

Roseburg, Oregon

Population, 3500. The County Seat of Douglas County. Oregon Soldiers Home; U. S. Land Office and U. S. Weather Bureau are located here. S. P. railroad division; excellent educational advantages. Gateway to the Coast Bay and Coast country.

SEVEN MORE INDICTMENTS

Ormsby, Loomis, Mayor Davis Must Answer

SENATOR MITCHELL WORRIES HENEY

Demands the Names of the Persons Who Have Testified Against Him

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—Precisely at 3 o'clock this afternoon the federal grand jury returned indictments against S. B. Ormsby, William H. Davis, Mayor of Albany; C. E. Loomis, Henry E. Young, George Sorenson and two others, whose names are unknown to the grand jury. Warrants for the arrest of the parties named in the indictment have been issued. They are charged with violation of statute 5140, or conspiracy to defraud the government of a portion of its public lands. Senator John H. Mitchell has made a request of the federal grand jury that he be accorded the privilege of appearing before that body at the conclusion of the government's case, and that he be furnished with a digest of all the evidence there introduced against him, and further that he be furnished with the names of the witnesses who may testify against him. This petition is set forth in a letter to Assistant United States Attorney Francis J. Heney, and in another letter to the grand jury. Mr. Heney declares that the request is a most extraordinary one, and gives it to be understood that it will not be his policy to give to the senator any thing more in the nature of privileges than would be accorded any other citizen of the United States in a similar situation. It is regarded as probable that the diverging views of the two officials with reference to the rights or privileges claimed by the senator may lead to extraordinary developments. It was the original plan of Senator Mitchell to appear before the grand jury this afternoon, but he has changed his mind, and instead of appearing to testify has made the request stated in the foregoing. Mr. Heney says it is within the province of the grand jury to grant the request of the senator if it shall see fit to do so, but he personally sees no reason why he should be accorded more privi-

leges than the humblest citizen in the land. Mr. Heney appeared surprised at the new turn of affairs, and said that he had all along been prepared to accord Senator Mitchell the right to appear before the grand jury as soon as he arrived, according to a desire expressed in the following telegram from Senator Mitchell, dated Washington, Dec. 18: "Francis J. Heney, Assistant United States Attorney-General: I will be in Portland Saturday morning next, and I demand a full investigation by a grand jury of any and all charges, if any, against me. I also demand the right to testify concerning the same before the grand jury."

"JOHN H. MITCHELL," Senator Mitchell's Letter. Following are the letters sent by Senator Mitchell to Mr. Heney and the grand jury today.

Portland, Dec. 26, 1904. Hon. Francis J. Heney, Assistant United States District Attorney, Portland, Oregon. Dear Sir—I will this evening or tomorrow morning, send to W. H. H. Wade, Foreman of the Federal Grand Jury now in session in this city, a letter of which enclosed is a duplicate. I trust that you will agree that I shall be accorded the privilege I ask. I am ready and earnestly desire to go before the Grand Jury as soon as you have produced before the jury all the evidence you have on parts of the government, but not until then.

Very respectfully,
JOHN H. MITCHELL. Letter to the Grand Jury Portland, Or., Dec. 26, 1904. W. H. H. Wade, Esq., Foreman of Federal Grand Jury, Portland, Or.: Dear Sir—Street rumor in this city for the past ten days, and press dispatches from this city to all parts of the United States are to the effect that I am being charged with complicity with others in certain land frauds, and that the jury of which you are the foreman, is investigating such charges. I have heretofore requested of the prosecuting officers, Hon. Francis J. Heney, Assistant United States District Attorney, and Hon. John H. Hall, United States District Attorney, the privilege of going before your body for the purpose of an swearing, under oath, any charges that may have been lodged with your body against me, which in anywise implicate me in any such frauds.

I therefore respectfully ask you, and through you, your associates composing the Federal grand jury now in session in this city the privilege of being before you for the purpose of answering, under oath, any and all such charges that may have been made, just as soon as the Government has concluded the taking of such testimony as it desires to before you in support of any charges against me. If, therefore, you will kindly advise me when all such testimony has been submitted on the part of the Government, I will then be ready to go before you in answer to any such charges as may be made, and I respectfully ask that on my appearance before you at the close of the Government's case, as above suggested, I then be advised fully as to the precise charges, if any, made against me, and of the nature of the evidence submitted by the Government in support thereof. And I also should be glad, if not deemed improper by your advisors, that the names of the witnesses making the same be submitted to me at that time. Sincerely trusting I will be accorded this privilege, I am,
Very respectfully,
JOHN H. MITCHELL.

