

RIDDELL DENIES HE KNEW CHARACTER OF LANDS ADVERTISED

Defense in Government's Suit for Alleged Fraud Reaches Its Crest This Morning.

RED POSTER IS EXHIBITED

Riddell Makes Denial That He Had Anything to Do With Preparation of Advertisement.

Defense in the government's case against H. H. Riddell, charged with conspiracy in the fraudulent use of the mails in connection with the operations of the Oregon Inland Development company, reached its crest this morning when Riddell himself went on the stand.

Riddell denied positively that he knew the character of the lands which the company had advertised in booklet and poster as the choicest fruit lands of Oregon. He declared that a secretary and attorney for the company his connection with its operations was at best perfunctory and contended that it was not until long after the company broke up and until government prosecutions had begun against the principals that he even knew where the lands were located.

Because the company's bylaws prohibited the secretary sign all checks, Riddell said he had no signed them, but that it was no part of his duty to investigate the justness of any bills thus paid nor even whether the company had the funds with which to pay them.

When on cross-examination by United States Attorney Reames, Riddell showed the "red poster" showing pictures which the government contends were "fakes," he was asked if he had any share in the preparation of the poster, Riddell declared positively that he had not.

He said, however, that as attorney for the company, he had never examined or passed upon any titles or lands in Baker or Willamette counties, though some of the pictures on this poster purported to represent tracts in these counties.

Known Judge Bean adjourned court until Monday morning.

COUNTY HAS COUNTER CLAIM

Commissioners Have Their Own Way of Getting Even.

One of the things the board of county commissioners does these days is to exchange bills. Kenneth Poorman is the latest exchange. Mr. Poorman drove his touring car into the hands of the county treasurer, and on January 2, and a few days later presented a bill to the county for \$10 damages to the machine. Mr. Poorman, county superintendent, and the county treasurer, came back for Poorman with a bill for \$119 for damages to the gate. Mr. Poorman says he was driving carefully and slowly and that the gate was not closed until his car was within 15 feet of the barrier. Mr. Welch says reckless driving was the cause of the accident.

New Companies Formed.

Articles of incorporation have been filed by the following: Motor Equipment company, capital \$3000; E. S. Pechin, A. L. Dundas and M. Thayer, incorporators. Bell Vista Subdivision company, capital \$5000; Arthur Needham, M. Thayer and E. S. Pechin, incorporators. Candlish & Mills, Inc., capital \$10,000; J. B. Candlish, Lewis M. Mills and A. L. Mills, incorporators.

Divorce Suits Filed.

Divorce suits have been filed as follows: Ada Duggan vs. Thomas G. Duggan, desertion; O. M. Christensen vs. Dollie Christensen, drunkenness; Ida Young vs. Archie Young, non-support; W. Guy Temple vs. Cassie Temple, desertion; William R. Saunders vs. Ethel E. Saunders, desertion.

Colored Woman Is Sentenced.

Nunnie Williams, a negroess of the north end, was sentenced today to one to 15 years in the state prison. She was convicted of manslaughter for killing "Snitchie" Smith, also colored.

Dr. Corby Is Called By Southern Church

General Convention of Universalist Church Asked to Refuse to Assent to Minister's Transfer.

By wire yesterday, Dr. J. D. Corby, for the past nine years pastor of the Universalist church of Good morning here, received a call from the congregation of a Universalist church of a southern city. Until action on the matter is taken by the board of trustees of the general convention of the Universalist church, Dr. Corby is not at liberty to reveal the name of the congregation which issued the call. Dr. Corby says that he has never been in the city to which he has been invited. At the annual meeting of Dr. Corby's congregation last night, the receipt of the call was announced and the congregation resolved to accept the call. The board of trustees of the Universalist church of Good morning is asking the board of trustees of the general convention to keep Dr. Corby here.

The Portland Universalist church is under direction of the board of trustees and not governed by the congregation. The reason for this is that nine years ago when Dr. Corby was sent here there were a handful of Universalists in the city, and the church was organized as a mission. The status has never been changed.

General Anderson Is Host to Friends

Event at Arlington Club Is in Honor of Eightieth Birthday of Veteran Officer.

Old friends of Major General T. M. Anderson were his guests at dinner at the Arlington club last night, the occasion being his eightieth birthday. The guests found their places by a number of themselves, each with a merry little jingle.

Flowers were used profusely in the decorations. Two stars, indicative of a major general's rank, were the centerpiece.

MOROS LESS REFRACTORY THAN IN FORMER DAYS

Former Portlander Says Natives Gradually Adopt the Ways of Americans.

