

SPECIAL AGENTS IMPLICATE RALEY

Indicate That He Maneuvered
Senator Fulton's Trip to
Deceive the Latter.

FULTON AMENDMENT BASED
UPON MISINFORMATION.

Acquired During a Trip Over the Reservation With Colonel Riley Who, According to the Special Agents, Took Care That the Senator Should See Only the Most Barren and Least Productive Lands—Not a Single Fraudulent Entry Has Yet Gone to a Patent.

The latest developments in the alleged land fraud instances arising from the disposal of lands lying within the Umatilla reservation, are indicated by the following from the Portland Oregonian's Washington correspondence:

Reports received in Washington from the special agents who are at work on the Umatilla Indian reservation leave no doubt that bold frauds have been attempted by men seeking unlawfully to procure title to valuable agricultural and grazing lands on that reservation. But it is also apparent from these reports and from the land office records that all such attempts have been frustrated, as not a single fraudulent entry has passed to patent. All these frauds were attempted under the act opening to entry the unceded portion of the Umatilla reservation and the Fulton amendment to that act.

J. H. Riley figures conspicuously in the reports of the investigators, and appears to have been more directly interested in these entries than any one else. Incidentally it develops that Mr. Riley is the man who drove Senator Fulton over a portion of the Umatilla reservation to convince him that the original law should be amended so as to afford some relief to settlers who had taken up land supposed to be unfit for cultivation.

Showing Fulton Barren Lands. According to the agent, who has made careful investigation, Mr. Riley did not show Mr. Fulton the land in which he and his friends were interested and which they had subsequently attempted to acquire under the Fulton amendment, but took the senator over the worst portion of the reservation, showing him barren peaks and unattractive grazing areas, representing them to be land that had been taken up by entrymen before discovering that it would not produce crops.

Mr. Riley, according to the report, said that some 20-odd settlers had partly paid for this unproductive land, but would not be able to acquire title unless the law was amended. It is the conviction of this agent that Mr. Fulton was entirely misled by Mr. Riley, and that he introduced his amendment to the Indian bill upon the representations that had been made to him on that drive. The agent also declares that several teams accompanied the senator on that occasion, and the occupants of the other teams were represented as settlers who sought relief under the proposed amendment.

May Lose Land and Money, Too. Mr. Riley, according to the report, has paid over to the government some \$6000 or \$7000 on lands entered in the names of his friends. Mr. Riley himself appearing as attorney for numerous entrymen. This money is now in the possession of the government, and, if the entries supposed to have been made in the interest of Mr. Riley are held for cancellation, he will not be able to recover this amount. On the contrary, it is the opinion of the authorities he may find himself in deep water, as numerous other Oregonians who are being investigated in the belief that they perjured themselves in connection with proof on various entries in which Mr. Riley is supposed to be interested.

May Face Perjury Charge. In attempting to procure agricultural land under the Fulton amendment it would be necessary for every entryman to submit perjured testimony, and this constitutes a serious offense, as does the alleged conspiracy among those involved.

What Colonel Riley Has to Say. Editor East Oregonian:

I have read the article in the Oregonian of the 14th, in which I figure so conspicuously. I say emphatically that I am not the man who drove Senator Fulton over a portion or any portion of the Umatilla reservation. However, I was one of the party who joined him at Meacham and drove over a part of the reservation. It can be easily ascertained what other persons constituted the party and the only statement I have to make regarding that is that every member of the party was a personal friend and acquaintance of Senator Fulton, and then here.

and no deception was practiced on him and could not have been practiced on him regarding their standing. Senator Ankeny was expected to be among the party, but failed to arrive. Senator Mitchell had been invited to be present, but for some reason now not known to me, he was not present.

Alexander Invited Also. Some days before the meeting at Meacham, I met Captain J. H. Alexander in Pendleton, told him of the proposed meeting of the senators and requested him to be present. At that time he informed me that he would be very glad to do so. I believe he also stated that his son-in-law was then visiting him and he would be pleased if there was room in the party to have his son-in-law go along, and requested me to notify him of the day and he would try to meet with us.