BURBANK RIVAL OF EDISON

Prof. Jordan's Opinion of Great Horticulturalist

WIZARD IN PLANT LIFE BREEDING

Has Not Made a Perpetual Flower But Raises Prunes Without Seeds

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—"I do not know of any so-called perpetual flower that has been propagated by Luther P. Burbank—he places no special emphasis on any particular one of his productions," said David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford university, today, talking about the wizard horticulturist of California. "This 'wizard' business is a hurt the cause. People come and hang about on the fence, and wait to see the wizard win, and it ends an unwarlike color of legenddom to his work as well as interfering with operations in the garden. "Mr. Burbank," continued Dr. Jordan, "has changed the color of the yellow poppy to crimson, and makes it bloom all the year 'round, and he has roses and other flowers that bloom all the year. He has carried on the most extensive experiments with plums and peaches. He is now propagating a seedless prune. It was started by breeding an inferior French prune, of imperfect seed, with the California prune. His sugar plums have made a great hit, and the plum was sold for \$5,000. That is all he can get for his invention, as the grafts are so plentiful after the first year that they are sold at almost any price. This is the reason Burbank carries on his experimental work at a loss. There is no way by which the result of his work can be protected financially. The Carnegie people, recognizing this difficulty, have provided for payment of a gift of \$10,000 each year for 10 years to carry on his experiments. He has two experimental gardens—two acres at Santa Rosa for flowers, and six acres at Sebastopol for vegetables and fruits." Mr. Burbank was formerly a nurseryman. His first experiment was the propagation of the Burbank potato, in Massachusetts. After he came to California he took up fruit propagation. "He is simply a breeder of plant life, possessing marvelous skill in the handling of pollen and working with it under a glass," said Dr. Jordan. "He possesses more knowledge than any other man living concerning the sexes of the pollen. I regard him as a more remarkable man than Edison."



THE HIGHEST SALARIED RAILROAD PRESIDENT. L. F. Loyal, who recently resigned the presidency of the Rock Island system, was the highest salaried railroad president in the world. When he left the Baltimore and Ohio to go to the Rock Island he was given a bonus of \$500,000 and a contract for five years at \$25,000 a year, with the proviso that if he should die the salary should be paid to his wife to the end of the contract period.

MITCHELL AND HERMANN ARE GIVEN A HEARING

The Senator Remained on the Stand Nearly all Day—Congressman Next

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—Senator John H. Mitchell appeared before the federal grand jury today to testify in his own behalf concerning his alleged connection with the land frauds. For two hours this morning he was before the jury and he was again before them when they reconvened at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Congressman Binger Hermann was notified that he would be the next witness called, as soon as Senator Mitchell's testimony was concluded. Senator Mitchell's request that he be furnished with a statement of the charges against him, of the nature of the evidence and of the names of the witnesses, was not granted. He was himself the first witness in relation to the transactions which are supposed to involve him in the land frauds. No previous testimony having been given as to these transactions, it was, of course, impossible for the grand jury to comply with his request, even had it been so disposed. The names of the witnesses to be called and the nature of the charges against Mitchell and Hermann are known only to Assistant Attorney-General Heney, and even the grand jury is ignorant of them, except so far as they were disclosed by the testimony given by Senator Mitchell today. A few minutes before 10 o'clock this morning Senator Mitchell left the Portland hotel and walked unattended, to the postoffice building. Reaching the big, bare hallway upon the second floor of the building, he took his seat among the waiting throng of witnesses who had gathered outside the juryroom. A dozen ranchers, farmers and timber cruisers who had been subpoenaed from central and southern Oregon occupied the chairs placed in the lobby, and offered a strange contrast to the venerable figure of Oregon's senior senator as he took his seat among them. Senator Mitchell plainly showed the strain of the past few days, and the respectful greeting of those who spoke to him were tinged with sympathy. He soon retired to the comparative privacy of the United States district attorney's office where he waited for the summons from the grand jury room. He had not long to wait. Mr. Heney came out from the juryroom and informed the senator that the jury was ready to hear him. Carrying a bundle of papers and letters, to which he evidently expected to refer in his testimony, Senator Mitchell went before the jury. It was close upon noon when the jury adjourned and Senator Mitchell reappeared. "I can say nothing," "I can say absolutely nothing," he said in response to a question concerning the proceedings. "I am under oath not to divulge anything that took place in the juryroom, and I have nothing whatever to say."

