

THE WEATHER. Tonight cooler, partly cloudy with showers; Saturday showers; south-west winds.

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\$200'S PRICE OF PERJURY

Dramatic Scenes in the Trial of Jones, Potter and Wade, Accused of Land Frauds.

OLD SOLDIERS DUPED BY COMRADE IN ARMS

Powerful Testimony by William Teghtmier, Old and Tottering—Never Saw the Land He Swore He Occupied, and Was Too Feeble to Reach It.

One by one the old soldiers are taking the stand in the federal court, and shamefacedly acknowledging that in the effort to secure homesteads in the Siletz reserve they committed perjury, at the instigation of W. N. Jones and Thaddeus B. Potter. A score of veterans of the G. A. R. are still waiting to tell the story.

Temptation was strong. Old and feeble, with one foot in the grave, many of them unable longer to earn their daily bread, the men who had played their part in the battlefields of the Civil war fell easy victims to the seductive scheme that was proposed to them. To each of them J. L. Wells, the agent of Potter & Jones, and himself an old soldier, offered an opportunity to make \$200 without expense and apparently without risk.

How the Scheme Was Worked. They were told at the outset, according to their testimony, that they could take up homesteads and establish the required residence without actually living upon the land, and it was not until called upon to make their filings and proofs that they began to realize the full requirements of the law.

Some of the most dramatic features of the trial occurred this morning during the testimony of William Teghtmier, whose tottering footsteps were guided to the witness-stand by a bullfinch. A private in the Eleventh Ohio, he fought before Fort Donelson, on the bloody heights of Chickamauga and in a dozen more of the great conflicts of the war. Thirty years ago he came to Portland where he is spending the closing years of his life.

Teghtmier was approached by his comrade J. L. Wells and was told of the opportunity to clear \$200 by taking up a homestead in the Siletz reserve. Jones would supply the money and it would not be necessary for him to take up actual residence on the land.

Was Never on the Land. "I was never on the land, never there," said the old soldier in quavering voice. "Wells told me about the improvements that had been made on the claim, that an acre had been cleared and fenced, that some little fruit trees had been planted and that a cabin had been built. That was all I knew. I wish I had never got into the business."

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William Rockefeller and Oliver Lamora, the old Adirondack woodman and veteran of the civil war whom he has by legal process driven out of his life-long home near the village of Brandon, New York, in order that the Rockefeller game preserves may be secure from trespass. Lamora fought the case against the Standard Oil millionaire until his money was exhausted and he had to abandon the case.

CHAMBERLAIN FLAYS KELLHER THE PAMPHLETEER

Governor Says More Than One Hundred Thousand Acres of State Land, Much of It Got by Forgery, Has Been Traced Into Kelliher's Hands.

Salem, Or., Oct. 6.—To the Editor of the Journal.—Kelliher has been one of the smoothest of all the operators who have dealt in state lands, and as soon as investigation as to his dealings was set on foot he commenced to make threats against the authorities, particularly the governor, the district attorney and the state land agent. The pamphlet which is now being distributed by him is a part of the policy heretofore outlined by him.

In every investigation which the board has attempted to make in reference to Kelliher's land deals he has had a stenographer present to represent him, but he has always failed to appear himself or to have his man, Turner, with whom he was operating, appear and testify, and the latter refused to appear or to furnish any evidence to the board with reference to his or Kelliher's transactions.

I have heretofore given Kelliher a written invitation to appear before the board next Tuesday and give any testimony he might desire which would enable the board to arrive at the truth with reference to his transactions in public lands. One thing is certain that up to this time more than 100,000 acres of land have been traced into his hands where the applications were apparently either forged or in the names of fictitious persons and how much more there is remains yet to be seen.

Presented Sisters Shares in Company When They Were Worth but Little Money—Discovery of New Vein Sends Values Soaring.

POCKETS MILLIONS IN MINE DEAL

President Corey of Big Steel Trust Realizes Fortune in Butte Property.