Perhaps about the day before we did meet at Meacham one of the men who afterward composed the party received a telegram from Senator Fulton, stating that he would be in Pendleton on I think it was the following day and could remain here one day and would at that time be glad to inspect the reservation lands. Upon receipt of that telegram two teams with hacks were sent to Meacham, Senator Fulton was notified that we would join him in Pendleton and go by train to Meacham and from that point drive out over the lands to be inspected. I immediately notified Captain Alexander by wire at La Grande to meet us the following morning at Meacham. Captain Alexander did not meet us there. Some time afterward in a conversation with him he expressed some regret or gave some reason for the failure to meet us, but I have forgotten just what his reason was.

Senator Fulton was driven along three sides of the so-called Crow & Riley pasture and was driven as near to all portions of it practically as he could have gone with a wagon, and had a good opportunity and did have a full understanding of the character of the lands in that pasture.

From there he was driven across the high plateau which contains some good agricultural land, to the high brakes of the Southern fork of McKay creek, and from that point viewed other lands which were embodied in the bill.

Fulton Not Misled. Senator Fulton was not misled in any manner nor by any person regarding the location or the character of the lands to be affected by the bill. It is true that Senator Fulton, when he was shown the Crow & Riley pasture, was shown barren lands, because this pasture is composed, or at least all parts of it which are held by Crow & Riley, or either of them, under leases, are barren lands and of the most worthless character. It is

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WILL BUILD NEW MEACHAM DEPOT

O. R. & N. BOUGHT LAND
SOUTH OF PRESENT DEPOT.

Bought of A. H. Todd—New Depot to Be Erected Upon the East Side of the Track—Need of Room for More of the Tracks, Opposite a New Water Side Tracking Is the Reason for the Change—Land Cost \$100 Per Acre.

The O. R. & N. company has purchased a piece of land at Meacham from A. H. Todd, and will use the same for a depot site. The deal for the land was made here yesterday between Mr. Todd and J. B. Eddy, right of way agent for the company. \$100 per acre being paid.

The tract purchased is about a quarter of a mile south of the present depot at Meacham. It lies on the east side of the railroad track, and a new depot will be erected at once. On the opposite side a water tank will be placed. The reason for the change in the depot location is to secure more side track room.

No More Chinese Labor for Transvaal. London, Nov. 15.—The Transvaal labor ordinance comes into force today. Under its principal sections the recruiting of Chinese labor is entirely stopped and the introduction of Chinamen into the country made a penal offense.

Argentine Wheat Crop Short. Buenos Ayres, Nov. 15.—The wheat crop this season will fall much below the average. Recent storms have practically destroyed the crop in the Rodarie and Santa Fe districts.

Pastors to Help Each Other. Arrangements have been made by the Baptist ministers of this place, Baker City and La Grande, to hold triangular meetings during the coming winter. The first meeting will be held at Baker City, Rev. Hall of Pendleton, and Rev. Gibson of La Grande, assisting Rev. Secor of Baker City in the latter's church. Afterward meetings will be held at La Grande and then here.

PENDLETON ISOLATED BY STORM THOUGH DAMAGE IS SLIGHT HERE

Only One Wire to the Outside and That Does Fitful Service.
Telephone Service Also Impaired.

High Water Delays Railroad Service From the West—Heavy Wind Prevailing in This Neighborhood—Yakima and Naches Rivers Higher Than They Ever Have Been Known—Headgates Washed Out and Irrigation Canals Sustain Vast Damage—Northern Pacific Traffic Tied Up, and City and County Authorities of Interior Washington Are Holding Emergency Sessions.

By reason of the heavy gale which continued almost steadily all day, telegraph and telephone wires have been out of commission, more or less, and in many instances communication is entirely cut off. The wind began blowing at an early hour this morning and increased somewhat in velocity up to noon, but slackened to some extent this afternoon.

