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UMATILLA WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Federal Grand Jury Will Probe Indian Land Filings Next Week.

OVER 150 SUBPOENAS SERVED IN UMATILLA

United States District Attorney John McCourt Asks for Grand Jury to Investigate Indian Land Matters—Case Has Been in the Federal Court for 18 Months—Grand Jury Will Hear the Case on Monday, May 25.

One hundred and fifty Umatilla county people have been subpoenaed to appear before the federal grand jury at Portland on Monday, May 25, when the alleged Umatilla Indian land frauds will be investigated by United States District Attorney John McCourt.

For the past two years this Indian land matter has been brewing and a large number of claims were cancelled during an investigation held in this city 18 months ago by Captain J. H. Alexander and L. R. Jones, and at that time it was determined to bring the matter before the federal grand jury, although the pressure of other business has delayed it until now.

Two or three features of the land filings in question will be investigated by the federal grand jury, the principal features being as follows: That much agricultural land has been filed upon as range land and that no residence has been made upon this agricultural land; that entrymen bargained away their claims and secured money for filing purposes from those who were to receive the lands when title was completed.

Want an Investigation. All of those who are connected with the matter by the investigations express a willingness and a desire for the investigation to proceed that the facts of the matter may be arrived at and the subject dropped. They say they are within the law and do not fear the investigations and in fact welcome a most searching inquiry into their acts.

When District Attorney John McCourt took up the work of that office several months ago he found the Umatilla land investigation on his desk awaiting further investigation and as soon as the more pressing business was disposed of he asked for a grand jury for this matter and Saturday Judge Wolverton ordered the jury to convene on Monday, May 25, to take up the matter.

Large numbers of Umatilla county people will be called to Portland to attend the investigation and offer testimony in the case. There were about 800 original entries on the Umatilla lands and many of these are under investigation.

History of the Indian Lands. The Oregon Daily Journal says of the matter, after an interview with United States District Attorney McCourt:

The frauds, which are said to have resulted in the gobbling up of more than 25,000 acres of the public domain in Umatilla county, will implicate some of the most prominent business and professional men and cattle and sheep men of Umatilla county, and of eastern Oregon.

Investigation Made Long Ago. More than two years ago it was called to the attention of the general land office that the land entries had been juggled in Umatilla county, and an investigation was ordered. E. W. Dixon, of Portland and a special agent of the general land office, and Colonel James H. Alexander, now of the La Grande land office, were chosen to make an investigation of the conditions surrounding the Umatilla purchases.

This report was finished in November, 1906, and sent to the department. Owing to the tangled condition of things in the Oregon office, however, no formal action was taken during the

time W. C. Bristol was in the district attorney's office.

Mr. McCourt, in clearing away the accumulations of his office, has come to the Umatilla investigations and will put the matter before the grand jury when it convenes on the 25th.

The frauds, according to the story, grew out of the sale of that portion of the Umatilla reservation left over after the lands had been allotted according to the provisions of the Slater law of 1885. This provided that each Indian on the reservation should be given an allotment and that those lands left over should be sold at public sale.

The allotments were made and the first sales were held. At the first sale the best land left from the allotments was purchased, but more than 25,000 acres were left idle without owners. In the course of time men squatted on these lands, and after a time another sale was ordered by congress. In this new act, however, the squatter who had lived on the land and had made improvements were given the right to file on their claims. The remaining lands were to be sold.

At the second sale, it is said to have been discovered from the investigations, the filings were juggled in such a manner by a large number of prominent citizens of Umatilla county, that these men secured control of the land which was very valuable for grazing purposes, though not a great deal of it at that time was considered good for agricultural purposes.

It is believed that the result of the investigations made by Dixon and Alexander will lead to the indictment of a number of the men implicated. The grand jury will also go into the recent frauds in the Roseburg district where it is claimed men had illegally filed on claims.

The land grant cases of southern Oregon may also be investigated.

MURDERESS DID GOOD BUSINESS

PROFITS OF KILLINGS NETTED ABOUT \$55,000.

