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ROSEBURG'S STEADY AND PERMANENT GROWTH

New Business Blocks are Being Erected and Many Modern Residences are Under Course of Construction--No Boom.

Still the Improvement Caravan moves on in Roseburg. There is no indication of any boom, nor is there any industrial movements or developments of any kind to cause any unusual activity in building operations, therefore the only reason for Roseburg's substantial upbuilding this season is a steady, healthy, natural growth, in keeping with the steady growth and development of this great county which is so rich in natural resources.

Following the announcement that a new brick 50x100 feet was soon to replace the old Hoover building recently destroyed by fire on Jackson street, some of the announcement that the Fisher & Bellows Co. general merchants of this city, will soon award a contract for a large, modern two story brick on the lot adjoining the Graves' photo gallery on the corner of Cass and Jackson streets which was recently purchased by this

company. The building as contemplated will be 50 feet in width, 100 feet long—the width of the block—and two stories high. If constructed it will be occupied by the Fisher & Bellows Co., general merchandise. In a few days the only reason for Roseburg's substantial upbuilding this season is a steady, healthy, natural growth, in keeping with the steady growth and development of this great county which is so rich in natural resources.

MOTOR CAR BETWEEN ROSEBURG AND PORTLAND

Eugene, April 12.—The Oregonian of Portland is arranging to put on a motor car service that will deliver that paper to its patrons along the S. P. line between Roseburg and Portland, delivering the Oregonian at an early hour in the morning. The Guard says it has been advised from an authentic source that the statement is correct, and that as soon as the cars, which are now building in the East, arrive here the Oregonian will place one of these fast cars on the route between Roseburg and Portland. It is reported that the paper train will leave Portland about 3 o'clock in the morning and will reach Eugene and Roseburg by 6 and 7:30 so that the readers of that paper will have their paper in time to read at the breakfast table.

The train will make no stops and will deliver the papers through the catcher system used on the postal cars of the government mail service. Through this arrangement the cars will have no difficulty in making a speed of over 40 miles an hour. Roseburg readers of the Oregonian will be pleased to learn of this contemplated service. It will probably be a month or six weeks before the change is made.

SENATOR MITCHELL ARRAIGNED BEFORE JUDGE BELLINGER

Will Prosecute His Defense on Technical Grounds. Claims Indictments are Void and that Heney Had No Right Before Jury.

Portland, April 11.—In the federal district court today United States Senator Mitchell pleaded not guilty to three of the four indictments returned against him by the federal grand jury. On the fourth indictment, that charging him with violating section 1732 of the revised statutes of the United States, in having received compensation for his services while senator before a department of the government, he demurred, alleging that the grand jury was not regularly constituted and that District Attorney Heney had no right to appear before it. If these technical grounds are sustained it would also knock out the other four indictments. The indictment demurred to is the case where Mitchell is accused of using his influence to pass claims for Frederick A. Kribb, while a member of the firm of Tanner & Mitchell, who had been retained by Kribb. Mitchell's attorney stated that three of the indictments charged acts involving a moral turpitude, and to these his client desired an early trial and would interpose no legal objections but as to the remaining charge, which he considered only technical, the defense would raise objections as to the validity of the proceedings. The demurrer claims that Heney's appointment is illegal, that he is not a resident of Oregon, and that Heney has worked up a sentiment against Mitchell in the newspapers that was unduly vindictive and bitter against him before the grand jury before whom he appeared at improper times.

Further on the statement proceeds: "And defendant is informed, believes and therefore alleges that said Francis J. Heney is very prejudiced against this defendant and has been very active in working up feeling against him through the newspapers and other wise both in and out of court, and that he was, as this defendant was informed, believes and alleges, very vindictive and bitter in his prosecution of said charge before said grand jury to find this indictment, and this defendant alleges that if said Francis J. Heney had not unlawfully appeared before said grand jury this indictment would not have been brought, all of defendant's substantial prejudice, all of which defendant is ready to verify."

