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The Kimball pianos in this sale will be the new \$475 style 17, at \$315, and the new \$600 style 21 is only \$435; terms of \$10 a month will buy these. Other styles of the famous Kimball piano at corresponding reductions.

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There will be three styles of the Decker piano, among them the superb new \$550 style G for \$376—\$10 a month buys them.

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SMITH & BARNES PIANOS FOR \$267
The old reliable Smith & Barnes pianos of Chicago are included in this sale, particularly a new style F, 4 feet 6 inches high, with all latest improvements. The corresponding designs of this famous old make have been heretofore sold by other houses for \$400 and \$450. They may be had in this sale for only \$267 (\$7 a month buys them).
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DEAL FOR SALE OF GRANT LAND SHOWN

Government Exposes Negotiations With Weyerhaeuser Timber Interests.

LETTER COPIES IN COURT

Adjournment of Hearing Being Held at San Francisco Is Taken and Inquiry Will Be Resumed in Portland in September.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—(Special.)—B. D. Townsend, special attorney for the United States Department of Justice, in the case whereby the Government is endeavoring to recover 3,100,000 acres of timber land in Oregon, originally granted to the Oregon & California Railroad Company, and now the property of the Southern Pacific Company, crowned the last hearing in San Francisco before adjournment to Portland today by the introduction of evidence somewhat sensational and of a damaging nature to the Southern Pacific's cause.

Although the original land grant was made to the Oregon & California Railroad, a railroad since absorbed by the Southern Pacific, on the proviso that it should be sold to actual settlers only, and in tracts not to exceed 160 acres, and at a price of not more than \$2.50 an acre, Special Attorney Townsend announced today that the Government's evidence would seek to show that when governmental action began to declare the land grant forfeited for non-compliance with the provision of the Congressional act of July, 1866, the Southern Pacific Company then was negotiating with the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company for the purchase by the latter company, commonly called the timber trust, of the entire land grant, and that because of these negotiations the company had closed the sale of lands to actual settlers.

McAllister Put on Stand.

Along this line of deduction B. A. McAllister, land commissioner for the Southern Pacific Company, was placed on the stand yesterday and asked to identify copies of certain letters said to have been written by ex-Land Commissioner Charles W. Eberlein to various persons and presumed to have reference to the Oregon & California grants, inasmuch as they were under the file name of that company in the Southern Pacific land office. The letters were among the few saved during the San Francisco fire of 1906, and the copies bore evidence that they had been through the fire by their charred edges.

One letter written by Eberlein to Peter F. Dunne, former general attorney for the Southern Pacific, dated August 16, 1905, related to the right to sell the entire land grant, presumably that of the Oregon & California Railroad, as the letter was under the name of that company. It is considered by those who have been following the case to be of peculiar significance, inasmuch as it was written at a comparatively short time after the late E. H. Harriman had contributed \$250,000 to the Roosevelt campaign fund and after Roosevelt had taken the oath of office as President of the United States.

Eberlein's Letter Read.

Speaking of the desire of the company to sell the entire immense tract of land, Eberlein, in part, wrote to General Attorney Dunne, as follows: "My telegram to Mr. Chambers (then attorney for the Southern Pacific in Washington, D. C.) states the facts regarding selection by and patents to the California & Oregon Land Company of lands originally granted by Congress in the Oregon Central military road grant.

"Mr. Chambers undoubtedly has looked the matter up. He makes no citation to departmental decisions, but I think this matter can be brought about by conference with the officials at Washington, who are just now inclined to be friendly to us.

"I think, however, that all arrangements should be made and then the matter taken up with them—personally and not by letter."

McAllister freely identified all the copies of letters, later marked as Government exhibits, as part of files that had survived the 1906 fire. One series of correspondence related to the Coos Bay military wagon road grant, a grant bearing about the same provisions as that of the balance of the Oregon & California Railroad grants. This set of letters purported to show the willingness of the Southern Pacific Company to dispose of the land as one tract.

"Friendly Attitude" Shown.

Another set of letters dealt with statements made to persons, who purported to be prospective settlers, to the effect that land sales in the tract were closed. The third set bore reference to the friendly attitude of the Government toward the Southern Pacific Company "at this time."

But two boxes, or files of letters bearing on the subject, so far as is known, were saved from the fire. The attorney for the Southern Pacific Company objected to any copy or copies of the correspondence being taken for publication, but this was overruled by the United States Attorney, who held that as the hearing was a public one, the public had a right to know the contents of the letters made a part of the Government exhibit.

It is estimated by Attorney Townsend that the lands in litigation are worth in the neighborhood of \$75,000,000, although the Southern Pacific Company does not place quite such a high valuation on them.

Townsend says that 12 years ago the timber alone on them, according to cruisers who made a conservative estimate, was worth about \$35,000,000. Both timber and land have since materially increased in value.

Hearing Is Undecided.

Neither the Government attorney nor counsel for the Southern Pacific today came to any agreement as to when the hearing would reopen in Portland. Townsend, however, said he wished an understanding with Land Commissioner McAllister, that when any documents are wanted in Portland, and that such documents are believed to be in the Southern Pacific files, a search will be made in good faith for them. Probably the hearings will begin in Portland the first part of September.

2,300,000 ACRES AT STAKE

Testimony in Suit for Valuable Timber Land to Be Taken.

Additional testimony in the suit of the Government against the Oregon & California Railroad Company for the recovery of 2,300,000 acres of valuable timber lands, included in former land grants, will be taken in Portland beginning tomorrow.

