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M' COURT AFTER OREGON FRAUDS

Demand Made That 9280 Acres of Linn County Land Be Restored.

TIMBER LAND IN QUESTION WORTH \$1,000,000.

Principal Defendant Is Charles A. Smith of Minneapolis - United States District Attorney Plans Vigorous Investigation of Alleged Land Frauds of Umatilla County - Jury Called This Afternoon in Portland.

Portland, May 25.—District Attorney McCourt filed three suits today to recover 9280 acres of Linn county land. Charles A. Smith of Minneapolis is the principal defendant. The land is valued at \$1,000,000. The statute of limitations prevents criminal proceedings.

M'Court Is Ready. United States Attorney McCourt is making all necessary preliminary arrangements for expediting the work of the federal grand jury, which was called this afternoon.

An investigation of the alleged Umatilla land frauds was the specific purpose for which the jury was requested, and the district attorney will lose no time in submitting to the jury such evidence as he has on the subject.

Mr. McCourt said that the Umatilla land matter would be taken up with the jury as soon as it had been selected. All other criminal cases will await the completion of the land investigation.

Edward W. Dixon and J. H. Alexander, special agents of the interior department, are in the city and will assist Mr. McCourt in compiling the evidence that will be presented to the grand jury.

Dixon and Alexander are two of the special agents who made an investigation of the alleged fraudulent land transactions extended from early in 1906 to May, 1907, and it is on that report the pending grand jury investigation has been authorized by the attorney general.

GOVERNOR PECK TELLS OF LOUISIANA

Liquor Dealers Aiding in Movement to Clean Out Low Resorts.

Louisiana is in the first stages of the prohibition era, just getting a little "nutty" around the edges, but has not yet arrived at the stage of the disease when they "see things" and run amuck with the prohibition torch aflame with incendiary benedictions. Some parishes, in the far interior, have gone dry like a farrow cow and below around like a maverick that has been eating loco weed. (A parish in Louisiana is the same as our counties in the north.) But the level headed citizens are out with the lariat ropes of good common sense, to rope and the wild-eyed prohibition steer and by next year it is believed the stampeding herd will be rounded up and bunched, and turned loose to grass. There will be some parishes, where there are no large cities, and where negroes are plenty and not very reliable, and where the white people can have all the liquor they want in their homes, where prohibition will be a good thing, but there never will be state-wide prohibition in the state, because every white citizen of the state is proud of Old New Orleans, and they will never vote to injure its business or the happiness of its people. Why, there is not a parish in the state but is largely populated by the descendants of the old French and Creole families, who have drunk their wine since they were children, and when that state becomes so dry that one of the old families can not sip its claret that has been in the cellar since Louisiana belonged to Spain or France, there will be a revolution that will make the prohibition voters sit up and take notice.

Cleaning Out Dives. There are many things connected

BOURNE HAS WORN OUT HIS WELCOME.

Washington, May 25.—Bourne has worn out his welcome at the White House. Taft regards him with the bitterest hatred. The senate calls him a joke. He will have a hard time the balance of his term. Roosevelt said recently: "After Bourne, Beveridge is a positive relief." Beveridge is known as the most tiresome man in Washington.

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CHARGE HIRED MAN WITH CRIME

C. E. GIBSON SAYS HIS HOME WAS SET ON FIRE.

Accuser Says Fellow Is Apparently Insane—Damage Will Amount to \$200 and Loss of Building Was Narrowly Averted—Flames Start While Family Is at Church—Suspicious Circumstances in Connection.

About noon yesterday the dwelling of C. E. Gibson, 1812 Railroad street, was set afire and this morning Mr. Gibson swore to a complaint charging Charley, an employe, with the crime. According to Gibson, the man is apparently insane and he says that there is undisputed proof that he set fire to the house.

Through hard work on the part of neighbors the place was saved, though Gibson claims he suffered a loss of about \$200.

Immediately after the fire Charley claimed that the incubator had exploded, thus causing the blaze to start. However, all indications, according to the story of Gibson, show that the fire was started maliciously by someone, and in the mind of Gibson the man was Charley. A quantity of wood had been taken from the wood shed and piled against the house by the man. Furthermore, Gibson claims that the present state of the incubator shows plainly that it did not explode and he claims that the fire was started in the wood shed.

The accused man is about 35 years of age and has been here for about two months, according to Gibson. His real name is not known and this morning a John Doe warrant was sworn out against him by District Attorney Phelps. He formerly worked for George Roork.

Cortelyou for Vice.

Washington, May 25.—Cortelyou's boom for vice president has been revived with renewed vigor. His friends argue it will help the ticket in New York state.

The Congressional Ministers' association of Minneapolis asked of the local central labor body the privilege of paying dues the same as other affiliated organizations. The offer was declined.

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Even thousand people were driven from their homes by the rise of Trinity river, two thousand being forced this morning to follow the five thousand refugees of last night. Thousands of livestock have perished.

River Higher Than in 1889.

Ft. Worth, May 25.—Seven people are known to be dead, five thousand are homeless, a dozen or more are reported to have been killed in Fort Worth and North Fort Worth as a result of the greatest rise in the history of the Trinity river, which began at 7:30 Saturday evening, reached a climax at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Five of the deaths occurred today and two last night.

Following the torrential rains of Saturday and today a volume of seven inches, the river went three inches higher than the record breaking flood of 1889.

Project Nearly Complete.

