

## GOVERNMENT WILL SUE TO RECOVER VALUE OF OREGON LAND OBTAINED BY FRAUD

### DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS PLANNING SERIES OF DAMAGE SUITS

Expects Court to Decide Stat-  
ute of Limitations Does Not  
Operate Against Millionaire  
Offenders; Argue Monday.

### LAND WORTH MILLIONS STOLEN FROM UNCLE SAM

If Decision Is Favorable, Mc-  
Court's Campaign Will Show  
Up Many Back Numbers.

According to an announcement which  
he made officially today, United States  
District Attorney John McCourt is pav-  
ing the way for a series of damage  
suits to recover the value of government  
land in Oregon worth millions of  
dollars, which, during the last 25 years,  
has been obtained by fraud.

By reason of Mr. McCourt's plans,  
argument of motions in the action  
against C. A. Smith and other million-  
aire lumbermen of Minnesota, which  
will be heard Monday, has assumed  
enormous proportions of importance, for  
then the district attorney will take his  
first step against Oregon land fraud  
graffers. Monday's argument will be  
on a motion of the district attorney for  
an amendment to the bill of complaint  
against the C. A. Smith group, alleging  
the value of the timber on land which

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### SWITCHMEN ON 13 ROADS RETURN AT SLIGHT ADVANCE

Strikers Get an Increase of 3  
Cents an Hour East of Bill-  
ings, Mont., and 5 Cents an  
Hour West of That Point.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
St. Paul, Minn., April 13.—The strike  
of the switchmen on 13 railroads of the  
northwest has been declared off. Officially,  
President Hawley of the  
Switchmen today declared the men  
would go back "unconditionally."

The announcement was made after a  
count of the votes of the various locals  
on the proposition of returning to work.  
The decision to go back does not mean  
the failure of the strike, however, ac-  
cording to Hawley.

**Increase of Three Cents.**  
The switchmen have been granted an  
increase of three cents an hour, as recom-  
mended by the federal arbitration  
board. The strikers in Chicago, who  
agreed to remain at work pending arbi-  
tration, received this increase from  
February 10.

West of Billings, Mont., the increase  
amounts to five cents per hour.

The switchmen's strike is four  
months old. The switchmen in the Twin  
Cities were the first to go out and the  
heaviest loss was recorded there. It is  
estimated that the strike cost the rail-  
roads and shippers of the northwest  
several million dollars. The heaviest  
loss was in Minneapolis and St. Paul,  
where for several days traffic was al-  
most completely tied up, and where for  
a long time the railroads were unable to  
handle all the freight given them.

## TAFT'S NOTE ON ROOSEVELT MAKES NEW YORK WORLD ASK WHO IS PRESIDENT OF U. S.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
New York, April 13.—Declaring that  
Taft "degraded not only the chief magis-  
tracy, but the American people," by  
replying to a cablegram from Senator  
Carette, mayor of Porto Maurizio, who  
welcomed Roosevelt and then tele-  
graphed Taft and told him all about it,  
the New York World, which has con-  
sistently supported the Taft adminis-  
tration, bitterly assails Taft in its lead-  
ing editorial today for his action.

In reply to Carette's cable Taft wired  
the following reply, Monday, April 11:  
"Received your courteous telegram an-  
nouncing that Roosevelt has arrived  
and was received enthusiastically by  
the whole population and that the city  
was proud to welcome him. In reply I  
beg to assure you and all your country-  
men that the American people are very  
grateful for and greatly appreciate the  
reception the Italian people from the over-  
sight to the humblest subject, accorded  
our most distinguished citizen."

In commenting on the Taft message,  
the World's editorial says:

"When Taft was nominated as the  
Republican candidate for president, the

### Condon Repudiates Bowerman Faction



Jay Bowerman, whose candidates met defeat at Condon Monday, for the  
first time in eight years. Bowerman is a candidate for governor.  
Condon is his home town.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Condon, Or., April 13.—In the most  
closely contested election ever held in  
Condon, the Bowerman faction was de-  
feated Monday for the first time in  
eight years. Dr. J. F. Wood, indepen-  
dent, was elected mayor over Dr. J.  
W. Donnell, the Bowerman candidate,  
by a majority of 14 out of 115 votes  
cast. Only one Bowerman man, A. R.  
Scott, was elected to the council, and  
this was owing entirely to his personal  
popularity. The other two councilmen,  
Dr. B. E. Butler and J. W. Hise, were  
elected by the independents.