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF THE WATER AND LIGHT PLANTS OF ROSEBURG

IMPORTANT MOVE FULLY INAUGURATED

Resolutions Adopted at Citizen's Meeting—Legislature to Amend Charter

Pursuant to a call issued through the local papers a number of citizens and taxpayers of Roseburg assembled at the city hall Monday evening to discuss and take some definite action looking toward the municipal ownership of an electric light and water system. The meeting was called to order in City Recorder H. L. Marsters office and organization effected by the election of J. G. Flook as chairman and F. H. Churchill, secretary. Grievances against the treatment received by the city and its inhabitants at the hands of the local water and light company were recited, one gentleman quietly suggesting that he would not mind being held up and despoiled so much if it was done in a polite manner. As suggested by F. H. Churchill it was decided to adopt the method prescribed by the Portland city charter regulating the municipal ownership of water and light plants. This brought about the passage of the following resolutions. 1. Whereas: It being the sense of the citizens of Roseburg assembled that the time has arrived for the municipal ownership of water and light plants, be it resolved, that the legislature be requested to grant an amendment to the city charter whereby ownership may be obtained either by purchase or construction. 2. Resolved, that a committee of five be appointed to draft an amendment based on that under which Portland obtained her water plant; to also interest our senator and representatives in same. Citizens' Petition. The deliberations of this meeting were backed up by the following petition containing the names of 202 prominent citizens and taxpayers of the city of Roseburg. We, the undersigned residents of Roseburg, Oregon, hereby express ourselves in favor of the City of Roseburg owning and operating its own water and light plants and hereby request the senators and representatives from this county to the next legislative session to take up the amendment of the charter of the city of Roseburg so as to authorize said city to establish by purchase or otherwise a system of water works and a lighting system for public use, and with full power to furnish both water and lights to the inhabitants of said city with full power also to issue bonds to the extent of \$— to establish said water and lighting system. Legislative Proceedings. The framing of the bill to cover the proposed amendment to the city charter for presentation to the legislature was fully discussed. It was pointed out that it was necessary to specify in the bill what amount of bonds the legislature would be asked to authorize. While no one present seemed to think the project would detail a cost of over \$100,000 nevertheless it was deemed advisable to provide for the privilege of making an issue of \$200,000 worth of bonds, if necessary, so there would be a wide enough margin in case the estimate fell short. The amount of \$200,000 was voted with only one dissenting voice—that of Carl Hoffman, who feared that such a large amount might offer a temptation to grafters. Portland's Charter. The workings of the Portland charter was explained by F. H. Churchill and that part of it to be followed out in this local movement specific that in the bill to be presented to the legislature there will be embodied the names of nine citizens and taxpayers, who will be designated as the construction committee, which will supervise the establishment of a water and light plant and system under municipal ownership. In order to expedite matters this committee will after the plant and the system are installed, appoint another committee to superintend the operation and business thereof until their successors can be elected by the people. This body of men will be known as the water and light commission. Committee Appointed. As provided in the foregoing resolutions, Chairman Flook appointed the following committee to draft an amendment to the city charter after the plan of Portland's charter amendment, for the action of the forthcoming legislature: B. W. Strong, F. M. Beard, H. C. Stanton, F. F. Patterson and F. H. Churchill. Mr. Stanton declined to serve, and I. Wollenberg was appointed in his stead. This bill will be introduced in the senate by Hon. O. P. Osborn and in the house by one of the Douglas county representatives, at the forthcoming session