GAVE POOR RELATIONS BIG BLOCKS OF STOCK

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Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 6.—President W. Ellis Corey of the United States Steel corporation and other officials of the big company have just pocketed \$6,000,000 in a mining deal, while some poor relatives of the officials, notably of Corey, are made well-to-do as the result of Corey's handing them stock in the North Butte Mining company of Montana, at a time when the stock was of little value.

Corey distributed blocks of 500 shares of stock in the company to his sisters when it was quoted at \$15 a share. This afternoon the same blocks of stock are worth \$2 1/2 in open market, or over \$26,000 a block.

About eight months ago the company was organized for 400,000 shares at a par value of \$15 per share, making \$6,000,000 for the 400,000 shares. This same stock now has a market value of over \$23,000,000. The sudden increase in value is due to the discovery of a new vein of copper ore, the existence of which was not suspected.

TO TEST AUTHORITY OF EQUALIZATION BOARD

Boiler, Ida., Oct. 6.—Original proceedings were begun in the supreme court today by ex-Governor McConnell against the state equalization board for the purpose of testing the authority of the board in assessing railroads for county school district taxation, and also to compel the board to assess railroads at a cash valuation, alleging they are now assessed at one eighth their commercial value. Heretofore the government has borne an expense of about \$75,000 annually. The money saved will be used to employ additional inspectors.

LIGHTSHIP 50 STRANDED

Columbia River Coast Guard Boat Goes Aground on Peacock Spit in Heavy Gale.

HARD AND FAST BUT IS IN SMOOTH WATER

Crew Stays Aboard Her Fighting the Sea and the Wind to the Last Moment—It May Be Possible to Float Her Later—Examination to Be Made Soon.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Astoria, Oct. 6.—Columbia river lightship No. 50 broke her moorings during the storm last night and grounded this morning just inside Cape Disappointment on Peacock spit. The position of the vessel is not dangerous.

The lightship lies about two miles further in than the spot on which she stranded several years ago, at which time she was taken overland across a neck of land and put into deep water in the Columbia river.

COMSTOCK JOLTED BY GYMNASIUM VENUS

New York, Oct. 6.—Preceded by a patrol wagon filled with posters depicting poses in plastic for his physical culture Venusus, Professor Bernard McFadden was present at the police station today. He and Benjamin F. Trovandi, his assistant, were arrested on the complaint of Anthony Comstock, who alleged that the physical culture advance is too frank in his exposition of lines in his beauty literature and in nouncing the coming beauty show at Madison Square garden.

SIX MILLIONS INCREASE IN PHILADELPHIA DEBT

Philadelphia, Oct. 6.—The matter of increasing the city's debt \$6,000,000 has caused a clash between the city council and Mayor Weaver. Both branches of the city council passed an ordinance two weeks ago authorizing an increase of the debt \$4,000,000 for the removal of railroad grade crossings, and an increase of \$2,000,000 for street paving.

Collapse and Burial Emmanes.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 6.—A lodging-house in this city collapsed this morning, burying all of its 20 inmates. It is believed many were killed.

FAMILY GRAFT IN MUTUAL

Higher Commissions Paid to McCurdy Relatives by Insurance Company Than Are Allowed to Others.

PRESIDENT'S SON AND NEPHEW REAP FORTUNES

Largest Relative Sums Paid for Business in New York Where Population Is Thickest and in Texas Where It Is Sparingly Settled—Manager Ignorant of Salaries.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Oct. 6.—More instances of favoritism toward relatives of President Richard A. McCurdy of the Mutual Life Insurance company were brought out before the legislative insurance investigating committee this morning.

The general manager of the company, Robert H. McCurdy, a son of the president, admitted that though a member of the executive committee, he did not know the salary paid the president, and that no one else did, and admitted that the commission paid by the Mutual to Raymond & Co., agents in New York city, of which firm he had formerly been a partner, and in which Louis A. Thibault, his brother-in-law, was now a partner, were higher than those paid to anyone anywhere else except in Texas.

