

QUAD CITY PROPERTY

Mayor Lane Alleges Inman-Poulsen Lumber Company Is Attempting to Squat on Valuable Municipal Real Estate.

Another attempt on the part of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber company to grab city property worth more than \$50,000 for the use of the large mill on the east side of the river has been nipped in the bud by Mayor Lane who has addressed a communication to the city council warning the members against granting the lumber company's petition for the vacation of certain property. The petition will come up for consideration at Wednesday's meeting.

The company asks for the vacation of portions of East First, East Second, East Third, East Sherman, East Lincoln, East Grant, East Caruthers, and Division streets. The area of the property which the company desires to gobble up for private use equals 82 city lots valued at \$100,000. The streets terminate in the river and would undoubtedly be of great value in the future to the city as an entrance to the harbor.

In addition to calling the council's attention to the vacation of the streets, Mayor Lane points out in his communication that the company has been using unimproved and without the consent of the city a number of city streets which have been erected part of the company's mill plant. Mayor Lane suggests that the council require the lumber company to pay for the use of the property and to enter into a contract with the firm for the future use of the property as a harbor. Mayor Lane's communication follows:

Council Is Warned.
"At the meeting of the city council which is to be held on January 22, 1908, your honorable body will have under consideration a petition for the vacation of certain portions of city streets upon the east side of the river. The vacations which are asked for are as follows: a portion each of East First street, East Second street, East Third street, East Sherman street, East Lincoln street, East Grant street, East Caruthers street and Division street. The petitioner for such vacations is a well-known firm engaged in the manufacture of lumber.
"In relation to the matter of these vacations I would respectfully call your attention to certain facts pertaining to them, which in my opinion, are worthy of your serious consideration.
"The importance which attaches to this transaction will be realized when it is noted that the vacation of the streets in the aggregate to 412,500 square feet of land, the equivalent of 100 city lots, having a market value of perhaps not more than 1,000 a lot, making a total valuation of, say, \$25,000 at a low estimate.

Specials Require Bank.
"It may also be urged that each of these streets terminates in the river and affords a means of access to the city's harbor which adds greatly to their value as holdings in addition to their ordinary value as realty.

"All other property situated upon these streets is of great value and for all time to come be cut off from an outlet to the harbor and necessarily will suffer loss of value should these vacations be made.
"Such being the case then I would suggest that if it is considered to be desirable for the city to part with these streets and necessary for the petitioners to secure to themselves the exclusive use of them for certain definite periods of time, in return for which privilege they be required to pay to the city a just and reasonable sum each year for the use of the same.

Deny Application If Necessary.
"I hope that it will not be considered presumptuous if I further suggest that, inasmuch as the petitioners have had the unrestricted and sole use of this property for a number of years, it will be no more than fair to require that they pay to the city the rental value of the lands (estimated upon a just basis) for the period of time in which they have used them, whether these vacations be made or not.
"In conclusion I would say that if it cannot be shown that the vacations of these streets are to prove of permanent benefit to the city, regardless of any advantages which may accrue to the petitioners from such vacations, the applications should be denied.

"In the name of the city of Portland, Oregon, I do hereby protest against the vacation of the streets herein named by and sought for by these petitioners.

Indiana Sportsman.
From the Indianapolis News.
Simon Floyd, living northwest of this city, yesterday killed eight geese with two shots. The geese settled down in a field where cattle are fed and by a report from a hunter Floyd succeeded in approaching close.
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AFTER HALL, THE PEOPLE, THEN WHO? THE SYSTEM?

Trend of Events Points to Present Trial as Last of Land Fraud Prosecutions—Heny and Hunt Both to Leave.

John H. Hall, now on trial in the federal court for conspiracy to fence the government lands in the semicircle in the story of the Oregon land frauds. Who will pose as the period is a matter of mystery.

