

M'KINLEY PAID WISCONSIN WITNESS FEES IN LAND CERTIFICATES

Swindler Took Advantage of His Millionaire Friends to Fleeced Them All.

WIFE'S SACRIFICE TO HELP SAVE HIS HONOR

Consented to Divorce to Permit His Wedding Marie Ware So That the Latter Would Not Have to Testify Against Him.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 22.—The number of the La Crosse losers through the forged certificates of Horace McKinley probably never will be known. They include lumbermen and ex-lumbermen, bankers, real estate men, merchants, federal and county officers and leading politicians out of office. One business man of moderate means is known to have dropped \$10,000, another \$12,000, and a syndicate of politicians headed by Postmaster Tscherner dropped about \$12,000.

The merchants and politicians are the men hit the hardest, though the smallest investors, for they made their deals wholly with McKinley, and all of them, it is expected, will turn out to be fraudulent. The larger investors—men who put in hundreds of thousands in western pine lands—dropped large amounts to McKinley, but made their losses up in whole or in part by shrewd investments through other sources. Thus Hiram Goddard, whom McKinley and Pater sold to have relieved from \$10,000 to \$20,000—Mr. Goddard himself refused to reveal the sum—insists that his investments in Oregon lands will show a net profit, in spite of McKinley.

Altogether La Crosse investors bought from McKinley and Pater worthless certificates on about 100,000 acres of land at prices ranging from 75 cents to \$1 and \$10 an acre, representing a net swindle of from \$50,000 to \$500,000 on the transactions with these two men.

Confidence in McKinley.
The confidence La Crosse men of matured business judgment reposed in Horace McKinley, considering the fact that he was under indictment and afterward convicted of attempting to defraud the United States government, all this months before he made his deals with local lumbermen, must be one of the features of the case most surprising to Oregon people who know him only as a man tried and convicted of high crimes, but an appreciation of the conditions under which his speculations were possible would dissipate that astonishment.

Coming of a family against which no reproach had ever been uttered and himself considered a coming young man, McKinley was trusted by everybody and his genial disposition made him many influential friends. Even after he had been indicted and convicted at Portland, his standing here was but little impaired. It was currently believed that he had done nothing worse than to assist some lumbermen friends to obtain timber land in the only way possible to get it, and which all their competitors were doing—by inducing persons to enter the lands and transfer title to the lumbermen or the men representing the lumber companies.

Long before the investigation began at Portland it was commonly understood that McKinley was engaged in that sort of work; that he was talking men from La Crosse and the country around it to Portland to make dummy entries, and the matter was put before the La Crosse public in a manner to give him a reputation for being smart instead of criminal.

When McKinley was first arrested

he was the recipient of much sympathy and offers of assistance. He was still received by the best people and remained in the city. He was championed before the assembled company by a young business man who had recently inherited a fortune of \$200,000, as an honest man who was merely the victim of circumstances and would yet vindicate his name. That same young man, Haskell Withee, now holds forged certificates on 15,000 acres of land as the penalty for his own confidence in the man he championed.

Leonard Lottridge of West Salem, president of the La Crosse County bank, and a man of 60 years' experience in the banking business, was one of those who had believed in McKinley most liberal in supplying McKinley with funds and trusting to him to repay all loans either in cash or land. Another instance of his personal magnanimity was in inducing Professor E. J. Toland, president of the Wisconsin Business university, to accompany him west and testify in his behalf at his trial as a handwriting expert. Toland was paid for his expense and services in land certificates and is now wondering whether they are worth anything.