Lieutenant J. A. Tiffany, of the Philippine Constabulary, has arrived in Portland, his former home, on a six months' vacation, after a two years' absence. Lieutenant Tiffany is now deputy governor of Sulu in which capacity he has large discretion in dealing with the Moros, said to be the wildest and most refractory tribe on the islands. They are gradually yielding to the efforts to bring them within the bounds of civil authority. Lieutenant Tiffany, who was married at Honolulu on the trip home, is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural college. He returned to the Philippines in April, after making a trip to Washington, D. C.

Saloonman Saved From Death by Rib

Alex Breeding of Pendleton, Drove Out of Business by Prohibition, Seeks Old Back Room to Kill Self.

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 22.—Alex Breeding, aged 30, proprietor of a local saloon until the first of the year, attempted to commit suicide shortly after midnight by shooting himself through the heart, but the bullet was deflected by a rib and physicians say he will recover.

About midnight he walked into his old place of business, now a soft drink parlor, and taking the light in the rear room he turned on, walked straight back and shot himself. Witnesses say he was not inclined to shoot himself, but that he was not the company had the funds with which to pay them.

Suspects Well Heeled.

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 22.—Armed to the teeth, each carrying a flashlight, and a crowd of constables, a camp outfit and a large amount of plunder consisting of watches, shoes, gloves, blankets, mackinaws, sweaters, and many other articles, three men giving the names of George Howard, James Morgan and Harry Carrier, were arrested last night by the police in local rooming houses. They are believed to be professional yegmen and officers are trying to locate the source of their loot.

VILLA MESSAGE DENIES SLAYING ANY AMERICANS

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Trumbo was in El Paso yesterday, and quoted the message as saying destruction of 23 automobiles and up by Mexicans some time ago. At that time he was not quoted as saying anything of the eight alleged langed.

Report Villa Surrounded.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Francisco Villa is surrounded again, and this time escape is impossible, according to a dispatch from Matamoros received here today.

Villa, according to the message, is hemmed in, with 200 followers, near Sierra Madre, between El Paso and Matamoros. Villa's small force is strongly fortified in a mountain pass, however, and the Carranzas will be unable to make a successful attack.

Reports that Villa and his outlaws are heading for Casas Grandes caused fear for the American Mormon colony at that point.

To End Land Troubles.

Queretaro, Mexico, Jan. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Enjoyment of the land by the Mexican people is the end sought by President Carranza in the appointment today of a special commission, headed by Minister of Agriculture Roux. Each state and territory will be entitled to a representation upon the commission, which will form one of the government ministries.

For preliminary expenses \$40,000 was appropriated. The commission will be instructed to draft a decree distributing community lands, public federal lands and timber rights, it was announced.

"Land squabbles have caused the revolutions in Mexico," said President Roux. "We are going to work out a system by which the inhabitants may enjoy the rights to cultivate the land and prevent baronial robbery."

Juarez Mayor Resigns.

Juarez, Jan. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Manuel Prieto, mayor of Juarez, has resigned, following a conference between Gov. Enriquez of Chihuahua, General Gaviarra, commander at Juarez, and Consul Garcia.

Prieto is a strong supporter of Carranza, while the others are adherents of General Obregon.

Sends for Johnson's Body.

Los Angeles, Jan. 22.—(P. N. S.)—The body of Tom Johnson, America's eighteenth victim of Mexican outlaws, is being sent by train to Los Angeles, where it will be buried by a woman who believes him to be her father, but who has never seen him. The woman is Mrs. F. B. Box. On receiving word that Johnson's body had been found, she sent a check to El Paso for transportation of the body.

Generals Agree on Plan.

Queretaro, Mexico, Jan. 22.—(I. N. S.)—General Gonzales arrived here unexpectedly today. He was met by President Carranza and General Obregon. It is believed a concerted movement for the capture of Villa and the extermination of his bandit followers is to be worked out at once.

Revolution Held Unlikely.

Washington, Jan. 22.—(U. P.)—Rumors of a revolution against the Carranzas near Torreon were said by the Mexican ambassador today to be probably unimportant. It was claimed there are enough constitutionalists there to cope with the situation.

Experiments in mounting incandescent lamps upon railroad crossing signals have enabled the signals to be read more than a mile.

PRINCETON PRESIDENT FAVORS CADET PLAN OF MILITARY TRAINING

Dr. John Grier Hibben Believes Discipline Is Valuable Asset.

TENDS TO EFFICIENCY

Head of University Arrives Here on Lecture Tour of Country; Speaks Here Today.

While not prepared to say that it should be enforced as a non-optional part of the curriculum, John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton university, who arrived in Portland last night, believes that opportunity should be given every college man to secure military training during his years in college or university.

Dr. Hibben is president of a committee of 15 college presidents appointed in 1913 at the instance of Major General Wood, formerly chief of staff of the United States army, which has for its object inducing college men to take military training. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California, is a member of this committee, and according to Dr. Hibben it has secured splendid results. It has been active in inducing colleges to inaugurate military training as part of the course of study.

