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RICHARDS VS. HERMANN.

Again has the hot air bubble of Portland's saffron hue sheet, the Journal, been burst into smithereens by the testimony in the land fraud case, of Commissioner Richards of the General Land Office, who was Mr. Hermann's assistant during the time he held the position of commissioner. Ever since Mr. Hermann was called to the witness stand at Portland in the land fraud case, the Journal has been persistent in its denunciation and vilification of the Ex-Commissioner and boastful in its allegation that he would be proven erroneous in his statements by Commissioner Richards as soon as he could arrive from Washington and submit his testimony. It was alleged by the yellow Journal that Richards would show that the applications of Emma Watson and Puter for patents were received by Hermann and not referred to him (Richards) as Hermann had stated, and that these applications were acted upon by Hermann. Now in this connection let us quote from the testimony of Mr. Richards bearing on the subject. He says, "Mr. Hermann asked me to take some papers, go through them and see if the lands referred to in them should be patented." Again Mr. Richards testified: "I remember having acted on a set of papers embracing 12 homesteads in 11-7. It was lands involved in the Puter-Watson case, and while not absolutely certain, I believe these to be the papers here before me." This is just as Mr. Hermann had stated previously on the witness stand.

Again, the testimony of Mr. Richards, regarding the precaution taken in the sending of Inspector Loomis and later, Agent Ormsby by Mr. Hermann to investigate the legality of these land entries before patents were issued on them, fully substantiates and verifies the testimony of Mr. Hermann on this point. Mr. Hermann also stated that Senator Mitchell had interceded personally and by letter, in good faith no doubt, in behalf of Mrs. Watson and Puter urging the expediting of their patents. This statement is also confirmed by Mr. Richards. Therefore, the only ground left for the Portland yellow rag to prolong its idiotic gyrations is the fact that Mr. Hermann was not sure that he could identify Mr. Mitchell's letter and did not remember whether or not he had replied to the same, which Mr. Richards claims he did and submitted a letter to prove his assertion. But since Mr. Hermann did not deny answering Mr. Mitchell's letter, this is all immaterial and of no importance whatever. By the testimony of Mr. Richards and other officials of the General Land Office Mr. Hermann has been fully exonerated of all charges preferred against him by that rotten Portland sheet, and has been acquitted of even a suspicion of fraud or irregularity in office. In conclusion Commissioner Richards stated that he was unable to say that he had ever seen Puter with Mr. Hermann. It is therefore proven conclusively that it is through malice and personal spite alone that the Portland Journal has been and continues to carry on its unscrupulous, villainous and unfounded fight against Congressman Hermann. The Journal is a disgrace to the webfoot state.

A WITNESS FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

The Eugene Register well says, "How chagrined the Portland Journal must feel over the fact that Hon. Binger Hermann was called as a witness for the government in the celebrated land fraud cases. All along the Journal has classed Binger as a conspirator against the government in land matters, but the authorities in Washington knew the value of his testimony in its behalf and also knew that his record was without a blemish while he held down the distinguished position of Commissioner of the General Land Office. No wonder Binger has rested easy under the loud-mouthed black-mailing efforts of the Portland sheet."

A Massachusetts man has abandoned the ministry for the stage. This is preferable to turning the pulpit into a stage, as some have done.

The man who says he don't need to advertise generally don't—the dying man does not need to take any more medicine.

Musings.

Y is for Yellow. Some papers are that. They give you the jaundice and take off your fat. I'm thankful to state it may truly be said. Our paper's not yellow at all, but it's READ.

November was a very nice old month. The bill collector is much in evidence today.

According to the report of experts, Russia might lose her Baltic fleet and not be much of a loser at that.

A certain doctor gave his patient a box of pills with the instructions to "take one pill five times a day."

About the only consolation the Democrats see in the future is that Roosevelt has promised to not run again.

A good deed may shine like a candle in this naughty world; but a good advertisement shows up like an arc-light.

