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NOVEMBER 12, 1903.
GETTING UP A MUDDLE.

At The Dalles, yesterday, Judge Bradshaw, in the Circuit Court, overruled the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company's contention that the State had no power to condemn their property, so that a competitive railway system could be built by the State. The railroad will file an answer today and the case will go to the Supreme Court. This is the road Governor Chamberlain is interested in opposition to the Federal canal to be constructed on the same land as is now being condemned for the Celilo Portage railroad. If the State condemns the land for the use of a State railroad, the State, after condemning the land, would not have power by the condemnation proceedings to turn over the land to the Federal government for canal purposes. In other words, the State has not the power to condemn real estate for a stated purpose and then use the real estate condemned, for a different purpose; for in such a case the State would obtain property by false pretenses and practicing fraud upon the owners of the land. It begins to appear that our politicians have entered into a conspiracy to defeat both the railroad and canal projects or are a lot of ignorant chumps, destitute of the first principle of law—viz: common sense.

Extra Session of Congress.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth Congress today held its first session, and except for the naming of committees, which will follow later, organization was completed. Joseph C. Cannon, of Illinois, whose election to the Speakership was assured months ago, was formally elected Speaker, and inducted into office. Mr. Cannon received the applause of Democrats and Republicans alike when he took up the gavel of authority, the demonstration being most complimentary to the newly elected Speaker. He was at once at ease in the Speaker's chair, having filled it so often temporarily during his many years of service in the House.

The old officers were re-elected and the customary resolutions adopted providing for the appointment of a committee to notify the President and Senate of the election of a speaker and clerk, and a committee to join a Senate committee to notify the President of the presence of a quorum in the two bodies. The rules of the Fifty-seventh Congress were adopted for the fifty-eighth Congress by a ye and nay vote after brief discussion, during which the minority sought to secure an increase in the representation on the committee.

Welcome to Binger.
The return of Binger Hermann to congress seems to have greatly pleased his old time friends in that body. An Oregonian dispatch contains the following:

Republican caucus held in the House tonight, both Oregon Congressmen and Jones and Humphrey, of Washington, and French, of Idaho, were present and voted for the adoption of the old rules. When he entered the hall of the House, Congressman Hermann was given a hearty reception, being immediately surrounded by a large group of Western members, who congratulated him upon returning to his old post. Mr. Hermann lost no time in putting earnest efforts in behalf of the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

To many Representatives from the Northwest, he explained his plan of solidifying the delegations from the Coast and intermountain states with a view to making a formidable showing when the time comes to ask for a liberal appropriation for the exposition. His plan was well received and not a few members themselves deeply interested in the enterprise. They are favorable to holding an early meeting for the purpose of formally organizing to aid the Oregon delegation. Hermann can be depended upon to work with the same vigor as in days of yore in behalf of the great and growing interests of Oregon and the Pacific northwest—Eugene Register.

A Petrified Man?
A dispatch from Asheville, N. C., of yesterday's date says: "The Pristine Petrified Phenomenon Company," of Asheville, which is composed of well-known business men of this city, has filed suit in Justice Waddell's court to recover \$3500, the sum paid for a petrified man," alleged to have been found on land of A. W. Sutton, of Henderson

County. The find was brought to Asheville last April, for exhibiting purposes, by Mr. Sutton. Local capitalists, believing that the "phenomenon" would prove a money-maker, organized a stock company and bought the petrified man. Recently some of the stockholders became doubtful of the genuineness of the petrified one, and as a result it is now alleged that the "phenomenon" is not a petrified man, but is composed only of Portland cement.

The above mentioned "Pristine Petrified Phenomenon" is a perfect reproduction of the features and body of Rube Burrows, the notorious train robber of Texas and several other Southern States. Rube came of a good family of which one was a talented physician and another a divine in the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Sixteen years ago Rube was wanted very badly in Texas so in company with several other adventurous spirits he went to the fastness of the San Juan Meza in New Mexico where in a cave the petrified phenomenon was made of Rube's body by a man named Earhart and a cowboy who was badly wanted on the range. The cement was obtained at Las Vegas, and after Rube was killed the dummy was supposed to be found by Earhart in a cave from which issued a stream of water. The dummy was covered by a growth of green water moss. The dummy supposed to be real was sold by Earhart to three Tulsa speculators, and a man named C. B. Vivian became the manager of the concern and he exhibited it over Texas and Oklahoma. Several times Vivian was arrested for showing the fake which had been identified by the sister of Rube Burrows, as her petrified brother. After various difficulties, in crossing the Cimarron River in Oklahoma in a wagon at high water, the dummy was lost and after several years it was re-discovered and taken through the Southern States as a genuine petrified man, and has turned up in South Carolina to astonish the natives.

War in Santo Domingo.
A dispatch from Santo Domingo dated Nov. 9, says the attack on the city by the revolutionists, which began last Friday, was still in progress Monday. During all of Saturday night, the dispatch continues, the insurgents attacked the outposts with small arms, and also delivered a rather heavy shell fire. The government, however, succeeded in repelling the attack, although with considerable loss. The losses of the revolutionists were slight. Some foreign non-combatants were killed.