When Judge Hunt leaves Portland at the close of the Hall trial he will not return to Portland for any of the other cases yet pending, according to Circuit Judge Gilbert, but the remaining cases will go to trial if they are to be heard, before Judge Wolverton, the presiding judge of the Oregon district.

When the Hall trial is ended F. J. Heny will leave for his home at San Francisco and will not return to Portland for any of the unfinished trials. His place will be taken by Tracey C. Becker, recently appointed to take charge of the Oregon cases after Heny leaves. Becker is now an interested spectator at the Hall trial, absorbing the procedure of the Oregon courts preparatory to beginning his duties after Heny has gone.

Official statements from the department of justice at Washington say in effect that "it is the present understanding that all pending land fraud cases be 'cleaned up.' Just what the cleaning process is to consist of, however, is not made public.

When the land cases began, or at the time Judge Wolverton was appointed, it was tacitly understood that none of the land cases involving men intimately connected with Oregon politics should be heard by an Oregon judge. For that reason Judge De Haven and after him Judge Hunt were sent to Portland to hear the Mitchell, the Williamson, the Hall and the Mays cases.
There yet remain the Herrmann case the Booth case, the Brownell case and several others, involving Oregon politicians. The question therefore arises, has this former agreement been forgotten? Will Judge Wolverton hear these remaining cases involving politicians or will these cases ever come to trial?
No intimation has been given as to what is to be the end of the Stalwer, Hendricks, Zachary case, which has been left in the hands of the justice of the peace and Edwin Mays from the list of defendants and their trials alone. It is not believed that Brownell will ever be tried, and there is some doubt concerning the appearance of Binger Herrmann before the bar of Judge Wolverton's court.
It is the current belief therefore, that the Hall case is about the last of the Oregon land cases to come to actual trial. Some disposition of the remaining cases may be made by Mr. Becker, but whether this disposition will include a trial is the question that has not been answered. It is believed that the ledger will be balanced but the exact method of creating this equilibrium has not yet been made known by the government accountants and is the cause of much speculation.

WILLIE LOEB'S FOND DREAMS SHATTERED

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., Jan. 18.—The business ambitions of William Loeb Jr., secretary to President Roosevelt, were shattered today when he failed to be elected president of the Washington Railway & Electric company. He will remain at the White House.
Loeb was elected a director on a compromise proposition. When the directors attempted to elect officers they found there was a deadlock and Loeb found local capital back of another name. After several hours balloting Allen McDermott, former number one years president, was again placed at the head of the company.

WIFE OF ACTING CHINESE MINISTER.



Mrs. Chow, whose picture here appears, is the wife of the acting Chinese minister, who was presented at the New Year's reception at the White House and was the first Chinese woman to be formally presented to the president of the United States.

THE PEOPLE, THE SYSTEM?

Thomas W. Lawson Makes Frenzied Reply to Question as to His Expressions Regarding Question Put by Old Friend.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Jan. 18.—Thomas W. Lawson of Boston, famous for his frenzied fight against "The People," has at last thrown off the mask. In a letter to B. J. Ridgeway, explaining why he has abandoned his fight, he gives voice in somewhat different words to the famous old Vanderbilt motto: "The public be damned."

Mr. Lawson announced December 7 that he expected to be made president of Amalgamated and would let the public do its own reforming thereafter. Finally Mr. Ridgeway wrote to him expressing regret at Mr. Lawson's determination and stating that he hoped there was some mistake. Mr. Lawson replied in a long letter which will be printed soon that no mistake has been made; that he proposed to look out for himself now.

Following are a few of the quotations from his letters:
"You talk of what I owe the people. What do I owe to the gelatin-spined shrimps? What have the affronted blooded apes done for me or mine that I should halt any decisions to match their lightning changes, 10-above-10-below-zero, chameleon-hued loyalty?"
"The people, the very name has so sealed itself into my being, that heeding its every appearance, of late, are myriads of fantastically appeared throned monarchs, whose bold fronting of mirrors shields and savage circling of candy swords, make me almost die a laughing. Forgive me, dear Ridgeway, but the people, particularly the American people, are a joke—a system joke."

