

SENATOR FULTON COMES ALL THE WAY FROM WASHINGTON TO TESTIFY

Will Explain His Connection With Securing Patents for Old Soldiers.

GOVERNMENT WILL END CASE TUESDAY

Jones and Potter Encountered Strong Opposition in Scramble for Rich Timber Lands, and Other Speculators Beat Them at Their Own Game.

Senator C. W. Fulton will arrive today from Washington for the purpose of testifying in the land fraud prosecution in the federal court. His testimony is required in order to throw light on the circumstances under which he used his influence to secure the patents of the homestead claims taken up by the old soldiers at the instigation of the defendants, W. N. Jones and Thomas S. Potter. Senator Fulton will probably take the witness stand tomorrow or next day, as it is the expectation of the district attorney that the government's case will be concluded by Tuesday afternoon.

Competition for Lands Keen.

In the general scramble for the rich timber lands of the Siletz reserve, Jones and Potter encountered keen competition. Other speculators, equally eager, were quick to discover the methods to which the Portland men had resorted and to take advantage of their vulnerable position. Little by little the testimony in the pending trial is bringing to light the details of the unscrupulous warfare that was waged between the rival timbermen. It was a game of wits, and Jones and Potter proved easy victims. The palpable frauds practiced by the old soldiers whom they had aided to take up claims soon became known. R. B. Montague, of Albany, now notorious through his connection with the Futer-McKinley ring of land grabbers, seems to have been the first to try to snatch some of the claims by offering the entrymen higher prices than they were to receive from Jones.

Numerous Contracts Filled.

Other speculators saw the chance to jump the claims of the Jones brigade of old soldiers, and numerous contracts were filed in the land office, alleging that the original entries were fraudulent. Jones was between two fires. His competitors were determined to "shake him down" or to have the timber, and the man was not in a position to fight. Indeed the struggle had attracted already the attention of the land department and investigations were begun which eventually resulted in the expropriation of three quarters of the entries. Out of the three dozen homesteads entered by old soldiers or soldiers' widows with money supplied by Jones, only nine went to patent and of these four were gobbled up by Montague.

Jones is supposed to have been acting as agent for Edward D. Wetmore, of Pennsylvania, to whom the five claims finally secured by Jones were conveyed. The claims were located advantageously near creeks or rivers and the timber was equal to any in the state. Each claim is said to have been worth several thousand dollars, so the stake for which the speculators were playing was a rich one.

Notal Register Mutilated.

Testimony offered yesterday afternoon led to the district attorney's charge that the defendant Ira Wade had endeavored to destroy evidence which might prove damages to himself and his co-defendants. The register of the Toledo hotel which has been placed in evidence shows plain alterations in the addresses of some of the old soldiers sent down to the Siletz by Jones and Potter. They originally registered as from Portland, but the address had been changed to Roots, the Siletz post-office, apparently to conform to the homestead proofs.

C. R. Ellisworth, the proprietor of the hotel, and Miss Ethel Parrish, an employee, testified that Wade came to the hotel about September 23 of this year and borrowed the register, saying he wanted it for use on the trial. Ellisworth did not make the alterations in addresses and did not know who was responsible for them, but it transpired that the register was in Wade's possession up to the eve of the trial.

The proceedings yesterday were enlivened by a touch of humor when Tom Johnson, who has long been a familiar sight on Portland streets as a vendor of buttons and pins, took the stand. Johnson is a veteran of the navy and "served in the ship of war Portsmouth with Farragut." Like so many of the old soldiers who have already testified he was induced to take up a homestead claim in the Siletz, and he made three trips to the claim.

When Mr. Heney began reading the final proofs subscribed and sworn to by the old sailor, his surprise became manifest. "That's my signature all right, but I must have signed the paper without reading it," he cried.

The district attorney read from the proofs the description of the alleged improvements.

"Why, I couldn't have said that. It wasn't true," said Johnson with some indignation.

The next statement read was to the effect that Johnson and his wife had lived continuously on the claim for two years.

"Whoever put that down must have been dreaming, I didn't live there continuously and my wife was never there," said Johnson.

How His Name Was Changed.

