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TIMBER MEN UNDER BONDS

Harry E. Miller and F. E. Kincart Furnish \$1000 Bonds Each to Appear in Federal Court

ANOTHER WARRANT OUT

Officials After the "Emmitsburg of New Zealand" Land Company

As was announced in Monday's PLAINDEALER, Harry E. Miller, who was arrested Saturday at the Roseburg depot while enroute with his family from Medford to Eastern Oregon to locate, was given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Z. L. Dimmick at Oakland Monday, the family being detained at the Roseburg House hotel. He is charged with conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with locating people on government lands, was placed under \$1000 bonds to insure his appearance before the United States grand jury which meets in Portland in December, and Mr. Miller has company. Frank E. Kincart, of Oakland, who has followed the business of cruising in this part of the state for the past few years, was arrested there Monday as an accomplice in the alleged conspiracy with Mr. Miller, and also placed under \$1000 bonds to appear for examination jointly with Mr. Miller. Mr. Kincart furnished the amount of his bonds in Oakland. Mr. Miller did likewise in Roseburg. Pending the time set for their examination, witnesses are being summoned from Jackson county, where the offense of the men is alleged to have been committed.

Kincart was formerly a partner of John W. Gardner, who with W. H. McCrossen, recently paid a fine of \$250, upon a charge of tampering with survey markings on government lands.

The substance of the charges against Miller and Kincart are that during their recent operations in Jackson county they led persons to believe that the lands they located

upon would, immediately after proof was made thereon, be bought by an Eastern company and that they would furnish the necessary money for making such proof. It is charged that a number of persons were thus victimized.

NO PROMINENT NAMES MENTIONED. Government officers are drawing tighter the web in which they believe they have entangled perpetrators of land frauds in Southern Oregon.

That more developments are expected is proven by the fact that Assistant United States Attorney W. W. Banks and Special Agent A. R. Greene of the Land Office, are not expected to go back to Portland until the latter part of this week.

So far the names of no people of prominence have been mentioned in connection with the alleged timber ring near Roseburg.

THE SPECIFIC CHARGE.

The specific charge against these timber cruisers is that of inducing men to make locations on timber claims and then transferring their claims to the "Emmitsburg Company, of New Zealand." It is charged by the government that the expenses of the locators were paid by Harry E. Miller.

The information received by the government officials is that in the manner described eight quarter sections of fine timber land was secured for the "Emmitsburg Company, of New Zealand." A warrant is out for the arrest of another man who is supposed to be connected with Miller in the deal. His name is withheld because he has not yet been arrested.

Just what or who the "Emmitsburg Company of New Zealand" is no one seems to know, and it is probable that if the three men who are wanted by the government come up for trial they will be charged with being members of the company.

HORSES WERE GUIDED BY LIFELESS HANDS.

RENO, Nev., Nov. 1.—Six horses, pulling two wagons heavily loaded with freight walked through the streets of Cherry Creek, a small mining camp in white Pine county, Nevada, as they were accustomed to do, and stopped only at the livery stable camp.

The driver, Charles Wagner, was on the seat, as usual, but when he did not get down the stablemen climbed into the wagon and were horrified to see that he was dead. Life had been extinct several hours, the aged miner having died alone on the desert, and the horses brought him to his destination, Wagner was an old time prospector and Comstock teamster.

KILLED BY TRAIN OR FOOTPADS

Mangled Remains of a Man Found on the Railroad Track Near Myrtle Creek Station

FOUL PLAY SUSPICIONED

Coroner Twitchell Holds Inquest Over Remains—Verdict of Coroner's Jury

A decidedly ghoulish discovery was made by the Southern Pacific section crew about nine o'clock Tuesday morning a short distance north of Myrtle Creek at a lonely point on the railroad. While running over that section of the road the crew found scattered along the track for several hundred feet, the mangled remains of a man who had, it is thought, been murdered and placed on the railroad during the night in the hope that a passing train would cover up the deed of the murderers. This conclusion was reached from the nature of a severe wound found over the eye of the unfortunate man, which appeared to have been inflicted with a club or bar of iron prior to the cuts and bruises sustained from being run over by a passing train. Another version is that he was killed either from falling asleep on the track or falling from a train on which he was beating his way. On one portion of the remains were found discharge papers from the U. S. army identifying the man as H. Cross of Ohio. He was a Spanish American war veteran, about 25 years of age.

