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PERJURED TESTIMONY AGAINST SENATOR BOOTH

May be Indicted upon Affidavit of Jack Gardner who was Convicted of Defrauding the Government

Colonel A. R. Greene, the special inspector a few months ago made an investigation of the Roseburg Land office and its methods. While in the office of John A. Hall at Portland he listened to the story of fraud there told by Jack Gardner and another timber locator who related transactions in which Fred A. Kribs was mixed up with the Roseburg office and which led Mr. Greene to make investigation at once.

Coming to Roseburg Colonel Greene took the affidavits of Gardner and his partner, in which it was stated that the officials were in collusion with R. A. Booth for the interests of the Booth-Kelly Company that Fred A. Kribs has done things through the office which were not according to law and that various irregularities had occurred. Mr. Bridges and Mr. Booth were also examined but denied that they were guilty of wrong.

Upon this evidence it was recommended that the officials be suspended but since Gardner and his partner had been found guilty of having moved the corner posts on land for fraudulent purposes, no action was taken at the time, and the office has been under the surveillance of the Government since then.

Engineer McCarthy Dead.

ALBANY, Jan. 10.—Dennis McCarthy, engineer on the Lebanon local for the past two weeks, died in this city Sunday morning of kidney trouble after a short illness, and the remains were last night shipped to Ashtland where they will be laid to rest today. Deceased had been ill for some months but worked until a week ago when he was unable to continue and took to his bed. He grew rapidly worse until Saturday morning when he succumbed.

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ROSEBURG LAND OFFICE INQUIRY

Heney Requested Suspension of Both Officials

SAID JUSTICE WAS BEING THWARTED

Government Will Indict Prominent Men upon the Testimony of McKinley and Puter

PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—When asked why the Roseburg officials had been drawn into the Oregon land fraud vortex, Mr. Heney said: "Booth and Bridges, I believe, are temporarily removed to prevent possible interference with the ends of justice in ferreting out the situation in the Roseburg district. The facts which led up to their suspension have been disclosed since a week ago. The evidence concerning them is entirely new."

He said that further investigation should be had. The suspension of Bridges and Booth virtually closes the Roseburg Land Office, except for the filing of papers. Special Agent Neuhausen has been telegraphed to take charge of the office until the investigation is completed and the present officers are restored to their successors appointed. This morning Secretary Hitchcock took up the Roseburg case with the President and it is by the Presidents order that radical action was taken as recommended by Heney. It is Heney who will direct further investigation at Roseburg.

New locks have been placed on the Land Office and Mr. Neuhausen carries the only keys.

Williamson Next

Congressman Williamson will be indicted and it has been claimed for some time that Frederick A. Kribs and A. C. Smith, the latter of Minneapolis, Minn., would be charged with fraud by the grand jury. There is no connection, as far as known however between Kribs and Congressman Williamson. The latter is said to have operated, if there is any basis for the charge, in Eastern Oregon, while it is known that Kribs' dealings in timber have been confined almost entirely to Western Oregon.

Horace G. McKinley, S. A. D. Puter and Dan Tarpley are still detained in the city as witnesses before the grand jury, and it is upon their evidence, so it is claimed, the Government hopes to indict some of the prominent men who are said to be tangled in the meshes of the land fraud octopus.

It is now almost certain the dealings of timber land operators in the Roseburg Land Office District will receive the attention of the Federal Grand Jury this week. The suspension of the Register and Receiver of that office and the fact that 12 claims at least have been subject to investigation for some time, leads to the conclusion that it is this district which must face the fire from the Grand Jury.

Indictments Coming

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—It is stated by high officials of the Interior Department that the grand jury at Portland will this week return further indictments against Representative Hermann.

There are going to be other sensational developments in Portland when the grand jury gets to work. You will probably learn that another member of the Oregon delegation is involved in frauds, and that your late District Attorney has gotten himself into serious trouble.

The member of delegation referred to is J. N. Williamson.

Representative Hermann did appear in the house this morning, as he intended, but Senator Mitchell remained at his apartments all day.

KUYKENDALL IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT

Of Senate After a Deadlock Covering Two Days

BOTH HOUSES ARE DOWN TO WORK

Many Bills Are Introduced and Memorials Are Passed--Roosevelt Invited to Attend the Fair

SALEM, Or., Jan. 11.—After holding out for two full days, completely deadlocking organization in the Senate and obstructing progress in legislation, the Carter forces, who were assisted by the Democratic members, finally realized that their cause was a hopeless one; that they could not break into the Kuykendall organization, and yielded to the will of the majority, late yesterday afternoon. Their surrender resulted in the election of Senator W. Kuykendall, of Lane County, as president of the Senate. This termination of the most interesting feature of the Twenty-third Assembly to date was brought about only after a series of hurried and heated consultations between the leaders of the opposing forces. These were held almost continuously from 2:10 until 5 o'clock in the evening, interrupted only by the rapping of the gavel at the end of each half-hour recess interval, and then only long enough to put through a motion for a continuation of the recess.