When asked whether his true name was Tom Johnson the old sailor promptly acknowledged that his right name was Henry Tommas Johnson, though he is commonly known by the former appellation. His explanation of the alias brought a smile to the faces of his auditors. When he enlisted in the navy and went on board the Portsmouth he found that his name had been listed as Tom Johnson.

"I wouldn't answer to that name when the roll was called and I got seven days of blackness. After that I thought it was better to take the name they had given me. He added that on his pension papers his name was given as Henry Yeomans, alias Thomas Johnson.

H. L. Siler, formerly a resident of this city but now at Seattle, testified that at the request of Jones, with whom he was on terms of cordial friendship, he consented to act as the medium for conveying the title of some of the timber claims. Four claims were conveyed to him and he in turn conveyed them to Edward D. Wetmore. Siler had no interest in the transaction, and as Mr. Heney stated, was in no way involved in the alleged frauds.

Menzo J. Morse, another of the band of old soldiers who entered homestead claims was the last witness of the day. His testimony was in the main merely cumulative.

FOULY MURDERED FOR MONEY

Coroner's Jury Finds That W. J. Oliver, Son of Montana Man, Was Slain.

KILLED BY A BLOW AND BURIED TWO WEEKS AGO

Assassin Then Burned the Wagon, Sold the Remnants to Ranchers, and Left for Parts Unknown—Good Description of Him Obtained.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Helena, Mont., Oct. 3.—That Wasson J. Oliver, son of a prominent resident of Beaver Head county, was foully murdered in Prickly Pear canyon, near Wolf creek, for his money, admits no doubts in the minds of the jury summoned today by Coroner S. S. Bennett to determine the cause of his death. The jury returned a verdict to this effect, attributing the crime to some unknown person or persons. It was brought out at the inquest that young Oliver had a considerable sum of money, a gold watch and a splendid outfit of horses, wagon and camp equipment. It was shown that Oliver and an unknown Frenchman in his company was camped a few miles north of Wolf creek Sunday afternoon, while the outfit passed through town at 10 o'clock that night. Next day the wagon was burned. The Frenchman, representing himself as Oliver, disposed of the remnants to neighboring ranchers and started toward Helena.

The crime was committed with a blunt club, which broke the victim's nose and crushed in his right temple. The body was found in a shallow grave at the first camping place, more than 15 miles from where the wagon was burned. It was shipped to Wolf creek for burial. The murder was committed just two weeks ago today. A splendid description of the alleged slayer has been obtained, and it is believed he will soon be captured.

THOUSAND MADE HOMELESS BY TENEMENT BLAZE

New York's Little Italy Swept by Fire—Fireman Injured and Horses Burned.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.) New York, Oct. 3.—The fire which swept the two blocks bounded by First avenue and the East River and One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Eighth streets early today rendered 1,000 persons homeless. Great gas tanks were threatened, many horses were burned and panic reigned in the locality known as Little Italy. Several firemen were overcome and one will die.

The fire started in a ragshop opposite the premises of the Hygeira Ice company, 142 East One Hundred and Sixth street. Soon several gas plants and several apartments were threatened. The fire blazed through into the lively stable of Ruden & Smith, which was next door to Cantore's ram shop. In the stables were 22 horses and the firemen made haste to rescue them. The old building was a mass of flames and the men were driven out before half of the animals were saved. It is thought that a dozen are dead in the ruins. Occupants of the tenements poured out of the buildings, many being overcome in the crush. In the meantime the blaze became a sea of flames, especially as the lumber yards of J. Reebers' Sons were reached. A back draft caught the firemen but they escaped badly singed.

At a dozen different points along the waterfront sparks fired wharves and shipping. The fireboat McClellan, together with a dozen tugs, had a busy time of it extinguishing the flames on ice barges, lighters and piers.

PRESIDENT LEARNS AMOUNT OF SANTO DOMINGO DEBT

Prof. Hollander Returns From Visit to Island and Europe With Report.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.) Washington, Oct. 3.—The president was today put in possession of a full report from Professor Hollander, his special agent as to the financial situation in Santo Domingo, with comparisons of the situation of that republic with West Indian colonies generally.

