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# SHERMAN CHARGED WITH LAND PLOT

## N. Y. WORLD CHARGES IMPLICATE CANDIDATE

### Edmund Burke Threatened Suit Against Stevens and Puter for Libel Involved in Sensation—Ex-Senator Patterson of Colorado Blocks Taft's Running Mate.

The New York World has brought James S. Sherman into the limelight as party to a scheme to secure valuable timber lands in New Mexico by an act of congress, which, if it had passed, would have given the promoters property of great value for little or nothing.

One of the men mentioned in connection with having let slip the information is Edmund Burke, an attorney of Los Angeles. The World alleges Burke made certain statements relative to the deal in the presence of former United States Senator Patterson of Colorado, ex-Governor Osborne of Wyoming, and an attorney named Thomas.

Burke, who is the man who threatened Horace Stevens of this city with libel for certain statements accredited to Stevens and S. A. D. Puter in the latter's book on land frauds, has given the United Press a denial of his particular connection with the Sherman scandal. Burke's statement, however, makes certain admissions that would seem to show that the World has hewn very closely to the line.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Oct. 26.—The World this morning prints a story to the effect that James S. Sherman, Republican nominee for vice-president, was connected with a scheme to secure valuable timber lands in New Mexico for almost nothing through an act of congress in 1902. The World says the story was dictated to a representative of the paper by Edmund Burke, an attorney of Los Angeles, who was a partner of Sherman at the time. The story is said to have been dictated in the presence of Thomas S. Patterson, former United States senator from Colorado, ex-Governor Osborne of Wyoming and W. J. Thomas, an attorney representing Burke. The World says:

The facts as set forth in the statement are in brief as follows: That in 1901 James S. Sherman, now the Republican candidate for vice-president; E. L. Phillip, a legislative agent for the brewery interests of Milwaukee; Henry Casson, the sergeant-at-arms of the present house of representatives, and Mr. Burke formed a company known as the New Mexico Lumber and Development company.

That the articles of incorporation were filed in the territory of Arizona in order, according to Mr. Burke, "to secure secrecy."

That Mr. Burke went to New Mexico, and "made the necessary arrangements" giving General Bartlett of that territory \$500 in cash; to A. A. Kerr, superintendent of lands, a draft on a Philadelphia bank of \$500 and to Governor Otero of New Mexico a draft for \$5,000, which went through the Bank of Pueblo, Colo.

These officials constitute the land board of the territory. That the land board in return gave to the New Mexico Lumber and Development company an option on an extensive tract of land embracing more than 150,000 acres at a price of \$3 an acre.

Eastern Shovelings as Dummies. That the land board of the territory printed for the company several thousand applications addressed to the land board, each asking for a grant of 160 acres, the limit allowed an individual, and on the back of these applications was printed a power of attorney to the New Mexico Lumber and Development company by which the applicant appointed the territory its agent. These applications were to be signed, according to Mr. Burke, by divers men working in the breweries of Milwaukee, and then turned over to the New Mexico Lumber and Development company.

That the officers of the New Mexico Lumber and Development company finally decided that the scheme of using dummy entries was too dangerous, and on the advice of United States Senator Spooner, whom they consulted, decided to abandon their original plan and seek legislative authority to profit at the expense of the government.

That Mr. Sherman, then a member of congress and chairman of the committee on Indian affairs, prepared and introduced a bill No. 11,062, to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the grants of lands in the territory of New Mexico and for other purposes."

