

W. D. Fenton Opens Argument on Demurrer in Federal Court for Southern Pacific Over Holdings of Valuable Lands in Southern Oregon

Edward H. Harriman and his associates through their attorneys W. D. Fenton of Portland and F. P. Dunne and W. H. R. King, Jr. of San Francisco, are trying today in the United States court to retain ownership of some \$40,000,000 worth of valuable timber and land in the Southern Pacific National Forest of the United States...

In addition to these attorneys are a number of other lawyers representing some 1000 claimants, all of whom contend that they are either actual settlers or actual applicants for land held by the Southern Pacific under the terms of the grant...

The court today began hearing arguments on the demurrer in support of the government. The government is contending that Congress when it passed the grant of more than 3,000,000 acres of land to the railroad company which would constitute the company's grant to the railroad company in California stipulated that the company should not acquire title to the land...

It is upon this ground that Judge Fenton is arguing today. He will be followed by his associate, F. P. Dunne, who has been sent to Portland by the attorney general to aid in the defense. The government attorneys will then make their arguments in support of their bill of complaint after which the other interested attorneys will present their arguments...

While Detective Hyde was in Spokane Saturday evening soon after Arthur Rycroft, who was arrested for larceny on complaint of the Portland police, was taken to a man with the name as his own...

Walking into the store of the second Hyde, who is a manufacturing jeweler, the detective displayed his warrant and said he had a warrant for the jeweler's arrest. The jeweler indignantly declared that there was nothing of the kind...

Over the protest of the defendant's attorneys, W. E. Douglas went to trial before Judge Johnson in the municipal court this morning for the second time on the charge of embezzling from the Third Detective Agency while employed by them as cashier and bookkeeper...

Police Court Fines \$3613. The receipts of the municipal court for February were \$3613, the largest amount since July, 1932. Fines imposed on Chinese gamblers constituted the largest part of the total.

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"Ben Hur" Company Also Claims Currency Found in the Postoffice

If John Henry Stevenson, counsel for V. C. Wells, the east side bank robbery suspect, can prove that the package of \$2500 in currency received through the mails by Charles Price, a poor plauter of Ogden, Utah, has no connection with the case, he may free his client...

About the time of the shipment of the package, probably from Salt Lake, the "Ben Hur" company, then playing in the Utah capital, is said to have had that same amount stolen from the treasury of the state...

The speaker contended that a statute of 1870 had been intended to forfeit all that portion of the grant which had not been sold by the company, but that now held by the company, had passed into its actual ownership to do with as it pleased...

Alleging that her husband, after suing her for divorce, came back to live with her, she has filed a petition for a decree nisi Friday without giving her attorney a chance to be heard...

Business men of Portland will assist members of the White Temple in caring for the 2000 guests that will come here on July 25 as delegates to the Northern Baptist convention...

After being closed seven months and practically rebuilt from top to bottom the Abington building, which was partially destroyed by fire last July, was thrown open to the public this morning...

The March grand jury was empaneled before Judge Gantenbein in the circuit court this morning. Instructions were given by Bailiff Burt to the jurors...

Health Officer Esther C. Pohl, in her monthly report to the city health department, says that 75 cases of measles have been reported since the beginning of the year...

Dr. S. R. Johnston, associate principal of Portland academy, who died Saturday in Florence, Italy.

Ernest Spillman, Young Employee of Wells, Fargo & Co., a Suicide

Ernest Spillman, an employee of Wells, Fargo & Co., went into the barn near his home, at 41 Davidson avenue, Mount Tabor, on Sunday night, and hanged himself around his neck, and the other end of the strap fast to a rafter and leaped from the hay loft to his death...

The body was discovered at 2 o'clock this morning. The young man was last seen alive at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, and from the condition of the body it is evident that life had been extinct some hours when the discovery was made...

Dr. Peacock will go on the stand for himself. Though still suffering from the wounds inflicted by Mrs. Longstaine, he is confident in the court room and confident of acquittal.

United States Inspectors Edwards and Fuller will investigate the collision of the steam schooners Olson & Mahoney and St. Helens with the Maclean and Burnside bridges...

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Market Inspector Sarah A. Evans has found a new field for her official activities. Mrs. Evans has been inspecting private kitchens at the request of the Women's Exchange, which buys some cooked foods...

Offers From Crematory Companies Are Filed With Health Board

Two bids for the collection and destruction of garbage were received at a meeting of the health board this morning. Both were for a 25 year franchise. But neither was accompanied by a certified check...

The Sanitary concern agrees to have a crematory in operation at some point in the city limits, inside of six months from the date of acceptance by the city of its franchise...

The company would remove garbage from the city streets and deposit it in the city dumps at a rate not to exceed that being paid to scavengers. The company would also be responsible for the collection of all garbage destroyed...

Berkeley, Cal., March 1.—Following the successful aerial balloon voyage of members of the San Francisco Aero club yesterday, members of the club are planning to invite balloonists and others interested in aeronautics on the Pacific coast to attend further sessions and experiments in the interest of the sport on the coast...

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