Others Plead Not Guilty
Ex-Special Agent E. D. Stratford pleaded not guilty to a charge of conspiracy in connection with Butte Creek

GAUNT WOLVES FALL PREY TO PRESIDENT

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 11.—The president and party began their return this morning after experiencing a rainstorm during the night. A special from Frederick says:

The wolf chase to which the president was so eagerly looking forward to, began early this morning. About 40 dogs were in the pack and those which had not been tied had been nosing all around this portion of the reservation since they arrived in camp and every now and then a cheery yelp told their masters they sensed game.

President Kills a Bantustaan
Lawton, Okla., April 11.—Cowboys from the Burnett camp are expected today with further reports of the success of President Roosevelt's hunting party. The president rides a large black horse supplied by Wagoner and Burnett. His hunting attire consists of light woolen trousers, corduroy coat and black cotton shirt, with a white broad brimmed hat. Early Sunday morning, while out exercising, the president encountered a rattlesnake coiled in the grass, and leaping from his horse killed it with the butt of his whip.

INDICTMENT DISMISSED AGAINST H. L. SISLER

Heney Admits There Was No Grounds For His Indictment--Other Pleas In Abatement.

Portland, April 12.—United States District Attorney Heney this morning decided to dismiss the indictment against H. L. Sisler of Seattle, ground for dismissal being that he had no guilty knowledge of the offense with which he is charged, that of conspiring to defraud the Government out of a portion of its public lands.

Heney was not entirely satisfied that Sisler was to blame in the matter, and the explanation he makes of his connection with the Jones transactions is sufficient to convince the District Attorney that he had no guilty knowledge of any of the details. Jones corroborated this idea of the situation in a statement made this morning.

According to the statement he made to Mr. Heney, Sisler was imposed upon by W. N. Jones to the extent of unwittingly acting as agent in the transfer of several of the old soldiers' entries.

Sisler was indicted during the closing moments of the late Federal Grand Jury and was accused of having aided Willard N. Jones in a scheme to acquire title to large tracts in the Silet Indian Reserve through the instrumentality of old soldiers' claims. He is the assistant general agent at Seattle of the Consolidated Railway Companies, comprising the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha and Chicago & Northwestern, and for four and one half years preceding the first of this year was located here as Portland agent of one of these companies, removing to Seattle when the consolidation took place on the first of this year.

Mr. Heney admitted that he had been argued by Friday morning, when other pleas in abatement are argued. All the pleas in abatement that have been filed by the land fraud defendants will be argued Friday morning. Congressman Williamson and others under indictment will appear for arraignment on that day.

MR. HERMANN COMING HOME

Washington, April 11.—Representative Hermann left here today for home prepared to stand trial on the various indictments pending against him in the United States courts for the district of Oregon.

EARTHQUAKE KILLED FOURTEEN THOUSAND

Lahore, April 11.—Commissioner Jaldhar, after an investigation of the fatalities during the recent earthquake, reports that 10,000 were killed in the Kangra district, 3,000 in the Palampur district. At Khumsalis 424 were killed, besides the 600 Garkhas troops who were crushed to death by the falling stones of the barracks.

No preparations have been made by government officials here for the early trial of Hermann on the indictments charging fraud against him in the district of Columbia, District Attorney Beach said today that Hermann's case probably would go over until fall as the government had several postoffice cases to try which it regarded of much more importance than Hermann's.

NEW VERSION OF BEESWAX DEPOSIT

Representative of the Portland Coal & Development Company, which owns about 6000 acres of land around Tillamook, where the beeswax ship is supposed to have come ashore, has been in St. Johns lately and expressed himself of the opinion that the story of this ship is a myth, and that the so-called beeswax found in that neighborhood is nothing else than paraffine left from oil seepage. In support of this theory, he claims that over 600 tons of this stuff has already been sold for beeswax, and that ships in those days never carried such cargoes. It is also claimed that oil still seeps from the ground along the Coast.

