

R LAND SOLD AGAIN

Well Transfers 1100 of the Tract to Idaho

CONVERTED INTO MODEL FARM.

Stephen Venard, W. H. and Eben Mounce Become the Land and Ditch at Mr. Brownell Reserves Occupy Old "Four Mile"

Witt C. Brownell, of and transferred 1,100 acres of tract of land, consisting of 1,340 acres, which Judge Spargur, on August company consisting of Stephen Venard, W. H. Eben Mounce, all form-

is located in the vicinity station, seven miles east on the O. R. & N., and irrigating ditch six 1894. Mr. Brownell re- will occupy and cultivate of the original Spargur as the Sam Beitel place, the famous "Four-mile side of Umatilla station.

of land transferred to one of the most fea- sible propositions in the the gentlemen purchasing separately begin improve- with a view to making it

will occupy the land, about the first of Septem- ing it to alfalfa, and m- night repairs needed on the will have charge of the being an experienced irri- ditch builder, having fol- lowed the land in a high cultivation in the shortest

Skinner and Mounce are the Vineland Irrigation at Lewiston, Idaho, and in that city for the pres- Venard, who has been a Mr. Furnas, will probably Maxwell this winter to as- Maxwells in the work of im- prove the tract. All the purchas- ing irrigators.

gentlemen reorganized the Maxwells Irrigation Company, first by Judge Spargur, in will continue to do busi- ness under this name. They will not a colonization scheme nor tract of land on the market. improve it and convert it in- irrigated farm, and with a view are going to make all movements permanent and

which will reclaim about 2,500 the vicinity of Maxwell, and has been run through it since its construction, repairs are needed. The diverted from the Umatilla side the mouth of Butter runs around the foothills north side of the river, above efficient body of rich, sandy miles, ending at Maxwell. is easily irrigated as it is body, under the ditch, and able to a high state of cul- ture. The soil is a black, sandy apt to the culture of any fruits or grains that grow in ate climate, and is especial- ly, as is the entire Butter of Umatilla district, to the of alfalfa in its perfection. will be gradually extend- and will be placed under cul- ture will be made the begin- ning of a splendid irrigated district. The object of the purchasers is results from the land. They no time in seeding it to al- order that it may become as quickly as possible. This is done more new land reclaimed. Brownell will at once move to home, on the Beitel farm, improve it and reclaim more he extends the private ditch now in operation on the He will also continue work on which he is constructing near of Umatilla. He has a ditch way there which will irrigate of land owned by him, be-

tween the hill and the Columbia river just above Umatilla. This is a fine body of rich land, and Mr. Brownell hopes to convert it into a fine farm in the near future. This sale of Umatilla county land means that active operations, under scientific methods, will continue in that district until the arid land now lying idle, will be a solid alfalfa field. The new company is in perfect harmony with the Oregon Land & Water Company, of Stokes, of which F. B. Holbrook is superintendent. The results of the systematic work on each proposition will be an advertisement for the other, and the development will be watched with interest by those interested in the reclama- tion of the desert in this county.

One feature of the Maxwell tract, which is absent in most irrigated dis- tricts, is the presence of an excellent quality of water, about 11 feet under- neath the surface, all over the tract. The basin in which Maxwell is located has evidently been a channel of the Umatilla at one time, and the soil is exceptionally rich.

In the basin to the eastward of the buttes, near the railroad track at Maxwell station, are found the most pronounced indications of artesian water in the Inland Empire. The formation of the earth and the general contour of the country, is favor- able to an underground flow, accord- ing to the investigations of experts who have examined the district.

Being convenient to transportation facilities, situated conveniently to thorough irrigation and having the advantages of a good climate, there is no reason why this tract should not become one of the most profit- able irrigation propositions in the West.

RUSSIA WILL RETIRE.

Turkey Accedes to All the Demands of the Czar.

London, Aug. 21.—A dispatch from Constantinople this afternoon says the Russian squadron which reached the Bosphorus Wednesday will leave at an early date, as Turkey has ac- cepted all the czar's demands. The Turkish ambassador this afternoon was assured that Great Britain had no intention of making a naval demon- stration against the ports.

Walking Delegate Case.

New York, Aug. 21.—The walking delegate Parks case will probably go to the jury this evening.

DESTRUCTIVE ST. LOUIS FIRE

SEVERAL FAMOUS FIRMS HURT BY FLAMES AND FLOOD.

Water Tower Fell Suddenly, Doing Great Damage to Chattel Property Which Survived the Fire—Damage Suits Are Imminent.

St. Louis, Aug. 21.—Fire early this morning damaged the Loeb Optical Company \$60,000, the Simmons Hard- ware Company, \$25,000, the Boston Dental Company, \$2,000, the Iowa Shoe Company, \$10,000, and the Breidling Care, \$5,000.