The wires operated by the Western Union were in bad shape all day and it was impossible to get into communication for any length of time with Portland or any other outside places. The only exception to this is a single and occasional wire to Portland, via Spokane. Direct telegraphic communication east or west from Pendleton any distance is impossible. As a result the telegraphic service of the East Oregonian today is somewhat abbreviated, and the usual amount of foreign news will be missed.

Besides the poor service of the telegraph system, the telephone lines have not been working well, and much trouble has been experienced by patrons and employees of the company. Linemen have been at work in the attempt to improve conditions on the system, but as the wind continues, satisfactory service cannot be expected.

Several fences and billboards were blown down this morning in the city, but the damage done is not extensive. This morning the glass in the large transom in Gray Bros. grocery store was blown out, but fortunately no one was near the door when the glass fell, and no injuries were received.

Reports from different parts of the county are to the effect that the wind has been blowing with an unusual velocity, but that no particular damage has been sustained.

No 6 Was Late.

No. 6 passenger train arrived from Portland at 8 o'clock this morning, being about three hours late. It was necessary to make slow time between Umatilla and Pendleton because of the high water and condition of the bridges.

Heavy Gale This Morning. A heavy wind blew this morning in Pendleton and vicinity, but no particular damage was reported, except the blowing down of fences. Telegraph and telephone wires were more or less out of commission, but communication was not entirely cut off.

Electricity Turned On.

The electric light service was again put into commission this afternoon, but Manager Vincent stated that the repairs at the power station above Milton were not as yet completed, and he could not promise continuous service. He said, however, that he had assurances from headquarters that everything would be running smoothly again by tomorrow.

The water in the Little Walla Walla river has receded rapidly today, and the flume can now be repaired without further difficulty.

The Umatilla river has fallen some

since this morning, and residents need have no occasion for worry about the levee at this time.

Yakima Country Flooded.

North Yakima, Wash., Nov. 15.—The Yakima and Naches rivers are higher than ever before in the history of the valley and much damage to railway and other property is being done. The headgates of the canal of the power plant of the city washed out last night and other headgates have gone out of canals northwest of this place with the result that there is grave danger of flooding the city and surrounding country. Dynamite was used by the power company this morning to blow up its embankment a mile from the Naches river to divert the water and prevent it from coming down to the city.

The city and county authorities at noon today held informal meetings to consider the seriousness of the impending flood. The rivers are still rising and some county bridges have washed out. The North Yakima & Valley railroad trestles were washed out at the approach to the bridge across the Naches river, five miles from here, and all traffic on the Northern Pacific is tied up. The water is overflowing the banks of the rivers and the lowlands are inundated by reason of the washing away of the headgates of the power ditch and the Schanno ditch. Both canals are now carrying more water than they can hold. The surplus is flooding out over the whole country northwest of Fruitvale.

It is reported here that several Northern Pacific bridges in Yakima Canyon have gone out. Two miles of the main track west of Cle Elum have been taken out and all traffic suspended. If the rains continue all the county bridges will be washed out before night. The rainfall in the mountains is the heaviest ever reported in this county. Damage to property will amount to thousands of dollars.

RESUME WORK TOMORROW.

Paving Will Be Completed in Three Weeks Probably.

As a result of the heavy wind today the streets have dried up almost entirely. The force employed by the Warren Construction company will be put to work again in the morning after a several days' lay-off on account of the rain and wet streets.

It is believed that the work of laying the pavement on Court street can be completed in about five more days, provided the weather remains favorable. The company has not made much progress with the street work during the past two weeks owing to the wet weather.

As soon as Court street is finished the work will be directed to the south end of Main street. The company hopes to complete its contract within the next three weeks and it

WARRANTS OUT FOR STEWART AND ENDICOTT, GAMBLERS

One of the most sensational gambling cases that has come to light here in many months became known today when warrants were sworn out for the arrest of Roy Stewart and Sam Endicott. The former has been arrested and pleaded guilty, and was fined \$75 today by Judge Fitz Gerald. Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon Endicott had not been located by the chief of police.

