

MINOT AFTER OIL HOLDINGS

Former Coos Bay Attorney Begins Sensational Suit In Southern California.

Chas. Sneddon has received a copy of the Record of Coalinga, Cal., which gives some interesting details of Tom Minot's latest play. The story as told by the Record follows:

"Attorney Minot filed his suit in the United States circuit court. It involves about 7,000 acres of land valued at \$35,000,000.

The suit is directed against the Southern Pacific Company of California, and was to have included as defendants E. H. Harriman and others of national prominence in the railroad world.

"The point of attack is the Southern Pacific's right to hold mineral lands under its grant of more than forty years ago from the United States government. At that time the railroad company was allotted twenty miles on each side of its right of way through the public domain. The stipulation was that mineral lands were excepted, a qualification being that the exception did not include coal and iron lands.

"Oil lands in the Coalinga, Sunset, Midway and McKittrick districts are involved in this first suit. It is asserted that a subsidiary corporation of the Southern Pacific now is engaged in developing some of these lands, with the expectation of filing on them as mineral claims just as soon as the oil value of the property is determined.

"The plaintiffs seek to prevent this alleged attempt to violate the spirit of the Federal law.

"Minot at first permitted it to be believed that he was simply representing certain oil operators of Coalinga, San Francisco and Los Angeles, but later stated that he represented the Hill interests. The attorney is quoted as follows:

"Mr. Hill has for years been attempting to gain an entrance into Los Angeles, and he believes the time now ripe for a campaign against the Southern Pacific which will force it to give him an entrance. Such a line would make a shorter haul from the gulf and cotton states to Puget Sound, and would give his network of roads a big share of the Pacific coast freight business."

"Minot stated that Hill's plan of attack contemplates many other suits against the Southern Pacific, involving that company to such an extent that it would be glad to make concessions demanded by Hill.

"I do not represent the United States government in any way, as has at times been reported," said Minot. "I am simply employed by private interests, which are working along a line of strategic advantage in an effort to obtain oil lands, valued at \$35,000,000. Many elements are represented in the suit, which will be filed in the morning. Mr. Hill is among these. I cannot divulge his plans in full. The present action is merely preliminary to others of importance."

"From information obtained it was learned that the United States government will send a special attorney to represent it in the action involving the title to the oil property. On the outcome of the suit filed will depend the Southern Pacific's title to more than half a million acres in California, held under land grants."

DRAIN MAN DIES.

Chas. H. Chadbourne Succumbs Suddenly.

DRAIN, Ore., Oct. 18.—Charles H. Chadbourne of this city, died suddenly.

Mr. Chadbourne was born on the battlefield of Lexington, June 17, 1831, where he lived for some years. At the age of 25 he came West, in 1857, and located on a farm near Princeton, Minn. He was one of the territorial pioneers. He became prominent in Democratic politics in Minnesota and was made State Dairy Inspector. He served in the Legislature of that state as a member of the assembly in 1874-5, and was also a Justice of the Peace for many years.

Pathe's Beautiful hand-COLORED comic PICTURE "The Wild Ass's Skin"—MASONIC TONIGHT.

PICTURES and framing at WALKER'S Studio.

REDONDO DEAL FELL THROUGH

Capt. Pendergard Said to Have Caused Capt. Simpson to Retain Her.

It was definitely announced today that the negotiations for the purchase of the Redondo, the Simpson-Lumber Company's fine steam schooner, by the Caspar Lumber Company of Mendocino, Cal., had been called off and that the vessel will remain in the service of the latter company. The news was highly gratifying to everyone on the Bay.

It was announced a few weeks ago, unofficially, that the deal had been consummated. However, according to the best information obtainable here, Capt. Pendergard of the Redondo, succeeded in getting Capt. A. M. Simpson to change his mind. The Simpson Lumber Company paid \$100,000 for the Redondo and the offer of the Caspar Company was only about \$58,000. Had it not been for Capt. Pendergard, it is stated that Capt. A. M. Simpson would have sold her.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The Albert Meyer, a windjammer, arrived in yesterday and is loading at the Railroad docks.

