

BIG FRAUD

In Oregon Lands Charged by a Priest.

AN INVESTIGATION

Joseph Schell Writes to Secretary Hitchcock in Regard to the Matter.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—An investigation into the alleged Tillamook land frauds may create great interest in Oregon. Joseph Schell, a priest of Sumpter, has written to Secretary Hitchcock of the Interior Department complaining that the alleged frauds have not been looked into properly by the special inspector. The letter to Secretary Hitchcock says, in part:

"Four special instructions of three months ago, to cause an investigation to be prosecuted with the utmost promptness and vigor to the end that the parties principally concerned in the transaction of the famous Tillamook land cases, may be promptly prosecuted in the courts and punished as their misdeeds require, are strictly ignored by the officers here. Special Inspector A. R. Greene seems

WANTS LAND FRAUDS EXPOSED



THE REV. JOSEPH SCHELL,
Roman Catholic Priest at Sumpter, Oregon, Who Alleges in Today's Journal Ancient Land Frauds in This State.

to be helplessly covered up by the same political landlubber. No trace can be found of him.

"Before political might here ceases to mean right, we will insist upon an impartial investigation of the matter before disinterested persons."

REV. SCHELL'S CHARGES.

The Journal has received a letter from the same source, extracts of which are appended:

SUMPTER, Aug. 1.—(To The Journal).—For the last three years a notorious swindle of timberlands was studiously planned and attempted under the protection of Oregon's most prominent men and politicians, which is an open disgrace and insult to the citizens of this state, hence silence is no longer a virtue.

Efforts to make the Tillamook timberland frauds a success have during the last three years under many and various fraudulent evidences appeared before the Land Office. I have called the special attention of Hon. E. A. Hitchcock, Secretary of the Department of the Interior, and in reply he has sent out Special Inspector Greene, who has amply verified and testified to this existing swindle, covered and protected with a political network. I made a trip to Washington, D. C., in order to see that the matter would not be shelved and that political pressure and influence had no effect. Secretary E. A. Hitchcock, after being thoroughly convinced of the vigorous investigation and prosecution before the courts to punish the perpetrators and that already three months ago, but his orders are ignored by the officers here. For over two years and a half I have done my best in a peaceable way to stop frauds upon the public, but of no avail. I have used from a gentle whip to a sledgehammer without success, hence I must go one better and experiment with dynamite. The attitude of limitations is the prospective shelter from the attacks in this case, but a few days intervene, and with some obstacles to overcome.

There is no time to be lost to save the people of Oregon the best and most valuable timber claims of the state. There are other men and companies who are at the present time taking up timber claims by the wholesale in some Southern country, all in a fraudulent manner, and for one and the same party against the law. The best way to get acquainted with the unwholesome acts of these men and companies is to drive them in the open field and make them fight.

JOSEPH SCHELL.

UNCLE SAM AT WORLD'S FAIR

Plants for Exposition Structure Approved—Additional Building for Fisheries Exhibit.

(Journal Special Service.)

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 7.—Plans for the United States Government building at the World's Fair have now been approved by the official board of managers in charge of the Government exhibit. James Knox Taylor, supervising architect of the Treasury, has directed the preparation of the plans, which call for a building 764 feet long, 243 wide at the ends and 175 feet wide in the central portions. The style is somewhat of the classic order, less festive than the other exposition palaces. The center of the building will be surmounted by a dome 100 feet in diameter, similar in character to the dome of the parthenon at Rome. The apex of the dome will be 175 feet above the ground. The main facade will be 764 feet long, with center and end pavilions connected by a colonnade of Ionic columns five feet in diameter and 45 feet high. The central pavilion with the colonnade on each side will form a portico 15 feet wide and 64 feet long. The interior floor area will be 734 by 175 feet, entirely free of columns. The end pavilions will contain one central portico 350 feet long. The building will be of staff, a composition of plaster resembling stone, and the exterior will be white. A magnificent color scheme has been derived for the interior.

YOUNG ARCHIE ROOSEVELT AND HIS SHETLAND PONY AT OYSTER BAY.



Young Archie Roosevelt owns Oyster Bay, L. I.; at least that is the impression the youthful son of the President conveys as he dashes through the streets of the town on his famous Shetland pony. Archie is full of vim and animal spirits and inherits all his father's strenuousness.

IS DOING BUSINESS

Many Prominent Leaders of the Negro Race at Congress.

(Journal Special Service.)

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 7.—The arrival of many belated delegates resulted in an increased attendance at the second day's session of the big negro congress which opened yesterday. The visitors were up with the first light this morning and at the early hour of 6 a. m. they filled the auditoriums of several churches, schools and colleges, where prayer services were held. Before 9 o'clock the auditorium at Piedmont Park was filled and everything was in readiness for the general sessions.