Husbands One and Two Contributed Large Amounts—Other Victims Donated Sums Estimated at From \$1000 to \$5000—Fire Insurance Helped Some, While Fifteen Men Pay \$1000 Each for Letter Writing.

La Porte, Ind., May 18.—In her alleged campaign of murder, Mrs. Belle Gunness is said to have carried on a very profitable "business" which netted her according to the latest estimates, about \$55,000.

Tabulation of the sums obtained is as follows: M. Sorenson, first husband, \$5000; Peter Gunness, second husband, \$4000; Charles Erdman, Newcastle, Ind., \$5000; Herman Konitzer, Chicago, \$5000; Ole Budspers, Iowa, Wis., \$2000; J. O. Mee, Elbow Lake, Minn., \$1500; Andrew Helgelein, Aberdeen, S. D., \$2000; George Berry, Tuscola, Ill., \$1500; Henry Gerhalt, Illa, Wis., \$1000.

Fire insurance on the Gunness home in Chicago, \$3500. In addition to these she is supposed to have received \$1000 from each of the four men whose bodies were found on the murder farm and \$1000 from each of the 15 men with whom she had been corresponding.

The money is believed to have gone into real estate.

Advertising Oregon.

Portland, May 18.—The Oregon Development league is circulating 60,000 copies of a four page Dairy and Livestock Bulletin. This contains most effective illustration and text, a comprehensive story of livestock, dairy and poultry realities, as well as some idea of the future possibilities of this greatest of all dairy sections. The Portland Country Club and Livestock association and the location of the great packing plants are important features. It is easy to see that almost untold wealth will accrue to the state through the development of this marvelous branch of its growth.

Baseball Scores.

Portland, May 18.—Portland, 3; Los Angeles, 0.
San Francisco, 0-8; Oakland, 2-5.

STRIKERS RIOT IN CLEVELAND

Employees Seem to Have Lost Their Fight, But Sympathizers Do Not Quit.

MOB ATTACKS CONDUCTOR AND WRECKS HIS CAR

Hundreds of Stones Hurlled at Man While Trying to Make Switch—All Lines Running as Usual This Morning—President of Company Says They Have Enough to Operate—State Board of Arbitration Steps in This Afternoon—Mayor Johnson Declares Cleveland Will Not Be Run by Mob Rule.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 18.—(4:30 p. m.)—Rioting on a scale that threatened death and serious injury this afternoon by strike sympathizers who are trying to advance the cause of the strikers. In one instance a mob attacked a conductor while he was trying to make a switch. Suffering pain from wounds caused by stones which he hurled at him by hundreds he rushed into the car and locked himself in.

Not content with injuring the man the mob rushed for his car and demolished it. The police finally drove the men away.

Strikers Apparently Lose. Cleveland, Ohio, May 18.—(10 a. m.)—Indications are today that the street car employees have lost their fight against the municipal traction company. All of the lines are running as usual this morning and there have been no disorders today.

The union denies that the report given out by President Dupont of the street car company that the company has more than enough men on hand to operate all its lines. The state board of arbitration took steps today looking towards an adjustment of the difficulty.

Mob Rule Don't Go.

"Cleveland will not be run by mob rule," Tom Johnson has made his position clear as it is affected by the present strike on the street railway system. He made this statement early today when requested to intervene and bring about peace between the warring factions.

"Until all disorder is stopped," he said, "I shall not move my hand to adjust the differences between the warring parties. I want it thoroughly understood that a mob will never have any hand in the government of the city of Cleveland. When both sides settle down to conduct this fight along legitimate lines I will do all in my power to effect a settlement but not till then."

"I feel certain that I can effect a settlement and induce both sides to sign an agreement. I expect to see President D. W. Mahon of the International Carmen's union today."

DEMAND FOR NEWPORT LOTS.

Offer of a Free Building Lot at Hermon Brings Many Replies From Different Parts of the Country.

Colonel H. G. Newport of Hermon, is in the city today on a business trip and is highly elated with the results of his recent offer to give a building lot free to any one who would build a residence costing \$400 or more in that thriving little town.