GOVERNMENT AFTER SENATOR CLARKE

Helena, Mont., April 10.—Federal Judge Hunt today set for trial for June 5 the cases against R. M. Cobban and fifty three others, indicted for perjury and subornation of perjury in connection with the Montana land frauds. It is alleged that Cobban induced the indicted persons to take up lands and turn them over to him, and that he as agent for Senator Clarke, transferred them to the latter. The government has sued Clarke to recover the lands.

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CROP PROSPECTS ARE EXCELLENT

The winter was favorable for fall sown crops of grain and grasses, except in a few scattered localities in the eastern regions, where the cold weather in February killed some grain that was not well protected by snow. The re-seeding of these areas was soon afterward completed. The fall grain which came through the winter unharmed is in excellent condition; the plant is well rooted and it has stood luxuriantly. Forage crops have done excellent growth and pastures and ranges afford abundant feed for stock. Lambing is well along and losses have been slight. Goat shearing is nearly completed and an average clip of mohair has been secured.

WHITE GIRL WEDS NATIVE OF CHINA

Vancouver, Wash., April 11.—At the chambers of the Superior Court, at the Court house, in Vancouver, Saturday afternoon, Judge W. W. McCredie officiated at a marriage ceremony which united an American woman, Miss Eva Patterson, and a native son of the Chinese Empire, Lee Hong Gat. The contracting parties are both residents of Portland. The principals, accompanied by two elderly Chinese friends, came over on the ferry and were met by a young Chinese student, who is attending a local institution of learning, and escorted to the Court house.

TO TAP UPPER COW CREEK TIMBER

The Oregon Pine Lumbering Company has just sold stumps from 1980 acres of its timber lands on upper Cow Creek, in Douglas county, to Kesterson & Silby, of Grants Pass, and Spaulding Bros of Wisconsin, at a reported consideration of \$12 an acre. The company expects to tap soon the timber of Cow Creek by either a flume or a logging railroad to Glendale. These lands embrace some of the finest sugar and yellow pine timber in the state. The purchasers are now operating three sawmills in Oregon and four in Washington.

ATTORNEY LORD AFTER HENEY

Portland, April 11.—Upon being questioned last evening concerning the statement of Mr. Heney regarding the validity of the indictments returned by the Federal grand jury, Charles F. Lord, who is attorney for one of the defendants, has raised objection thereto, stated:

WANTED—ONE VICTORY.



"He won't be happy till he gets it."
—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Land, Livestock & Lumber Company indictment.

W. W. Steiwer, president; H. H. Hendricks, secretary and treasurer; Clarence B. Zachary, general manager, and C. E. Glass bookkeeper, of the Bette Creek Land, Livestock & Lumber Company, entered pleas in abatement, similar to that of Senator Mitchell, the charge against them being conspiracy to "cover" or fence up the public domain.

J. Heney remained with said grand jury and was present when they were deliberating on the evidence and on the charge made against this defendant presented in this indictment and that he greatly prejudiced this defendant before said grand jury by arguments and denunciations against this defendant made in their presence, and by threats and intimidations toward all or a portion of said grand jurors, all to defendant's further substantial prejudice.

Mr. Heney consented to the stipulation, but objected to the plea in the abatement on the ground that it was filed too late.

EUGENE GIVES UP DISTRICT FAIR

Eugene, April 11.—It has been decided by the local district fair board that no fair will be held here this fall nor the succeeding fall. Roseburg gets it for two seasons and then if Eugene wants it again we can have it after that.

BURGLARS GET BUSY AT DRAIN

Drain, April 10.—The general merchandise store of T. E. Bledsoe at this place was burglarized last night and a large amount of goods taken.

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR FISHERMEN

Sanle Fe, N. M. April 11.—Ranchmen in this county have discovered a scheme for getting rid of coyotes, which have been a source of almost endless trouble.

Albany Democrat: The parlor in an Albany house is being repaired today for the first time in 31 years. The old paper, though old-fashioned, was yet in good condition and clean.

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