G. W. Biggers of La Grande, is the complainant against the two men, and according to his allegations he was robbed of \$400 by the two men, and was in line to lose \$1000 more. According to Biggers he sat in a game of poker at the Rainier Beer hall, of which Stewart is the proprietor, and others in the game were Stewart, Endicott and a stranger whose name Biggers did not know. Biggers alleges that in the first game the trio won \$400 from him. But he still had a certificate of deposit for \$1000, and then induced him to try his luck again in hopes of redeeming his losses. While the game was on he

declared an extra card was slipped into his hand by one of the other players, who then pretended to discover the same and accused Biggers of cheating. The gambler then picked up all the money in the pot, taking also the \$1000 certificate of deposit. The certificate of deposit was from a La Grande bank and since the game payment has been stopped by Biggers, so he says.

The cases against Endicott and Stewart were taken up in the recorder's court by District Attorney Phelps. Should Biggers' story be found sustained it is probable both men will be indicted in the circuit court for larceny of the \$1000 certificate of deposit.

According to the officials much trouble has been had of late with the Rainier Beer hall, which has become so disreputable that complaints regarding the same are being made by others in the saloon business. Stewart's license will require renewal within a few weeks, and this last trouble may make it difficult to secure another.

is probable that after that time, the paving plant will be moved to Walla Walla unless it is decided by the council and property owners to have other streets paved.

FOURTEEN CARLOADS BEEVES.

Shipped Today, and An Equal Number Will Be Sent Tomorrow.

Fourteen carloads of beef cattle are being shipped from Pendleton today over the W. & C. R. and Northern Pacific to Seattle, and tomorrow an equally as large shipment will be made from here to the same point. The two shipments comprise about 700 beef cattle and were purchased by Nate Raines of this city for the Frey-Bruhn company of Seattle.

Mr. Raines purchased the cattle mostly from stockmen of the Isee country in Grant county, and it is understood that little better than average prices were paid for them, as the cattle are in prime condition for slaughtering.

The cattle would have been shipped in one train, but the railroad company was unable to get enough cars together today and it will be necessary, therefore, to make two shipments of the same. This number is the largest single purchase made at this point for many months.

Owing to the high water and wash-outs on the Northern Pacific in the Cascades and western Washington, the cattle will be shipped as far as Toppenish, Wash., and will be held and fed there until through service can be had from that point to Seattle.

WOOD GROWING SCARCE.

Weather Drives Workmen From Hills Above Baker City.

It will not be at all surprising if the price of wood jumps as high as \$9 or \$10 a cord before long, says the Baker City Herald. The present weather has driven the few choppers and haulers from the hills and the supply is cut off.

One of the dealers said this morning that he had but about half of his wood down from the hills and that he had taken no orders for the past two weeks. The outlook is not very encouraging. Idaho is trying to buy wood from Baker and is willing to pay \$8 a cord f. o. b. Baker City. The price in Pendleton and Walla Walla is going up steadily and it will certainly advance in Baker City before very long.

WATERWAYS CONVENTION.

To Secure a Chicago-St. Louis Deep Channel.

St. Louis, Nov. 15.—The waterways convention for forwarding the movement for a deep channel from the lakes to the gulf met this morning and will make recommendations to congress.

CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATES

326 FOR SCHOOL LANDS
BASED UPON FORGERY.

Total of 88,130.72 Acres Directly Affected—All the Forged Applications Acknowledged Before Henry H. Turner—Many of the Investors Seemed to Have Been Innocent Victims of Others' Dishonesty.

Three hundred and twenty-six certificates based on forged applications for school lands covering 88,130.72 acres, on which certificates of sale had been issued to purchasers, have been ordered cancelled at Salem by the state land board. This action was taken when it became known that this fraud had been practiced on the board.

In reference to the matter a Salem paper further says:

Payment on the principal sums due had been made to an aggregate of \$46,781.20. All of the forged applications had been acknowledged before Henry H. Turner, who was a justice of the peace in this city. The forged applications cover a period running through the years 1900-1-2-3. Many of the holders of the certificates have made all payments, except the final one and all of them are losers in varying sums. Among the victims is M. T. Palmer of Bath, Me., who appeared before the board seeking relief and wanted his money back. He holds several of the cancelled certificates and claimed to have everything invested in them. He will have to apply to the legislature for relief, said members of the board.