Later the falling of an immense water tower flooded the three firms last named and added enormously to the losses sustained by them. In fact, the loss to each is estimated to have been trebled, as the falling of the tower took place after the fire had been quenched, and no provision had been made providing against such a possibility.

There were several very narrow escapes on the part of firemen and employes when the tower collapsed. There is talk of damage suits against the city based upon the claim that the fire department, being in a position to know of the condition of the tower, had failed and neglected to give a warning sufficient to enable all adjacent property owners to re- move their chattels.

Cuba Will Sign Up.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Minister Queenada today informed the state department that Cuba is ready to sign the leases for naval stations to the United States.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by Coe Commis- sion Company—B. E. Kennedy, Local Manager. Chicago, Aug. 21.—Bear operators are now selling on the recent break. Wheat— Opening—Close. Sept. 81 81 81 81. Dec. 81 81 81 81. Corn— Opening—Close. Sept. 50 50 50 50. Dec. 50 50 50 50. Minneapolis, Aug. 21.— Wheat— Opening—Close. Sept. 81 81 81 81. Dec. 81 81 81 81. Chicago Wheat. Chicago, Aug. 21.—Wheat opened 81 1/2 and closed at the same figure.

DEFENSE IN THE HUMBERT TRIAL

Great and Sensational Inter- national Swindling Case Nears Its Conclusion.

LABORI MAKES STARTLING CHARGES IN HIS ADDRESS.

Declared That the Famous Birth Cer- tificate Was Fraudulent—Was Sub- jected to Frequent Interruptions and Demanded Quiet—Concluded His Speech and Yielded to the Pub- lic Prosecutor.

Paris, Aug. 21.—Labori concluded in behalf of the Humberts this morning by declaring no dishonesty had been proven, and that of the money enough remains to discharge all debts and still leave a surplus.

He said the only real accuser is the notorious usurer, Cattani, who is seeking personal revenge. He charged former Premier Waldeck Rousseau and members of the present cabinet with corruption in connection with the case, claiming that the public prosecutor had been chosen because he was known to be hostile to the Humberts. The prosecutor arose and denied the charge, and a duel of words followed. The judge inter- vened.

Labori threw the first light on the mystery by declaring the madame's birth certificate, produced in court by the prosecution, was not a real one. The madam was nervous and kept in- terrupting Labori. He finally imperi- ously demanded her to keep silent. When Labori concluded, Emil D' Aurice commenced his address for the commonwealth.

JOHN ELLSLER DEAD.

Once World Famous Actor Lived to Be 80 Years Old.

New York, Aug. 21.—John Ellsler, one of the best known actors and managers of the old school, was shot and died this morning, aged 80. He was known the world over as a part- ner of Joseph Jefferson in the 50s. He brought out Clara Morris and James Lewis. He leaves a son and two daughters, one of whom, Effie Ellsler, became famous.

SHOT HIS WIFE.

Chicago Policeman Thought He Was Shooting at a Burglar.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Policeman Schaefer, looking for a burglar in his kitchen, early this morning, shot and seriously, perhaps fatally, wounded his wife, who followed him down stairs. She exonerated her husband from all blame before becoming un- conscious.

Moot War Begins Next Monday.

Rockland, Me., Aug. 21.—Admiral Barker's squadron will steam here Monday next. There will be two im- peries, one on each vessel. The naval reserves and military of the adjoining states will participate. One of the first efforts will be to seize the sta- tion.

To Protect Austria's Interests.

Constantinople, Aug. 21.—The Aus- trian ambassador today sent a note to the Porte demanding adequate pro- tection for the Austrian consul at Monastir, and also for the Oriental Railway, which connects Turkey and Europe and which is run by an Aus- trian syndicate.

For the Murder of Goebel.

Georgetown, Ky., Aug. 21.—Pow- ers' trial this morning was devoted to reading the deposition of ex-Gov- ernor Taylor, of Kentucky, now a fugi- tive in Indiana, and which is a gen- eral denial of complicity in the Goebel murder.

Official Speed Trial.

Har Harbor, Aug. 21.—The cruiser Cleveland arrived here last night and is today making preparations for the government test. Speed must show 24 1/2 knots.

Barely Alive.

London, Aug. 21.—Lord Salisbury is barely alive this morning. His con- dition is critical with no hope for recovery.

FAVORABLE TO MANY MEASURES

List of Demands Made by the Trans-Mississippi Congress at Seattle

ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE EXPOSITION.