Believes in Preparedness. "I became interested in this question of preparedness in the spring of 1913, when the first training camp for college men was held at Gettysburg," said Dr. Hibben. The second was at Burlington, Vt., in 1914 and the third at Plattsburg in 1915.

"It was the example of these college men which induced the business men of New York, Philadelphia and other eastern cities to hold camps at Plattsburg in August and September of last year. The college men moved out and they moved in."

"Apart from the value which such military training may be to the country in case of war, I believe the discipline which it usually is a most valuable and admirable asset. College men, it has been found, become efficient along military lines very rapidly, due, I believe, to their college training."

On Tour of the West. Dr. Hibben is on a tour of the west, getting in touch with Princeton alumni as far as to keep up their interest in their alma mater. He came through Denver and Salt Lake City, and will leave Sunday to Seattle and Tacoma and later to San Francisco and Los Angeles, returning home via Houston, New Orleans and Atlanta. Mrs. Hibben accompanied him.

"One of the features at Princeton on which we lay most stress is our preceptorial system, corresponding to the tutorial system at Oxford university," said Dr. Hibben. "We have about 50 such preceptors as members of our faculty and their duty is to ascertain the individual needs and talents of these students and give individual or group instruction accordingly."

Favors Greater Democracy. On the basis that the end of education is the improvement of the human type, Dr. Hibben spoke before the Oregon Civic league at the Multnomah auditorium last night.

He also favored the installation of the honor system in class and examination rooms. He said that the colleges there should be a greater intellectual and moral seriousness as when students go to the higher institutions of learning they are no longer children, and they should put away childish things.

Dr. C. H. Chapman addressed the league on the question of public markets. Many of Portland's public school teachers attended the luncheon.

The attempted recall is generally looked upon as a "come back" on the part of the Carranzas in purchasing an automobile without having advertised for it, as this was one of the charges against the old court at the former election.

A committee of 12 taxpayers appointed by the Columbia County Taxpayers' league is in charge of the circulation of the petitions, the committee being as follows: Mrs. Fred Uhlman, Gus Lange, Bert West, Mrs. J. Watts, all of Seaside; K. P. Larson and P. H. Lund of Warren; Ed Ross and Glen R. Metek of St. Helens; G. L. Tammill of Yankton; Fred Adams of Gobie; Joseph Hackenberg of Rainier; and William Rose of Mist.

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Electric Locomotive Makes Great Record

On First Trip of New Milwaukee Passenger Motor 40 Miles in 45 Minutes; Train Was Late.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 22.—(I. N. S.)—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul "Olympian Special" was hauled into Butte yesterday for the first time by the electric passenger motor, which has been received here for the regular service between Three Forks and Deer Lodge. The motor made a splendid record on its first trip. The Olympian special left Deer Lodge 15 minutes behind time, and arrived in Butte five minutes ahead of time, covering the 40 miles in 45 minutes.

James John High Boy Better.

Gary Smith, who was injured while coasting on Burlington street at St. Johns last week, is reported as improving. Smith sustained a fractured hip when he collided with a cement pier near the foot of the hill. Smith was a star of the football team of the James John high school.

INDIANS RECALL OLD DAYS WHEN FISHING GROUNDS WERE OPEN

Aged Remnants of Tribes Give Testimony to Prove Red Man's Prior Rights.

Indians now old and feeble, testified today in federal court that as young men they had fished without hindrance in the waters of the Columbia and Snake rivers, and that on these common grounds the tribesmen of all contiguous nations assembles, picked their wives and cemented bonds of tribal unity.

In exact words, these old men told of the latter day conclusion from these places, of fenced-in landing spots and the establishment of modern fish wheels. Traditions of centuries were repeated as proof that they had and by the treaty of 1855 still have rights in these waters which Seufert Bros. of The Dalles are trying to deprive them of.

The government, as guardian of the Indians, is seeking to enjoin the Seuferts from further hindering the Indians in their fishing rights. An interpreter was needed to translate the testimony. Particularly at Lone Tree point, where the salmon gather thickly in high water, did the Tvees, the Wascoos, the Tenhuos, the Wishcums, the Cellos and Yakima Indians testify that they had fished there since the signing of the Palmer treaty. Prior to that he said he and his people had fished freely in all the waters of the Columbia and Snake rivers. Particularly at Lone Tree point, where the salmon gather thickly in high water, did the Tvees, the Wascoos, the Tenhuos, the Wishcums, the Cellos and Yakima Indians testify that they had fished there since the signing of the Palmer treaty. Prior to that he said he and his people had fished freely in all the waters of the Columbia and Snake rivers. 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