

GOVERNMENT HAD NO NOTICE OF ILLEGAL ENTRIES, SAYS AGENT

Harry Laughlin Testifies Investigation of Oregon Co. Holdings Not Delayed.

CASE IS NEARING THE END

Defense in Federal Suit Expected to Take About Two Days, Is Belief of Wallace McCamant.

In the effort of the government to prove that it was not remiss in its investigation of alleged land frauds in the early years of the holding of Baker county timber lands by the Oregon Lumber company, Harry E. Laughlin, special agent of the land office, today submitted voluminous records in the trial before Federal Judge R. S. Bean.

Laughlin went through great volumes of letter files for the years 1899 to 1906, testifying that no reference was made in any to the alleged practices of the lumber company in acquisition of timber holdings through dummy entries, and that the proper officials received no information regarding them until after the statute of limitations was supposed to have run.

Defense of the lumber company is that the proper government officials did have notice long before the legal limit for starting the suit had passed. Laughlin read an extract from one report which he said had only a remote bearing upon the situation, in which the department of the interior was told of the devastation of forests in the Grand Ronde country, with the best of the timber cut over and the less choice trees left on the ground to become food for fires. That was in 1892, he said.

He said it was intimated there that the lumber company was filling numerous deeds to timber claims, many the very day of the day after the entries had obtained their patents. Wallace McCamant, counsel for the lumber company, said this morning that the defense probably would require two or three days. Assistant United States Attorney J. J. Beckman said he probably would finish the government's case this afternoon.

Insurance Case Suit Filed.
The suit of W. H. Wheeler and other stockholders of the American Life & Accident Insurance company against the Union Pacific Life Insurance company, was set for hearing before Judge Kavanaugh Monday morning. Affidavits were filed today by defendants in the case, charging that the suit for dissolution of the merger whereby the American company was taken over by the Union Pacific, was not brought in good faith.

Sues When Engine Failed.
George K. Bryant of Salem today filed suit in the United States district court demanding that damages from the Fairbanks-Morse company. Bryant is a flour miller with mills in Oregon and Washington. He alleges that a new oil burning engine he purchased from the Fairbanks-Morse company for his mill at Colton, Wash., proved inadequate and could not be used.

Council at Prineville Now Bars 'Soda Pop'

Temperance Drinks Will Be Prohibited Because Extracts for Coloring and Flavoring Contain Alcohol.

Prineville, Or., Jan. 7.—The city council last night unanimously passed an ordinance prohibiting the manufacture and sale of all beverages containing any alcohol. Soda pop means that all soda fountain drinks will have to be dispensed with, and the local "pop" factory will have to close if the ordinance is enforced. The ordinance contains no extracts from practically all such products.

Many Democrats to Attend Big Banquet

Several Hundred Leading Members of Party to Be Present at Tomorrow Night's Affair.

The big occasion for the Jackson club will be the annual Jackson day banquet, which will be held at 6:30 o'clock tomorrow night at the Chamber of Commerce. Several hundred prominent Democrats will be on hand. Among the speakers will be W. T. Foster, president of Reed college; Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, R. F. Irvine and Colonel C. E. S. Wood. Other prominent Democrats will be called on for short talks.

From the big sale of tickets it is assured that a large number of Democrats will be present. President Robert A. Miller, president of the club, is looking after the sale of tickets, which are \$1 a plate.

BRIGHTER CHILDREN

Children are brighter to-day than a generation ago—but are they stronger? That's a grave question. So many pinched faces, dulled eyes and languid feelings make us wonder if they will ever grow into robust, healthy men and women.

If your children catch colds, are tired when rising, lack healthy color, or find studies difficult, give them Scott's Emulsion to enrich their blood and restore the body-forces to healthy action.

Scott's Emulsion is used in private schools. It is not a "patent medicine," simply a concentrated food-tonic, free from alcohol to improve the blood, benefit the lungs and strengthen the system. Your druggist has it—always refuse substitutes.

Bulger Would Put Portland in Zone With Sound Cities

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—(P. N. S.)—Captain J. K. Bulger, supervising inspector of boats and boilers, has recommended that the Pacific coast district be divided. He recommends the division point as at the Oregon-California boundary, the southern district to comprise California and Hawaii and the northern district, Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

Portland shipping men are not enthused over the idea of being included in a district with the north. It is pointed out that Portland has no ships running to either Puget sound or Alaska. To San Francisco, however, something like \$900 vessels a year sail. The navigation committee of the Chamber of Commerce has discussed the proposed change but taken no action.

