

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Aug. 12 .- When the land traud case against Benson, Hyde, Diand and Schneider comes on next Jannary, the government will place on trial a man who for 30 years has defied all law and revelled in illegal transactions with impunity, if the allegations of the ecution be sustained. A long train of fraudulent acts has been charged to enson, beginning in 1875, and once he Benson, beginning in 1878, and once he has been under indictment and escaped. The charges to be laid in the January trial are for acts originating less than three years prior to the finding of the indictment two years ago, because all previous acts have been immuned by the statute of limitations. The facts to come in the January trial relate more or less to the incumbency of Binger Hermann as commissioner of the land office, and even the outlawed acts of Benson in large part came under the jurisdiction of Mr. Hermann as com-missioner.

#### son's First Arrest.

Banan's First Arest. John A. Banson, a wealthy real es-mass operator of San Francisco, was an rested in Washington in 1888 by order of secretary Hitchcock. It was the first move on the part of the interior depart-ment to bring to justice persons who had been violating the public land have of income years numerous arreats had been made by the department, but for some made by the department, but for some interest years numerous arreats had been interest years atometrous arreats had been made by the department, but for some interest years atometrous arreats had been made by the department, but for some interest years atometrous arreats had been interest years atometrous arreats had been made by the department, but for some interest years atometrous arreats had been interest years atometrous arreats had been interest years atometrous arreats had been interior department to act quick-the interior department to act quick-it is in Louisians and Mississippi where bribery has been attempted on or the interior department to act quick-it is in ordering the arrest of Benson, for into areas and northwestern states, as well as in Louisians, and Mississippi where bribery has been attempted to be ontoring the arrest of Benson, for in ordering the interior department to act quick-it is alleged bribe a former chief of division of the band offices and attempted to bribe oth-ing that on a previous occasion Benson. In ordering when he was wanted. In arrear of John A, Benson has been

### Career An Interesting One.

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Fortune Reaped by Fraudu-<br/>lant Practices Which<br/>Cannot Be Punished.oursed by Benson from Surveyors-Gen-<br/>eral Theodore Wagner and W.E. Brown<br/>from 1875 to 1886. During that period<br/>these amount of \$1,235,661. Benson<br/>from 1875 to 1886. During that period<br/>these amount of \$1,235,661. Benson<br/>from 1875 to 1886. During that period<br/>these amount of \$1,235,661. Benson<br/>from 1875 to 1886. During that period<br/>these amount of \$1,235,661. Benson<br/>therefore secured from Wagner 19 per<br/>these amount of \$1,235,661. Benson<br/>these amount of \$1,

in blank. Second—The appointment of some as-sistants as United States circuit court commissioners and notaries public to sign blank bonds, blank oaths and blank powers of attorney, without the appear-ance of the parties. For this purpose Benson, according to the reports of the special agents, kept in his effice the of-ficial scale of such court commissioners. which his confidential clerk attached fo the anywayor general's office. Third—The complete subjection of the surveyor-general and his assistants to the interents of the ring, in appointing Benson's men as deputy surveyors and in securing the approval of "dummy" contracts.

contracts. Fourth-The cooperation and assist-ance of the surveyor general in conceal-ing from the persons in whose names such contracts were taken all knowledge hereof

## Fortune Illegally Reaped

Thereor. **Portune Illegally Reaped.** Nearly \$200,000 was taken from the treasury on fraudulent contracts taken out in the names of men who had no knowledge until afterward that the con-tracts were in existence, as follows: In the name of H. E. Buckley, a cab driver, who did not know what is com-pass was, and who stated on his solemn oath that he 'never held a contract with the government, never knew that there was any money drawn in his name, and he is sure that he never received one sent of money from the government for surveying, \$20,652.27. In the name of Charles Sawyer, who when he applied in proper person to the surveyor general for appointment as a deputy, was not informed that he al-ready had been appointed and numerous contracts were in his name, \$7,134.15. In the name of John W. Flippatrick, who made affidavit that he "did not en-ter into that contract, or knew anything of it, nor did he ever receive the money, stated.T. In the name of Charles Holcomb, who, as above by official records, was never

