



OREGON CLAIMS ADMITTED

Ban of General Suspicion Lifted.

RE-ACTED ON THE STATE

Claims and Patentees Free to Prosecute Their Land Ventures Here.

SENATOR FULTON'S BIG TASK

Commissioner Richard's Friendly Interest Aids in Restoring the Rights of Honest Applicants and Patentees of Land in this Great State.

(Special to The Astorian.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—In the revocation of the Interior Department's order withholding all patents in Oregon, the last blot and inconvenience for the general public of the State has been removed. While every entryman in Oregon was denied a patent, or even final hearing in his effort to secure title to property, the entire State felt the general imputation upon its name. No heed was given to the strict adherence to the land laws by any person, but because the Secretary of the Interior so willed, and because he was engaged in prosecuting law-breakers, every citizen of Oregon was kept for nearly a year in the light of suspicioned people.

Shortly after the land fraud cases were opened in the federal grand jury, the prosecuting officers requested that no further patents issue to Oregon men for the time. The excuse given by the attorneys for the government was, that the work of catching the offenders was made more difficult by keeping the land offices open for mineral, stone and timber and homestead patents. Upon this request the Secretary of the Interior acted, and did not alter the situation until a most vigorous campaign was made to open to the citizens of Oregon their lawful rights.

Senator Fulton began the struggle to revoke the order early last year. After the scope of the government's cases had been outlined by the grand jury reports, and it became evident that the federal attorneys were going to devote their time to convicting in cases presented, rather than to seeking new ones, the senior Senator urged the interior department to grant all citizens not in districts affected by the prosecutions, the right of patenting their land where the cases were regular and above suspicion. Commissioner of General Land Office Richards seemed more ready to acquiesce. Last December he wrote the Secretary of the Interior urging that the order be revoked. This letter was dated December 18. Later Senator Fulton saw the President in person regard-

ing the situation, and explained the trouble inflicted upon the people of the State. In January the Secretary of the Interior granted the requests, at first indicating his purpose of opening mineral patent, and soon afterward opening all offices. Had it not been for the friendly interest of Commissioner Richards for Western affairs, and probably a word from the President, the senior Oregon senator would have been compelled to struggle on for some time longer before he could have lifted the general badge of suspicion which the interior department's action had placed over the State's name.

CHOOSES GAS ROUTE.

Former Sea Captain Commits Suicide in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Captain Joseph Cattarinich ended his life last night by gas asphyxiation. He was formerly in the employ of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and was in command of the steamer San Blas when she was wrecked off the San Salvador coast in December, 1901. He was a native of Austria, 52 years old.

BOMB KILLS HIM.

TIFLIS, Jan. 29.—General Griaznoff, chief staff to the Viceroy of the Caucasus, was killed by a bomb today. The assassin was arrested.

THE HONORED DEAD

General Joseph Wheeler is Laid to Rest.

IS BURIED IN ARLINGTON

Impressive Services Held in Washington Attended by Roosevelt and Wife—Veterans of the Civil War Are Present to Pay Final Tribute.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The body of the late Major-General Joseph Wheeler was laid to rest, in Arlington cemetery today on a shaded slope overlooking the Potomac. Thousands uncovered in silent tribute as the impressive caravan of mourners made its way out Pennsylvania avenue this afternoon. From 10 this morning until 2 this afternoon, while the body lay in state in the historic little church in La Fayette Square, thousands of General Wheeler's friends passed up the aisle to the chancel and bowed in silence as they looked for the last time on the warrior's face. By 2 o'clock the nave of the church was filled with gray haired men, the place of honor on the right being given to "Wheeler's old cavalry" who came from the South by a special invitation of the family. Back of them sat other Confederate veterans. Ten minutes before the services began, President Roosevelt, preceded by military and naval aids in full uniform, and accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt entered the church. President and Mrs. Roosevelt were both in mourning. The services were brief and impressive. During the singing "Peace, Perfect Peace," the pall-bearers took a position in front of the casket which was born to the waiting caisson by eight sergeants of engineers in uniform, and the march to Arlington was taken up.

SENATE CONSIDERS FOREST RESERVES AND BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The Chinese boycott and administration of forest reserves divided the attention of the Senate today.

The Chinese question came up in connection with Tillman's resolution directing an investigation by the committee on immigration. Tillman modified the resolution by omitting the major portion of the preamble and after consid-

erable discussion the resolution was referred to the committee on contingent expenses. Heyburn raised the question concerning forests. He criticized the methods of the forestry bureau and charged it with maintaining a press bureau for the purpose of attacking him. He declined to hold the President responsible for this course. Dubois took the opposite view and defended the policy pursued.

CHRISTIAN IX. IS DEAD

Denmark's Aged King Passes Away Suddenly.

WAS 88 YEARS OF AGE

King Betrayed No Signs of Illness Before His Death.