Favors a Territorial Organization for Alaska—Handles the Range, Forest Reserve and Irrigation Question, and Also Wants Oklahoma and In- dian Territory Organization Into One State.

Seattle, Aug. 21.—Interest in to- day's session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress centers in the battle on the subject of the legis- lative needs of Alaska.

The most contested point in the discussion will doubtless be that of a proposed territorial form of gov- ernment for the district. The Alaska delegation, 18 strong, held a meeting yesterday afternoon for the purpose of considering the matter of intro- ducing a resolution favoring the ad- mission of the district as a territory, and after some brief discussion adopted a resolution favoring that measure by a vote of 17 to 1. Govern- or Brady alone voting in the nega- tive.

The most important work of the day was the presentation of a num- ber of resolutions, which were at once referred to the resolutions com- mittee, and which will report on them later on in the week. The list in- cluded the following:

Appropriation for the Fair. Resolution by Oregon delegation, favoring the appropriation of \$1,000, 000 by congress for Lewis and Clark Exposition.

Miscellaneous Demands. Resolution asking the president to place the name of Hugh Craig, of California, on the Isthmian canal commission.

Resolution providing for amend- ments to homestead laws.

Resolution providing for laws to settle the question of leasing public lands, and settlement of trouble arising over the disputed use of the pub- lic range.

Resolution recommending the es- tablishment of international salmon hatcheries by the United States and British Columbia.

Resolution providing for water storage.

Resolution providing for the crea- tion of a single state out of the area embraced in Indian Territory and Okla- homa.

Resolution providing for protection of the cities and towns and lands in valleys of the Mississippi, Missouri and Kansas rivers from ravages of flood.

Resolution providing that no legis- lation be made for the territories of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indian Territory, except such as will lead to an independent state of said ter- ritories.

Resolution providing that the pres- ident of the United States select a man of experience and mature judg- ment for the position of chief of the bureau of manufactures.

Resolution providing that the con- gress protest against further exten- sion of forest reserves by the federal authorities.

Resolution recommending a sys- tem of highway improvement.

Resolution providing for improve- ment of Mississippi river banks.

Resolution providing for improve- ment of harbors and rivers.

Resolution providing for improve- ment of the San Joaquin and Sacra- mento rivers.

Resolution providing that the gov- ernment build wall in front of its property at Galveston.

Resolution for the improvement of the Kansas river and its tributaries.

Officers Are Nominated.

The following officers have been nominated by the committee for of- ficers of the organization, and no doubt will be elected: President—R. C. Kerens, St. Louis. Vice-president—A. L. Black, What- com. Second Vice-president—Walter Graham, Galveston. Third Vice-president—John Carl- field, St. Paul. Fourth Vice-president—C. B. Booth, Los Angeles.

Treasurer—George B. Harrison, Kansas City. Secretary—Arthur P. Francis, Crip- ple Creek.

PREDICTS WINDY WEATHER.

Chance to Make Some Speed Second Day of Races.

New York, Aug. 21.—The weather bureau predicts light northerly winds tomorrow morning, shifting to east- ward and getting stronger as the day advances. Odds today are three to one on Reliance, but few bets are posted this afternoon.

Sir Lipton Is Hopeful.

Highlands, Aug. 21.—Sir Lipton is today more hopeful than ever of win- ning the cup. He says yesterday's conditions were the worst he ever saw off Sandy Hook. "Shamrock had no show for wind, while Reliance was lucky enough to catch puffs, giving her a lead. Whenever we did get a breeze we lost no time getting over Reliance's gain, but the luck never lasted. I hope for a fair breeze, when we will show what Shamrock can do. I want to race on even terms and if I get it, I do not fear the re- sult."

JUMPED THE TRACK.

Serious Street Car Accident in Seat- tle Suburb.

Seattle, Aug. 21.—A street car, loaded with Sunday school picnic- ers from Ballard, got beyond the con- trol of the motorman on a grade in Fremont, a Seattle suburb, this morn- ing, and jumped the track on a sharp curve. It plunged down a 20-foot em- bankment and turned over. One woman was fatally hurt, and a dozen children seriously injured.

It has been learned that Mrs. Ol- sen and Mrs. Mary Kaxon were fa- tally injured.

TIED THE TOWERMAN.

Scheme of Car Thieves Nearly Cau- sed a Wreck.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Four masked men last night bound and gagged and tied to his levers, Towerman James Ehlers, and then proceeded to rob freight cars. Ehlers was discovered by an engine crew an hour later, in time to save wrecking a passenger train entering the yards. Has 50 levers in the tower. The men got away with small booty.

SUB-COMMITTEE DISAGREES

SENATOR ALDRICH SEES NO HOPE OF ANY HARMONY.