Pierre P. Greffoz, an Old Resident, Dies

Had Come From France 65 Years Ago and Resided in the State Ever Since; Funeral at Corvallis.

Pierre Paul Greffoz, a resident of Oregon for 65 years, died, suddenly yesterday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Matthews, 5806 Fifty-ninth avenue, S. E. He was 84 years old.

Handbag and Gems Are Lost in a Store

Several Small Theft Cases Reported to Police, Including Jewelry, Clothes, Groceries, Tobacco and Sweets.

A black leather handbag containing \$57, a small gold chain with cameo and a pearl lavalier was lost in a downtown department store yesterday by Mrs. Robert D. Murray of 1026 East Lincoln street, according to a report filed with the police.

Mrs. L. Cleaver of 188 Twelfth street reported that on January 5 a bag containing \$1 and three rings was stolen from her kitchen.

Two men employed by the Muts at the 88 Broadway headquarters, have been stealing clothing and groceries, officers of the organization reported to the police.

Between 9 and 11 o'clock last night, thieves entered the I. K. K. store at 357 Burnside street taking cigarettes, chewing gums and 10 pairs of hose.

Man Struck by Auto.

While crossing Burnside street at Sixth about 9 o'clock this morning, J. D. Paine, a mechanic of 14 North Sixth street, was struck by an automobile driven by J. Garverson of 623 Morgan building. The machine skidded. Paine was taken to the emergency hospital. Following treatment for a badly bruised hip and back he went home.

Bullet Clips Sick Cat's Ear and Tail

Humane Officer Poor Shot; Woman Says

Until yesterday, William Anderson of 3434 Russell street owned a cat that was a victim of the mange. The cat passed into the great unknown yesterday when Patrolman F. H. Dolan shot it. And while Dolan was preparing for the job he was told this story by Mrs. Anderson:

"Seeing the hopeless condition of the feline, Mrs. Anderson called the Humane society, asking for an officer to end its life.

Wednesday one called. He was a young man armed with a revolver and he held the muzzle of the gun within

an inch of its head and shot. The bullet grazed the edge of one ear. Not daunted, the officer shot again, this time aiming directly at the cat's heart, with a range of about six inches. The bullet clipped off the end of the cat's tail.

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WOMAN'S JOY IN LIFE WAS EVER TO ASSIST UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE

Typical Incident of Aiding the Needy Recalled by Mrs. Hamilton's Death.

TALE FROM POLICE COURT

Midnight in Affairs of Everyday Life Is Example of Unselfish Devotion to Cause.

By Rex Lippman.
It wasn't the first time that the city editor had handled that story, nor was it the last. The name was different. That was all, with minor details. The girl was wild. Her mother couldn't do anything with her. Now she was in police court.

The city editor sighed as he passed the story on to the copy desk, and continued his rapid fire "sizing up" of the stories that poured in upon him over burdened desk, the stories that make up the kaleidoscopic record of a day's news in a big town like Portland. He smiled at some. He scowled at others. For the city editor is first of all a human being. His sense of news value—what stories are to be played up, or reach the honored area of Page 1—is based on his quick human sympathy.

Woman Is Interested.
This story of the girl who had gone wrong he marked for a small head and an inside page.

The body will be sent by the A. D. Kenworthy Undertaking company to Corvallis, where the funeral will be held tomorrow. Mr. Greffoz is survived by a widow, Mrs. Carolyn Greffoz, and three daughters, Misses Hortense and Adelaide Greffoz and Mrs. J. F. Matthews.

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She had lived 40 years in Portland. Besides the Ritz, she owned other valuable property, so that her estate is estimated at \$100,000. It is believed that a large part of it will be given in her will to philanthropic purposes. There are no known relatives except a nephew, James L. Byrne, of Boston.

Besides her interest in the welfare of wayward and unfortunate girls, which was the dominating motive of her life, she gave much effort to the establishment of trade schools for boys and girls in Portland.

Pioneer in Movement.
She was the local pioneer in this movement and was instrumental in the passage of legislation to make the present trade school system possible.