Mother Broken-Hearted.
McKinley's home is at West Salem, a village of 1,000 people and one of the most beautiful in Wisconsin. Near here on his father's extensive estates he was born and raised, at Salem he attended school and here, while quite young, he was married to Miss Mayme Edwards, a daughter of the town. When first went west he was considered one of the most promising young men in La Crosse county and with wealth and influence behind him, was predicted that he would make his mark in the world. But all is now changed at the McKinley home at Salem. The father, James McKinley, a lumberman and land owner for years, a leader in the Presbyterian church, died before his son's disgrace could become known to him. His wife, broken-hearted by the disclosures of her husband's relations with Miss Ware, United States commissioner at Eugene, still loved him so well as to permit him to obtain a divorce without opposition and to marry Marie Ware, that a possible witness against him at the trial exposing his guilt might be disposed of. At Salem, Wisconsin, it was firmly believed that the marriage with Miss Ware was for no other purpose. McKinley's brother and sister still live at Salem, his mother, now maturely aged by the trouble which has come upon her, but believing in her son in spite of all, is now living alone in the old home.

Horace McKinley's grandparents, William and Nancy McKinley, came from the same part of Ireland that President McKinley's grandfather emigrated from, and it is claimed that there is a distant relationship between the two families.

PUTER NOT IN EUREKA.

Relatives There Deny That He Is Visiting His Old Home.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Eureka, Cal., Dec. 22.—The report that S. A. D. Puter, charged with gigantic land frauds in Oregon, is in Eureka is without foundation. Relatives of Puter here say that they have no knowledge of his whereabouts. If Puter was here he would certainly have been recognized, as his early youth was spent in this city and he is known to hundreds of citizens. No reservation has been made for him on the steamer Alliance and no information is received that he will be here when the vessel sails next Saturday. Friends of Puter in view of recent developments are inclined to think that he has already left the country and will not appear for trial.

time Wednesday night, arousing the suspicions of the bartender. The officers were informed and about 20 minutes after the place was closed Prevost was seen inside. He had entered through a window. Chief of Police Stiles and Deputy Sheriff Harry Brown entered the saloon through a barber-shop, which is connected with the barroom by a door, and caught Prevost in the act of robbing the slot machine. At his examination before the justice of the peace yesterday he pleaded guilty and was bound over in the sum of \$500. He is unable to raise the bail and will stay in jail until circuit court convenes.

More Popular Each Year.

That practical gift-giving is becoming more popular each year is forcefully exemplified by the enormous sale of costly pianos, pianola pianos, Orchestrelles and organs, at Eilers Piano House this year, which is the largest in the history of the house.

Only two days more. To make matters specially interesting during the special holiday display, four special high-grade pianos, regularly retailed for \$400, are to be sold at less than half—\$220, \$5 down and \$8 a month. Store open evenings. Eilers Piano House, 321 Washington street, corner Park.

Do Not Forget.

Calef Bros., in the low-rent district. Holiday furniture at greatly reduced prices. 264-6-8 East Morrison street.

HEAVY DAMAGES ASKED BY PORTLAND WIDOW

(Journal Special Service.)
San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The widow of L. H. Buddemer, the Portland plumber who was killed by a fall from the bleachers while attending the game between California and Stanford in October, 1904, has presented a claim for heavy damages to the state university authorities, and will bring suit to force payment. Buddemer occupied an unusual portion of the bleachers and the fall resulted in fracturing the spinal column, which caused death.

BIDDERS AT KLAMATH LOOKING OVER GROUND

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Klamath Falls, Dec. 22.—With the object of clearing up all preliminaries and arranging for the payment of all obligations against the government in connection with the Klamath irrigation project, Supervising Engineer J. B. Lippincott, for the reclamation service in California and also having charge of the Klamath project, has arrived here. A dozen prospective bidders are here looking over the ground with a view to making bids on the tunnel work and first nine miles of the project. These bids will be opened in San Francisco December 23.

EUGENE MAN ARRESTED ON BURGLARY CHARGE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., Dec. 22.—Joseph Prevost, a painter, was caught trying to rob Clem Hode's saloon in this city early yesterday morning and he is now in the county jail awaiting trial in the circuit court next March.

Prevost was noticed prowling around the rear of the saloon before closing



Snapshot of Ingersoll Lockwood, formerly the attorney and confidant of Mrs. Todd, the wealthy old New York woman, who was mysteriously murdered.



McKinley's home is at West Salem, a village of 1,000 people and one of the most beautiful in Wisconsin.