Coroner J. C. Twitchell went to the scene of the accident Wednesday, empaneled a jury and in due a thorough inquiry into the case, but no additional or definite facts were brought out at the inquest, the verdict of the Coroner's jury being as follows.

CORONER'S VERDICT.

MYRTLE CREEK, ORE., Nov. 2, '04. We, the undersigned coroner's jury empaneled to inquire into the cause of the death of a man found dead along the side of the railroad track, about one half mile north of the town of Myrtle Creek, Douglas County, Oregon, Nov. 1, 1904, do find the deceased's name to be Howard Cross, and his former residence Rainieridge, Ohio.

That he came to his death from causes unknown to this jury, and from the evidence produced before this jury, was placed on the railroad track after being dead, by some party or parties unknown for the purpose of mutilation.

H. DYER, Foreman, A. THOMPSON, F. C. BELL, J. S. LANE, J. S. DENNISON, T. G. HARLOW, DR. J. C. TWITCHELL, Coroner.

Two hobos were taken into custody by the Myrtle Creek officials Tuesday evening and held for an examination upon suspicion, but little evidence has thus far been secured to implicate them or in any way fasten the crime upon them.

JENNINGS SUES FOR DAMAGES.

PORTLAND, Nov. 2.—In addition to obtaining a divorce from Helen Cynthia Jennings, the custody of his boy and the cancellation of a deed to property valued at \$7,000, which was executed in his favor, Orville O. Jennings may get damages from J. S. Seed, the contractor, as a result of his suit charging Seed with alienating his wife's affections. The courts have decided Seed to be guilty of conduct which broke up two homes.

Circuit Judge Frazer took under advisement the question of damages this morning after Jennings had told his story on the witness stand, and Attorney Bronough had submitted a number of authorities bearing on the matter of jurisdiction. Seed is in default, having failed to file an answer within the limit prescribed by the codes.

Jennings testified that his vocation of locomotive engineer is most exacting and demands not only the most of his time and attention but requires that his mind shall be untroubled. On his coolness and attention to duty daily depend the lives of many people.

"This trouble with my wife has worried me a great deal," he said, "and time that should have been spent in sleep and rest has been spent in worrying over her conduct with Seed. That man has broken up my home, and while money can never repay me for the suffering I have endured or shall endure in the future, I feel that he should be punished. I have loved my wife devotedly—for that matter I love her yet—but I realize that she can never again be wife to me."

Questioned by Attorney Bronough, Mr. Jennings said he had been deeply mortified as well as pained by his wife's conduct. Not desiring to appear in the role of injured husband before the public he had kept away from public gatherings as much as possible. He is a Mason and has been elected to take advanced degrees, but the trouble with his wife had prevented him from coming to Portland to take them.

Read the PLAINDEALER's special premium proposition on the last page of the paper.



TWO NOTABLE RUSSIAN GENERALS.

When Russia's second huge army is sent into the field a mouth or two hence, two generals who will have important commands are Meyendorff and Kaulbars. The czar reposes the most implicit confidence in both of these men, who are noted for conservatism as well as for bravery.

RESERVOIR BURSTS; 17 PEOPLE DROWNED

Port Arthur Tottering--Hull Fishing Boat Inquiry and Verdict--Dewey May be Chosen.