The J. Marhoffer, which has been loading at the C. A. Smith mill, sailed yesterday for the south.

The Sausalito arrived in yesterday and is loading at the North Bend Lumber Company's mill.

The Breakwater is expected to go on the Oregon drydock Monday for some repairs.—Portland Journal.

The Louise was towed in from Gardner yesterday by the Gleaner and is being repaired at the Porter shipyards.

The Alliance will arrive in about noon tomorrow from Portland, according to advices received by Agent Tom James today.

The Nann Smith arrived in yesterday from Bay Point and is loading at the C. A. Smith mill. J. E. Holmberg of Denver, father of Victor Holmberg, came up on her to visit his son. W. L. Bassett was another passenger up on her.

The Carmel and Excelsior yesterday completed taking on their cargoes at the C. A. Smith mill and sailed south. The Carmel struck on the mud going down the bay, the captain being unfamiliar with the channel and getting out of it.

WED IN PORTLAND.

Elmer Johnson, chief clerk at the Oak-street dock, and Miss Alma Johnson, daughter of First Officer Johnson, of the steamship Alliance, were married by Justice of the Peace Olson. The romance of the couple is said to have begun less than a week ago. Until recently the groom was employed as freight clerk on the Alliance. For several years he was employed at the Couch-street dock in a clerical capacity.—Portland Telegram.

COQUILLE FRANCHISE TROUBLE

Council Stops Telephone Company's Reconstruction.

The Coquille Sentinel says: "A restraining order, emanating from the city council, was served upon the workmen engaged in the changes on the telephone line Monday and the work of setting poles and stretching the guy wire for the cable was immediately suspended. The order was the result of the promiscuous setting of poles and other paraphernalia which the council considered should be governed by the city. It developed upon investigation that the telephone company had no franchise covering the changes in the wiring of the city and the council deemed it necessary that this matter should be satisfactorily arranged before the work proceeded further.

"The Telephone Company submitted a draft of a franchise to the council Tuesday and there was to have been a meeting to arrange the matter Wednesday evening but the principals of the company, Messrs. Douglas and Mills, failed to arrive and the meeting was postponed."

A GLIMPSE INTO FUTURE

Crystal Gazing In Curry County and What It Reveals In Wealth.

PORT ORFORD, Ore., Oct. 18.—

The future of Curry county, which is more truly the "Unknown Land" of Oregon than even the most isolated parts of Central Oregon, is a topic of great interest to the men who travel up and down the coast in stages, or who gather around the fireplace at Port Orford's Inn. Among these men opinions are almost as numerous as individuals. Sometimes the outsider is disposed to underrate; perhaps, however, he has not been off the one main north and south road, and has not really seen the country. The native knowing every bottom, every hill, is the one who shows faith.

It is a little unlucky for Curry that the north and south route of travel has to follow the shore from Port Orford clear to Northern California. Just as light land is so often found in river breaks, so the bench between the Pacific and the foothills of the Coast Range is poor. Through this summer sand and winter mud winds the stage route. Furthermore, the great forest fire of 40 years ago, which started up in Lincoln county and swept down the coast near the ocean for over 100 miles, has left a strip in northern Curry, six or eight miles wide in places, that looks little more than wilderness. The stage road goes through this array of limbless trunks, too, and men dismounting at Gold Beach have been heard to say they did not believe the county had any timber or any land that would raise anything.

Hunt the Gems; They're There.

What gems of resources Curry possesses must thus be hunted for. It is probably true the first bench from the ocean will not raise grain; true also that it will turn out good fruit only where windbreaks keep off the ocean breeze. But the river bottoms are so fertile that a couple of acres will run a dairy cow all year, and even if these bottoms are not designed for wheat, butter-making pays better anyway. Then, farther back in the hills the soil gets better and better, the residents say. As an instance, the story is told that in a certain belt just east of Langlois, on high hills, the grass is so wet throughout the driest summer mornings that to enter it means a drenching to the hips. That is why some of the valuable, profit-making dairy ranches of the Langlois country can be located on these apparently barren hills. The moisture, it is told, seems to come from the ocean during the night and to descend as dew.