People in Freeport, Ill., Valdez, Alaska, and Chicago have replied to his generous offer and a large number of local people are also planning to accept one of his fine lots and build a residence in Hermon.

The offer holds good for 60 days and Colonel Newport hopes to secure a large number of excellent cottages as a result of the offer. The dwellings can be rented for from \$10 to \$15 per month and the property will increase rapidly in value and there is every reason to believe that a good residence section will be built up as a result of his offer.

THIEVING CASHIER WRECKS A BANK.

Pittsburg, May 18.—Hopelessly wrecked by the peculations of its cashier, William Montgomery, the Allegheny National bank today closed its doors and went into the hands of a receiver. National Bank Examiner Robert Lyons was placed in charge by order of the court.

The action of the comptroller was not unexpected as the investigation which local financiers conducted up until Sunday night, showed the bank's affairs to be almost hopelessly involved.

FATHER AND SON AGREE TO DIE

Driven to Desperation by Financial Troubles Man Murders Boy and Stabs Self.

YOUTH BEGGED NOT TO BE LEFT ALONE IN WORLD.

Foiled in Attempt to Lose His Son and Companion, Henry Rudolph Amann, 43, murdered his 12-year-old son Walter and stabbed himself. He may die. Two days prior to the killing the father tried to lose his son by leaving him at points about Lake Forest and Fort Sheridan. The boy suspected him and foiled his intentions.

The father then told his son his intention to commit suicide and the lad, who always was very close to the father, begged not to be left alone in the world and asked the father to kill him first.

Finally, after a long talk near the lake front, they signed an agreement to die together. The father then produced the blade of a knife into his son, and made a desperate attempt to reach his own heart but missed it both times. He fell unconscious and was found later by soldiers.

Today he pitches in a narrow cot at the Fort Sheridan hospital constantly muttering, "I've killed my son, I didn't die. He is alone in heaven." It is thought that Amann will not live.

WASHINGTON DEMOCRATS ARE IN SESSION TODAY

Local Option Is Denounced and State Arranged for Delegates to Denver Convention.

Spokane, May 18.—Ex-United States George Turner called the democratic state convention to order here this morning and will probably be made permanent chairman this afternoon.

His speech was a strong declaration against the local option plank recently adopted by the republican convention.

W. W. Dumpy of Walla Walla, will probably be selected as national committeeman without opposition.

The slate for delegates at large is as follows: Fred Baldwin of Spokane, C. G. Heifner of Seattle, A. R. Tilloy of Tacoma, A. G. Christensen of Ritzville.

Delegates of the third district: Jerome Drumheller of Spokane, T. A. White of St. John, Whitman county.

Presidential electors: F. W. Hamilton of Benton, J. M. Kernan of Garfield.

Second district: F. Spinning of Pierce, L. H. Hidden of Clarke, W. W. Cannon of Lewis, J. F. Conline of Thurston.

First district: F. A. McDonald and I. P. Calhoun, King, W. W. Black, Snohomish.

Land Contest.

Testimony in a Hermon land contest is being taken before Justice of the Peace Parkes this afternoon. Attorney Francis H. Bartlett of Hermon and R. R. Johnson of Echo are the attorneys in the case.

Ketchell-Papke Match.

Milwaukee, May 18.—Stanley Ketchell was matched to meet Billy Papke of Milwaukee, June 4 in a 10-round go here. The men must weigh under 154 pounds at 3 o'clock.

TO ARREST DOG OWNERS.

Untagged Dogs in Boise to Cause Owners Trouble.

Are you a prominent citizen and are you the owner of a pet canine? If so, one of three alternatives is offered, either pay the dog tax and receive a tag entitling the canine to roam the streets, or surrender the dog to the dog catcher or suffer yourself to be arrested and fined for not complying with the city ordinances, says the Boise Capital News.

Poundmaster Robinson has three warrants for the arrest of prominent citizens who own dogs and who have not paid the annual license and received a tag and proposes to see that they are served upon those persons if they fail to come through with the \$3 per head for the animals kept by them. The crusade of the dog catcher is directed against the owners of dogs rather than after the canines.

