

THREE MORE TELL OF LOSING ALL IN TODD LAND DEALS

Four more people who hoped to annex \$20,000 to their fortunes through the timber claim scheme proposed by Carlos L. Byron and John W. Todd, took the witness stand in the federal court this morning. Three of them said they had lost everything they invested. The fourth had his money returned.

F. L. Wilkinson of Salem, who invested \$1000, became so interested over the prospect of becoming rich that he purchased a pair of high top boots and prepared himself to go and inspect the prospective claim on a moment's notice, he testified.

Ruth Johnson, Salem teacher, and A. M. Beardley of Salem, said they lost \$500 each. J. C. Perry said he invested \$1000 but got his money back.

TIMBER CRUISE MADE Frank A. Bayler, a government timber cruiser, said he cruised the claim Byron sold to E. E. Bergman, and which was guaranteed to contain several million feet of marketable timber, but found about 350,000 feet.

Beardley told the jury that Todd represented Byron as an honest man and declared he had located hundreds of people on valuable timber lands.

May Goebel, Vancouver, Wash., postal clerk, testified that Todd refused to accept registered mail which came to him at Vancouver. The letters were returned, she said. This testimony was given following a vigorous protest by defense attorneys.

Defense of Byron, ex-convict, by Todd, ex-Salem school supervisor, even after Todd had seen Byron behind the prison bars at McNeil island, was charged against Todd in Federal Judge Bean's court Thursday afternoon by E. A. Miller, Salem high school principal.

Todd went to McNeil island to visit Byron and to Seattle to investigate the case for which he had just been imprisoned 15 months, and upon his return stated that Byron was a victim of persecution rather than prosecution, Miller said.

AKES MONEY BACK "Todd became insistent," Miller continued, "and, pointing his finger at me, said, 'Miller, you're not dealing with a crook.'"

Miller said he was brought into the land fraud scheme and persuaded to invest \$500 by Todd, who was his immediate superior in the Salem school system. After Miller learned of Byron's criminal record he attempted to get his money back, he said, but failed. Finally he made formal demand upon Todd by registered letter, but Todd refused to accept the letter, he said. The unopened letter was introduced in evidence.

TODD SOUGHT SILENCE Miller also charged Todd with calling him on the telephone the day a government investigator arrived in Salem and with cautioning him not to talk to the agent.

E. E. Bergman, another of the "victims," said he warned Todd that his connections with Byron would lead him to the penitentiary to which Todd is alleged to have replied, "Well, I'd be in pretty good company."

Frank R. Barton, proprietor of the Salem Electric company and a close personal friend of Todd's, said he had lost \$1000 in the deal. Barton said he had come to know Todd intimately through their connection in church and Sunday school work, in the Masonic fraternity and the Apollo club. Barton said Todd assured him that Byron was being persecuted by the timber interests, when the subject of indictments was mentioned. After the government investigator arrived in Salem Barton said Todd stopped him on the street and said:

HOPES WASHINGTON WILL BACK PURSE SEINING MEASURE

Astoria, Jan. 12.—Hope that the state of Washington will pass legislation concurring with that of Oregon in effectually barring salmon fishing or purse seine in the Columbia river or the ocean waters adjacent to the river entrance, was expressed Thursday by Carl D. Shoemaker, master fish warden of Oregon, who is in Astoria conferring with fishermen and packers concerning the coming season. He also is anxious for the supreme court to pass on the validity of the present Oregon law prohibiting purse seining. Attorneys for the purse seiners here are preparing an appeal to the supreme court from Judge Coke's decision upholding the constitutionality of the anti-purse seine legislation.

Activity of the fishermen, other than purse seiners, on the Columbia during the coming season is dependent on whether the purse seiners fish, accorded to Alex J. Somppi, recently elected secretary of the Fishermen's league.

Alex Finney was reelected president of the league, while the new board of directors consists of Fred Fredericksen, Thomas Jorgensen, Emil Pearson, J. O. Sarven, Albert Sather and Andrew Carlson of Astoria; Robert Carlson and

R. S. Howard Elected Head of Trust Co.

At the annual meeting of the Title & Trust company Thursday, R. S. Howard, who long has been connected with the company, was elected president, succeeding Robert E. Smith. Other officers named are: Earl C. Bronough, Franklin T. Griffith and Walter M. Daly, vice presidents; Chester A. Fuller, secretary; W. O. Daly, treasurer; L. J. Hornaday and Albert L. Grute, assistant secretaries. Griffith, who has been on the board, becomes a new officer, as does Grute, who will continue his duties as trust officer. The directors include: Franklin T. Griffith, John C. Ainsworth, Earl C. Bronough, W. M. Ladd, Walter Mackay, J. L. Hartman, Robert E. Smith, R. S. Howard, J. P. Daly and W. M. Daly.

TONGMAN GIVEN 5 YEARS IN PRISON

Dan June was sentenced Thursday by Circuit Judge Kavanaugh to serve five years in the penitentiary following his conviction Monday of a charge of attempted murder. Lee Wong, the victim, whom June shot on August 1 at Fourth and Burnside streets during the tong outbreak, recovered from five bullet wounds.

Albert Wong, June's companion, also accused of having attempted to kill Lee Wong, was scheduled to appear for trial along with June, but could not be found. He forfeited his bonds and fled.

Business Men Told Shoddies Should Be Correctly Labeled

Labeling of shoddy goods, so that when one purchases a suit or overcoat he need not take the soothing, syrupy tones of the salesman as the only guarantee, is highly necessary to good business, according to Otto Bernmann, who told the Progressive Business Men's club at luncheon Thursday about the wool bill, pending in congress, which would require that a fabric be stamped with the percentage of virgin wool it contains.

Bishop Smith of India, another speaker, spoke on England's governmental program in India, and Frank Branch Riley, on the eve of his departure for the east, bid adieu. The club will install new officers next Thursday evening.

Officers Hunt for Auto Thief; Still Is Found in Operation

As auto theft detectives, Lieutenant Frank Ervin of the speed squad and Thomas Word of the department of justice are good Volstead enforcement operators. Word was received that an auto thief lived at 481 Miller's avenue. So Thursday afternoon Word and Ervin went to the address and knocked on the back door.

Game Law Violation Charged Witnesses In Roseburg Killing

Roseburg, Jan. 12.—Roy Hughes and Wallace Freyer, who were present at the shooting of Douglas Tapp by C. M. Young Sunday night were arrested Tuesday by Deputy Game Warden Walker and Loar charged with violating the state game laws. Hughes was fined \$50 and costs, which he paid. Freyer, who was injured during the shooting, told the game warden he would appear as soon as his wound had healed.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN DIES

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 12.—George T. Seiden, aged 82, a pioneer Spokane merchant and Civil war veteran, died Tuesday. He came here in 1871.

SAID TODD RECEIVED \$100 H. H. Vandervoort, a stock buyer, also lost \$1000. He told the jury Todd had assured him that the money was as safe with Byron "as in Bush's bank at Salem." Vandervoort also testified Todd told him he was receiving \$100 commission out of each deal. The witness said he was cautioned not to talk about the deal to the government agent, and that after he learned of Byron's conviction he was assured that Byron as good as had a garden in his pocket.

E. C. Miller, a retired farmer, and L. B. Aldrich told similar stories. Ralph McKeechie of the Albany bank, told of receiving one of the \$500 checks through the mails from the Ladd & Bush bank of Salem, which is an issue in the case.

Judge Bean has indicated his desire of hastening along the trial and has ordered court to convene at 9:30 a. m. and cut down the noon recess 30 minutes.

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