

FUEL TRUST IS ON THE CARPET

Company in Which Relatives of Former Coos Bay Men Are Interested Involved.

The following from the San Francisco Bulletin will be of interest here as J. R. Smith, formerly head of the North Bend Hardware Company, and Bill Smith, formerly nightwatch at North Bend, are brothers of Edward J. Smith and Jas. B. Smith of the Western Fuel Company.

"Uncle Sam is officially investigating the Western Fuel Company, in an effort to ascertain the merit of the accusations of Federal detectives that the government has been defrauded out of more than a million dollars in coal duties.

In answer to a special call issue by United States District Attorney John L. McNab, the Federal grand jury has convened in the Postoffice building, prepared for an exhaustive examination of the books and records of the coal company, the entries in which, it is alleged, will disclose a systematic swindle on Uncle Sam that has been operated for many years.

"According to the special agents, whose information resulted in today's investigation, the books of the Western Fuel Company, when compared with the customs sheets, will show flagrant discrepancies. And these discrepancies, say the agents, who have been working on the case for several months, will show that the coal trust has fraudulently collected from the government a large sum in tax 'drawback' on imported coal that was never sold.

"Former employees of the involved coal trust, who are assisting Federal Prosecutor McNab, declared that the books will reveal not only the 'drawback' fund but the fact that several steamship companies have been continually cheated by the manipulation of weighing scales by employees of the Western Fuel Company, with the knowledge of officials high in the councils of the coal trust.

"In many instances, the special agents say, the scale manipulation and the connivance of those suspected by the government, have resulted in defrauding the customers out of 15 per cent of the amount of coal they ordered and paid for.

John L. Howard, president of the Western Fuel Company and David C. Norcross, secretary, are to be questioned, but whether they had knowledge of the alleged frauds remains to be seen.

"If the inquiry develops as expected by the authorities, detectives who have been working night and day on the case for the past four months, weighers employed by the coal concern and the government and officials and employes of various steamship lines, will be summoned for the next session of the jury, on Tuesday.

"David Powers, former assistant superintendent of transportation for the Western Fuel Company, now a special agent for Uncle Sam, and whose affidavits precipitated the government investigation, was not subpoenaed to appear at today's proceedings. His testimony will not be introduced until after a thorough examination of the books of the involved concern.

"Edwin Powers, formerly head bookkeeper of the Western Fuel Company and a brother of David Powers, will be one of the main witnesses for the government when the inquiry gets under way. It was learned today that the former bookkeeper will identify entries he made himself that will show on their face, when matched with the government records, glaring instances of the 'drawback' fraud.

"Among those who were subpoenaed later, according to the Federal detectives, are Edward J. Smith, former Tax Collector of this city and a brother of James B. Smith, vice president of the Western Fuel Company. Smith is employed as a weigher at the bunkers of the coal company, and is in charge of the scales that weigh most of the coal ordered by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. Edward Mayers, a fellow weigher, will also be summoned.

BIG TIMBER DEAL.
The United States Logging Company Turns Big Deal.
PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—The contract for the sale of 163,000,000 feet of timber in the Umpqua National forest to the United States Logging Company, a new corporation with headquarters at Cottage Grove, was signed Thursday and sent to Washington for the approval of the interior department. The company was the only bidder. Most of the timber is Douglas fir, which, with the red cedar and sugar pine, sold at \$1.25 for each 1000 feet. The hemlock was sold at 50 cents.

The timber is southeast of Cottage Grove, one and a half miles east of Disston, connected with Cottage Grove by railroad. A spur will be built to the timber, a mile and a half, and cutting will start in the spring.

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A Female Nuisance

—BY—
BOB STANLEY

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Such a stately, ancient lady dreams her dreams and tells them o'er, sighs for awful sins of others, lays dark scandal at each door. Venom-tongued, she tastes no sweetness. Eagle-eyed, she sees no good. Searching ever, late and early, she finds nothing that she should.

MINING IN CURRY.
Machinery Shipped for Black Sand Work Near Bandon.
PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—When the gasoline schooner Tillamook left for Bandon she had aboard a sort of submarine goldmining dredge, which will be used on the beach in Curry county for the extraction of gold particles from the sand. It is equipped with a sluicing device and all the necessary apparatus to separate the yellow metal from the material dug on the beach and in the surf.

The dredge and machinery weigh 50 tons. It runs on watertight wheels, each of which tips the beam at three tons. There is a traction engine and it operates under its own power. The outfit can be operated in shoal water, or anywhere that the engine will not be inundated. Buckets carried on an endless chain dip up the sand and drop it into the sluice attachment.

The outfit is owned by the Ocean Beach Dredge Company of Minneapolis, which has been mining on the beach and in the surf of Curry county with the old-fashioned rock- and pan method. If the dredge and machinery sent down proves to be as successful as expected it is said that in a short time gold dust may make up a part of the cargoes arriving at Portland on the coasters. The new machine being tried, it is stated, is wholly in the experimental stage.

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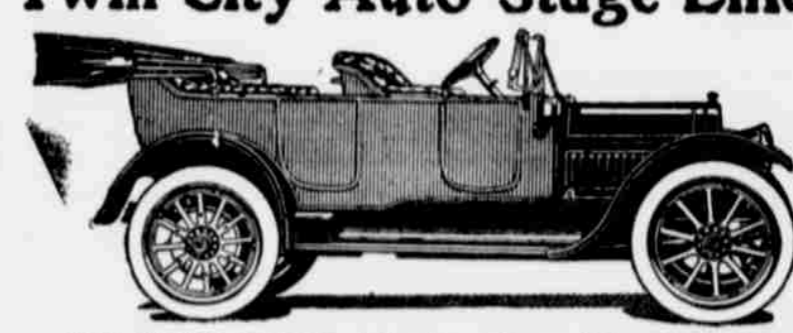
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7:10	3:15	7:45	4:40
7:45	3:45	8:15	5:15
8:15	4:10	8:45	5:45
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