A New Jersey man claims to have been unable to sleep for twenty years. He should try a job on the police force.

Albany Democrat: It is hardly consistent to run down the Mexican bull-fights and endorse Salem football, where girls yell: "Kill them—that's the way to get rid of them!"

Several western girls are getting husbands on account of the sweet sound of their voices over the telephone wires. We will now expect a boom in the telephone business.

Probably for the first time in the history of Cottage Grove, last Sunday was the first, that one desirous of obtaining a drink at a bar, could not find a way to procure it. Many a parched throat no doubt asked the month—what is the matter up there?

Commissioner Richards Testimony

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east. He had met Puter at the Wells Fargo Bank and had paid him \$5 an acre for the land, some \$9000 in all.

"Do you remember anything about the check?" asked Mr. Heney.

"I drew the check in favor of Puter," answered the witness, "but he said that it was to be drawn in favor of Emma L. Watson, so I made the change."

Frank E. Alley, an abstractor of Roseburg, was called. He had known McKinley and had corresponded with him. The witness produced a letter from McKinley asking his help in securing a plat of the land in township 11 north, range 7 east, which was given in evidence.

MITCHELL REFUSES TO COME HOME

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—United States Senator John H. Mitchell has refused to come to Portland, at the earnest and repeated request of Special Prosecutor Heney, to testify in the land fraud trial.

He likewise refused, by silence, to divulge the name of a "prominent attorney" who, he tells Mr. Heney, introduced Puter to him by letter, at the time when Puter asked him to urge Mrs. Watson's claims before the Land Department. The testimony which Mr. Mitchell could give relative to his meeting Puter is of little importance and the Senator evidently does not propose to enter the continent twice and miss the opening session of Congress simply to be asked a few unimportant questions that has little bearing on the case at bar.

H. S. Whitney, who now resides at Oakland, was a Roseburg visitor Tuesday and favored the Plaindealer with a pleasant call.

Another Pioneer Passes Away.

Job Hatfield, familiarly known as "Uncle Jobbie," died Monday, Nov. 29, 1904, at his home on Long Prairie, says the Gardiner Gazette.

Capt. Job Hatfield was one of a company including Major Thorp, Wm. Golden and Dave Johnson, formed in Portland for the purpose of exploring the Umpqua valley, which they reached at the mouth of Elk Creek.

They followed the course of the river to its mouth, but returning to Long Prairie deeming it the best place to settle yet seen. The most prominent men who have been identified with the settlement are Capt. Job Hatfield, one of the original settlers, Andrew Sawyer and Capt. Rufus Butler.

Job Hatfield was born near Yarmouth in Nova Scotia, the 31st of August, 1813, of English parentage. At the age of fourteen he began a roving life at sea, continuing for several years. In 1834 he found his way to New York, where he became one of the Mary Taylor's crew of pilots, whose duties were to pilot the packet ships out of the harbor. Leaving New York about 1848, he came to Astoria, Oregon, and was pilot one year on the Columbia bar. In 1850 he took his donation claim from the Government.

Mr. Hatfield said the first time he saw Salem there was but one log house in the place. In 1857 he ran a pack train to the Yreka, California mines. He, however, soon abandoned that business and returned to his ranch.

Funeral services were held by Rev. C. Beckman, of Gardiner, and took place at the grave, in the cemetery near Scottsburg. The pallbearers, all former acquaintances of the pioneer, are residents of Scottsburg and Gardiner, viz: H. H. and Wm. J. Henderson, Chris Hacker, Wm. Wade, John Simmons, W. T. Andrews and H. Weatherly.

Portland Exposition Notes.