Now Seen That No Bill Can Be Framed Upon Which Senate and House Can Get Together Next Winter.

New York, Aug. 21.—The members of the senate sub-committee which has been considering a new currency measure, have given up the idea of attempting to reach an agreement upon any asset currency plan, says a World dispatch from Providence, R. I. Senator Aldrich the chairman is authority for the statement that while the committee has not departed from its determination to devise some simple, conservative measure for the betterment of financial conditions, it has decided to exclude from the bill any reference to asset currency or any other detail upon which a dis- agreement of senate and house would be likely.

It is the belief of that committee that in the short time before Congress is convened it would be practically impossible to frame, with any hope of its adoption, a comprehensive cur- rency measure that would embrace all the larger questions which will yet have to be dealt with. The con- gress of the committee, therefore, are being devoted to paying the way for the passage of a simple bill to meet present needs. When the formal conference of the committee is resumed in the near future at Senator Al- drich's home, the new measure will be drafted.

ODELL FIGHTING PLATT.

Wants a Vacancy in Legislature Filled Upon That Basis.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 21.—While Pres- ident Roosevelt and Governor Odell were discussing New York politics to- day, Mr. Odell expressed himself as anxious to have an anti-Platt man elected to the vacant seat in the 92d per house of the legislature.

Guests of Navy Department.

Seattle, Aug. 21.—The members of the Trans-Mississippi Congress were taken to the Seattle navy yard yesterday afternoon, and were the guests of the officers at dinner at 7 o'clock last evening. They made a thorough tour of inspection of the entire navy department works, and will probably re- commend an extension of the yard here.

IN RIGHTEDOUS INDIGNATION

A Democratic Committeeman for Alaska Appointed Commissioner to World's Fair.

POLITICAL PROTESTS WERE ALL TURNED DOWN.

Levi Williams, of Juneau, Gets a Pay- ing Job—His Colleague, Governor Brady, Gets Glory Only—Affair Has Raised a Disturbance in Re- publican Circles at Washington.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Assistant Secretary Ryan, of the interior de- partment, has stirred up a political hornet's nest by the appointment which was made public today of Levi Williams, of Juneau, Alaska, democratic national committeeman from Alaska, as executive commis- sioner to take charge of the Alaskan exhibit at the World's Fair.

The other commissioner is Govern- or Brady. Brady gets no salary, while Williams will get \$2,500 per year and expenses.

Hints of the appointment leaked out in advance, and republican poli- ticians strenuously protested, led by Senator Carter, of Montana, but the protests were ignored.

BLACK IS COMMANDER.

G. A. R. Last Night Elected Officers and Chose Location for 1904.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—The Grand Army of the Republic today selected Boston as the place where the en- campment of 1904 will be held, and elected the following officers:

Commander-in-Chief—General John C. Black, Illinois. Senior Vice-Commander—Colonel C. Mason Kenne, California. Junior Vice-Commander—Colonel Harry C. Kessler, Montana. Surgeon-in-Chief—George A. Har- mon, Ohio. Chaplain-in-Chief—Winfield Scott, Arizona.

The Women's Relief Corps elected the following officers this afternoon:

National President—Sarah Winans, Ohio. Senior Vice-President—Ursula M. Mattinson, Washington. The only contest in the election of officers was over the chaplaincy, for which two ballots were taken. On the first ballot Bross, Nebraska, re- ceived 228 votes; Sent, Arizona, 506, and Bradford, Washington, 35. Brad- ford withdrew and Scott was elected on the second ballot.

TWO OPEN PORTS.

New Treaty Provides for a Partial Open Door.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Chinese Minister Chong called at the state department today to confirm the dis- patch that provisions for opening two ports in Manchuria be included in the treaty with the United States, which will be concluded in October. He says the outcome is a great victory for the United States, and the bene- fits accruing to China will be incal- culable.

He expects the Russian evacuation of Manchuria to begin August 28.

Off for Europe.

New York, Aug. 21.—Secretary Root sailed today on the Celtic for Liverpool to attend the Alaskan boundary commission, of which he is a member. Minister Foster also sail- ed for Turkey.

CHARGED WITH GAMBLING.

Jesse Sellers Got \$50 and Costs in the Circuit Court.

Jesse Sellers was arrested on an information filed in the circuit court yesterday afternoon, the district at- torney charging him with gambling. He was arraigned before Judge W. R. Ellis this morning and fined \$50 and costs by the court.

It is the intention of the district attorney to do all in his power to suppress what gambling there is in the city at this time, and he is work- ing in harmony with the police in as- certaining the location of anyone found violating the laws.

Already \$50,000 of rent have been collected by Alameda's track, display at the 14 1/2 mile World's Fair.