38,524.71." In the name of Charles Holcomb, who, as shown by official records, was never appointed by either Wagner or Brown, a deputy surveyor, and who during six years of service as one of "Benson's deputies," never took an oath of office and did not know that there was a sin-gle contract in his name until nearly three years after the date of the first contract, and not until over \$42,000 had been paid out of the treasury in his name on accounts approved by Burveyor-General Brown, \$46.479.84. In the name of George W. Baker, 15 contracts, \$92,341.09. Bankers His Beneficiaries.

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Bankers His Beneficiaries. This large sum of money, \$174,152.06, was paid to the banks, bankers and cap-italists of San Francisco, who received from the United States treasury for John A. Benson the proceeds of these fraudulent contracts in the names of men who did not know that the con-tracts, with a single exception, were in existence. They, in their ignorance, signed blank papers at their employer's request, and on these papers the de-nands upon the treasury were forged. "Of the proceeds of the contracts, amounting to \$986,000," said Special Agent John A. Sibbald, in one of his re-ports to the commissioner of the gen-eral land office in Washington, "con-

to nim, that he might be enabled to act as a director. Among his creditors is J. Frank Wat-son, cashier of the Merchants' National bank of Portland, who is out \$7,050 by his asquaintance with the magnetic Boggess. Boggess promoted the Arizona Smelling and Mining scheme.



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he reports of the special agents show t Benson, in California, nominated men he wanted for deputy surveyors Surveyors-General Wagner and and Surveyors-General and Surveyors-General Wagner and Brown appointed them; he arranged with different persons to act as surveices for the deputies and such bonds invariably were signed in blank, to which the men were not required to make oath, the blanks being filled out by a pliable notary. According to law Benson could have no nart or interest in any contract notary. According to law Benson could have no part or interest in any contract not in his own name. The law, how-ever, was evaded by the conspirators with the aid of officials of the land office.

#### Scheme to Evade Laws.

The evidence in possession of the general land office shows that contracts to the amount of nearly \$1,000,000 in the state of California alone, were se-



Most everyone knows what it is to experience a spell of Stomach Trouble or Biliousness and thousands are uarding against, a return ttack by keeping a bottle the Bitters handy. It Indigestion. Costive-Cramps, Diarrhoea, eadache or Insomnia.

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to keep the proceeds of their frauds, but that the government shall pay them for surveys heretofors rejected by the gen-eral land office upon proof that they were flotitious and fraudulent, amount-ing according to various avitments from ing, according to various estimates, from \$250,000 to \$400,000. Part of to \$400,000. \$250,000 to \$400,000. Part of these bankers also furnished the bonds for Benson and his assistants when they were arrested under the indict-ments, and T believe it is as much the Part of duty of the government to make them pay back the money they have taken out of the treasury for Benson as it is to cute Benson under the

prosecute Benson under the indict-ments." During President Cleveland's admin-istration the Benson ring was investi-gated and the frauds exposed by an agent fient out by Secretary Laman. Special Agent Conrad procured evidence upon which Benson and a number of his associates were indicted. Thereupon the ring burned its papers and records and Benson field to Europe. Subsequently ment. was extradited and brought back

Benson was extradited and brought back for trial. Strong political influence was used in Benson's behalf and his trial was post-poned; Special Agent Conrad was dis-missed and Later Mr. Sibbald was sent to California to investigate. It is al-leged that the United States district at-torney did not prosecute the govern-ment's case with vigor, and that against the advice of Mr. Sibbald, the weakest case was tried first, the result being as he had predicted, acquittal. This, of course, helped Benson.

## An Abundant Earvest.

Benson

The harvest of the Benson ring, while it existed, was abundant. A paper, pur-porting to be a settlement between Benporting to be a settlement between Ben-son and one of his partners, James E. Woods, for surveys amounting to \$350.-000 received from Special Agent Conrad and stated to be in the handwriting of Woods, gives some interesting informa-tion not intended for the public. A copy is an oblight. is as follows: "Surveys made, amounting to \$350,000.