WINSTON SALEM, N. C., Nov. 2.—Seventeen people are known to be dead and many more are missing as the result of the bursting of the reservoir at this place today. One of the brick walls of the reservoir collapsed, burying the home and family of Martin Peoples. A million and a half gallons of water were released and over a mile of territory was devastated. The colored settlement in the vicinity of the reservoir was entirely wrecked. Mayor Eaton is at the head of a large rescuing party, and search is being made for additional victims.

The cause of the disaster was the overflow of the reservoir, and a thorough investigation will be made in order to ascertain if the negligence of any of the employees at the pump station was responsible for it. The dead, as far as known, are Mrs. Peoples, Thomas Southern, Mrs. John Poe and daughter, and five negroes.

Port Arthur Tottering.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 2. (12:46 p. m.)—The official reports from Tokio describing the desperate assaults on Port Arthur, beginning October 26, have created visible depression at the War Office. The sustaining character of the bombardment with siege guns and the breaching of the walls by underground mines, but above all, the fact that the Japanese government, after weeks of silence regarding the operations of the besiegers, has given out these reports before actual success has crowned their efforts, convinces the military authorities that after long preparations General Nogi is not only making a supreme effort to carry the fortress, but feels so confident of success that the result of the preliminary operations has been made public.

Dewey May Be Chosen.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 2, 2 p. m.—The Associated Press can authoritatively announce that the basis for the British-Russian agreement to submit the North Sea incident to a commission insures an amicable settlement without a sequel. The understanding is complete.

It is now regarded as almost certain that the commission will sit in Paris and be composed of five naval officers, one Russian and one British, each power to choose another member, and the four to select a fifth. Russia has practically named Admiral Kasnakoff and Great Britain Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, although the latter selection is not absolutely settled. Great Britain expressed her intention of asking that a United States Naval officer sit on the commission, whereupon Russia announced that she would select a French officer. There is strong intimation that Great Britain will invite Admiral Dewey to be one of the commission. Officers of such character as those mentioned insure the acceptance of the findings of the commission by both countries and the world.

Hull Fishing Boat Inquiry.

HULL, England, Nov. 2.—The coroner's inquest into the firing on British trawlers by Russian warships began this afternoon. Fishermen testified that owing to the continual play of Russian searchlights they were able to see clearly a long distance. They saw no craft resembling torpedo boats.

The coroner's jury returned the following verdict: "The fishermen were killed by shots fired without warning or provocation from certain war vessels." The verdict purposely attached no blame and made no recommendations, leaving that to the international commission.

Mrs. Dell Pengra, of Roseburg, is the guest of friends in this city. Mrs. Pengra, nee Miss Dell Brumley, was formerly a teacher in our public school and was a very successful and popular teacher.—Guard.

PRINCIPALS OF SOCIALISM

Defined by a Prominent Local Member of that New Political Party

ESTIMATES DEBS VOTE

The Difference Between Socialism and Anarchy Set Forth

EDITOR PLAINDEALER:—If you will kindly permit me to utilize a little of your already crowded space, I shall be glad of the opportunity to say a few plain words, in a plain manner, to the general public, on the very plain, but exceedingly interesting subject of Socialism.

In this short article I shall confine myself to the statement of a few facts which I hold to be incontrovertible.

First.—Compare with the masses, there is, indeed, a very small number of persons who have any knowledge of the underlying principles upon which socialism, as a political faith, is founded. It is because of this lack of knowledge concerning the subject which we socialists deem of such vast importance to the common people, that I am asking this space and writing this article.

Second.—A few of our political principles are as follows:

(a) Wherever any laborer is made to give up any part of the product of his earnings to his employer, he is, proportionately to that part thus given up, a slave of and to such employer. In other words, we hold that labor is entitled to every whit of its earnings, and not to a part of it. The world of labor has become so grounded in the system of earning wealth and sharing the same with them who toil not, that it has become an every day matter of fact, but this does not make it right. We hold that forty millions of people in this country are, in part, to their masters, slaves.