HEART FAILURE THE CAUSE

Deceased Monarch Was Dean of All Crowned Heads of Europe and Related by Blood or Marriage to Most of Them.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 29.—Christian IX., the aged King of Denmark, dean of the crowned heads of Europe, father of King George of Greece, and of Queen Alexandra of Great Britain, and of the Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna of Russia, grandfather of King Haakon the VII of Norway, and related by blood or marriage to most of the European rulers, died with startling suddenness this afternoon. The accession of his successor, Prince Frederick, his eldest son, will be proclaimed tomorrow. The following is the official bulletin issued this afternoon:

"His Majesty died at 3:30 this afternoon. After the morning's audience was closed, he appeared quite well, and proceeded to luncheon as usual. Toward the end of the morning he gave evidence of indisposition and was compelled to retire to bed at 2:30 this afternoon. His Majesty passed peacefully away, the symptoms indicating heart failure." The bulletin tells concisely the story of the death scene, which found everyone, even those who realized the increasing feebleness of the king, unprepared for the sudden shock.

Christian IX was born near Schleswig, April 8, 1818. He was the fourth son of Frederick, Duke of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glueckburg. He succeeded Frederick VII, November, 1863. He proclaimed himself sovereign of Schleswig-Holstein, the succession to which duchies was claimed by Prince Frederick Sonderburg-Augustenburg, who was supported by the inhabitants, and on November 18, 1863, he ratified a constitution incorporating Schleswig-Holstein. The dispute finally involved him in a war with Prussia and Austria, whose forces invaded Schleswig, February 1, 1864, and after an obstinate resistance, occupied Jutland. By the treaty of October 30, 1864, Christian formally renounced all claims to Schleswig-Holstein and Lauenburg. His children are Frederick, the Crown Prince (born June 3, 1843); Alexandra, Queen of England (born December 24, 1845); Dagmar, Empress of Russia (born November 26, 1847); Thyra, Duchess of Cumberland (born September 29, 1853); Prince Waldemar (born October 27, 1853).

In Deepest Mourning.

The death of King Christian has plunged half the courts of Europe in the deepest mourning and brought a sense of personal loss as well as a sincere grief throughout the Kingdom of Denmark, even to the humblest cottage. The business world of Denmark is almost paralyzed and unnerved.

Even late tonight, men of affairs are only recovering from the shock and are beginning to prepare for changed conditions. Nothing is definitely known regarding arrangements for the funeral. The new king ascends the throne in his sixty-second year. He bears the weight of years lightly and is almost as popu-

lar with the masses as was his father. The man has a very stately bearing, a quiet man in manner and is highly cultured. The new queen, Louisa, is reputed to be the tallest and richest princess in Europe. She is a handsome blonde and reflects the beauty of her grandmother, Desiree Clary, a tradesman's daughter who captivated Bonaparte and married Marshall Bernadotte. Frederick is credited with less determination than his father, while it is whispered the new queen possesses the stronger character of the two and may have considerable influence in the policy of the new king.

ACCEPT INVITATION.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The imperial commissioners from China have accepted an invitation from Morris K. Jessup president of the Chamber of Commerce, to attend the monthly meeting of the Chamber next Thursday, and at the close of the meeting to meet the members at luncheon.

VISITING GOTHAM.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Miss Alice Roosevelt and Congressman Nicholas Longworth arrived in this city from Philadelphia today.

Miss Roosevelt will be the guest of Mrs. Robert Golet while in the city.

TRIAL COMMENCES

Questions of Packers Immunity Before Federal Court.

WERE PROMISED IMMUNITY

L. G. Krauthoff, Formerly Counsel for Armour and Company, Gives Court Details of His Interview With Commissioner Garfield—Examination Slow

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—The trial for immunity of the Packers commenced today in the federal court. Louis G. Krauthoff, formerly general counsel for Armour and Company, was the only witness. He described in detail his interview with Commissioner Garfield during which, the Packers alleged Garfield promised them immunity, provided they allow him to have access to their books. In the afternoon Krauthoff was cross-examined by District Attorney Morrison. The examination was slow as Attorney Morrison constantly objected to the witnesses' answers, declaring they were argumentative rather than responsive. The court ruled however the witness had a right to explain his answers.

The witness described his meeting with Commissioner Garfield as follows: "He said that he spoke for the President and that, of course, we would have the protection necessary under the law creating his department. I told him that my clients were in a very delicate position and that the newspapers were full of matter pertaining to them. I told him that if the law was valid there was no doubt he could compel the information. I told him that if the results of this submission to his requirements were to be further newspaper note etc and litigation I would, of course, contest the law."

"He said that the letter of the law protected my clients. I called his attention to the question of the validity of the law. He answered that his department must necessarily be separate from the other departments, and particularly the Department of Justice, and that if it were known that his department was affiliated with the Department of Justice, of course people would not give him any information. He said that if I conceded the law was valid, the matter was divided into three classes—that to which the government was entitled; that which was doubtful, and that to which the government was not entitled. He then detailed how it would be done; his special agents to go to one house and begin the investigation. "On his assurance that all information would be kept inviolate in the Bureau of Corporations,

CANADA WILL INQUIRE

Commission Named to Investigate Valencia.