"CANAL-KNOCKER" HAS ANOTHER BIG HOWL

Washington, Jan. 18.—Estimates as to the ultimate cost of the Panama canal are growing daily. "You need not be surprised if it runs up to \$400,000,000," said Chief Engineer Goethals today to the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals.
Goethals had been asked whether he would go on record as predicting the total cost would not exceed \$300,000,000. "No, sir," he said. "My estimate of \$250,000,000 above payments to the French company and Panama was based on accurate information as to the feasibility of excavation, concrete to be laid, etc., but was a guess as to other cost."
It is suggested \$400,000,000. Colonel Goethals said he had in mind possible accidents and unforeseen drawbacks. "Without them the total cost should not exceed \$200,000,000."
Incidentally Colonel Goethals let out the secret that the navy department expects to make battleships authorized by the present congress of 100 feet beam. It was at the instance of the navy department that an increase in the width of locks from 100 to 110 feet was decided upon.

No Gossip in This Kansas Town

From the Baltimore American.
"The little town of Merriam, in my state," said David C. Banks, of Topeka, Kansas, "has entered on an experiment that students of sociology all over the land will do well to watch.
"The city council of Merriam has passed an ordinance making it a finable offense for any person of adult years to retail gossip or tittle-tattle that could be construed as reflecting injuriously on any inhabitant of the village."
"So far as I have been able to learn nobody has been arrested as yet for talking about his neighbor, but it is said that already the denizens of Merriam are cultivating a conservatism in their speech hitherto unknown."

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BIG FRAUD MAY BE UNEARTHED

Three Men Arrested on Suspicion of Framing Up Bunko Game.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Jan. 18.—Acting at the request of Washington, District of Columbia, police headquarters, detectives tonight arrested three men, all well known, and they are now held on a charge of "suspicion."
It is alleged by the police that the men were parties to a scheme to defraud the Hamilton Bank Note company and the Washington Electric Railway company. The men under arrest are Richard Wamsor, a stock broker; George Hess, who says he is a special agent and investigator, and has recently been employed in connection with the railroad tickets at a big reduction for cash. The police allege that following this Todler returned to New York and shipped an express package to himself in Washington. When examined, it contained \$1,000 in street railway tickets. Todler claimed the money today and as soon as he received for it was arrested.

The Washington police then telephoned New York and asked for the arrest of the men taken into custody tonight. Detectives expect revelations when the men are arraigned.

NEW LIGHTSHIP TO MARK BLUNT'S REEF

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Jan. 18.—A small lightship, designed to mark Blunt's reef at the entrance to the Columbia river, in Oregon, will sail next week for the trip around the Horn. She has been built here at a cost of \$60,000 and will make the entire trip under her own sail and steam power. She will carry a crew of 20 men and the trip will take more than three months.

WALLA WALLA BOND BUYER IN PENDLETON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., Jan. 18.—W. A. Scott, representative of E. E. Rollins & Son of Chicago, has arrived in this city and is in conference with the city officials. He stated that his firm wished to purchase the city's bonds, or the greater part thereof, amounting to \$125,000.
He recently made the purchase of \$100,000 worth of city hall and fire bonds of Walla Walla. As his company seems desirous of purchasing the bonds the deal seems likely to go through.

55 RIDE THROUGH MYSTIC YORK RITE

Al Kader Temple Scene of Notable Ceremonial and a Banquet.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Al Kader temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, enjoyed last evening a ceremonial session which will be long remembered by every member and visitor who was present. The ceremonial took place in the auditorium of the new Masonic temple, with a seating capacity of about 1,500, and seats were almost at a premium.
There were about 55 candidates who had gone through the solemn initiations of the Scottish or York rite of Ancient Freemasonry and they all looked forward to initiation in the Arabic mysteries of the shrine where the joy of living receives a due consideration.