An amendment to the city charter  
authorizing a \$25,000 bond issue for

## NEW HAVEN JAIL IN FLAMES, FIREMEN DEAD, PRISONERS ARE SAVED

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
New Haven, Conn., April 13.—Fire  
Chief Fancher this afternoon reported  
six of his men to be missing and ex-  
pected the fear that they were all  
killed when the roof of the county jail  
collapsed in a fire which destroyed the  
building, several residences, and for a  
time threatened the business section of  
the city.

The missing men are:  
Captain Chapman,  
Lieutenant Doherty,  
Fireman Buckley, Cullum, McGrath  
and Mortell.

While some of the guards prevented

a jailbreak others rushed to the factory  
and after a hard fight with the terror-  
stricken inmates succeeded in saving  
them from death.

**Fire Gains.**  
When the fire department arrived the  
guards were still busy attempting to  
control the prisoners. An effort had  
been made to form a bucket brigade to  
fight the flames. The fire gained head-  
way rapidly and soon communicated to  
many of the jail outbuildings.

Shortly afterward the main building  
of the jail caught fire.

While the firemen were endeavoring  
to save the jail buildings the police,  
deputy sheriffs and militia arrived and  
took the prisoners in charge. This gave  
the firemen a free hand in fighting the  
blaze.

Firemen Vaughn, Huesey and Neal  
were burned, and it was reported prob-  
ably would die from their injuries.

Fireman Shugrue was trapped on the  
second floor of the main building and  
jumped, sustaining severe injuries.

Many firemen had narrow escapes.

The entire fire department of the  
city was called out and continued their  
efforts this afternoon to save the main  
buildings of the jail.

### Roof Collapsed.

The roof which collapsed fell upon  
the third floor and the firemen who  
are making were working on that floor  
at the time of the collapse.

In addition to those missing, four  
firemen are reported injured, three of  
them probably fatally.

Three hundred prisoners were taken  
from the jail by policemen and deputy  
sheriffs. The work of rescuing the  
prisoners hampered the fire department  
in fighting the flames. Every prisoner,  
however, is reported safe.

The prisoners are now under guard  
at the various police precincts of the  
city. A few are suffering from burns  
and those who were in the sick ward,  
from shock. None of the prisoners es-  
caped.

Twenty-five women prisoners are un-  
der guard of the militia at the local  
armory.

The fire is believed to have started  
from defective electric wiring in the  
chair factory of the prison. The chair  
factory was destroyed together with var-  
ious work shops and the building in  
which was housed the prison combus-  
tory department. When the fire broke  
out the prisoners became panic-stricken.  
Many of the prisoners were at  
work in the chair factory and some of  
them were trampled in a rush for the  
door.

### BANKER MOORE PLEADS GUILTY; FINE IMPOSED

Former President of Oregon  
Trust & Savings Bank Es-  
capes Further Prosecution  
Upon Payment of \$1000.

### TEN INDICTMENTS ORDERED DISMISSED

Immediately Subpoenaed as  
Witness for State in Case  
Against W. C. Morris.

Pleading guilty to one of the indict-  
ments charging him with receiving a  
deposit when he knew the Oregon Trust  
& Savings bank was insolvent, Walter  
H. Moore, the former president of the  
institution, was fined \$1000 in the cir-  
cuit court this morning.

In accordance with an agreement  
made with the state, District Attorney  
Cameron recommended that no jail sen-  
tence be imposed, and as soon as Judge  
Morrow had imposed the fine, all the  
other indictments against Moore, 10 in  
number, were dismissed. Before he left  
the courtroom Moore was served with a  
subpoena to appear as a witness for the  
state in the case of W. Cooper Morris,  
cashier of the Oregon Trust, who is to  
face a jury on May 3.

Although advising his client to plead  
guilty, Charles W. Fulton, attorney for  
Moore, in appealing to the court for a

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### CLAIM BODY OF SWOPE HAD BEEN TAMPERED WITH

Hyde's Attorneys Say They  
Have Evidence Showing  
Poison Was Injected in  
Dead Man's Veins.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Kansas City, Mo., April 13.—That  
the body of Colonel Thomas H. Swope,  
the Kansas City millionaire, was re-  
moved from its casket and filled with poison  
will be the principal defense of Dr. B.  
C. Hyde, charged with the murder of  
Colonel Swope. Attorneys for Dr. Hyde  
said today that they had discovered  
evidence tending to destroy three of  
the state's strongest links in the chain  
of circumstances that resulted in the  
charge against the physician.