Highway Robbery.
OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 11.—Louis Callahan, a farmer, living on Dickey's

for their extensive property holdings in the islands. The price to be paid approximates \$7,000,000.
Negotiations to this end have been in progress at Manila between Governor Taft and Mgr. Guido, the papal delegate, ever since the Governor's return to the island from Rome. The main obstacle to a settlement appears to have been an issue between the papal delegate and the religious orders as to the proportion of the purchase money to be paid by the insurgent government that was to be turned over to Rome. This, it is understood, has been agreed upon.

Wanted a French Company.
NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Under the heading, "The United States in South America," La Prensa, a leading newspaper here, publishes an article, says a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres, declaring that the United States is doing everything possible for the revolutionists on the isthmus of Panama, and concluding, says:
"This should serve as a warning to South America that there are fatal consequences in celebrating treaties by little and feeble nations with big powers."

Must Show Intent to Defraud.
As a first essential the judge held that it must be shown that there was an intent to defraud the Government, and to do this the specific portions of land which the defendant is accused of attempting to secure by fraud must be named and described definitely. In the second place, he contended that the overt act must be shown, but he asserted that this element was utterly lacking in

Prof. Curtis, dean of the division of agriculture of the Iowa state college, is in receipt of the following letter from Elin Muel, irrigation engineer for the United States department of agriculture, relative to the new development of farm mechanics at Ames:

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"We have been made to realize recently the importance of this work by the requests coming to us for advice regarding farm drainage. Mr. Elliott, our expert, is now in your state, and I believe is working in co-operation with you. I know it is his purpose to deliver some talks to your classes, but do not know the exact time. Whatever we do, we want to do in connection with the college and station, and have it understood by the people of the state that it is a co-operative effort.

"I was much interested in what Prof. Zinthe was doing up in Dakota and am glad he is in a field where his interest and energy can have opportunity. Sincerely yours, ELMWOOD MEAD.
"Chief of Irrigation Investigations."
The building referred to is the new fire-proof four-story building now being finished for instruction and investigation in farm mechanics and agricultural engineering. This department promises to be decidedly popular and of great service to the agricultural interests of the state. Iowa's investment in farm mechanics department of the college and experiment station has already inaugurated some lines of investigation that are sure to result in a great saving, as well as greater efficiency and better results in the use of agricultural implements and machinery.

How to Raise Calves by Hand.
"I have made calf rearing my business for over twenty years, and during the last fifteen years have placed my

chief reliance on skim milk. For growing calves I consider separator skim milk at least equal to whole milk, though calves will not lay on as much fat as they will when whole milk is fed; but they will make as good growth and be as thrifty on skim milk. There is nothing in butter fat that a calf can use in building body tissue. Butter fat can be converted into body heat and body fat, and nutriment for this purpose can be supplied more cheaply with flax meal which contains thirty to thirty-five per cent. My system of feeding is very uniform. When the calf is dropped, I let it suck once and then remove it from the dam. If it is removed in the morning I give it no feed until the following morning. This is done so the calf will be hungry and drink without the fingers. I give from three to four pints of its mother's milk twice a day, immediately after milking the dam. A I gets three pints and a large calf four pints. This I continue for about one week. Then for one week I give it whole milk half and skim milk twice a day, giving it only from three to four pints. The third week I feed all separator skim milk but put in the milk a teaspoonful of ground flax. I gradually increase the skim milk and flax meal so that by the end of the fourth week it is receiving a heaping tablespoonful of flax meal and ten pints of milk twice a day. After the first month it has access to a little early cut hay and a little whole oats or a mixture of whole oats and bran or shorts.

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lacked in almost every necessary detail to make them effective accusations. The demurrer was argued two hours in the morning, and the arguments will be continued tomorrow morning.
Yesterday morning was the time set for the defendants in the case to plead, and when court opened the three parties accused were present. When the case was called Judge O'Day promptly filed his demurrer. In brief this document sets forth that the indictments are invalid because they fail to set forth facts sufficient to constitute a crime and that two offences are charged.

Description of Lands Indefinite.
The first contention argued by Judge O'Day was that the description of lands alleged to have been involved in the frauds was not complete or definite enough, as set forth in the indictments, to carry a deed or even to admit of the tracts mentioned being correctly located. Owing to the fact that the meridians are not mentioned in the indictments, the attorney contended that the descriptions were so faulty that it was impossible to tell what land is referred to. In fact he declared that there were two places in this state and a dozen in the United States that would fit the description in the indictments. Hence, he argued that the indictments are invalid because the property involved is not designated specifically enough for the court to have it located.

In support of the stand he took in this matter Judge O'Day cited a number of authorities, relating cases in which descriptions of involved land were incomplete and the court held that the cases were void because of that fact.
After presenting these authorities the judge argued that inasmuch as the grand jury had not specified the location of the involved tracts of land properly, that it would be impossible to go further and do so, for the jury was the sole judge of the matter under investigation, and if it was not certain as to the location of the property, then these data were lacking; consequently facts sufficient to constitute a crime were lacking, and the charges against his clients were without proper foundation.

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