PORTLAND, Nov. 29.—Forty Eastern manufacturers represented by displays at the World's Fair at St. Louis want space at the Lewis and Clark Centennial. As they cannot obtain as much space as they wish to have in the Manufacturer's Building erected by the Exposition Company, which is over crowded, they have applied to the Chief of the Exhibits Department for ground space for an exclusive manufacturing exhibit, embracing pen making, hat making, weaving, shoe manufacturing and various other forms of manufacturing can be carried on. The ground space will be provided in the event the association decides to erect a building. The manufacturers will utilize the products made up while on exhibition on the grounds by returning them to the jobbing houses for sale. A representative of the Exposition has gone to Chicago to consult with some of the leading manufacturing firms in regard to the matter.

WILL PRESERVE FORESTRY BUILDING. It is probable that the Forestry building at the Lewis and Clark Centennial will be retained as a permanent structure after the exposition has closed. In order that this may be done it will be necessary that the legislature pass a special bill, since the act creating the exposition provided for the destruction of all the buildings.

President Jefferson Myers of the state commission says that the members of the commission are in favor of preserving the building. Present plans are to have the building turned over to pioneers and war veterans for reunions. The Forestry Building is the second largest log house ever erected. The logs of which it is built are from four to six feet in diameter.

PORTLAND CENTENNIAL NOTES. A comprehensive Philippine display will be an interesting feature of the Centennial.

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One of the logs used in the construction of the Forestry building weighed twenty-seven tons.

An interesting collection of old mining implements will form a part of Oregon's exhibit.

Several large rose beds have been laid out in the exposition grounds and the roses are now in full bloom.

A complete showing of the industrial conditions surrounding the Indian students at the Oregon Indian Schools will figure in the Government exhibits.

The annual convention of the National Association of Railroad Commissioners will meet in Deadwood, S. D., next August, will adjourn to Portland and hold its concluding sessions at the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

Preliminary work on the Government Building is progressing rapidly, and already the necessary excavations have been made and the foundation timbers laid. The building will be completed April 1, 1905.

Governor Mickey, of Nebraska was a recent visitor in Portland, and expressed himself as surprised at the advanced stage of the preparations for the Lewis and Clark Centennial. The Governor said that he was heartily in favor of a generous participation in the fair by his state.

The Congressional Cadet Corps of Eureka, Cal., has set plans on foot to combine healthful exercise and secure profitable training, experience and knowledge, by marching 100 strong, to Portland next June to attend the Fair. President Goodie will present the boys with a handsome silk banner to commemorate their visit.

Idaho women have shown their interest in the Centennial by voting to move \$1000 worth of fine furniture, purchased by the federation of women's clubs, from the Idaho building at the St. Louis Fair, to Portland. In case Idaho should not have a building at the Centennial, they will offer the furniture for use in the general reception rooms set aside for women in the Oregon building.

Life, color, demonstration and motion will be features of the exhibits at the Exposition. Not only will the finished products be shown in attractive installation but the processes by which they are made will be shown as well.

Girl Sends Flowers to Weber.

It seems that among the multitude of bright, sensible girls in Ashland there is at least one who is afflicted with that maudlin sentimentality which prompts the sending of flowers and billets doux to criminals. Among the packages put on the express car at this depot Saturday, was one addressed to Adolph Weber, at Auburn, Cal., the young man who is charged with murdering his father, mother and infant brother, and then burning the family home to destroy evidence of the crimes. The package became unwrapped for some reason, and its contents were exposed to view. A bouquet of flowers, a photograph of the girl sending the package and a letter composed its contents. The sender asked that a reply might be sent addressed to "Weber," care of the true name of the young lady. The articles were re-wrapped and sent on to their destination.—Tidings.

Young Corbett Beaten

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—In the greatest fight witnessed between two little men in years, "Battling Nelson" of Chicago, won from Young Corbett, of Denver, in ten rounds. From the top of the going until Corbett's second throw up the sponge, Nelson was master of the situation at every stage of the game. His in-fighting was a revelation, and the most brilliant ever witnessed in any ring here.