When it is known that the order of the cancellation has been made it is thought likely many more will be seeking a way to recover their investments, but they will have no recourse excepting through the legislature.

Turner, who is a resident of this city and a young lawyer, has figured before in similar deals and was indicted by the Marion county grand jury in the land fraud cases that have been before the public for the past two years. He became a witness for the state in the trial of those cases and thereby secured dismissal of the indictment against him.

'FRISCO RELIEF WAS EMBEZZLED

\$1,000,000 Intended for the
Destitute Victims of Earth-
quake and Fire Was Stolen.

MISSING REMITTANCES
SENT IN DIVERS SHAPES.

Cash Sent Direct and by Express and Money Order—Over One Hundred Expert Agents of the Federal Secret Service Are Employed on the Case by Order of the President—Mayor Schmitz Under Suspicion—\$10,580 From Searchlight, Nev., Is Missing—Great and Dastardly Steal.

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—New and sensational features have come to light in connection with the graft investigation in this city. It is learned on good authority that the relief funds for the extent of nearly \$1,000,000. So indignant was President Roosevelt, on hearing of the stealing of the funds contributed by sympathetic citizens of various states for the relief of the unfortunate of San Francisco, that he is reported to have said that he would bring the offenders from the uttermost parts of the earth should they make temporary escape.

Postal Orders Taken.

During the first days following the fire in San Francisco, sympathetic citizens throughout the country forwarded relief moneys by postal orders and by enclosing scrip in envelopes and other packages. The world not being acquainted with the organization of relief bodies in the city, forwarded much financial aid in care of Mayor Schmitz.

It is said amounts ranging from 50 cents upward into hundreds and possibly thousands of dollars were sent to the mayor and that a comparatively small sum only reached the Red Cross or citizens' relief committee as shown by the records. It is estimated that the relief moneys were forwarded through 10,000 and possibly 20,000 postoffices of the United States and also that considerable sums came through the express companies.

Roosevelt Interested. The interest of President Roosevelt and the federal authorities in this affair has been so great that the president is credited with the statement that the government will expend \$1,000,000 if necessary to unearth and bring the criminals to justice.

Over 100 of the most expert operatives of the secret service department have been at work among the postoffices of the Union and in this city tracing money orders and receipts. The crime of forgery is said to be included in the offenses of the raiders of the relief contributions.

It is through the president's influence that William J. Burns, one of the most expert and successful detectives in the employ of the government, is detailed to work in San Francisco. It was also through the president that Francis J. Heney, who with Burns was engaged in prosecuting important land fraud cases in Oregon and California, was detached from that work and assigned to the San Francisco graft investigation.

So secret has been the work of these government agents that even District Attorney Langdon was not acquainted with the main purpose for fear that he might "leak."

A considerable sum of money was also sent through the express companies and Wells-Fargo, which companies are now investigating the disappearance of \$10,580 sent in one package from the citizens of Searchlight, Nev., which the relief committee says it never received, and which the company says was delivered to the representative of the committee to whom it was addressed.

The express company has a receipt for the money, and the Searchlight editor, who sent the money, has a letter of acknowledgment, but the money is missing and Mayor Schmitz and all his underlings deny it was ever received.

Repairing Furnish Flume.

Progress is being rapidly made on the repairs of the Furnish ditch near Hermiston, about 15 men being employed at the present time. The foundation for the large flume had become impaired in a number of places. The sand is being removed and timbers are being placed deeper in the ground for a better foundation for supporting the flume when full of water.

Reception to Grand Matron.

Mrs. B. L. Sherwin, grand matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, arrived here yesterday upon an official visit to Bushee chapter No. 19. At the Masonic hall this evening she will be given a reception by the members of the local organization and following the same, instruction will be given in the secret work of the order. Mrs. Sherwin's home is at Ashland.