The body of Colonel Swope lay in a  
vault at Forest Hill cemetery for sev-  
eral months during the winter and was  
not guarded.

**Body Tampered With.**  
The attorneys say they have dis-  
covered that the body of Colonel Swope  
was tampered with after it had been  
placed in the vault. They assert that  
there is unmistakable evidence that  
the body was removed from the casket  
for some purpose, presumably to inject  
poison into the veins.

The attorneys said that Harry Cooke,  
superintendent at the cemetery, told  
them that the key to the vault was ac-  
cessible to a number of men; that a  
number of persons he did not know were  
seen about the body and remained at  
the vault for as long as an hour at a  
time.

The casket, according to the attor-  
neys, had been unfastened and loosely  
refastened. Air had entered the coffin  
and the body had frozen. They said  
that the refastening of the casket was  
apparently done by inexperienced hands.

### COMET COMING ON AT RAPID RATE; TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPH AT LICK

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Lick Observatory, Mount Ham-  
ilton, Cal., April 13.—It is hoped  
that a good photograph of Hal-  
ley's comet may be obtained here  
within a week. The comet is now  
129,500,000 miles from the earth,  
and is approaching at a rate of  
2,400,000 miles per day.

A photograph of the sky  
wanderer was secured yesterday  
when the comet was approxi-  
mately 13,000,000 miles distant.  
Dr. H. D. Curtis, one of the as-  
tronomers here, made the ex-  
posure. The plate which was ob-  
tained was a remarkably clear  
one and a fair reproduction of  
the comet was secured. Prepara-  
tions are being made for the  
study of the comet on its nearer  
approach. It is becoming brighter  
as it recedes from the sun. It  
is expected that it will be visible  
in the naked eye within a week  
and a half.

The comet rose at 4:14 a. m.  
today, will rise at 4:16 a. m. to-  
morrow. Sun rose at 5:23 a. m.  
Comet's speed today, about 184,  
720 miles per hour.

## WEZLER MAY BE CAPTURED ANY MOMENT, SAY POLICE AND SHERIFF OF PIERCE



Charles E. Wezler, his mother, wife and two children, from a photograph taken at Fort Worth, Texas, in June, 1909.

### EMPEROR WILLIAM ASKS ROOSEVELT TO BRING FAMILY

German Ruler Lays Aside Red  
Tape and Writes Personal  
Letter, Urging All to Visit  
at the Palace.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Porto Maurizio, Italy, April 13.—Em-  
peror William of Germany today again  
demonstrated the high regard in which  
he holds former President Roosevelt  
by writing a personal letter urging that  
Mrs. Roosevelt, Kermit and Miss Ethel  
as well as the colonel, become guests  
at his palace for three days.

While it was expected that Mrs.  
Roosevelt would share with her hus-  
band the emperor's hospitality, the fact  
that the ruler laid aside official red  
tape and urged in a personal letter that  
the entire family should accept his hos-  
pitality is considered noteworthy.

**Start for Venice.**  
Roosevelt and Kermit started for  
Venice at 2:30 this afternoon. They  
will arrive there at 2 o'clock Thursday  
morning and 12 hours later will start  
for Vienna.

Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel will  
remain here until the colonel arrives  
in connection with that of Charles Wez-  
ler, the Portland advertising man, who  
killed his mother-in-law in Tacoma,  
was very much surprised yesterday when  
told of Wezler's crime. She had been  
contemplating going to Portland to open  
a manure shop at the suggestion of  
Wezler. "I wrote Mr. Wezler a few

**Routes for Visitors.**  
In addition to the posters, the mayor  
issued an official pronouncement set-  
ting forth four most distinguished fel-  
low citizens "is about to leave. The  
mayor expressed the honor felt by  
the city at the visit of Roosevelt and called  
upon the citizens to decorate the rail-  
way station with flowers. The resi-  
dents responded with good will, and the  
depot looked like a bridal altar. Roose-  
velt's carriage was pelted with roses  
while on its way from the villa of Miss  
Carette, where the Roosevelts sojourned,  
to the station. Hugo bouquets were  
presented Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss  
Ethel. All work in Porto Maurizio was  
suspended today until after the depart-  
ure of the Roosevelts.