WRECKAGE ON SHORE

Large Quantities of Wreckage Strew Beach—Fears of Looting.

INDIANS MAY GET LIQUOR

Government Instructs Lightkeepers to Secure Things of Value From Ship, and Destroy All Liquors Before Indians Get Possession of it.

VICTORIA, Jan. 29.—Capt. James Gaudin, local agent of the marine and fisheries department, Captain Cox, Lloyd's agent and Captain Newcomb of the Canadian government steamer Kestrel are appointed a commission to investigate the Valencia disaster. Newcomb is at Port Simpson, and it is probable Superintendent Troupe of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Co., may take his place.

Advices from the scene of the Valencia wreck state wreckage in large quantities is coming ashore and it is feared the Indians may loot it. Instructions have been sent to the lightkeepers to secure everything of value and hold it, but to destroy all liquor for fear the Indians will get it.

Twenty-one Recovered.

The list of Valencia dead recovered now totals twenty-one. Three more bodies were found this morning. The tug Lorne left this afternoon with a party of searchers, an undertaker and a carpenter to make coffins. Advices from the land party which saw the final destruction of the Valencia and who tried to make fast a line shot to shore states that if those on the Valencia had bent a small line onto the spun rope shot ashore instead of a hawser there would have been a good chance of saving some of those on board. As it was when Lineman Logan started to haul in the spun rope it was unable to stand the strain of the big hawser and parted.

Again Submerged.

VICTORIA, Jan. 29.—The steamer Nell recently floated from the rocks near Metlakatla is again submerged, having settled down soon after the launches pulled her from the rocks. The seas almost completely demolished the deckhouses. Efforts to save the steamer continue.

Investigation Continues.

SEATTLE, Jan. 29.—At the investigation before Inspectors Whitney and Turner into the Valencia disaster today it was developed that Captain Johnson believed the boat off Umatilla Reef when he struck. Second Mate Petterson who gave this testimony stated

this reckoning was arrived at because the Valencia was in the habit of over-running the log by about six per cent. After 6 p. m. the day of the disaster, Petterson testified the water continually shoaled and for that reason the course was changed to one point more westerly. Petterson asserted there was no panic on board, but believed if the passengers had not interfered with the lowering of the boats more people would have been saved. The witness, Campbell, asserted the life preservers were too heavy. One he had on weighed between fifty and seventy-five pounds after it was wet. Other testimony offered brought out no additional facts. The hearing will be continued tomorrow.

DEMURRER SUSTAINED.

SALEM, Jan. 29.—Judge Burnett, in the circuit court today, sustained the demurrer to the indictment against F. W. Jewett, the Minnesota, capitalist accused of subordination of perjury in procuring women to make an affidavit in connection with purchases of school land. The decision will have the effect of throwing the case out of court. Jewett's bail was refunded and returned to Minnesota today. The case will be appealed to the supreme court, for unless the decision is reversed, no further prosecution can be obtained as the offenses charged are now outlawed.

TERRIBLE WRECK

East and West Bound Passenger Trains Collide.

ACCIDENT ON GT. NORTHERN

Trains Come Together at Columbia Falls, Mont., With Fearful Results to Those on Board—Train in on Fire and Passengers in Danger.

SPOKANE, Jan. 30 (Special)—The Great Northern, east and west bound passenger trains, collided last night at 10:30 o'clock, one mile west of Columbia Falls, Mont. There were many killed and injured. From Great Falls, Mont., a dispatch says that it is believed that all the passengers on the east bound train were either killed or injured, but at this time it can not be learned what was the result to the passengers on the west bound. It is unofficially reported that fire has broken out and is consuming the cars piled up in a mass of wreckage, and fears are entertained that those not already dead, pinned down by the debris, will meet a horrible death. At 2:30 this morning it is known that four were killed and many more injured.

NUMBER SEVENTEEN.

Jack, the Stabber, Assaults 17th Girl in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 29.—While entering the Redemptorist school today Bertha Rude, a 13-year-old girl, was stabbed in the hip by an unknown man. The knife cut her clothing, but did not penetrate the flesh. This makes the seventeenth girl stabbed in the past two weeks. The girl's description of the stabber tallies with that furnished by other victims.

HOUSE TO INVESTIGATE SHADY RAILROAD DEALING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—What is considered a blow at the railroads was taken by the House today in the adoption of a resolution calling on the President to furnish information as to the existence of an alleged agreement, in violation of the interstate commerce law, between the Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio, Norfolk and Western, Chesapeake and Ohio and the Baltimore and Washington railroad

companies. The opposition did not develop until after the resolution was declared adopted by the speaker. Dalzell moved to re-consider, but the motion was tabled. The House gave its unanimous consent to begin tomorrow the consideration of the Hepburn railroad rate bill. In tribute to the memory of Joseph Wheeler, the House has named a street of this city after him.