

SHARKS SEEM TO BE SAFE

Wisconsin Men, Victimized by False Locations, Leave for Home Without Prosecuting.

SAME OLD STORY OF BUNKO MAN'S DODGE

Victim Makes Man Who Swindled Him Give Up Part or Else Is Made Criminally Liable Himself and Is Helpless.

According to present appearances the timber sharks who attempted to victimize 16 Wisconsin men by locating them on falsely marked lands in southern Oregon will escape prosecution. The easterners went home after employing an attorney to get back as much as possible of the money of which they had been fleeced, and it seems to be understood that if a satisfactory settlement is made no criminal proceedings will be instituted.

It is the old story. The bunko man "roughs up" a part of his ill-gotten gains and the victim, thankful to get back anything, agrees not to prosecute. Timber sharks in Oregon have been peculiarly bold in their operations and the instances in which they have been prosecuted for their frauds have been rare. As a rule the people whom they locate are either residents of eastern states who cannot afford to remain here, or they are so poor and so ignorant that they are easily victimized. In either case the dupe is usually only too glad to get back a part of his money by a settlement with the locator who has swindled him, and the latter resumes his quest for credulous gulls.

Timber Sharks Humbugged.

There are a number of timber locators in Portland who are engaged in these fraudulent operations and they have numerous confederates in the timbered portions of the state. According to information received within the past two days by Inspector Thomas H. Neuhausen of the government service a number of persons are now en route from the east to this state to take up timber claims, and one party of 16 is known to have left Wisconsin within a week, expecting to be located by J. W. Gardner and W. H. McCrossen of this city.

Gardner and McCrossen are the men who engineered the swindle exposed yesterday and both of them pleaded guilty less than a year ago to an indictment by a federal grand jury charging them with fraudulently defacing landmarks made by the government surveyors.

McCrossen Now at Work.

McCrossen is at present in southern Oregon with a party of nine men whom he has undertaken to locate on government lands. Information received here indicates that he is pursuing the same tactics that were followed in the case of the Oshkosh men, who recently purchased \$2,000 worth of experience from McCrossen and Gardner. False "witness trees" are the means by which this particular kind of swindle is operated and the victims have been many.

The would-be timber owner is taken to a finely timbered piece of land, where he is shown a tree, the same as described with section, township and range numbers, and he is told that this is the witness tree marked by the government surveyors. Returning to the land office, he files on the land as described on the supposed witness tree and pays the timber shark his locating fee, usually \$150. When at last the inevitable disclosure comes he finds that the land described in his filing is not even in the vicinity of the timber which he visited and frequently that it has not a good-sized tree upon it.

A New Dodge to Escape.

Since the recent ruling of Judge Hunt in the trial of Congressman Williamson et al., the timber sharks have resorted to an ingenious expedient to lessen the danger of prosecution. In that case it was held that any understanding by the timber entrymen, in advance of filing, that he would sell his claim to some other person constituted a violation of the law. The timber sharks now try to induce their victims to agree in advance of filing that they will sell their claims as soon as they get title, and in a number of instances contracts have been made for such sale at \$10 an acre. The entryman then goes to the land office, where he swears that he has made no agreement for the sale of the land.

Makes Victim Elakia.

It is of course a clear perjury, and if the victim should afterward "sue" when he finds that he has been bunkoed, the timber shark has only to remind him that he is himself in danger of prosecution. The entryman naturally hesitates to enter complaint since it may call attention to his own breach of the law, and the case is dropped.

Inspector Neuhausen says that many people are being defrauded by the timber locators who are inducing them to take up claims in the manner indicated.

AID PRESIDENT IN RATE CONTEST

Railroad Rate Convention Adopts Resolution Approving Roosevelt's Program.

TO GIVE FULL POWER TO INTERSTATE COMMISSION

Rump Convention Entertained by Speeches, Trend of Which Is That Railroads Can Fix Rates Fairly Themselves.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Oct. 27.—The second day's session of the railroad rate convention considered resolutions setting forth and the approving of President Roosevelt's recommendations for the increase in power of the interstate commerce commission for the regulation of railroad freight rates. Speeches were made by many denouncing the trust magnates and the railroads and urging that transportation facilities be restored to the control of the people.

The resolutions adopted declare that the only practical means by which to gain the ends sought is by so amending the interstate commerce act to provide that the commission be vested with such power that where a given rate has been challenged and after a full hearing it shall have been found to be unreasonable, to decide, subject to judicial review, what shall be a reasonable rate to take the place of the protested rate, the ruling of the commission to take effect immediately and to obtain unless and until it is reversed by a court of review.

William F. Beckman Committed to Asylum.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Roseburg, Or., Oct. 27.—William F. Beckman, who was arrested in Portland about three months ago on an indictment charging him with the murder of Robert Ring, near here in 1894, was today committed to the state insane asylum by County Judge Thompson. He was examined on the charge of insanity here by Dr. J. E. Taylor, W. T. Williamson of Portland, George W. Houck, E. V. Hoover and A. C. Seely of Roseburg and was adjudged insane, but has been held here pending an investigation by the district attorney.

Kershaw Proved Not Guilty of Larceny.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Oct. 27.—The jury in the circuit court here today returned a verdict for the defendant in the case of the state against H. R. Kershaw, who was charged with the larceny of 70 sacks of wheat that were stored in a warehouse operated by the Kershaw Grain company of Tacoma. Kershaw was agent for the company and was therefore held responsible for the disappearance of the grain from the warehouse. G. A. Hartman, Sr., owner of the grain, was the prosecuting witness.

