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THE CONVICTS GIVE BATTLE.

CONVICTS KILL THREE MILITIAMEN.

150 MEN NOW ON THE TRAIL OF THE ESCAPED CONVICTS

A dispatch sent from Placerville, Calif., on Saturday night says: A desperate fight between a band of five of the escaped Folsom convicts and a party of six militiamen, who were following a fresh trail of the convicts, took place this evening just at dusk on a hillside near the Grand Victory mine, and, as a result of the conflict, two of the militiamen, named Rutherford and Jones, were killed, and a third member of the posse, a man named Dill, will probably die of his wounds, as he was shot through the lungs.

The convicts were hidden in the thick brush which covers the hill, and the man-hunters happened upon them most unexpectedly. The convicts, who were well armed with rifles, fired a volley into the posse, with the result above stated.

The other members of the posse opened fire on the convicts, and the survivors of the little band are firm in their belief that at least two members of the convict gang were wounded. The news of the conflict soon spread, and messengers were dispatched to this place for reinforcements.

A posse under the leadership of Sheriff Bosquit is now on the scene of the conflict, but, as it is dark, it is impossible to locate the convicts, who have the advantage of position, and could pick off the members of the posse if a concentrated attack was made upon them. Sheriff Bosquit and his advisors are considering the feasibility of setting the brush on fire and forcing the convicts to surrender or at least disclose their exact position.

Sheriff Bosquit's posse now numbers 150 men, but the situation is so critical that no one will approach close enough to the supposed hiding place of the convicts to ascertain the exact condition of affairs. So far the bodies of Rutherford and Jones, who were members of Company H, Second Infantry, N. G. C., have not been recovered, though it is positive that the men are dead.

Crusade on Gambling Halls.

Three additional warrants were issued this morning by the city recorder for the arrest of the proprietors of the Reception, Manhattan and Oregon saloons on a charge of allowing illegal gambling in their places of business.

The former arrests ordered were for the dealers of the games and no actions were taken against the proprietors of the houses.

Today's step is a continuation of the crusade against gambling started several days ago and the warrants issued are for offenses committed prior to this week.

The warrants were served and 10 o'clock Monday morning set for time to plead. The proprietors of the

places, Mac Somerville, Geo. Berger, J. J. Rude and Tom Gilliam, are to answer on their own recognizance at that time. There is talk of fighting the cases.—Eugene Guard.

SUICIDE AT EUGENE.

It is now an established fact that the young man by the name of Griffin, who was found drowned at Eugene, committed suicide. He had been gambling the night before and had issued checks for large sums of money which was won by the gamblers. On Sunday morning in a spirit of despondency and remorse he drowned himself. Four or five gamblers were arrested and fined \$50 each as a consequence and it is now given out that the famous gambling hells of Eugene are to be closed.

Fresh Venison.

Engineer Bartlett and fireman Walter Denny were going north at 2:30 a. m. pulling a train. At the end of the Condon Power Company's dam across Rogue river at Tofo, is a "lick," and a herd of eight deer took up the railroad track enroute for their morning nip. The "choo-choo" of the engine got them off the track and on the banks of the cut without killing any, but about half a mile further on, after the engineer and fireman thought they were out of the herd, they suddenly ran into one that did not heed the warning of the rumbling train and he was killed. The train crew that followed fed on venison.—Eugene Guard.

PORTLAND'S RECORD.

Portland has a record of fifty-four highway robberies in the past sixty days with no arrests. The mayor, council and police force are at loggerheads, and footpads and murderers get in their work. It may be that Mayor Williams and all the other officials are capable men and patriots but they could prove their patriotism by resigning and let other men less capable run Portland affairs for a time. From reports published in the papers of that burg it seems that a person going there on business, virtually takes his life in his hands.

On Friday the Oregonian contained the announcement that Senators Mitchell and Fulton had agreed to recommend the appointment of John H. Shupe to be Register of the land office to succeed Mr. Bridges and Henry Booth as Receiver for re-appointment. This news is a surprise to Mr. Shupe and his friends as he was not a candidate for the office. Mr. Shupe occupied the office of Register years ago and his record was straight and the public as well as himself is to be congratulated if the news is correct. The news was also a surprise to Mr. Bridges and friends as he has made a good Register and was a strong supporter of Mitchell, Fulton and Binger Hermann.

San Francisco daily papers are wasting their otherwise good, common sense when they write about the birds in the penitentiary as "poor fellows," and make martyrs of them. The man who has been sentenced to the penitentiary and is found to have arms in his possession, or who has used arms or force on the guards, should be shot down like a rabid dog. The men expect to kill and plan to kill and no mercy should be shown them in order to deter others from making such attempts.

RUNNING THE LAND OFFICE.

UNCLE SAM IN THE ROLE OF A CRAFTER.

CHILDREN'S BREAD TO BE FED TO THE DOGS BY HITCHCOCK'S MAN FRIDAY.

The PLAINDEALER has the unpleasant duty of stopping a most iniquitous and damnable system of grafting the public by an inspector of Secretary Hitchcock of the Interior Department of this government.

A man has been stationed in Roseburg ostensibly to protect the timber lands from fraudulent entry, but the man is working entirely in the interest of the land monopolies and combines and for the direct oppression of the true and honest citizenship of this country desiring to take advantage of the United States laws and to invest in the purchase of 160 acres of Uncle Sam's timber domain.