It was a nip and tuck battle royal which raged during the two days of the session, and it was "nobody's fight" until the gavel called the afternoon meeting to order at 2 o'clock. It was then that "General Carter, of the weaker forces, concluded that he was not ready to resume active hostilities, and prevailed upon "Colonel" Rand, of the Kuykendall contingency, to move for a half-hour's recess, to which motion he, Carter, hastily gave his second. There was a weak link in the chain somewhere, which later proved to be in the person of Farrar, and this must be looked after immediately. It later developed that the cause was a hopeless one, and the shattered forces began to skirmish around for "recognition and a compromise."

In the meantime the "negotiations committee" scurried back and forth between the camps of the two forces, until all of the details had been agreed upon and all parties were ready to go into session and cast their ballots for the successful candidate Senator Kuykendall, for the Presidency.

There are Considerations.

Although utterly routed, the surrender was not an unconditional one, for, after three hours of counseling and consultation, the treaty of peace was finally drafted, approved and signed, by virtue of which Senator Squire Farrar, of Marion, who precipitated the capitulation, was to receive the chairmanship of the ways and means committee; Carter, a position on Farrar's staff, his only interest being in the Ashland Normal School, of which he was a member of the board of regents; Laycock, the chairmanship of the irrigation committee, and McDonald a position on the roads and highways committee. These were the terms of the surrender and the only reward, except "fair treatment"

Steiner of Lake secured first place on the calendar for his bill to authorize the utilization of the upper and lower Klamath lakes. Tule lake and Goose lake in connection with the irrigation and reclamation operations of the state. The measure is of great importance.

Vawter presented a bill enabling logging and other corporations to condemn lands for the improvement of rivers, especially in the erection of logging dams.

Linthicum of Multnomah introduced a bill creating an Oregon library commission, designed to promote the establishment of public and traveling libraries. W. L. Brewster and a number of others, among them several Portland men, are interested in this bill, which it is expected will be of great value from an educational standpoint.

A bill to create a mining bureau was introduced by Smith of Josephine, and is in many respects similar to the measure introduced at the last session.

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TO AID THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AT DRAIN

EDGEMO, Jan. 11.—A committee of Drain citizens, consisting of President W. H. Dempster, J. A. Black, Professor O. C. Brown, of the Central Oregon Normal School; C. W. Edwards and E. O. Pa chen, met with the Eugene Commercial Club last evening for the purpose of inducing the club to use its influence with the legislature in securing adequate appropriations for the normal school's financial support.

Addresses were made by President Dempster, Professor Brown and President Campbell, of the U. O.

After careful consideration and deliberation the club passed the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That the members of this club, collectively and individually, pledge their earnest efforts to secure, at the hands of the legislative assembly, proper recognition for this school."

"Resolved, That we hereby call upon our senator and representatives and ask that they make honorable and earnest effort to this end."

"Resolved, That we ask for a favorable consideration of the claims of this institution as herein set forth by all similar organizations to whom it may be presented and by the committee of ways and means of the legislative assembly."

THE LAND FRAUD CASES

Reviewed by the Lincoln County Reporter

PERSECUTION OF HOMESTEADERS

Burdensome Exactions of Hitchcock's Homestead Laws. Should be Amended

Under Mr. Heney's able management the so-called land frauds of western Oregon are getting top heavy.

Mr. Heney began with a hose, which shows some fraud, and he actually secured a conviction of the McKinley-Puter-Watson combine on the charge of conspiracy, and from this conviction he, through the testimony of these convicted felons, is reaching out for more worlds to conquer, and which is our senior senator and Mr. Hermann, and besides these two gentlemen he is now going after the individual homesteader.

The whole prosecution is now in somewhat the shape of a funnel sitting on its small end. It's top heavy, and this paper predicts that Mr. Heney will secure few more convictions. The people will not stand for the show of spitwork and spleen. The people do not care whether Mr. Hitchcock is vindicated or not.

The people have no interest in Mr. Hitchcock vindicting his policy and continuing himself in office. The people of this great Republican state, God pity them, are praying for Mr. Hitchcock's dismissal from the position.

If there is a combination of people banded together to defraud the government out of her lands they should be prosecuted and convicted. If it is correct, but it should not be done solely for the purpose of vindication and spite.