Finch and Campbell Buy Drumheller Farm.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Walla Walla, Wash., Oct. 27.—Finch & Campbell of Spokane, owners of the Blalock fruit farm, one of the biggest orchards and garden tract in the state, yesterday completed the purchase of the Jesse Drumheller place of 87½ acres, lying just one mile west of Walla Walla and adjoining the Blalock place. The price paid was \$20,500. The tract is adapted to fruit raising and will be set out to trees.

Hanged at San Quentin for Slaying Woman.

(Journal Special Service.) San Quentin, Cal., Oct. 27.—Joseph Snaidecki was hanged at 10:30 o'clock this morning for the murder of Mrs. C. Salmon in July, 1904, at Los Angeles. The condemned man made a statement reviewing the story of the crime and admitting that he was guilty. The execution passed off without hitch. The body will be buried in the prison cemetery. Snaidecki killed his victim with a file.

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TRAFFIC BLOCKED BY OPERATOR

C. C. Beach, Telegrapher on Northern Pacific, to Be Tried Under New Law.

REFUSED TO TRANSMIT ORDERS TO TRAINMEN

Quarrel With Dispatcher Leads to Destruction of Telegraph System and Stalling of Several Trains in Montana.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Helena, Mont., Oct. 27.—It is probable that C. C. Beach, telegraph operator of the Northern Pacific at Lombard, 10 miles east of this city, will be the first person tried under what is known as the "Gravelle" law, passed by the recent legislature for dealing with persons who delay railway trains.

Beach is understood to have had trouble with the dispatcher at Livingston, which resulted in his refusal to accept orders for the movement of trains. In consequence several trains were delayed at Lombard for a few hours, as Beach not only declined to handle the orders, but pulled all plugs out of the switchboard, thereby rendering useless the telegraph system.

Northern Pacific Must Pay Construction Bill.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, Wash., Oct. 27.—The former president of the council, has been awarded judgment in the circuit court of the United States for the Idaho district against the Coeur d'Alene Railway & Navigation company for \$71,278. It is believed by his attorney that this can be collected from the Northern Pacific Railway company, which has succeeded to all rights, franchises and property formerly owned by the Coeur d'Alene company.

Barber College Forces War Among the Shavers.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, Wash., Oct. 27.—The opening of a barber college in this city has been the cause of a bitter war among the tonsorial artists. This college was just opened on Main avenue near Washington, and has a daily patronage of about 350 needy individuals, who are martyrs to the cause and offer their faces and heads for the college students to practice upon.

Professot Langemo Is Taken to Texas.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., Oct. 27.—Professor P. C. Langemo, the instructor at the state university, who attempted to commit suicide a few weeks ago by cutting his throat with a razor, has left Eugene for the south. His brother arrived a few days ago and immediately made arrangements to take the professor to Texas, where he will recuperate. It is understood that Mr. Langemo will give up teaching as a profession and will engage in business in Texas.

East of 'Ben Hur'.

The last two performances of Kinw & Erlanger's stupendous production of General Lew Wallace's great drama, "Ben Hur" will be given tonight at 8 o'clock and tomorrow at 7:30 o'clock. There are still good seats to be had.

To Establish Ownership.

To have her ownership established to a certain piece of waterfront property, Carrie M. Elwert filed suit in the state circuit court yesterday against H. E. Noble and J. O'Connell.

Fashionable Furs

The arrival of the Fur Season—when furs are sought for their warmth and comfort, as well as for their richness and elegance—finds us prepared to supply the requirements of tasteful and fashionable women.

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Letter From Authentic Source Tells of Effort to Kill Peace Envoys.

JAPANESE OFFICERS SAY IT WAS ACCIDENT

Craft Containing Attorney Dennison and Other Members Narrowly Escapes From Path of Torpedo Boat Going at Full Speed in Yokohama.

THOUSANDS OF MEN MAY BE FORCED TO IDLENESS

Striking Italians Thought to Have Started Fire That Is Causing Big Damage and Threatens Mines and Other Property.

(Journal Special Service.) Sunnyside, Utah, Oct. 27.—The big coke plant, three coal crushing plants, two bridges and numerous buildings have been destroyed by fire that broke out late last night. The flames are still spreading and fears are entertained that much other property, including smelters and the Utah Fuel company may be destroyed.

NEGRO MURDERER IS CAUGHT AT VANCOUVER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 27.—Local police last night arrested a negro named Johnson, wanted in Topeka, Kansas, for a murder committed a year ago. Detectives received word yesterday from Topeka authorities to arrest the man and apprehended him at daybreak.

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A piano is more than an article of furniture or ornament; it is a friend, a companion.

You do not wish to have your children's minds perverted by reading unworthy or trashy books.

Also bring them up in the way they should go, in a musical sense.

It is as disastrous to the growing mentality of a boy or girl to hear the slapping of a tin-panny piano as it is to read dime novels or other yellow literature.

A cheap piano is always a cheap piano.

A cheap piano may have as rich a case as a good one, but the living melody part, the soul part of a piano, can only be secured through superior workmanship.

A cheap piano deteriorates after a month's use; a good piano improves, as a Stradivarius violin improves, with age.

All pianos and all violins look pretty much alike.

Don't buy an instrument for the appearance of the case. Buy it for the tone and wearing quality.

The tone you may judge for yourself. As to wearing quality, you will surely take the word of the people who have used these instruments for years and you will take the word of the world's best musicians.

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A Mason & Hamlin Grand.

This grand piano was awarded a gold medal by the piano jury of the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

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