To say that the system put in force at the government land office in Roseburg is oppression, abuse, vilification, extortion and slander are mild words to the actual states of affairs if reports are true. To say that the man if guilty of such practices deserves to be immediately ousted from the position is a mild statement of the penalty he should suffer if he is a sane man. But if the statements made by persons who have been in the star chamber before Hitchcock's high cock-o-lorum are true, we would expect to hear a mass said for the repose of the soul of said cock-o-lorum. We have been told that he asked one woman from the states, who is a widow and the mother of children this question: Are you not a sporting woman? and another: Do you not know that you are perjuring yourself? and still another: Who was the man who furnished you the money? Now we have no intention of doing this individual any harm. He is a public official and we simply attack his official conduct. He is the servant of the people and the lowest American man or woman who walks on the face of the earth coming before him is worthy of courteous treatment, for he is their servant and not merely Hitchcock's lick-skillet.

Then again, the charges made by the man to take down the evidence intended to convict the timber locator of collusion or fraud is charged up to the victim of this unjust extortion and the stenographer, if he does not divide up with this extraordinary official, must be getting rich at the rate of twenty, thirty or forty dollars a day. It is the best graft that we know of in a small way in the state.

But this envoy from Hitchcock is not merely content by questioning the honor, integrity and virtue of the women who go before him when everything else fails and seeking to the position of a falsifier if the following affidavits have any weight or are to be credited. We give them for what they are worth:

Roseburg, Or., July 31, 1903.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority, Mrs. Lillian

Cram, of Duluth, Minn., who deposes and says: The special land examiner and inspector took me aside privately in the hall in the U. S. Land office, in Roseburg, July 30, 1903, and said to me: If I was you I would give up that land. It has cost you already over four hundred dollars and it will cost you four hundred or four hundred and twenty-five more. For the last three years there was not an acre of land in Oregon that I would take as a gift. He did his utmost to persuade me to relinquish my timber claim to the government and he assured me that he was so advising me as a personal favor.

Mrs. LILLIAN CRAM,

Witnessed by

SADIE I. HATFIELD.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of July, 1903.

FRANK E. ALLEY,
Notary Public for Oregon.

United States of America, State of Oregon, County of Douglas.

I, W. F. Hartfield and C. M. Hansen, of Amity, Oregon, being first duly sworn say upon my oath that I was a witness for Olof Palm on his final proof before the United States Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, on the 30 and 31 days of July, 1903. That at a conversation at the boarding house of Mrs. Hadley, in Roseburg on the said 30th day of July, one Chas. A. M. Schlierholtz told the said Olof Palm in my presence and in the presence of C. M. Hansen, that the land sought to be entered as a timber claim by the said Palm, was no good and that the timber was punk, and that Palm was wasting his money to buy the land and that he would lose his money offered, in payment of said claim if the same was rejected, and that he should not offer any money in payment of the same, but that he could make payment at some future time and that such future payment would be just as good as if made at the time of entrance.

W. F. HARTFIELD,
C. M. HANSEN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of July 1903.

LEONARD S. HOPFIELD,
Notary Public for Oregon.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority, Mrs. Julia Spaulding, of Los Angeles, California, who deposes and said: The Special Examiner at the Land Office in Roseburg, on July 28, after I had told him repeatedly that I had applied to purchase the land for my own personal advantage and profit and that I had made no arrangement to sell the claim attempted in every manner to entangle me in my statement and cause me to contradict myself. He also told me that there was not an acre of land in Oregon for timber purposes for the past three years that was worth the crusing fees.

Mrs. JULIA E. SPAULDING.

Witness,

VIVIAN JEWETT, ZELIA ZIGLER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of July, 1903.

JOHN H. SHUPE,
Notary Public for Oregon.

Now we want to know what interest Mr. Hitchcock's representative has in slandering the timber land of Oregon? What reason has he for attempting to persuade men and women not to purchase timber lands? Why does he an entire stranger, when he cannot find any just reason to reject an application stoop to do the work of a Benedict Arnold or Judas Iscariot by pretend-

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THE FIRST BALLOT.

THE CARDINALS AS POPE MAKERS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT A POPE WILL BE ELECTED MONDAY OR TUESDAY.

ROME, Aug. 1.—The first day of the conclave has ended, and no pope has been elected. Both this morning and this afternoon the members of the Sacred College, except Cardinals Herro y Espinosa, Cretoni, Langenieux and Coullie, who were confined to their cells by illness, entered the Sistine Chapel, where, after the solemn ritual, prepared especially for the occasion, they dropped their ballots in the chalice. That these gave to no candidate the necessary 42 votes was made known to Rome and the world by the smoke of burning ballots, which issued from the Sistine Chapel. Tomorrow the cardinals will vote again, both in the morning and afternoon, but what the chances of their arriving at a decision before Monday are none can tell.

Rampolla Party in Ascendancy.

It was reported this evening that the Rampolla party was in the ascendant, but this cannot be taken as any indication of the final result, as the vote of Pope Leo's secretary of state may be split up or given in its entirety to some other cardinal.

The result of the first ballot given below is on apparently reliable information, but owing to the secrecy surrounding the balloting it is impossible to verify it.

First Ballot on Pope.

Rampolla	20
Nannutelli	12
Gotti	7
Oreglia	5
Di Pietro	4
Capecelatro	4
Agliardi	3
Cardinals not present	2
Scattering	5
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The college of cardinals consists of 70 members, but there are now eight vacancies, which the new pope will fill.

Portland has a record for holdups and thugism racy enough for the most depraved city in this country without the Journal getting up fake stories of highway robberies and stuff of that kind. It is indeed an ill bird that befalls its own nest.

By the largest and most destructive fire in the history of Linn county, the business section of the town of Halsey was almost completely destroyed, Friday evening. The loss was immense and is variously estimated between \$60,000 and \$100,000, the general estimate being \$70,000. With the exception of one store and warehouse every business house on the west side of the S. P. track was destroyed. One large warehouse, the postoffice, ten stores, several smaller business houses and one splendid residence went up in smoke. There were no serious casualties, only one man being slightly injured.