Ignorant of Salary Paid. Robert H. McCurdy was the first witness to take the stand. He said that the finance committee of the Mutual fixed the salary of officers. He stated that he had been on the finance committee for two years and during that time the salary of the president had not been changed. He did not know what the president's salary was, and did not know if anybody else did.

Asked as to how he justified his failure to make inquiries as to how much Raymond & Co. were making out of the Mutual, he entered into a long technical explanation of how the general agent was really an independent merchant, and that he handled the business on a commission basis, and when he made a great profit it meant that the company profited greatly also.

System, Big Graft. "The system," said Mr. McCurdy, "is that of large rewards for large achievements. This is what has built up the Mutual's business."

McCurdy said that the remuneration of Raymond & Co., who were agents for the district comprised in old New York, was in about the same as that paid general agents of the other big insurance companies.

Hughes worried out of McCurdy the statement that the rates of commissions paid Raymond & Co. were higher than paid anywhere else except in Texas.

McCurdy had said that the expenses of getting business in New York were highest. Then he said that the expense in Texas are high because the country is sparsely settled, making much travel necessary. Hughes remarked that it was peculiar that the expense was higher in New York, where it was thickly settled, and also higher in Texas, where but few people lived.

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SAW BODY CUT TO PIECES

Mystery of Suit Case Murder Solved by Nurse Who Saw Young Girl's Body Cut to Pieces by Doctor.

VICTIM WAS A BELLE OF LEWISTON, MAINE

Miss Ella Kelly Killed by an Operation Performed at Plaistow, New Hampshire—Informant Was Paid Fifteen Dollars a Week to Keep Silence but Crime Haunted Her.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Oct. 6.—The whole state is appalled at the harrowing story unfolded at Lowell last night by Kate Mayo, who told to the Boston police, between gasps of suffering and lapses of terrified silence, how she stood by and saw the body of the girl victim of the mysterious dress suit case murder cut to pieces, packed and delivered to her slayer's aids, who, she declared, threw the dress suit case into the harbor at Winthrop.

She said that the body was that of Miss Mary Ella Kelly, a former belle of Lewiston, Maine, and that an operation which resulted in Miss Kelly's death was performed by an East Boston physician, whom she named, and that the crime was committed at a roadhouse near Plaistow, New Hampshire.

Kate Mayo says that she nursed the girl and after her death saw the doctor cut up the body and later put the torso into the suit case, which he gave to two young men, one of whom was Miss Kelly's sweetheart, with instructions to throw it into the harbor.

The doctor is now at Saratoga. He went there immediately after the deed. The girl died from the effects of the operation.

Detectives have hurried to Lewiston and Plaistow, where they are now conducting an investigation.

FAIRBANKS TO BECOME RESIDENT OF ILLINOIS

Bloomington, Ill., Oct. 6.—Vice-President Fairbanks is said to be making arrangements to become a resident of Illinois. He has let the contract for a mansion to be built at Mansfield, Flat county, when his term at Washington is ended, in expectation that he will make his home there.

Suez Canal Reopened. Port Said, Oct. 6.—The Suez canal has been reopened for traffic after recovery from the great explosion to clear the channel of 80 tons of dynamite sunk in a wreck. Fifty vessels are awaiting an opportunity to enter its waters.

RARE ANIMALS FOR PARK ZOO

Portland's city park is to have an extensive zoo if the plans of the park board are carried out. At the meeting of the board this morning it was decided that the menagerie should be enlarged by the purchase of animals from the Jarbour show at the Lewis and Clark exposition. Among the animals mentioned are a large black polar bear, an immense African lion and a beautiful spotted leopard.

Will Buy No More Tags for Packers

Trees, plants, statuary and everything else the board could have given to it or purchase cheaply. The Italian commissioners have offered several valuable pieces of statuary to the city at a reasonable price. T. L. Elliot and Ben Lewis were appointed a committee to investigate a number of notices which also be secured for the city parks from the exposition grounds.