ARE YOU WILLING TO BE CONVINCED POSITIVELY LAST DAY

SALE CLOSES ON SATURDAY AT MIDNIGHT

EVERYTHING MUST GO. WE HAVE MARKED THE GOODS AT PRICES THAT WILL MOVE THEM. COME TO THIS STORE—THE LAST DAY

—LIEBER & CO. GOES OUT OF BUSINESS SATURDAY NIGHT.

Clothing, Shoes and Furnishing Goods for Men and Boys at Your Own Price

A FEW BARGAINS IN OUR Boys' and Men's Furnishing Department.

- All Wool Merino Sox; other stores charge you 50c. Closing Price..... **11c**
- Ladies' Fancy Bordered Handkerchiefs. Closing Price..... **2½c**
- Men's Fancy Negligee Shirts—a pair of cuffs with each one; other stores charge you \$2. Closing Price..... **46c**
- Men's Linen Handkerchiefs. Closing Price..... **2c**
- Men's Heavy Suspenders. Closing Price..... **8c**
- Police and Firemen's Suspenders. Closing Price..... **18c**
- Boys' and Men's Caps. Closing Price..... **15c**
- Sanitary Fleece Lined Underwear. Closing Price..... **25c**
- Men's Heavy Fancy Sweaters, biggest bargain ever offered. Splendid Xmas gift. Closing Price..... **39c**
- Black and Tan Hose. Closing Price..... **5c**
- Men's Fancy Silk Sox; regular \$2.00 and \$1.50 kind. Closing Price..... **23c**
- Silk Initial Handkerchiefs. Closing Price..... **16c**
- Ladies' Hose. Closing Price..... **9c**
- Children's Heavy Stockings. Closing Price..... **11c**
- Children's Ribbed Underwear, shirts and drawers. Closing Price..... **9c**

Offering you such bargains at this time of the year when other merchants hold their prices because they know you are out to spend your money for Christmas gifts.

You will remember us as long as you live. We are your friends.

Extra Special
\$5.00 and \$4.00 Fancy Silk Vests, in light and dark colors. Closing Out Price, the last two days..... **\$1.10**

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THOUSANDS OF TOYS TO GIVE AWAY FREE OF CHARGE, COME AND GET ONE OF THEM. YOU WILL REMEMBER THE SALE AS LONG AS YOU LIVE, IF YOU COME VISIT US FRIDAY OR SATURDAY.

SOME BARGAINS IN MEN'S SUITS

WE WILL DIVIDE THESE INTO 3 TABLES

- BARGAIN TABLES NOS. 1 AND 2**—Choice of any of our handsome single or double breasted Men's and Youths' Suits, about 700 to choose from, consisting of chevots, Tibbets, fancy worsteds; suits we regularly sold for \$9, \$10 and \$12.50. Closing Out Price..... **\$4.13**
- BARGAIN TABLES NOS. 3 AND 4**—Choice of any of our Double Breasted and Single Breasted black clay, serges, imported worsteds, beautiful fancy chevots, guaranteed absolutely all wool or no sale and money refunded if not satisfied; regular price \$13.50, \$14.50 and \$16.50. Closing Out Price..... **\$6.73**
- BARGAIN TABLES NOS. 5 AND 6**—Choice of our best Suits for Men and Youths, made of the newest fabrics, up-to-date styles; suits we regularly sold for \$17.50, \$20 and \$25—about 1,000 in all to choose from. They must be got out of the house by Saturday night. Here's your chance. Come take your pick..... **\$8.53**