"Deduct expanses, vis.: "Charles O. Brown, attorney, \$17,500. "Office work on notes, \$6,000. "Lobbying congress, \$25,000. "Blackmallers, \$5,000."

"Interest on money, \$30,000. "Expenses field work, \$70,000

\*Balance, \$179,000. \*Divided equally gives to each \$89,500. \*Deduct J. E. Woods' personal ex-mase, \$31,000. "Balance due J. E. Woods, \$58,500." This shows that the profits of Benson and Woods on surveying contracts amounting to \$350,000 was about 51 per cent. At the same rate the profits on the total amount of the contract (\$989,-000) secured by the ring in California under Surveyors-General Wagner and Brown would amount to over \$500,000.

May Die of Horse's Kick. Walls Walls, Wash., Aug. 13 .-- While grooming his horse, Tommy Issit, a 15-year-old boy, was kicked in the chest yesterday afternoon and dangerously in-jured. The boy was found unconscious near a road leading by his place and taken to the Wala Walla hospital. He unfare from Severe internal injuries.

## OFFERS TO SEAL

(Continued from Page One.) Thomas whined that he did not have his clothes or even a towel on which to dry his face, but the only satisfac-tion he received was a statement from his wife that she would give him his wearing apparel. Realizing the futility of endeavoring to conciliate his spouse, Thomas through his attorney walved a preliminary examination and was bound to the grand jury in the sum of

#### Twisted Wife's Nose.

The defendant, who is employed on the Twenty-third street line as a con-ductor, recently became so enraged at the action of his wife in arousing him from a drunken stupor in order for him to report for duty on time that he brutally twisted her nose and pulled brutally twisted her nose and pulled her hair, in addition to other mistreat-Mrs. Thomas' nose was badly lacer-

Mrs. Thomas' nose was badly lacer-ated and her body bruised by her hus-band's violousness and he was only pre-vented from doing further injury by the arrival of neighbors. The couple live on Thurman near Twenty-sixth street, and have two children. If found guilty in the upper court the streetcarman may go to the whipping post.

## MASSACHUSETTS DAY AT JAMESTOWN FAIR

(Journal Special Service.) Norfolk, Va., Aug. 13.—The Old Bay state and the Old Dominion, through their chief executive and other repre-sentative citizens, exchanged salutations sentative citizens, exchanged salutations at the Jamestown exposition today. It was Massachusetts day on the exposi-tion calendar, and a large and influen-tial delegation from Massachusetts, headed by Governor Curtis Guild, was on hand to celebrate the occasion. Formal exercises were held in the Audi-torium, with addresses by the gover-nors of Massachusetts and Virginia. President Tucker of the exposition and

hors of Massachusetts and Virginia. President Tucker of the exposition and Colonel Livermore, president of the Massachusetts commission. Open house was kept all day at the Massachusetts building, which is a reproduction of the historic old statehouse in Bostog.

No matter how hot the day, on

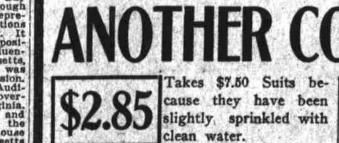
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FOOD

"There's a Reason"

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# Frantic! Frenzied! Furious! The Above Explains the Mental Con-

# dition of the Multitudes Who Beseiged the Hub Yesterday

And right here we want to tell you something, good people. There is no need of working yourselves into a state of anxiety because you are not waited upon the moment you come into the storeyou'll all get your share if you have a little patience; the stock is not limited; the Metropolitan Clothing Co. purchase is a matter of \$150,000 worth of Clothing.

**36 Cases More Arrived** Yesterday

On opening them we were a little disappointed, as some of the goods were slightly damaged-not sufficiently to be considered damaged by most stores-but when we find goods this way we are honest enough to admit it and allow for it with