That this bill passed the house of representatives and was sent to the senate. On reaching the senate the bill was amended and the minimum price of \$4 placed on the land, but permitting the territory to sell in blocks of 25,000 acres to any one individual or

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## OSBORNE ON SHERMAN STORY

### Burke Employed Osborne's Stenographer, in Osborne's Office, and Handed His Statement to Osborne, Who Gives Out What Was Told in Burke's Story.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Denver, Colo., Oct. 25.—Ex-Governor Osborne of Wyoming today gave out a strongly confirmatory statement regarding the New York World's story in which the participation of James S. Sherman, Republican candidate for vice-president, in attempted public land frauds in New Mexico is alleged and set forth in detail. Mr. Osborne said:

"Mr. Burke is a very large, fine looking man. I had never seen him before, but was acquainted with ex-Judge Thomas, his attorney, who introduced him here in Democratic headquarters a week ago yesterday. He said he desired to draw up some affidavits and asked for the use of my stenographer. After they had completed their dictation the statements Mr. Burke had made were given to me to read. In addition I was shown the original of the Sherman letter referred to in the story printed in The World today.

"The preliminary plans of the company for securing the New Mexico lands were made by Buffalo, N. Y., hotel keeper Mr. McKimley was associated. Mr. Sherman, according to Burke, was there with the others he names as officers of the company.

back up all his statements I am convinced that he was told the truth. Now that the matter has been made public I imagine it will create a considerable sensation."

"Mr. Burke told me that he was compelled to go to Europe and remain there a year to avoid testifying against Mr. Sherman and others, a short time after the United States senate killed the proposed timber land act.

"The passage of the bill would have meant a great profit to the company. It seems that the government land office was about to prosecute the company officers for the steps they had taken toward securing dummy entries from Milwaukee."

"The New Mexican Land and Development company, in November, 1901, secured an option on 15,000 acres of timber land in New Mexico. If an acre, which embraced every acre of timber land in the territory, is shown by the records in the office of the territorial land commissioner, the option was secured by Edmund Burke of Los Angeles, the company's attorney, who appeared before the board November 15, 1901.



Samuel Gompers, Who Has Answered President Roosevelt's Letter Relative to Injunctions.

## DEAD AT THE MOUNTAIN TOP

### Cause of Well Known Eugene Boy's Sudden Death Not Known.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Engene, Or., Oct. 25.—A telephone message was received here last evening from Lowell, 39 miles east of Eugene, stating that Earl Dodd, 23 years old, who was employed on A. R. Black's Waldo lake reservoir, over 100 miles east of here, at the summit of the Cascade mountains, was found dead Saturday morning, not far from camp. The messenger who rode all day Saturday and Sunday to telephone to the coroner gave no particulars over the phone, except that the young man had gone out hunting. It is presumed that he either shot himself accidentally or that he died suddenly from heart trouble. Corporal Gordon sent instructions to Lowell to have the body brought out at once.

Young Dodd was employed with four other men at work on the reservoir during the fall and was to have come out in a few days, the snow making it almost impossible to do anything further this year. The snow is over three feet deep at the lake at the present time. Dodd was a member of one of the best-known families of the county and was a student at the Eugene High school last year. He was a grandson of Captain C. J. Dodd, of Springfield, one of the most prominent veterans of the civil war in Lane county.

## CRAZY MAN; ROPE; BOX; KICK; DEATH

### Dotard, Thief Chaser and Dynamiter a Spectacular Suicide.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Diego, Cal., Oct. 25.—After costing the government thousands of dollars spent in running down imaginary criminals, Allen H. Binns, the aged man who was arrested September 20 on the charge of attempting to dynamite the home of Health Officer Mead, committed suicide by hanging himself today.

After Binns' confession that he left the dynamite on Mead's porch, insanity proceedings were instituted against him. Upon the promise of friends to care for him, Binns, who was 72 years of age, was released from prison, pending the decision of the insanity commission.

Early today Binns wrote and posted a number of letters telling of his intended suicide, then returned to his rooms and killed himself. He mounted a box, tied a clothes line about his neck and kicked away the box.

Three hours later his body was found by the police, who had been notified by the friends to whom Binns had sent letters.

## PLANT IN TOW TO BAY CITY

### Coos Bay-San Francisco Boat Rendered Helpless by Saturday's Accident.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

## RESIGN FROM BOARD OF TRADE

### President Townsend and Secretary Muller Ask to Be Relieved—Culmination of Dissension Which May Result in Disintegration.

