

CURRY COUNTY LAND FRAUD CASE HEARING IN PORTLAND

About Forty Witnesses Summoned From This Section In Noted Action.

LOS ANGELES MEN INVOLVED IN IT

Government Continues Prosecution of Alleged Land Grabbing.

Some of the witnesses in the case against the Pacific Furniture and Lumber Company, which was in business at Corbin City, Curry county, a few years ago, are in the city today on their way to Portland where the case is soon to be tried. The party includes Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Dean, Mrs. Louis Knapp, William Hurst, Walter Sutton and George Forty. There were about forty witnesses called and most of them went out by the way of Myrtle Point and up Rogue River to the railroad.

One of the party in regard to witnesses' fees says that while most of the same party were called to Los Angeles last winter in the same case, they only received \$1.50 per day. This makes it expensive for the average jurymen who have to pay transient rates for everything and most of them were several hundred dollars behind when they departed for home. It is expected that the case will take several weeks to complete as there is a large number of witnesses to be examined and the books and papers of the company to be investigated.

HENEY CAN'T COME.

Won't Be Able to Assist in Land Fraud Prosecutions.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 9.—The Portland Telegram says: "Tracy C. Becker, special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, has arrived in Portland for the purpose of assisting at the trial of the land-fraud cases, which will engage the attention of the United States Court next week. Mr. Becker states that Francis J. Heney will probably be detained at San Francisco in the trial of one of the Reef cases, and will be unable to assist in the prosecution of the frauds set for trial at this term of court. Mr. Heney is said to be especially anxious to take part in the trial of Binger Hermann, he having been instrumental in bringing the case to public attention, and which is set for hearing November 9. He has been now four weeks in trying to get a jury in the San Francisco graft case, and will be unable to finish the trial in time to participate in the trials at Portland.

Mr. Becker at once began preparation for the trial of the "Los Angeles case," set for Monday next, in which it is expected to show that Richard D. Jones, now dead, and William H. Smith, now of San Francisco, were the main schemers in an attempt to defraud the Government of 116 timber claims of 160 acres each. The lands are all situated in Curry county, and are said to be heavily timbered. Jones and Smith are alleged to have been experts in the perpetration of fraud, and are charged with backing the Ainslee Lumber Company in some of their schemes, back in 1894.

Aim to Prove Scheme.

"Of the defendants in this case the prosecution expects to show that Jones and Smith were adventurers. They organized a company composed of Curry County men and Los Angeles merchants and capitalists. The promoters got hold of most of the stock and engaged Richard Hymes, M. M. Riley and Lee R. Myers, all of Los Angeles, to promote the shares. They purchased a few small sawmills and then began a true plan of financing by issuing an additional and inflated bunch of stock. Their plan of acquiring mills is alleged to have been to purchase a small concern for \$5,000 in stock and then turn it over to their company for \$50,000 in stock, which

NO TRACE OF STAGE HOLDUP MAN

Sheriff Fenton of Roseburg Wires Description of Bandit to All Sections of the Country.

Reports from Roseburg today are that no trace has been secured of the bold bandit who held up the Myrtle Point Stage, near there the night before last. Sheriff Fenton has wired descriptions of the bandit all over the country and the officers in all the towns and citizens in this section are on the lookout for the bad man.

There is considerable speculation as to whether the bandit is the one that has been robbing the stage for a number of years. The coolness displayed by him indicated that he was not a novice at the holdup game.

An interesting story of the old bandit has just been told by a well-known Marshfield man who accidentally encountered him in a mining

camp in northern Idaho some years ago.

The holdup man with considerable bravado admitted that he was one of the trio who held up the Joseph bank in Wallowa county, Oregon, several years ago. That robbery was one of the most daring ever pulled off, three bandits looting the bank in mid-day. One was killed by citizens, one wounded but the other escaped, besides admitting his connection with the bank robbery, the bandit who gave his name as Fitzhugh said that he had robbed the Myrtle Point stage three times.

In addition to this, he revealed the fact that he and a pal had conducted the scheme to rob a bank in Marshfield several years ago. They had started to tunnel from under the wharf to underneath the bank on Front street, but the pal lost his nerve and the scheme was never attempted. The tunnel was discovered sometime afterwards and caused quite a stir here.

WAR DANGER ON DECLINE

Cooler Heads in Bulgaria May Prevent Threatened Outbreak.

(By Associated Press.) BELGRADE, Oct. 9.—The war fever among the people of Serbia is distinctly on the decline today. The saner element is gradually gaining the ascendancy over the more excited politicians.

VESSEL FIRED ON?

Report of Actual Hostilities Not Credited.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Oct. 9.—A report in the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger that the forts of Constantinople fired on a Bulgarian vessel cannot be confirmed from any source. No credence is given it here.

REPORT IS DENIED.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Oct. 9.—There is no truth in the report from Paris this afternoon that the British Cabinet is about to resign.

TURKEY STANDS PAT.

(By Associated Press.) CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey, Oct. 9.—The Porte has instructed the imperial Ottoman commissioner resident in Sofia, to continue his functions as neither Turkey nor the powers have recognized the independence of Bulgaria.

