihuahua for Execution.

EL PASO, Tex., July 11.—A code message to the Herald which escaped the Mexican censor says 20 revolutionists who had been condemned to death were removed today from Casa Grande to Chihuahua, where they will be executed in the state prison later.

Fight for \$3,000,000 Estate.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.—Eastern heirs yesterday began in the Federal Court here a contest of the will of the late Jacob Z. Davis, who left an estate valued at upward of \$3,000,000.



Sideboard Special
Reg. \$19.50 Value

No. 5090: Sideboard, serpentine top, three drawers, two doors, 14x24 French bevel-plate mirror; made of thoroughly seasoned material; special for this sale..... **\$14.65**

Brass Bed Special
Reg. \$34.50 Value

No. 12,749: Brass Bed, head 60 inches high, foot 38-inches; posts 2 inches, top rod 3/8-inch, filling 3/4-inch, satin or English lacquer. Special..... **\$19.00**

Library Table Sp'l
Reg. \$10.00 Value

No. 750: Library Table, solid quarter-sawn oak, golden finish, size of top 20x30, 2-in. tapering leg; special price..... **\$5.95**

Rocker Specials

No. 2697: Golden oak Rocker, cobbler seat, braced arms; regular price \$3.50; special price..... **\$2.00**

No. 1651: Golden oak Arm Rocker, saddle seat; regular price \$8, special..... **\$4.95**

No. 1850: Rocker, quarter-sawn oak, in golden finish; regular price \$11.00; special price..... **\$6.75**

No. 2542: Mission Chair, chase leather seat, slat back; regular price \$13.50; special, **\$7.25** only.....

TO VISIT KLAMATH FALLS
Portland Business Men Plan Excursion for August 1.

The Southern Pacific passenger department is making arrangements to run an excursion to Klamath Falls August 1, leaving Portland at midnight on that date and returning within a week. A number of business men and others interested in the Klamath country or considering investment there are expected to make the trip, and the question of rates is now being considered. It is likely that a rate of \$25 for the round trip from Portland will be made.

The excursion will give the visitors an opportunity to look over the irrigated tracts in Klamath County and to judge of the opportunities there for development. The Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce has issued an invitation to local business men and others interested to make the trip. A special car will probably be run by the Southern Pacific.

Death of Idaho Pioneer.
PAYETTE, Idaho, July 11.—William Frame, aged about 85, long superintendent of the Gold Hill mine in the early days of Boise Basin, will be buried tomorrow here under the auspices of the Masons. He had been in a hospital at Boise for several months and started for the coast for his health, stopping off here to visit. He became suddenly ill and died. His estate of nearly \$50,000 goes to a sister and a nephew.

Auxiliaries Reach Honolulu.
HONOLULU, July 11.—The supply ship Arctura, of the Atlantic fleet, which sailed from San Francisco June 30, and the hospital ship Relief, which left that port July 3, arrived here today.

Powers' Pre-inventory Sale

Second Week

Dresser Special
Reg. \$17.50 Value

No. 710: Dresser, four drawers, serpentine top, 20x40, made of hardwood, well finished; 20x24 French bevel-plate mirror. Special price..... **\$9.75**

Refrigerator Sp'l
Reg. \$14.00 Value

No. 1655: Refrigerator, polished hardwood case, zinc-lined, removable parts, making it sanitary; packed with mineral wool and charcoal; ice capacity, 50 pounds; sp'l..... **\$9.65**

Extension Table
Special Value

No. 1211: Golden oak 6-foot Extension Table, pedestal base, claw feet; regular price \$38.50; special price..... **\$21.00**

Buffet Specials

No. 5195: Buffet, quarter-sawn oak, golden or weathered finish; 11x38 bevel-plate mirror; regular price \$25.00, sp'l..... **\$18.50**

No. 5297: Buffet, solid oak, in golden or weathered finish, 22x48-inch top, with a 15x43-inch French bevel-plate mirror; regular price \$39; special sale price..... **\$24.50**

No. 22: Buffet, weathered oak finish, swell front, 12x38 French bevel-plate mirror; regular price \$43; special price..... **\$27.75**

No. 6148: Buffet, wax golden oak finish, 21x46 top, straight front; regular price \$47.50; special price..... **\$28.50**

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HOTEL EMPLOYES IN PLOT
Woman Confesses Conspiracy for Systematic Robberies.

Working in conjunction with District Attorney Cameron, the police yesterday morning arrested Mrs. Irene Ross, John Ross, her husband, William Horton and Will Coffey, charging each with larceny. It is alleged that they were in a conspiracy to rob guests at the Merchants' Hotel, a North Third-street hostelry, where all were employed. Numerous robberies occurring at the hotel of late have been traced to them, and the woman confessed shortly after her arrest.

For several weeks there have been robberies reported from the Merchants' Hotel, and the police began a rigid investigation, with the result stated. It is the belief of the police that all of the crimes occurring there were committed by the employees under arrest. The latest victim is Patricia Estella, a Porto Rican laborer.

Bank Founded at Lents.
The Bank of Lents is one of the new financial institutions of that thriving suburb. It was established last week at Foster road and Main street by Meyer & Co. This bank is five miles from the Courthouse and is located where three years ago there were not a dozen houses. There is now a school of nearly 600 pupils and a surrounding population of 3000 people.

Alleged Slayer of Negro Caught.
DAYTON, Wash., July 11.—Jack O'Brien, the alleged murderer of a negro at Kennewick on June 27, was arrested here yesterday on information received from Prosser. O'Brien has been working on a farm near Dayton since Sunday.

Special sale fine shoes at Rosenthal's. Metzger sells watches for less.



ASTORIA, Or., July 11.—(Special.)—One of the features of the Fourth of July parade in Astoria was the division comprised of about 50 of The Oregonian's carrier boys. The lads were attired in all sorts of grotesque costumes and, under the leadership of W. R. MacBeth, furnished a fund of amusement for the spectators.

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