PORT ARTHUR'S TERRIBLE PLIGHT

Confirmation of General Stoessel's Injury

NAN PATTERSON'S GOOD FORTUNE

TOKIO, Dec. 28.—The report from Port Arthur that General Stoessel, the Russian commander-in-chief, was injured by falling from his horse and that General Uondrachko was killed has been confirmed. General Smiloff is reported wounded. The battleship Sevastopol has sunk in shallow water. Her bow is damaged in two places and her steering gear is also damaged. The garrison is said to be cheerful and confident that relief will arrive before March 1. It is said the army has sufficient provisions to last till February, and the navy about a month's store. Only a few junk bearing supplies reached Port Arthur the past month. The price of food is very high. Nan Patterson in Luck. FAIRMOUNT, W. Va., Dec. 28.—R. A. Deveney, one of the wealthiest men in the city, confirmed the report today that he, H. J. Brice and Edward Stack would furnish Nan Patterson a bond to the extent of \$50,000 if necessary because they believe the girl innocent. C. W. Swisher, secretary of state, asserts the use of his name in this connection was unauthorized. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Nan Patterson is in good spirits today. She received a telegram announcing that four Wheeling, W. Va., men are prepared to furnish bail for her in any amount up to \$50,000. Don't make the same mistake again. Come in and you will find bargains equal to those of last year. Put on your hat and coat and come now to S. K. Sykes.

Portland Centennial Notes.

A handsome building will be erected by New York the Empire State at Lewis and Clark Centennial. Almost every county in the state of Oregon will have an exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Centennial. Almost every nation that rises to the dignity of a place on the map will be represented at the Lewis and Clark Centennial. An exhibit is assured from far away Persia. Valuable collection of rugs, tapestries and paintings will be sent to Lewis and Clark Exposition. Idaho fruit growers will prepare for the Lewis and Clark Centennial an apple exhibit which promises to rival those of Oregon and California. Photographs of several hundred school buildings will form an interesting feature of Oregon's educational exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Centennial. California will probably increase its appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Centennial from \$20,000 to \$65,000 or \$72,000 and build a state pavilion. The Italian Commissioner, Mr. Zeggio, is now in Venice arranging for the collection of an exhibit of Italian works of art for the Lewis and Clark Fair. Apples for the Centennial will be supplied in abundance. Many Western States will compete in displays of this staple fruit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition. The Legislature of the state of Washington will be asked to appropriate \$75,000 for the erection of a state building and the collection of a suitable exhibit for the Lewis and Clark Centennial. Coos county, Oregon, will have a pavilion of its own at the Lewis and Clark Centennial. The building will be constructed entirely of Coos county woods, and will be in itself an exhibit of interest. The building which will house Russia's exhibit of paintings by modern Russian artists at the Lewis and Clark Centennial will be a replica of an old Moscow palace used by the kings of the early times. Prof. F. F. Robinson, superintendent of the Portland public schools, has been chosen superintendent of Oregon's educational exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition in place of Prof. P. S. Lyman who resigned on account of ill health.

R. W. FENN Civil Engineer U. S. Deputy Mineral Surveyor

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B. W. STRONG THE FURNITURE MAN

Savages at Portland Fair

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—Native villages will be a feature of the Philippine display at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and they will embrace a more comprehensive showing of the manners and customs of the wild tribes of the islands than did those at St. Louis. The villages will be inhabited by about three hundred natives representing several different tribes. There will be head-hunting, dog-eating, Igorrotes, the fighting Moros, the Negritos, who are the real aborigines of the islands, and the gentle, civilized Visayans. The natives will arrive at the Exposition some time in April and will build their own houses out of bamboo and nipa. The villages will be located on the Government peninsula in the center of Guild's Lake. The Moros will build their houses on poles over the water as they do at home, while the Igorrotes and Negritos will build squat little huts in the wooded portion of the peninsula. The Visayans will be located on the trail where they will conduct a native theater. The natives who were at the St. Louis Exposition are now on their way back to the Philippines, having left Seattle Dec. 13, on the Iyo Nara, a Japanese vessel. They are returning home with the intention of telling the people of their tribe of the wonders of America, and many are also looking forward to their return to Portland next spring. Antonio, chief of the Bonloc Igorrotes, a warrior who has five human heads to his credit, visited Portland recently with Dr. T. K. Hunt, who collected and had charge of the exhibit at St. Louis. As Antonio will return to the Lewis and Clark Exposition, he does not look over the grounds, so he could tell the people where they were coming next year. Antonio was much pleased with the Exposition and the Rose City, and will exert his influence in Dr. Hunt's behalf, in the collection of the natives.

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