The general theme chosen for the day was the religious life of the negro race. Some of the prominent speakers and their subjects were as follows: "The Bible and the People," Rev. W. I. Haven, D. D., corresponding secretary of the American Bible Society; "The Work of the American Baptist Publication Society," Rev. S. N. Vass, D. D., Raleigh, N. C.; "The Need of a Properly Trained Ministry," President D. J. Sanders of Biddle University; "The Present Religious Status of the American Negro," Rev. Ernest Lyon, D. D., Baltimore.

This afternoon the congress separated into conferences for the discussion of different branches of educational and religious work. These conferences were held in various churches and meeting-houses and at each one an interesting program of papers and addresses was carried out.

GIRL STOPS MURDER

Young Actress Uses Horsewhip to Separate Fighting Men.

(Journal Special Service.)

GUTHRIE, Okla., Aug. 7.—Miss Bernice Montgomery, a Chicago actress, who is spending her summer here, became a heroine by preventing the commission of a murder near here. While driving in the country with two young ladies of Guthrie, they met two farmers desperately quarrelling, one of whom, in a drunken condition, had assaulted the other, who, in turn, drew a revolver and threatened to murder his assailant.

Miss Montgomery quickly leaped from the carriage, grabbed the revolver and compelled its owner to get into his wagon and drive on. The fellow was determined on a fight, but she was again equal to the occasion by taking his blacksnake whip from the wagon and threatening to horsewhip him unless he also drove toward home.

GALVESTON HAPPY

(Journal Special Service.)

GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 7.—Galveston is jubilant over securing the Southern Pacific transcontinental business in place of New Orleans and it is preparing to display its feelings in a rousing fashion tomorrow when the first ship of the New York-Galveston service reaches this city. As the ship arrives in the inner harbor it will be greeted with a salute of artillery. When the vessel has made fast to the docks a concert will be given and there will be suitable addresses on behalf of the city, the commercial organizations and the Southern Pacific railroad.

TO RATIFY TREATY.

(Journal Special Service.)

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Aug. 7.—In compliance with the proclamation of Chief Burdette a special election was held in the Cherokee Nation today to decide upon the rejection or ratification of the new Cherokee agreement. The Cherokee National Council meets at Tahlequah next week to count the votes and certify the result. It is expected that the treaty will be ratified by a large majority.

ELEVEN DEAD

And Many Injured in an Iowa Train Wreck.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 7.—Engineers Markness and Brayman and nine laborers were killed and 39 seriously injured in a smash on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road yesterday afternoon. The collision occurred between a fast freight and a work train near Rhodes, Ia.

The wreck was caused by a misunderstanding of orders by the conductor of the work train.

A special brought nine injured men to Des Moines late last night. One of them, Fireman William Sharp, is dying. The special train was in charge of Dr. A. W. Trout, the Milwaukee surgeon at Perry, who gave the following as a list of the dead:

Engineer Dennis Markness, of the freight.

Engineer William Brayman, of the construction train.

Nine workmen on the construction train.

Seriously and probably fatally injured: Fireman William Sharp, of the freight.

Eight workmen on construction train.

Thirty work trainmen, now at Collins, O. M. Kilgman, of Rock Island, was among the wounded. His right arm was broken and he was badly bruised.

About 30 injured were left at Collins. There are none so seriously hurt as the nine brought to Des Moines.

Eleven were dead when the doctor left.

Aside from the train crews, the injured men all lived in the East, and had been brought by the company to do this construction work. They were Irish and German largely, and their names have not been secured.

ANCIENT SINGERS

Celebrate the Fifty-third Wedding Anniversary—Sang in 1840.

(Journal Special Service.)

CUMBERLAND, Wis., Aug. 7.—In their cozy home on North street in this city Mr. and Mrs. Joel J. Doolittle, who are probably the oldest married couple in the state, today received the congratulations of numerous friends on the occasion of the celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary. Their wedding occurred August 7, 1849, at Princeton, Ill. Mr. Doolittle is unquestionably one of the most interesting characters of Wisconsin. He achieved fame as a campaign singer, and claims the distinction of being the oldest one in the United States. When only 14 years of age he made his debut in the campaign of 1840, singing for the "hero of Tippecanoe and Tyler too." In 1844 he sang for James G. Birney, the first Free Soil candidate for the Presidency; in 1848 for Martin Van Buren; in 1852 for John P. Hale, the free Democrat candidate, and in 1856 for John C. Fremont. In the memorable campaign of 1860 he went to Springfield, where he allied himself with Lincoln's party, taking an active part in that campaign, singing at every meeting where Lincoln spoke.

At the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Doolittle enlisted in the Thirty-fourth Illinois Infantry. After the war Mr. Doolittle returned to Illinois and sang in every Presidential campaign since that time except the last one. Although 76 years of age, his voice is in good condition and he is recognized as one of the best tenors in this section.

ANTI-DRINK MEETING

(Journal Special Service.)

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 7.—Prohibitionists of Michigan are rounding up in Detroit for their state convention, which opens tonight with a big rally in the Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church. Tomorrow the convention will adopt resolutions and name candidates for the state offices to be filled at the November election.