### ANGRY MOB WOULD LYNCH MURDERER

Colored Man Shoots Sheriff at  
Meridian, Miss., and Flees  
to Cellar of Jail.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Meridian, Miss., April 13.—With a big  
mob of angry whites surrounding their  
refuge and crying for their lives, two  
negroes are barricaded in the cellar of  
the county jail here. Both are armed  
with revolvers.

Tom O'Neil, one of the negroes, shot  
and killed former Sheriff J. R. Temple  
this morning in a fight in the jail. The  
negroes then escaped to the cellar. As  
soon as the news of Temple's death be-  
came known, a mob formed in front of  
the jail building.

## CLUES ARE SCARCE, BUT AUTHORITIES CONFIDENT

### WOMAN'S DREAM PREVENTED HER PORTLAND VISIT

By Mrs. Florence Cameron.  
"I dreamed last night," she  
said, "that some one brought me  
a telegram from him. Isn't that  
funny? I have been thinking of  
it all day, only you don't cor-  
respond with the man that asked  
me. I can't think what the dream  
telegram was. I don't remember  
what my answer was, only it put  
me to thinking when I woke up  
this morning that he had not as-  
swered my last letter. I marked  
it return in five days, so if he  
didn't get it, it will come back."

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### TACOMA POLICE AND SHERIFF ARE CLOSE ON TRAIL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Tacoma, April 13.—In communication  
with Detective Bureau and sheriffs all  
over the northwest, Pierce county's  
sheriff, Tom Morris, and his deputies  
are confident that Charles J. Wezler,  
the alleged murderer of Mrs. Fredericka  
Schultz, who was shot on a lonely road  
near Gig Harbor Monday, April 4, will  
be in the toils of the law before the  
week is over. Despite the fact that  
Wezler is quoted in Portland as saying  
that he would never be caught alive,  
the county officials think different.  
Several dozen letters of description and  
pictures of Wezler were scattered  
broadcast over the United States yester-  
day by order of the sheriff.

**Give Information.**  
H. O. Wooten of Gig Harbor gave  
further information regarding the man  
answering Wezler's description that he  
brought from Gig Harbor landing to  
Point Defiance on the day of the mur-  
der. Wooten said that the description  
of Wezler tallied almost exactly with  
the man he brought to the Point De-  
fiance landing.

Another link was forged this morn-  
ing in a statement given out by  
A. E. Hammond of 622 South Sheridan  
street and Mrs. W. L. McDonald of 514

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## IMMIGRATION TO WEST IS HEAVIEST ON RECORD SAYS OREGON TRUNK PRESIDENT

Immigration from east to west in the  
United States is heavier, than ever in  
the history of the country. By the thou-  
sands, people are moving westward  
every day, and most of them are pre-  
pared to invest and settle down. A  
great number of them are coming to  
Oregon.

This report was brought home by  
President John Z. Stevens of the Oregon  
Trunk, who returned last night  
from a business trip to Chicago in con-  
nection with the construction of the  
line into central Oregon.

"I never saw anything like it before,"  
said Mr. Stevens. "Trains are crowded,  
everybody going west, and all intend to  
get land. West of Havre, Mont., new  
stations are springing up at short in-  
tervals all along the railroad line."

"Oregon seems to be foremost in the  
minds of many. This state has been  
and is being well advertised, and it is  
well thought of. At first it attracts  
people to learn that fruit orchards are  
bringing as high as \$1000 an acre, per-  
haps. But they really understand  
when told that the crops pay liberal re-  
turns on the investment."

"I anticipate a most wonderful devel-

opment in Oregon during the coming  
five years; more than during the past  
25 years. Nothing will stop it. The  
movement has commenced and the pace  
is going to continue to increase. The  
farmers are selling out their prop-  
erty in the middle states where condi-  
tions are becoming crowded and strug-  
gling for the coast to again grow up with  
the country. Some of them are not so  
young, either, but they are forcing the  
rapid development and are going in  
for another harvest on virgin soil.

"In regard to the railroad situation, I  
have nothing to report except to confirm  
the statement that if satisfactory, the  
lines are submitted for grading  
125 miles of road from Havre south to  
the northern boundary of the Klamath  
Indian reservation about May 1, will be  
bid.

"Difference as to the opinion of the  
land values where we wish to stretch  
our bridge across the Columbia river  
will cause delay unless we can get the  
moving settled quickly, and secure the  
contract for the building of the bridge.  
Five has not been bid, although bids  
have been on the table of Eugene  
McDonald for some time."