Illustrious Potentate, H. Mack, assisted by the Robbans, L. G. Clarke and William H. Galvani, High Priest and Prophet A. Thurman, and the other officers, called the meeting to order at about 6 o'clock and it was somewhat after 12 midnight when the ceremonial was brought to a close.
The following are the candidates who passed the Moslem test: William C. Bristol, C. J. Jackson, Y. D. Hensell, J. L. Page, F. E. Dunn, T. C. Hanford, J. T. Bovick, A. V. Green, W. B. Moore, J. Deans, J. Yates, J. O. Elrod, C. K. Cochran, W. M. Follman, L. Barnum, Robert Tucker, Jeff D. Billingsley, Ira James Mahon, L. Kroehne, William Graham, G. C. Callan, H. Hanson, C. H. Cannon, F. W. Frahl, B. F. Stevens, E. F. Saylor, J. W. Hatfield, W. Y. Masters, E. W. Fries, W. H. Egan, Philo Colbrook, Jr., J. H. Montemery, George J. Bircher, E. A. Beals, H. L. Heath, J. K. Locke, E. A. Snyder, R. B. Stanfield, A. Thomson, G. McCarthy, H. Berther, A. H. Lee, G. A. Clough, A. E. Voorhies, E. E. Porter, S. B. Barker, D. H. Preston, A. C. Callan, C. F. Hurley, William C. Washburn, W. A. Pomeroy, W. H. Young, F. W. Graves and G. W. Ibbotson.

The banquet served was a great success. Speeches were made by Past Potentate George H. Hill and Douglas W. Taylor, Potentate L. G. Clarke, E. S. Joslin, W. C. Bristol, R. Tucker, T. C. Hanford, E. G. Jones, Judge George and others.

What Audiences Believe.

Horace Goldin in Cassell's Magazine.
The light suddenly went out during one of my performances in Waterbury, Vermont, was in prospect. However, I shouted out: "Ladies and gentlemen, I am about to perform a most marvelous trick. I have here a lemon, but if you could see it, I am about to cut it in two and bring out of it an elephant!"
The audience settled down. Squash! I cut the lemon. "And now," I said, "the elephant has gone. It has walked off the stage. But of course you can't see it—but that doesn't matter."
Sure enough, there was heard a slow, shuffling sound quite appropriate, although it was made by the fat stage manager, who was shuffling across the boards in his slippers. The light returned, there was much applause and all was well. The next day a man stopped me in the street and said he considered that trick the most marvelous he had ever seen, and would I be giving it again that night? It's true!

Less Would Satisfy.

From the London World.
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OWLS ALL GATHER INTO ONE NEST

Differences Patched Up and Conclave Gives Joyful Farewell Hoot.

With the installation of officers and the formal adoption of the new constitution and ritual of the order, the Brotherhood of Owls annual grand nest conclave came to a close yesterday afternoon. The new officers for the grand lodge, elected at yesterday morning's session, were installed with all the ceremony demanded by the occasion. Gus C. Moser of Portland, being elevated to the position of grand executive.
By the adoption of a new constitution and ritual making the positions of the grand officers of the Brotherhood of Owls elective instead of permanent a serious split in the ranks of the order was averted.
Several delegations of the Owls came to the Portland conclave determined to make a fight on the continuation of Grand Executive H. L. Leavitt and

Grand Secretary C. B. Wood, both of Seattle, in office. Charged with an ugly nature, insinuating that the funds of the organization had been carelessly handled during the past year were made by several of the delegates, who declared they would oppose any effort to continue the former grand officers in their positions.

An auditing committee was appointed the first day of the convention, which went over the books of the Brotherhood carefully and found, it is said, discrepancies between the report of the grand secretary and the books of the order.

Secretary Wood explained that they were due to a mistake in making entries in the books of the order. The next convention will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, in June, 1909.

No Common Ground.
From the Washington Star.
The man who disagrees with the president would be more formidable in their antagonism if there were a prospect of these agreeing with one another.