But her chief desire was to found a home for women girls whom fate had treated unkindly. She gave up the idea, however, with the establishment of St. Elizabeth's house, conducted under the auspices of the Episcopal church, because it met the requirements of the home of which she hoped to be the founder and good angel.

But Mrs. Hamilton's interest in this work never abated. To the end she did everything possible for the girl who had gone wrong, or was in danger of going wrong.

The body is at Finley's undertaking rooms. Funeral services will be held at their chapel.

Would Rechristen Home of Chamber

Steps on Way to Designate Commercial Club Building as "Oregon Building" to Stop Confusion.

Steps are being taken by the Chamber of Commerce to change the name of the structure at Fifth and Oak streets which houses the offices and club rooms of the chamber from "Commercial Club building" to "Oregon building."

Letters are being sent out by J. Fred Larson, chairman of the chamber's building committee, advising members of the change which will probably be made April 1.

Reasons for the change are found in the similarity between Commercial block, Commercial Club building, Board of Trade building and Chamber of Commerce building, and the fact the Chamber of Commerce is housed in the Commercial Club building, although the Commercial club no longer exists.

The designation "Oregon building" has been selected most favorably considered because the state exhibit of Oregon's resources is to occupy the ground floor.

Suicide in Detective Office Investigated

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 7.—(P. N. S.)—Investigation of the suicide of De Forrest Ayers, general agent of the Giant Powder company, on December 30, in the offices of the T. J. Redington detective agency, will bring Charles P. Redington into police court tomorrow.

Ayers was found to be short between \$1000 and \$6000 in his accounts, and City editors aren't very religious or sentimental, but they are glad when they hear that something good has happened in the world, and like the rest of us, particularly when we have had some part in bringing about the happening.

All Ends Well.
The woman was Mrs. Louise E. Hamilton. The city editor is still city editing in Portland. In fact, he told me to write this story.

The girl? Perfectly all right. Three fine children. Husband working every day. Own their own home, and everything like that.

Mrs. Hamilton died yesterday at the Ritz hotel, which she owned, after a lingering illness to which she and her friends knew there could be no end but death.

Mr. Hamilton was 60 years old.

Couple Finds Their Residence Is Ablaze

"I wonder where the fire is," a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simon, of 2176 Thompson street, inquired, as they stepped from a moving picture theatre show in Montavilla last night, and saw the red glow on the sky to the north. Shortly thereafter they found that it was their own two room home that had burned. The loss on the building and the furniture amounts to about \$500.

Engine 27, of Montavilla, responded to the alarm, but had to go one and one half miles over slippery roads. The loss is covered by insurance.

Wilson League Is to Meet on Wednesday

The Woodrow Wilson league will meet next Wednesday night at the Central library. President W. T. Foster of Reed college will speak. His subject will be "Woodrow Wilson."

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MORE LITIGATION NOW CLOUDS AFFAIRS OF THE DEFUNCT BANK

Amount of Fees for Counsel for State American Bank & Trust Co. Issue.

CONFIRMATION IS SOUGHT

Matter to Come Up Before Judge Kavanaugh Wednesday on State Bank Superintendent's Petition.

After four years of litigation over the affairs of the defunct American Bank & Trust company, another legal battle is in prospect over the amount of fees that should be paid the attorneys who represented the state superintendent of banks in the suits to recover on the stock subscribed by officers of the defunct bank.

The matter will come before Circuit Judge Kavanaugh next Wednesday on petition of Bank Superintendent Sargent to have the court affirm a contract entered into between Mr. Sargent's predecessor in office, Will Wright, and Attorneys Sidney J. Graham, J. H. Van Winkle and U. M. Idell.

This contract, which was approved by Mr. Sargent when he went into office, allows a contingent fee of one third of the amount recovered for the creditors of the bank, as a result of the suits.

Two suits were filed and have been before the courts between three and four years. The litigation is not yet ended.

Judgment was obtained against L. O. Ralston, which, with interest, amounts to approximately \$45,000, and against G. W. Waterbury, which, with interest, amounts to approximately \$75,000, making a total of nearly \$120,000.

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Civic League Will Consider Once Over

First Meeting of New Year Will Consider Plans for Work—Rex Lippman Among the Speakers.