The dead cannot enjoy flowers, but the living can.

DECORATION DAY EXERCISES WILL BE HELD MAY 31

This afternoon Kit Carson Post of the G. A. R. decided to hold the decoration day exercises on Sunday, May 31, instead of May 30, the regular date of decoration day. The Grand Army exercises will not take place until Sunday, May 31, and all other organizations and individuals have been urged by the members of the post to postpone the exercises till that date. Owing to the fact that Saturday is a busy day in the city there has been a general sentiment in favor of changing the time of the exercises until May 31, when more people could attend and in response to this sentiment the G. A. R. have changed the date of their services and a cordial invitation is extended to others to do likewise.

CALEDONIANS TO HAVE BIG TIME

GREAT CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR ATHENA.

Games, Songs, Speeches, Recitations and General Social Reunion Will Be Prominent Features—Pipers, Dancers and Vocalists of Note Are on the Program—Cash Prizes Offered for Sports and Costumes.

Games, sports, speeches, songs, instrumental music, dances and many other events too numerous to mention are to characterize this year's Caledonian picnic at Athena, next Friday and Saturday.

According to the announcements sent out by those having the matter in charge the celebration is to be carried out on a more elaborate scale than ever before, and the people of that town are preparing to entertain the largest number of visitors that ever participated in a similar event there.

Mayor J. D. Plamondon is president of the Caledonian society and Henry A. Barrett secretary.

H. M. Cake, republican candidate for United States senator, will be the principal speaker of the day, while other addresses will be delivered by S. F. Wilson and C. A. Barrett of Athena.

Classical Scotch songs will be rendered by Miss Ethel Lytle, soprano, Miss Laurie Stanton, contralto, and Prof. J. A. Epping, baritone.

Comic Songs.

Frank Hennessey will furnish the comic songs, while the bagpipe will be handled by Major MacDonald of Walla Walla. He is one of the best pipers in the northwest and his numbers will be among the enjoyable features of the picnic.

Agnes and Jessie Pottage, Jeanie Best, Frank D'Arcy and James King, the famous juvenile dancers, have been secured for the occasion as well as the youngest piper in America, James McKinley, late of Aberdeen.

Harry Lauder's famous songs and specialties will be rendered by Jock Coleman.

The general public is invited to spend Friday and Saturday, May 22 and 23, in Athena, and a real Scottish welcome is promised for all.

Cash Prizes.

In addition to the \$25 prize for the horse race, cash awards of \$3 for the first and \$2 for the second will be given in the following events:

Foot race, 100 yards; foot race, 50 yards; hurdle race, 120 yards; putting the shot, pole vaulting, tossing the caber, high jump, broad jump, hop, step and jump, three standing jumps, bicycle race, best dressed lady, Highland costume; best dressed gent, Highland costume; best Highland fling dancer.

Ruef Case Nears End.

San Francisco, May 18.—The summing up in the Ruef Parkside realty bribery case began today with the assistant district attorney making the opening plea for the people against the ex-boss.

ARMY DEFEATED PENDLETON

Lorimer's Pets Rock Uncle Sam's Warriors to Sleep in Fastest Game of Season.

SENSATIONAL BALL PLAYED BY BOTH TEAMS.

Fans Delighted With One of the Cleanest Exhibitions of Great National Game Seen on Local Diamond—Onesided Contest Failed to Materialize—Tallafiero in the Box for Pendleton, Crain for Walla Walla—Scorer Rader Summarizes Work of Locals for Season—Outplayed All Opponents.

The fans who journeyed out to the ball park yesterday afternoon witnessed one of the fastest and cleanest exhibitions of the national game seen on the local diamond this season.

Many remained away expecting a one-sided game, but are now mourning the fact that they missed the best game of the year.

Both Crain and Tallafiero had almost perfect control and worked out of several "holes" by good headwork, and sensational fielding behind them.

First inning, both sides were retired in order.

Second round Hogan hit over second base but was out a moment later when Monroe hit to Van Houten, who threw to McAllister forcing Hogan. McAllister to Conrad, getting Monroe, Osterman flew out to King.