Nor is this a new idea just launched upon the broad sea of thought. Long before the Christian era the enslaved Romans learned of this "inhumanity to man," rebelled against the system and wisely and properly left their masters and succeeded to Monte Sacer (the holy mountain.) Captain John Smith, that intrepid and indomitable leader of the early Virginia colonists, declared that he who did not work, should not eat. The wealthy men of to-day are becoming wealthier, not from the products of their own toil, but from the toil of their quasi slaves. Coming down to our own period, the immortal Declaration proclaims forth to all the world of humanity that all men are created equal; that each is endowed with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

But, in contradiction to these last named and boasted rights, we claim that, in many instances, our laboring classes are deprived not only of liberties and the pursuit of happiness, but not infrequently of life itself. The great majority of laborers to-day receive less than half of what they earn, and are cursed, persecuted and even shot down because they have the courage to ask, not for all, but for a little more of their earnings. There is no living man who has the semblance of ethical or political right to increase his own store from the toil of his fellow and brother man.

(b) We believe and we believe that we have a good cause to believe, that the means of production and distribution should be a part of the government itself, and, that the same should not be owned and controlled by a few authoritative persons whose authority emanates from, and is founded upon the possession of gold. Human necessities are cornered, owned, operated and controlled by men who have already acquired millions, not by highway, but, rather, by legalized robbery. Corporations are being piled up, trusts are being multiplied, syndicates are being inaugurated and combines and mergers are standing ready with wide-open hungry mouths to swallow them all. All persons except trust magnates or the hirelings of the same, are cringing under, and shrinking from the effects of these national calamities—the trusts. Gold is becoming altogether too powerful. The holdings of the few are becoming altogether too magnificent for the future welfare of the many. An all-wise Creator prepared the earth for the abode of all his subjects and not for the luxurious homes of the very few; yet, it does not require a deep thinking man to understand the fact that, at the present rate of increase of land ownerships, the most available and best value land of the earth must soon be owned and controlled by a few men. Therefore, we demand that those robber trusts shall cease their exploitation of the common people; that the same be owned, operated and controlled by the common government, and, that the consumers of their products shall be permitted to purchase the same at cost price of production.

(c) We believe in the equality of mankind. We take the Declaration at its word and meaning. We believe, further, not only that all men should be equal, but we believe that they are now equal in the sight of justice, mortal mind and the Creator. We believe that the seeming inequality of man in the present day, has its origin only in the in-

SETS DAY TO GIVE THANKS

President Proclaims Last Thursday of Month a National Holiday

HARVESTS ABUNDANT

Those Who Work Prosper Greatly—Time to Show Appreciation For Blessings

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The President to-day issued the Thanksgiving day proclamation, setting aside Thursday, November 24.

"To be observed as a day of festival and thanksgiving by all of the people of the United States at home and abroad." The proclamation was issued from the State Department this afternoon by Secretary Hay. It follows:

By the President of the United States—A Proclamation.

It has pleased Almighty God to bring the American people in safety and honor through another year, and in accordance with the long unbroken custom handed down to us by our forefathers, the time has come when a special day shall be set apart in which to thank Him who holds all nations in the hollow of his hand for the mercies thus vouchsafed to us. During the century and a quarter of our National life we as a people have been blessed beyond all others, and for this we owe humble and heartfelt thanks to the author of all blessings.

The year that has closed has been one of peace within our own borders as well as between us and all other nations. The harvests have been abundant, and those who work, whether with hand or brain, are prospering greatly. Reward has waited upon honest effort. We have been enabled to do our duty to ourselves and to others. Never has there been a time when religious and charitable effort has been more evident. Much has been given to us and much will be expected from us.

We speak of what has been done by this Nation in no spirit of boastfulness or vain-glory, but with full and reverent realization that our strength is as nothing unless we are helped from above. Hitherto we have been given the heartiest strength to do the tasks allotted to us as they severally arose. We are thankful for all that has been done for us in the past, and we pray that in the future we may be strengthened in the unending struggle to do our duty fearlessly and honestly, with charity and

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