STEEL PLANT SALE

(Journal Special Service.)

TROY, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Much interest is manifested in the sale at public auction today of the plant and property of the Troy Steel Company to satisfy a judgment in favor of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York. The plant cost more than \$1,200,000 and when in operation employs 2300 men.

Gertrude Myren, New York's celebrated clairvoyant, is now located at room 507, Goodnough building, corner Yamhill and Fifth streets.

TO BE ARMY HEAD.



MAJ. GEN. SAMUEL B. M. YOUNG

As Senior Major General, General Samuel B. M. Young will Command the United States Army on Retirement of Miles.

The recent changes in the Army make General Samuel B. M. Young the senior Major General. As such he is directly in line to succeed Lieutenant Miles as the head of the United States Army. As General Young stands high in favor of the Administration and enjoys the personal friendship of the President, immediately upon Miles' retirement he will step into the vacancy.

B. P. O. E.



To The Most Popular Elk IN OREGON OR WASHINGTON WHO WILL WIN?

The Order of Elks is notably a progressive one. The Portland Lodge of Elks is especially so. For every enterprise of public interest they can always be counted on to carry out their part to a successful issue. A few years ago the order here planned and carried out with great eclat a society circus. In 1900 the Portland Lodge gave Portland its first street carnival, and now the lodge is pushing on another venture of the same kind. Benevolent Protective Order of Elks is what these antlered monarchs call themselves, but which they abbreviate, after the American fashion, to B. P. O. E. Some wag once declared that these letters stand for "Best People on Earth." This isn't very far from the truth, either.

The Oregon Daily Journal believes that so progressive and popular an organization as the Elks must necessarily be made up of popular men. To settle the question as to which is the most popular member, The Journal will leave the public to decide. It has purchased a beautiful loving cup of silver which will be awarded to the Elk receiving the highest number of votes. Coupons for votes will be printed in The Journal. Fill them out and return them to this office. The contest will close September 13th. Now is the time to work for your friends.

The Most Popular Elk in Oregon or Washington is

Voter's Name.....

This Coupon not good after Aug. 10th. Contest closes Sept. 13th

FIRST—Votes may be cast on coupons cut from The Oregon Daily Journal.

SECOND—To be eligible the Elk voted for must be a member in good standing.

THIRD—The Elk receiving the greatest number of votes will receive The Journal's beautiful Loving Cup, valued at \$125.00.

FOURTH—Address all coupons to the Contest Editor, care of The Oregon Daily Journal. Contest closes September 13th.

FIFTH—Voters may avoid cutting out coupons by prepaying subscriptions and receiving credit in the ballot as follows:

SUBSCRIPTIONS IN ADVANCE

One Month.....	60 Coupons
Three Months.....	180 Coupons
Six Months.....	360 Coupons
Twelve Months.....	720 Coupons

Remittances from the city or country by mail should be accompanied by letter or remittance coupon stating to which candidate votes are to be credited.

The Oregon Daily Journal Remittance Coupon.

The Oregon Daily Journal, Portland, Oregon:

Enclosed find \$..... for The Oregon Daily Journal to be sent to

Name.....

Address.....

Please cast.....votes for

Name of contestant.....

Votes will only be credited on paid-in-advance subscriptions or on coupons cut from The Oregon Daily Journal.

This beautiful Journal's Loving Cup, now on exhibition in the windows of Feidenheimer's Jewelry Store, Cor. Third and Washington Streets.

The counting of the ballots at the end of the contest will be conducted by a committee of Elks, to be named, by five of the leading contestants for the cup.

S. P. SUNDAY EXCURSION.

These Southern Pacific will give a special excursion to Newport on Sunday next, August 10, but not from Portland. Trains will run to Yaquina Bay over the tracks of the Corvallis & Eastern, without change of cars arriving there at 11 o'clock and returning at 7 p. m. The lifesaving crew will give an exhibition drill, shooting the lifeline over an imaginary ship in distress on the ocean, and go through the entire course of rescuing the crew and passengers.

WHITE COLLAR LINE BOATS.

Astoria, daily 7 a. m. except Sunday. The Dalles, daily 7 a. m., except Sunday. Alder street dock. Both phones. Main 301.

CARRIED OFF BY AN EAGLE

ELLIS, Ind., Aug. 7.—The child of James Harris was carried away by an eagle yesterday. The Harris family lives in a dense woodland near here. Mrs. Harris placed her sleeping child in a hammock, which was suspended in the front yard, and returned to the house. A few minutes later she heard the child scream and, hurrying to the yard, was horrified to see the infant in the clutches of the huge bird. Mrs. Harris swooned and it was more than half an hour before she recovered sufficiently to inform her husband and the farm hands. After searching more than an hour the child was found at the foot of a brush heap in the woods. It had several deep scratches on its body, but was otherwise uninjured. The bird was not found.