T. S. Townsend, president, and Fred Muller, secretary, of the board of trade, have tendered their resignations, to take effect at once. The resignations are in the hands of the first vice-president, A. B. Steinbach, and there will probably be a meeting of the directors this evening to act upon them. These resignations come as the culmination of a storm which has been brewing for some little time and there are rumors to the effect that they are the first step toward what may be a disintegration of the organization. Both President Townsend and Secretary Muller said this morning that they had tendered their resignations, but refused to make any further statement or to make public the reasons for their action.

It is generally understood that the decision of the Merchants' Exchange to establish on the ground floor of the Board of Trade building a cash grain market is the cause of the trouble, a number of members of the board of trade being also subscribers of the Merchants' Exchange, and being back of the new move on the part of the latter organization.

The president and secretary of the board of trade, while they will not make the statement for themselves, are understood to have charged certain members of the organization with bad faith. The resignations are evidently a test of strength between two factions. There is a good deal of bad feeling, and it is said to be possible that the board of trade will go out of business.

When President Townsend was asked this morning whether or not his resignation meant that the board of trade was going to meet, he said: "Not necessarily." But he would give out nothing further, saying that he did not wish to talk until after the meeting of the directors held on his resignation.

Secretary Fred Muller also admitted that he had tendered his resignation, but refused to make any statement as to the reasons for his action. He said he would prepare a statement after the meeting of the directors had acted on his resignation.

Mr. Steinbach also refused to discuss the matter until after he had conferred with Second Vice-President D. (Continued on Page Three.)

## HERALD MAKES POOR GUESS

### Claims Counties for Taft That Are Sure to Go for Bryan.

New York, Oct. 25.—The following statement was issued last evening by the Democratic national committee:

"The Democratic national committee is more confident that ever of Mr. Bryan's election. The forecast in the New York Herald Sunday giving New York to Taft by 80,000 majority and giving Hughes 5,500 majority, is wide of the mark. In its estimate it gives Taft 80,000 majority in Erie county, whereas that county will go for Bryan. Instead of the 73,000 majority given to Mr. Bryan in New York county he will receive much over 100,000.

"Chemung county is given to Taft, according to the New York Herald, by a six majority, whereas it will go for Bryan. The Herald estimates from other counties in the state are also incorrect. It shows that the Herald correspondents have not felt the tremendous trend in favor of Mr. Bryan that is evident to impartial observers all over the state.

"In the 1904 election, 1,522,543 votes were cast in New York. With a vote this year of nearly 2,000,000, an estimate of 80,000 majority shows that the Democrats have made immense mistakes in estimating the majority in 1904. If the Herald sees a change of 80,000 to Bryan today, it will find that it will be enough to give Bryan the electoral vote of New York."

## GOMPERS SAYS ROOSEVELT MADE ATTACK ON LABOR

(Continued from Telegram) Caffe, Ohio, Oct. 14.—W. H. Taft's special train was derailed again today. This is the second accident to Mr. Taft's train in two days.



## Coming Events Cast Their Shadows, Etc.

### KISSING BUG IN WAKE OF FLEET

#### Anxious Jap Journalist Wonders If It Is in Nippon to Stay.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tokio, Japan, Oct. 25.—The visit of the American sailors of the battleship fleet to the shores of Nippon has called forth from the Japanese various complimentary comments regarding their behavior. A Japanese daily discusses gravely a new feature of occidental life brought vividly before the observing oriental eye under a caption, "Why we do not kiss."

"Kissing, as an expression of affection, has been hitherto unknown," says the writer. "Possibly because it has never occurred to the Japanese any more than the custom of robbing noses as a manner of salutation has occurred to Americans."