ENGLAND SENDS SHIPS.

(By Associated Press.) VALETTA, Oct. 9.—Several British warships here have been instructed to sail under sealed orders. Their destination is believed to be the Turkish island of Lemnos.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Oct. 9.—The Foreign Office and the admiralty confirm the report that the British warships have been sent to Lemnos. They say the fleet is simply to watch the events, but it is learned from other sources that Turkey intimated she would welcome the appearance of a British fleet as it would be likely to calm the population.

their brokers would place on the market to the advantage and gratification of all concerned.

Two Promoters Worked.

"Jones and Smith induced a number of Curry County people to operate with them upon an understanding that they were to locate the Los Angeles people sent there upon lands notably valuable for timber. The Curry County defendants were especially familiar with the timber, and but for their assistance, it is said the plan could not have been carried out. But when it came to paying them Jones and Smith induced them to take stock in their Los Angeles company.

"In carrying out the plan, the Curry County men conspired, it is alleged, with the promoters to purchase and operate a sawmill. They began the logging operations, but when the bills came due Jones and Smith were unable to produce the coin, so they induced the Oregonians to take more stock.

At this time Thomas B. Neuhausen entered the game and started an investigation. Disguised as a traveling man, he sent Horace T. Jones, special agent, to Curry county, and the result was that someone told the inside of the deal. The cargo of soap which the special agent sold has not yet been delivered. Following this, some of the men in Los Angeles who had bought stock in Los Angeles made a "roar" to Detective Burns, who reported to Heney, and in working in connection with Neuhausen the facts were revealed."

SEVEN MAYBE DEAD IN FIRE

Heavy Loss of Life in Vermont Elevator Disaster Is Feared.

(By Associated Press.) RICHFORD, Vermont, Oct. 9.—It is generally believed that seven lost their lives in a grain elevator fire Wednesday night. The accounts of timekeeper Bonney show six men unaccounted for, and Bonney himself is missing. The ruins are still smouldering and no close inspection is possible.

OPPOSE CITY BOND ISSUE

Citizen's League Hears Unfavorable Reports On Proposed Action.

The proposed bond issue of \$42,000 to take up the outstanding warrants against the municipality of Marshfield which the city council has decided to ask the voters to ratify at the city election in December, was reported unfavorably upon at the meeting of the Citizens' League at the Finnish hall last evening, by F. W. Rieder, who had been appointed to investigate the matter. Mr. Rieder said that the issuance of bonds would mean that the bonds could not be taken up for at least ten years, and as the interest would be payable annually or semi-annually, the actual interest the city would have to pay, including the interest on the interest, would be nearly eight per cent. He said that the warrants bear only six per cent interest and the interest does not compound as it does not have to be paid until the warrants are called in. In addition to this, he said the warrants permitted the city to reduce the outstanding indebtedness anytime and stop the interest on the amount paid off.

This view was concurred in by C. A. Johnson and a number of others present. The attendance at last night's meeting was large. Secretary Friedberg reported that about 320 voters had signed the membership petitions. The recommendation of T. J. Hall and the committee that the organization's name be "The Citizens' League" and its aim, "Better city government," was adopted.

A motion by F. S. Dow to have the league appoint a committee to cooperate with Mayor E. E. Straw and the city council in the proposed revision of the city's charter, which Mr. Dow said Mayor Straw had informed him would be brought up at the next meeting, was voted down. A number said that the charter amendment or revision declared that

TWO KILLED IN COLLISION

Passenger Train Wrecked Near Foller, Mont., Today.

(By Associated Press.) SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 9.—Two men were killed in a wreck of a passenger train near Foller, Mont., on the Shelby Junction of the branch of the Great Northern early today. But meagre details are obtainable. The engine went into the river and the fireman and another man were killed. One of the dead is named Rasspeck.

EIGHTY SIX BALOONS RACE

Many Air Crafts Assemble At Berlin For Great Contests Near There.

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Oct. 9.—Eighty-six balloons have assembled here to take part in the airship contests to be held tomorrow and which will continue Sunday and Monday. The balloon races will be among the best ever held in this section.

RE-ELECT OLD OFFICERS.

Waterway Convention in Chicago Closes.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 9.—The business at the closing session of the Lakes-to-Gulf Deep Waterways Association was transacted at a rapid rate. The old officers were reelected, with the exception of D. R. Forgan of Chicago, as a member of the Board of Governors who retired in favor of E. S. Conway of Chicago. New Orleans was selected for the next congress.

It should not be taken up until after the coming city election.

Eugene O'Connell, Judge John F. Hall, Jesse Luse, T. A. Howard, F. M. Frieberg, T. J. Hall, F. S. Dow, Peter Scott, Sr., and a number of others addressed the meeting on various topics. Some of the speakers censured the present administration rather severely.

Whether the league should be made a secret body or an open one in which every citizen might participate was discussed but was not decided.

The league will meet again next Thursday night at the Finnish hall.

TO ARRIVE THURSDAY, an elegant line of LADIES' SUITS for a few days only, come early and get your choice. S. LANDO.

CHICKEN FEED at Haines.