B. D. Townsend, representing the Government as special prosecutor, has been attending a similar hearing in

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San Francisco for several days. The inquiry there was concluded yesterday and Mr. Townsend and other interested counsel are en route to this city.

The testimony that is being taken is chiefly documentary and is supplemental to that already written into the case.

WIDOWS SEEK FORTUNE

FIGHT WAGED FOR \$2,000,000 OF ALASKA MINER.

Divorced Wife Has Contract Giving Her Property and Other Woman Has Later Will.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—A fight for a \$2,000,000 fortune accumulated in Alaska by Henry Curtis Elliott, is being waged in the courts here by his two widows. Katherine M. Elliott, the first and divorced wife, holds a "contract will," in which Elliott bequeathed to her all that he then possessed or hoped to possess. He made her his sole executrix.

A second document, making void any will that might have been made before, is held by the second wife, Mrs. Grace Van Wormer Elliott. By this document everything is left to the second Mrs. Elliott and a son, Henry Curtis Elliott, Jr.

According to the story, Elliott, without funds, in 1897 became stricken with the gold fever. His first wife had saved money by painting china, and "grub-staked" her husband, at the same time demanding half of his winnings in the Klondike region. He promised her she could have it.

He met two other men, and by locating and selling various claims accumulated his fortune. On his return to Chicago Elliott and his wife were divorced and he went to New York, where he met and married Grace Van Wormer. Elliott returned to Alaska, and in 1909 was buried beneath an avalanche. In January, 1910, his last will was probated.

Various legal entanglements have appeared regarding the first will from time to time, and finally August 7 was set as a date for argument in the Appellate Court as to the validity of the "contract will."

ALASKA MINES ARE IN DISPUTE

Fraud Is Alleged in Transfer of Company's Assets.

VALDEZ, Alaska, Aug. 3.—Suit has been begun here to set aside the transfer of the assets of the Hubbard-Elliott Mines Company to the Hubbard-Elliott Copper Company, a Washington company, with offices in Seattle, the complainants, stockholders of the former company alleging fraud with intent to deprive them of their holdings.

The property in dispute is a large copper mine near the Kotsina River, which was developed by the late Henry Curtis Elliott, of Chicago. There are stockholders of the original company in all of the western and central states.

ROBBER CAUGHT ON RUN

Thefts of \$150,000 in Valuables Charged to Captive.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—After an exciting chase today through the crowded streets of the business section the police arrested Jacob F. Guthrie, alias Harry Brown, 28 years old, who is alleged to have robbed the homes of wealthy residents of the South Side, of valuable paintings, silverware, jewelry, clothing, stocks and bonds, worth more than \$150,000.

As Guthrie was being locked in a cell he attempted to swallow two rent receipt slips, which the police seized and which later led to his identity. One was for a barn on the West Side and the other for a room in a storage warehouse.

When the police searched the barn and warehouse room they found thousands of dollars' worth of valuable articles stolen from the homes of prominent Chicagoans in the last few months. Among the articles found were five oil paintings valued at \$19,000, stolen from Mrs. Charles P. Kellogg.

Guthrie, who lived with his mother and brother, Robert W. Guthrie, a policeman, is charged with forging the name of Mrs. H. O. Stone and Mrs. Ella Wilson to checks for \$12,000, which he deposited to his own credit in Chicago banks. Guthrie is said to be a graduate of a local college.

CLARK CANNERY PLANNED

Growers' Association Organized on Puyallup Plan.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—To build a cannery and organize to dispose of all produce grown on the farm, the Clark County Growers' Association formally organized at a meeting held in the Commercial Club rooms today. The Clark County Fruit Growers' Association will be succeeded by the new organization.

Articles of incorporation will be filed. The association will be capitalized for \$2000, divided into 400 shares at \$5 each. The plan being successfully followed at Puyallup, Wash., will be adopted here.

Five trustees, J. L. Davies, A. O. Hathaway, J. D. Eaton, E. L. French and A. W. Moody, were elected today, and they will select officers from their own number. The farmers and fruit growers now believe that they have made a beginning that will be of great

assistance to them. They will have representatives at the Clark County Fair this fall, to explain their plan and get as many farmers in the county as possible interested.

Convicted Embezzler Paroled.
LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Aug. 3.—Noah E. Marker, formerly cashier of the First National Bank of Tipton, Ind., convicted of embezzling large sums from that institution, was released

from the Federal prison here today on a "good behavior" parole, having served three years of a five-year sentence. The Tipton bank's shortages are said to have amounted to over \$100,000.

More File at Olympia for Office.
OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The following candidates filed their declarations of candidacy with Secretary of State Howell for nomination at the September primaries: E. O. Con-

nor, of Spokane, Democrat, for Congressman at Large, being the second Democrat to file; Charles Drury, of Tacoma, Democrat, for Congressman from the Second District, and F. M. Godwin, of Spokane, Republican, for Congressman from the Third District.

Man Mangled by Train.
PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—At a late hour last night the dead body of a man was found in the west

end of the yards of the O.-W. R. & N. here. It is believed the victim of the accident in attempting to board an outgoing freight train missed his footing and fell under the train. The railroad employes were exonerated by a coroner's jury.

The Standard Oil Company, of Brazil, capital \$500,000, has been authorized to operate in the republic. The details of the company is in Fairmont, W. Va., U. S. A.