What river bottom land there is brings \$50 an acre with the brush and ferns and timber on it; cleared, it commands twice that sum. Ranches along the creeks and rivers, which for every acre of bottom land contain perhaps three in the surrounding hills, are quoted at from \$10 to \$20 an acre, in such cases as they are for sale. Thus it is seen that the hill land is rated away down. In fact, to clear it and sow grass for sheep or cattle would be a rather discouraging task, and in so undeveloped a country is practically unattempted yet. Natives are not likely to take to the hills for a while when not over half the bottom land is under cultivation, cultivating of course, meaning simply hay-raising.

There's a Chance For Fruit.

Even down on the first bench where sheltered spots exist, it is possible to find fruit of fair quality. It grows in unsprayed, uncared-for orchards and is not much better than a wild product, but it shows the possibilities. There is not much encouragement for grain in Curry, but the same cannot be said concerning fruit, and a few years will doubtless show that the fine Gravenstein apples Coos is beginning to ship out will be duplicated in the sister county farther down.

A 60-mile ride from Langlois to Gold Beach last week disclosed only one matured field of grain. That was ten acres in extent, and it grew in a sheltered place near the mouth of Euchre Creek, between Corbin and Wedderburn. It might be a commentary on the possibilities of land on which effort is really put to say that the ten acres are running 75 bushels, and that the owner,

James Dunn, expects to realize \$300 from what he sells off it.

Paradise of the Stockman.

The stockman's life in Curry is a happy one. Down on the lower reaches of the Coast Range, and on the bench rising from the Pacific, sheep and cattle run the year round. Sheep are not fed hay at all. The warm southwest winds that blow all through the rainy season make artificial shelter unnecessary. It is a sort of joke in Curry that the sheepmen round up once a year—at shearing time. The festive coyote, who makes life so miserable for the Eastern Oregon raisers, is little known west of the Coast divide. Panthers cause some loss, and once in a while a bear goes on a rampage, but losses from wild animals are comparatively small. Profits in sheep are consequently large when the investment is considered, but huge fortunes are not piled up because there are no great bands in Curry, such as there are in Klamath, Lake, Crook, Umatilla and other big sheep counties. Few owners have over 1,000 head. Deer are still plentiful in Curry. Venison is common among the natives, particularly the dwellers in the hills. Deer come clear down to the ocean to salt occasionally.

The county's principal streams flowing into the Pacific are Floras Creek, Sixes River, Elk River, Rogue River, Pistol River and the Chetco. The Illinois joins the Rogue 30 miles above Gold Beach.

A Kaleidoscope of 1910.

Here is what another decade may see in Oregon's Terra Incognita:

A big fishing industry on Rogue River, in the hands of several packers.

A breakwater that will protect the harbor at Port Orford from the southwest winds, making that port with 70 feet of water on its bar able to receive ships the year round.

Fruit orchards of commercial importance both on the bench next the Pacific and in the steep hills leading up to the Coast Range summit.

A railroad east and west down Sixes, Elk, Rogue or Pistol rivers or else north and south along the coast, making possible the utilization of the Port Orford cedar, hard woods and fir the county boasts east of the deadening.

Sufficient grain for county needs raised on the bottoms of Rogue, Pistol and Chetco rivers.

Dairy farms in every available nook, with creameries or cheese factories to handle the product.

Smelters in the reputed vast copper belt up the Illinois and Rogue.

Dredging for gold along the beach and on the old bars in the mountains.

A first-class highway from the Rogue river valley down the Rogue to Gold Beach, on nearly water grade.

Development of the metal-bearing black sands deposited lavishly by nature along the beaches.

Sufficient clearing and grass-sowing in the hills to make possible an increase of the present sheep and cattle raising industries.

It will take muscle, money, patience and some faith to make all these in Curry county, but the man who goes over the ground without prejudice and with care rarely denies that all the possibilities are there. Ten years may be too short a time but 20 will surely see it all. Meanwhile the walled-in residents look hopefully for steam or electric

transportation—they care not from what direction. The railroad would start all the rest going. And if faith is necessary to help Curry emerge from the stage of hibernation, the people dwelling there hope the first man to find it will be the railroad builder.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of the Y's at the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

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