In the fourth inning Tallafiero lost control for a short time, walking both Eastburn and Crain. Hogan sent a hot one to Dean, who gathered it in, touched third and then throwing to Conrad completing a fast double and lessening the chances of the Warriors scoring. Monroe struck out. After this but one of the visitors reached first.

The Pets were unable to solve Crain's delivery until the sixth inning. Van Houten out from Crain to Eastman. Munson stopped one of Crain's fast ones with his ribs. Safe at second on Feehey's error. Advanced to third on Conrad's single over short, both Munson and Conrad registering on Parkes' safety over first. Dean hit a fast grounder to Feehey, who touched Parkes, throwing to Eastburn, retiring Dean.

Nothing more doing for the Pets until the eighth. Tallafiero hit safely, went to second on a passed ball and scored when Monroe fumbled Munson's hit into left field. Conrad's long drive to center, which Gilbert allowed to get away from him, letting Munson score and Conrad go to third. Conrad was immediately called out for cutting second base. Parkes out at first.

The following is the tabulated score:

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Fl. Walla Walla	4	0	1	0	1	0
Gilbert	3	0	0	8	0	0
Eastburn	3	0	0	1	0	0
Crain	3	0	1	0	1	0
Hagan	3	0	1	0	1	1
Monroe	3	0	2	1	0	0
Osterman	3	0	1	2	0	0
Molke	2	0	0	5	0	0
Feehey	3	0	0	4	2	1
States	3	0	0	0	0	2

Totals 27 0 2 23 9 5

*Conrad out for cutting second base.

Pendleton—AB R H PO A E
Van Houten, ss. 4 0 1 0 3 1
Munson, c. 3 2 1 8 1 0
Conrad, 1b 4 1 1 12 0 0
Parkes, rf 4 0 1 1 0 0
Dean, 3b 3 0 0 1 1 0
McAllister, 2b 3 0 1 1 5 0
King, lf 2 0 1 1 0 0
Shockey, cf 3 0 1 0 1 0
Tallafiero, p 2 1 2 4 0 0

Totals 28 4 7 27 14 1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Pendleton 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 2 4

Walla Walla 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Earned runs—Pendleton, 1.

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WOOD PRICES DOOMED TO COME DOWN

After trying in vain to sell their wood to wood dealers of this city and Walla Walla, 10 wood cutters of Kamela have pooled their output and have established offices and placed an agent in this city for the purpose of retailing their wood to the trade.

S. B. Roberson of Kamela, is now located at the Alta house where he is handling the combined output of the Kamela wood choppers and will furnish any kind of wood cut on the mountains in any quantity at reasonable prices.

It is estimated that the 10 dealers

who have pooled their output will be able to furnish 5000 cords of wood during the spring and summer and will actively engage in the retail trade here and at other places in the inland empire.

This is the first time such a movement on the part of wood choppers of the mountain has been made and will be watched with much interest. As this means of marketing the wood will pass it directly from the producer to the consumer, it means much to the wood business in this territory and will perhaps effect a great reduction in prices.

SHEEPMEN LEASE 100 SQUARE MILES

A tract of excellent mountain range land, 50 miles in length by 10 miles in width and lying on the summit of the Blue mountains in Baker county between Austin and Pleasant valley, has just been leased for five years by Morrow, Gilliam and Umatilla county sheepmen, the consideration of the lease being \$5000 for the entire term of five years.

This is one of the finest bodies of grazing land in eastern Oregon and has been secured by Dan P. Smythe of this city; A. K. and A. Smythe of Arlington; William Smith of Arlington

and A. M. Whittier of Huntington. It will be used as overflow range from their allotments in the forest reserves and will give them sufficient territory for the season to enable them to carry over all their flocks without selling off as it had been thought would be necessary, owing to the limited range in the reserves.

The land belongs to the Oregon Lumber company, Stoddard Brothers, Sumpter Lumber company, the Hewitt-Bell Lumber company, and other tracts belonging to private individuals.