"In the Japanese language there is no verb to 'kiss' and no word that signifies the action. After the advent of this kissing bug, as it is called in the United States, we must borrow a Chinese character in writing the word, which conveys the meaning to touch the lips. Already our children are adopting certain customs of the visitors from these shores and we wonder greatly if they will allow themselves to be inoculated with the 'kissing bug.'"

### TRANSCONTINENTAL IN MEXICO COMPLETED

(United Press Leased Wire.)

City of Mexico, Oct. 25.—Plans are being made for the formal dedication of the Texas-Mexican extension of the Mexican Central railroad, the last spike of which was driven late Saturday. President Diaz will officiate at the dedication. This extension marks the completion of the first transcontinental railway in Mexico, not counting the line which spans the isthmus of Tehuantepec.

### EVERYBODY DECLARES HATFIELD NOT DUNHAM

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Jose, Cal., Oct. 25.—Hundreds of people thronged the county jail today to see William M. Hatfield, brought here from Texas, on suspicion of being James C. Dunham, the Campbell murderer. All were unanimous in declaring that Hatfield is not Dunham, and the prisoner will probably be released in a few days.

### MAKES REPLY TO KNOX LETTER

#### Washington, Oct. 25.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today issued a formal reply to President Roosevelt's letter to Senator Knox of Pennsylvania in regard to the attitude of labor in the presidential campaign.

"The reply will be published in the Federationist and will be circulated as a campaign document. Gompers says:

"President Roosevelt made Taft the candidate of his party. Seeing that the labor vote now is aroused and the toilers cannot be cajoled, he has become desperate, and in anger, by the worst exhibition of demagogism, tries to instill into employers the fear that prosperity will be endangered if a square deal is accorded the workers.

"It is an exhibition of impotent rage and an awful descent from the dignity of high office. "None but himself will be deceived. "Roosevelt has thrust himself into (Continued on Page Three.)

### BALBOA YIELDS TO BOLD PIZARRO

#### Comes in Out of the Wet Pacific and Is Off to Spain in Chains.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—The name of the Spanish discoverer Balboa is inscribed on the police blotter of the park station today, and a pretender to the title is in the city prison awaiting release from his sovereign, the king of Spain.

"Balboa's" modern name is Stan Horstay, a mechanic, who astonished several hundred people in Golden Gate park yesterday afternoon by wading into Spreckels lake and announcing that all shore washed by its waves henceforth belonged to the king of Spain. A mounted policeman in his hand a long stick to which was attached a bandana handkerchief. The standard he planted in the cory bottom of the lake.

A mounted policeman finally coaxed "Balboa" from the pond by misrepresenting himself as "Pizarro" and the half-submerged "Balboa" came ashore to greet his companion in arms. "Balboa," like another celebrated discoverer, was "sent back to Spain in chains."

### ENGLISH BUTLER A JEWEL THIEF

#### This the Police Theory to Account for Mrs. E. G. Hopper's Loss of Gems.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—Information regarding the whereabouts of George Metcalf, an English butler, said to be possessed of a fashionable accent and to have \$5,000 worth of jewels belonging to Mrs. E. G. Hopper of this city, would be heartily received by the police. The reported servant disappeared yesterday and simultaneously three precious stones and a ring made by Tiffany also vanished.

A detailed description of Tiffany's present and the missing items was placed in police headquarters and the plain clothes men are working hard to cover the trail. The butler was seen by John Barrett as a waiter at the Blue Room at the Hotel de Ville, San Francisco, and it is believed that he will be traced to California.

### KEEP THE MONEY AT HOME

"Demand Oregon-made goods and accept no substitute, and our state will take its place among the great manufacturing centers of the country," said Fred Jenning, president of the Portland Furniture Manufacturing Company. "If the people of Oregon would only appreciate the importance of this stand, the manufacturers of this state would be compelled to double their capacity, and in so doing double their pay-roll. Under those conditions the vast amount of money which goes into eastern coffers would remain in our midst, and the banker, business man and wage-earner would all participate in its benefits."