FEDERAL STEAMSHIP LINES ON PACIFIC ARE URGED

TWO VESSELS IN COLLISION

Norwood and Asuncion Damage Each Other Near San Francisco.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9.—The steamer Asuncion which left here two days ago with a cargo of oil for Portland, returned to port today with the steamer Norwood in tow. The Norwood was waterlogged and the Asuncion's bow badly damaged, as a result of a collision of the two vessels off Point Gorda, on the northern coast of California. The Norwood was on her way from Gray's Harbor to this city when the accident occurred.

Occurred in Fog.

Soon after the collision occurred the boats of the Norwood were lowered and two women, two children and thirteen male passengers, part of the Norwood's crew were put aboard. Captain Bridget of the Asuncion, picked them up. The collision occurred in a dense fog and the Chief Officer of the Norwood says it was unavoidable. The plates of the Asuncion were stove in. A portion of her cargo was pumped into the sea and then the Norwood was taken in tow and brought to this city and placed on the mud flats. The Asuncion will go to Point Richmond and unload her cargo.

BRYAN SPEAKS TWICE.

Delivers Speech Before Northwestern University Students.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Oct. 9.—W. J. Bryan after delivering a speech at the Waterways Convention, addressed in Evanston, the students of Northwestern University on the campus in afternoon.

Bryan left today for a short speaking tour of Illinois and will thence go to Missouri to make a number of addresses.

BOY KILLS BROTHER.

Lads Play With Rifle Results in Accidental Shooting.

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 9.—Fred David, aged 14, today shot and killed his brother, Robert, aged 12. The boys were playing with a 22-calibre rifle, and the shooting was accidental. The David family intended to move to Blaine, Wash., tonight.

TAFT WILL BE BUSY.

Candidate Will Make Many Speeches From Now On.

(By Associated Press.) CINCINNATI, Ohio, Oct. 9.—W. H. Taft arrived today from Chicago. It was his last opportunity to register and he took advantage of it. Next Monday, the candidate will plunge into the campaign on a continuous itinerary that will keep him busy until the day before election.

MANY AT GAME.

Detroit and Chicago Play This Afternoon.

(By Associated Press.) DETROIT, Oct. 9.—Before daylight, several hundred fans were at the ticket window of the baseball park awaiting the opening sale of reserved seats for this afternoon's champion game between the Detroit Americans and the Chicago Nationals. There are seven games in the series.

Steamer BREAKWATER sails from Coos Bay for Portland SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, at 10 A. M.

SALE OF PIE CAKE bread, etc., at Stutsman's Real Estate office, Saturday.

HOT TAMALES at Corthell's.

Trans-Mississippi Congress at San Francisco Advocates Them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FAVORABLY ON IT

Other Reforms Are Advocated at Meeting of Western Interests.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 9.—The committee on resolutions of the Trans-Mississippi Congress has decided to recommend the adoption of the following proposals:

Advocating government steamship lines between Pacific coast ports and those of Central and South America. Recommending closer postal relations between the United States and other republics of the western hemisphere.

Requiring transportation companies to furnish cars in adequate numbers for the transportation of livestock and other perishable matter.

Favoring the granting of right to the president of the United States to enter into reciprocity trade treaties with foreign countries.

In addition to the rejection of the resolution endorsing the parcels post policy of Postmaster General Meyer, the committee decided to lay upon the table a resolution favoring equal suffrage and to refer to the whole congress without action a proposal to invite both Democratic and Republican parties to hold the next national conventions in San Francisco.

BANDON FIRMS WILL REOPEN FIRST OF YEAR

Lorenz and Hoyt and Panter Brothers' Inventories Show Assets in Excess of Liabilities.

(Special to The Times.) BANDON, Ore., Oct. 9.—The insolvent mercantile firms of Lorenz & Hoyt and Panter Brothers, will open up for business the first of the year. The inventories taken by the San Francisco Board of Trade representatives show assets more than sufficient to meet all liabilities and costs with considerable surplus for these firms.

School commenced here Monday with the largest attendance ever recorded. Over five hundred pupils are enrolled.

A Republican Club for the assistance of the Taft-Sherman campaign has been organized here, and is busy itself in the distribution of literature and organization for a grand rally later in the month. Many old line Democrats of the precinct are enrolled as members.

PLEASED WITH ROUTE.

F. D. Williams, of the S. P., Makes Round Trip to Coos Bay.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 9.—F. D. Williams, assistant superintendent of the Southern Pacific Railway Company, has made the round trip from Portland to Coos Bay on the steamer Breakwater to acquaint himself with the entrance at the mouth of the Columbia and the Coos Bay bar. He says he was desirous of getting this information at first hand and he feels well repaid for his trip. Mr. Williams states that he has seldom taken an ocean trip that he enjoyed so much and he declares that he will make the run every once in a while from now on.

LAFOLLETTE AN EDITOR.

Wisconsin Senator Will Start Publication.

(By Associated Press.) MADISON, Wis., Oct. 9.—Senator LaFollette announced today his intention to proceed at once with the regular publication of a weekly magazine devoted to public interest upon lines broad enough to appeal to progressive people of the entire country.