With regard to the individual homesteaders, it is a well-known fact that Mr. Hitchcock knows that Kansas, Nebraska, the two Dakotas and Michigan and the whole of the middle west has been settled in the same manner as this western Oregon country. The homesteader has gone into the woods, far away from civilization, and located upon a claim, has built himself a cabin, has cleared a little land, has existed upon it for a few months, has left it for a few months to earn a few dollars to enable him to exist upon his homestead for a few months more, and then more work and then more existing almsiveness. In the meantime, if he be a man of a family, he leaves his family in the nearest neighborhood, where there are some advantages of schools, etc., his wife and perchance his children at intervals taking long horseback and foot trips in with him to the homestead, trying in their weakness to comply with Mr. Hitchcock's rules and regulations and yet preserve their manhood and womanhood and their sanity.

A man who would take his wife and children into the far backwoods, away from any part of civilization, away from schools and churches and keep them there for Mr. Hitchcock five years is worse than a felon. It tends to insanity and the breeding of idiots.

We do not believe that it was the intention of the framers of the homestead laws to encourage ignorance and superstition, and God knows that a strict enforcement of the homestead laws, according to Hitchcock, breeds nothing else.

As the ruling now is, no one but those who are intellectually weak and reveling in ignorance can afford to comply with Hitchcock's rulings with regards to remote homestead lands.

We are reliably informed that Mr. Heney is prosecuting a large number of Linn county homesteaders who took up lands in the foothills of the Cascade range with a view of canceling their homesteads and prosecuting them criminally, if possible to get them. All this outside of the so-called McKinley-Puter frauds.

Dr. W. H. Davis, of Albany, one of her best citizens, her present mayor and one of the best men the sun ever shone upon, has been indicted by this man Heney because he (Davis) was unfortunate enough to be an educated American citizen and tried to avail himself of the homestead law.

We care nothing about the persecution and prosecution of Mr. Mitchell or Mr. Hermann or Mr. Williamson, they are amply able to take care of themselves, but when it comes to the prosecution and persecution of the homesteaders of this country "there is going to be something dropped," the thing has become top heavy.

Again we predict that Mr. Heney will not secure another conviction, criminally, of course. Mr. Hitchcock, through his (able) agents, can and will probably cancel all our homesteaders, and then what?

A fierce irrigation contest is raging in Klamath county between those desiring government irrigation and those supporting the scheme of a local company that has been digging an extensive ditch and obtaining contracts from many land owners. It is believed, however that the government scheme will go through, perhaps without putting the other project out of business.

INAUGURATED GOVERNOR OF STATE OF WASHINGTON

Albert E. Mead Reads Message--Recommends Rail Road Commission--Refers to Growth of Socialism at State University

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 11.—Albert E. Mead was inaugurated governor of Washington today. In his message he recommends the passage of a railroad commission law, the commission to be composed of three men appointed by the governor to fix the tariffs and control railroad rates. He recommends a form of divorce laws, making it a felony for parents to desert children and the husband his wife. He concludes by the denunciation of the lobby. A feature of the inaugural address was the statement that any attempt on the part of the instructors or management of state educational institutions "to influence the belief that our system of government is based on fallacious principles" will result in their immediate dismissal. This is in reference to the growth of socialism at the state university.

FOREST GROVE VOTES FOR SALOON MEN

Forest Grove's city election yesterday resulted in a victory for the saloon license ticket, with a majority ranging from 20 on city marshal to 31 on mayor. The campaign was warm. Walter Hoge, anti-saloon candidate for mayor, received 143, and his opponent, C. N. Johnson, got 174. A peculiar phase of the liquor issue was that the saloon ticket was designated "anti-iron house." The voters who favored this ticket were for the liquor business but against its being carried on in a certain building located in an out of the way place on the rear end of a block. The three-anti-iron house candidates for councilmen, B. H. Laughlin, C. W. McNamer and John Cornelius, were elected by majorities of 45, 30 and 28 respectively. H. G. King, anti-iron house candidate for recorder, defeated J. R. Robinson by 33 votes. W. S. Hudson, candidate for treasurer, was on both tickets. P. W. Cronin, anti iron house candidate for marshal, was elected by 20 votes over John A. Striplin.

C. N. Johnson, newly elected Mayor of Forest Grove, has been Councilman here for four years, and is a prominent farmer. He was born in Portland 44 years ago, and was the son of the late A. H. Johnson, of Portland, an Oregon pioneer. Mayor Johnson says a licensed saloon is the only way of regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Physicians now say that those who sleep with their mouths closed have the best health. If you awake in the night and find your mouth open, get up and close it.

A Good New Year's Resolution

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