Professor Hollander made a trip to Europe and there determined the exact value of the claims of all nations against Santo Domingo.

The mission of Professor Hollander to Europe and Santo Domingo had reference principally to the treaty with Santo Domingo which the senate refused to ratify last year. It is expected that the report will be sent to the senate and will aid in having collected the curious situation of Santo Domingo are being taken care of by international agreement with the United States.

One of the principal values of Professor Hollander's report is that the president will know precisely what is the real debt of Santo Domingo to any foreign nation and that there can be no exaggeration in order to justify foreign interference. Such interference was threatened last year but the United States stepped in and suggested that it take care of the customs till congress met. No funds collected for Santo Domingo by United States agents have been distributed as yet.

"SWIFTWATER BILL" BUYS A FEW SMALL BOTTLES

Meets Wife and Makes Explanations, Saying Story of Third Marriage is Rot.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., Oct. 3.—"Swiftwater Bill" Gates will not be forced to defend a \$100,000 divorce suit brought by his wife, Beatrice Gates, in connection with which a warrant for his arrest was awaiting him on his return from the north yesterday with his third fortune of three quarters of a million dollars.

Bill, who escaped the officers with the warrant by jumping from the Ohio to a vessel lying alongside the dock, was found by the sheriff at midnight at a local hotel. He declared he was not trying to avoid arrest, as the \$2,225 deposit required of him as attorney's fees and costs in the proceedings was a small item. He first visited his wife's attorneys, but they were not to be seen. He turned over the money and after buying a few bottles as a reminder of the old days took a room at the hotel.

Bill says the story of his third marriage at Palisades is rot, and that the woman who came down on the same boat with him was simply a friend, who had gone east.

DISGUSTING BRUTALITY SHOWN IN FOOTBALL

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.) New York, Oct. 3.—The football game this evening was marred by one of the most disgraceful outbreaks of ruffianism ever seen on a football field in this city. After an atrocious piece of brutality by Right Halfback Bailey of Wesleyan jumping feet first on the back of Armstrong of Columbia, the two teams got into a general mixup.

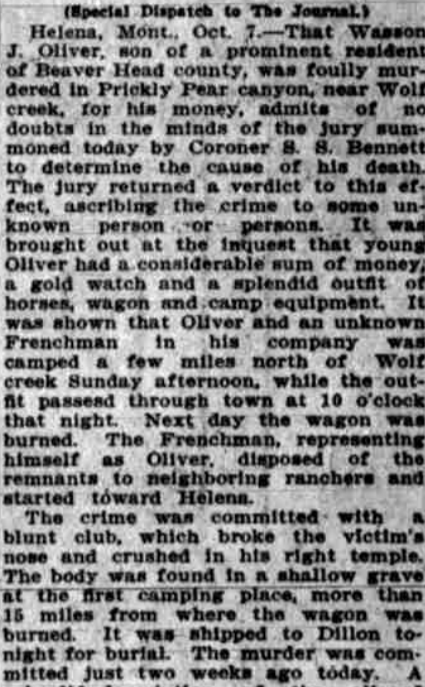
The officials could have handled the situation and were rapidly pulling the men apart when Coach Morley, of Columbia, rushed at Bailey, shoved him behind the goal posts and struck him a terrific blow between the eyes. Bailey fell back in the arms of one of his teammates, the blood spurting from his face. The police had hard work restoring order.

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JUDGE SAYS PICKETING CAN'T BE PEACEFUL

Chicago Officer Declares Himself in Fining Union Men for Violating Injunction.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.) Chicago, Oct. 3.—There is no such thing as peaceful, polite and gentlemanly picketing, any more than there

can be chaste, polite and gentlemanly vulgar or peaceful mobbing, or lawful lynching.

This was the comment of Justice Smith of the appellate court in an opinion handed down against Franklin union, No. 4, and three of its mem-

bers, who were fined \$100 each and sentenced to thirty days imprisonment in the superior court, for violation of an injunction secured by the Chicago Typothetae.

"Certainly, if a union man has the support him," said Justice Smith, "he will promptly endeavor to exterminate the mob" at sight. This is as well known to the public as it is to counsel. It is idle to talk of picketing for a lawful persuasive purpose."

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