HERE'S SOME SLASHING IN OVERCOATS

- \$1.85** for the choice of our Boys' \$3.50 and \$4.50 Overcoats. Closing Price..... **\$1.85**
- \$2.45** for the choice of all our Boys' Overcoats; \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00 ones. Last two days of sale..... **\$2.45**
- \$3.75** for the choice of all our Kerseys, Fancy Paddock Coats, long with belt, beautiful designs. Come quick..... **\$3.75**
- \$4.55** for the choice of all our \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$15.00 Overcoats. Chance of a lifetime. They're yours..... **\$4.55**
- \$6.83** for the choice of our \$16.00 and \$17.50 Overcoats, thousands to choose from. Come take your pick; hurry up..... **\$6.83**
- \$8.86** for the choice of our \$19.00, \$20.00 and \$25.00 Overcoats. You can have these in all the latest styles, beautiful designs. Biggest bargains ever offered anywhere and at any sale, and they are yours, but come quick..... **\$8.86**

CRAVENETTES

Well, this is where we shine. Lieber has only got two days left, and you will have to hurry if you want one of our Cravenettes.

Genuine Cravenette, Guaranteed Water-Proof **\$6.03** at.....

This will make merchants of this city say, "Where do they get the goods," but we want to turn the stock into money, and every article you buy in this house Friday and Saturday we will lose money on, simply because we have got to turn them into cash. Our time is up.

SOME BARGAINS IN MEN'S PANTS

- Lot No. 1—Consisting of all our \$2 and \$2.50 Pants. Friday and Saturday's Price..... **89c**
- Lot No. 2—All of our \$2.75 and \$3.00 Pants, consisting of fancy worsteds and chevots. They are yours for Friday and Saturday..... **\$1.27**
- Lot No. 3—All of our \$3.25, \$3.50 and \$3.75 Pants. They are yours the last two days of the great sale..... **\$1.93**
- 500 Frock Suits. Closing Price..... **\$3.98**
- 250 Dozen Boys' Knee Pants. Closing Out Price..... **16c**

Visit our 2d Floor

Greatest Bargains Ever Offered in Christmas Offerings.

Solid Sterling Silver Trimmed Silk Suspenders, one in a box; other stores charge you \$2.50 to \$5.00. Closing Out Price..... **43c**

\$2.50 and \$1.50 Silk Neckties, one in a box. Come take your choice, but come quick, they will go fast..... **41c**

Silk Mufflers, 5,000 in all; they have got to go. Splendid Xmas gift. Your choice..... **19c**

SHOES On Second Floor

On our second floor you will find thousands upon thousands of pairs of Shoes. The prices will range like this:

\$2.50 Shoes. Closing Price..... **\$1.23**

\$3 and \$3.50 Shoes. Closing Price..... **\$1.68**

All nobby and up-to-date styles.

Thousands of Toys Given Away Free

The Entire Toy Department

Positively Last Day. Come—Goods at Your Own Prices. They Have Got to Go.

ALBANY COLLEGE ENDS A SUCCESSFUL TERM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Albany, Or., Dec. 22.—The first term of Albany college for the year closed last evening and has proved a great success in every way. The new faculty has enforced discipline and has brought in many new departures that have been of value to the school. It was announced to the students yesterday that one of their number had been dropped from the rolls for inattention to his work and it is rumored that several more will be refused admission at the beginning of the new term, after New Years, for the same reason.

The college is on a better footing financially and every other way than ever in its history, and the outlook for the future is very good.

Cured Paralysis.
W. F. Baily, P. O. True, Texas, writes: "My wife had been suffering five years with paralysis in her arm, when I was persuaded to use Ballard's Snow Lotion, which cured her all right. I have also used it for old sores, frostbiting and skin eruptions. It does the work." Woodard, Clarke & Co.

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In Mink, Sable, Ermine, Chinchilla, Beaver, Otter, Black Lynx, Fox, etc.
FUR COATS
In Alaska Sealskin, Otter, Beaver, Persian Lamb, etc.
FUR CAPS, FUR GLOVES, FUR RUGS AND ROBES
LEADING AND RELIABLE FURRIERS



TOY TOY SALE

ONLY ONE WEEK MORE

Entire stock of Toys must go. The largest toy store on the ground floor in the city. (Branch at 100 Sixth St., between Washington and Stark.)

Also Japanese and Chinese Curios, consisting of fine bronze, silver, cloisonne, new brass satsuma ware, decorated tea sets, embroidered kimonos, matting, etc.

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