Not until the tenth was the butchering ended. Corbett wobbled around gamely, but was as helpless as a lame duck. Harry Fathill then jumped into the ring and a great yell went up from the crowd.

The fight over, Corbett, bathed in blood, and with a sickly smile, shook hands with the victor, and was then helped out of the ring. Nelson looked strong and unmarked. The fight is over, and a new man is in line to vanquish Champion Britt.

PORT ARTHUR IS TOTTERING

London, Nov. 30.—A rumor is current that Port Arthur is at last tottering, in fact, has practically fallen, and a confirmation of the report is hourly expected. Some color is given to the report by dispatches that have been received in Paris, which state that dominating positions have been further taken by the Japanese.

Good Roads Meeting

Regarding the two illustrated good road lectures to be given in the Roseburg Opera House, Saturday, Dec. 10, by expert Jas. W. Abbott, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the following letter was received by the Roseburg Commercial Club, Wednesday.

Walla Walla, Nov. 27.

Frank G. Merrill, Secretary, Roseburg Commercial Club.—Dear Sir:—On my arrival here I found your message of Nov. 25. Will be with you ready to deliver illustrated addresses on Dec. 10.

Yours sincerely, JAS. W. ABBOTT.

Every citizen in Douglas county, who is interested in good roads, should endeavor to be present on Saturday, Dec. 10th, afternoon and evening, and hear the addresses and see the practical illustrations presented by this eminent authority on good road building.

Practical Farming.

Three years ago Ludwig Stannch, a German, bought three acres of land in the lower Hood river valley, four miles from the town of Hood River. He paid \$100 per acre for it—\$300. It was thought to be worn and almost worthless.

Promoters and those who had good land for sale quarreled among themselves to determine who should sell to the new comer. Finally he decided to purchase the worn-out three-acre tract in preference to the other pieces that were offered.

Many smiled and thought the German had been "handled" something. The land wasn't worth giving away, they said. He set about clearing the tract and planted apple trees and strawberry plants.

Last year, the first in which his produce was sold, his three-acre tract brought him \$1500. This year his apples and strawberries were sold for \$3,300.

The tract is set out in apple trees. Between the rows of trees he has planted strawberries. Apples and berries are the produce from which he is building a fortune.

In a Wyoming Bank.

Appropos of the recent bank robbery at Ogden, it may be of interest to know that most of the Wyoming banks display the following sign:

Member American Sharpshooting Association.

Patrons thinking an error has been made are requested not to shoot the cashier before investigation.

Strangers must enter the bank holding their hands above their heads or they will be fired on by the staff.

Deposits of persons killed on the premises remain the property of the bank.

The bank will not be responsible for lost guns or bowie knives.

Patrons desiring of keeping in practice are requested to shoot the pens from the clerk's hands and to leave the cashier undisturbed.

Persons desirous of transacting quickly will please remember that shooting out the lights tends to delay rather than to hasten the work of the staff.

Undertakers—This bank will not be responsible for the funeral bills of persons killed by the staff in the course of business.

Officers for Chinese Army.

Officers for the Chinese Reform Army are being recruited from the National Guard of Oregon, and it is said that already about twenty-five members, some of them locally prominent, have made application. Trained officers to the number of 8000 are being sought by the Reform Association. All who make application are bound to secrecy. But it is learned that service is promised for five years, that transportation will be furnished, and that the pay is to be 20 per cent greater than that of American officers in the tropics. The applicants have been told that the army they are to command will number 150,000.

Notice.

There will be a pie social at the Eden-bower church Friday, Dec. 3, for the purpose of raising funds to buy a cool-store for the M. E. parsonage at Wilbur. Each lady is requested to bring pie for two, placing her name on the plate. They will be sold at a set price. Please accept this as a personal invitation. Come one, come all. E. L.

Sunday at the M. E. Church.

Rev. G. H. Bennett will occupy his pulpit Sunday morning and evening. Sunday School meets at 10 a. m., and Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. All are invited.

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