The Umatilla project is nearing completion. By the middle of June the work at the big dam will be practically complete. The water is now running through ditches in the Hermiton unit in the most satisfactory way and all things are progressing as well as could be expected, say the engineers. A force of men are now employed putting in a few miles of additional concrete line along the main ditch, where seepage is causing damage to the O. R. & N. tracks near Echo.

Three Are Drowned.

Spokane, May 25.—Kootenai river has claimed three more victims, John Sharpless, a veteran of the Boer war, John Miles, a pioneer of Richmond, and a young Englishman were swept over the falls near Nelson, B. C., while rowing yesterday.

Federal Suspends Business.

Reno, Nev., May 25.—Business was suspended during Governor Sharp's funeral today under the Elks' auspices. The body was taken to his former home in Texas.

Quayle Is Bishop.

Baltimore, Md., May 25.—The deadlock in the Methodist bishops' conference was broken by the election of William Quayle of Chicago on the tenth ballot this morning. Five more bishops will be selected speedily.

Even Too Much for Ida.

Chicago, May 25.—Ida Deerge, a chorus girl with the Webbers company, was discharged for refusing to wear the director's skirt. The girl appears in tights nightly, but says the new dress is one too much for her.

Hermann's Trial in August.

Washington, May 25.—It is reported here today on good authority that Binger Hermann's land fraud trial in Portland will begin in August.

Tennessee which makes it unlawful to allow any female child under 16 years of age to work in any manufacturing establishment more than 62 hours in any one week in 1908, or more than 61 hours in 1909, and after January 1, 1910, more than 60 hours.

Boston waiters and other unions are making an effort to have the license commissioners make a rule that women cannot be employed to serve liquor in any licensed place in that city.

THAW GOES BACK TO MATTEWAN

Supreme Judge Declares He is Insane and Not Fit to Be at Large.

JEROME AND EVELYN ARE BOTH SATISFIED.

Reported That Slayer of Stanford White Had Threatened Life of Prosecuting Attorney - Evelyn Feared Violence at the Hands of Her Husband—Divorce Proceedings Will Not Be Dropped—Mother Visits Son—Bordering on Physical Collapse—Harry Says He Expected It and Blames "Hot Air" of Jerome.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 25.—"Harry Thaw is insane and is not a fit person to be at large," declared Supreme Justice Morschauer this morning.

The court upholds Downing's order of commitment to Matteawan and says Thaw must remain in the asylum until cured beyond danger of a relapse. Jerome is highly pleased with the decision. It was reported that Thaw has threatened the prosecutor's life.

It is also reported that Evelyn is satisfied. It is well known that she feared harm in the event her husband was released.

Thaw said he expected this outcome of the case and blames Jerome's "hot air and spectacular work."

He says the defense witnesses were not sensational enough to attract attention, but does not blame the reporters.

Thaw said he did not believe Evelyn would drop the suit.

His mother visited the prisoner this morning. She is on the verge of collapse.

A hearing to determine the place where Thaw will be confined will probably be held next week.

Sunday's Games.

Oakland, 4; Portland, 6. Los Angeles, 6-1; San Francisco, 1-0.

MANY SEEK WORK.

Costuma Would Conduct Free Employment Bureau.

"Many men have come to my office seeking employment during the past few weeks and if farmers and others wishing to secure men will leave me their names I will send them help," said D. R. Costuma this morning.

According to Mr. Costuma many of those who are seeking work are good men who have come from the eastern or middle states and desire to locate here if they can find anything to do. They are not of the ordinary idle class and he holds that they should be held in this section if possible.

According to Mr. Costuma, the proposed publicity bureau could do much good by simply finding locations for tourist workmen who seem to be deserving.

Damrosch at Walla Walla.

Arrangements have been completed by the Walla Walla Symphony club to bring Walter Damrosch and his concert company of 60 people to that city on June 8 for an entertainment of exceptional merit. Damrosch is known the world over as the greatest of concert leaders and has a company of accomplished musicians. Pendleton people who love classical music and who appreciate the wonderful work which Damrosch is doing in the musical world, have an excellent opportunity to hear this excellent company. The company will appear at the Keylor Grand theater on June 8, for one night only.

Prominent Inventor Here.

Victor E. Campbell, inventor of Campbell's Automatic Safety Gas burner and president of the company is here today from Portland the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Terpening. Mr. Campbell has worked for 11 years perfecting this safety appliance for gas burners and has at last succeeded in placing on the market a complete and simple device which makes gas burning safe. The company now has orders ahead for over a million burners and is erecting a factory in Portland to manufacture them in large quantities.

Dr. Garfield Has New Launch.

Dr. H. A. Garfield of this city, has just purchased a fine gasoline launch for use on the Columbia river near Umatilla and has been engaged in getting it in running order during the past week. The launch is 18 feet long, six horse power and is a fine specimen of craft and Dr. Garfield is looking forward to many pleasure trips and fishing excursions on the Columbia during the coming summer. He will use it entirely for pleasure and will go down often to enjoy it.

KILLS WOMAN AND HIMSELF.

Portland, Ore., May 25.—Because Mrs. Daisy Hickey, a grass widow, refused to elope, after the court refused him a divorce, J. Edward Blum, a teamster, killed the woman and himself with a gun yesterday in the La Port lodging house. Blum had a wife and two children in Baker City.

FATHER KILLS SON.

St. Helens, Ore., May 25.—George Barger, in attempting to shoot a crane accidentally put a rifle bullet through his 13-year-old son's brain yesterday, killing him instantly.

Portland Auto Accident.

Portland, Ore., May 25.—Dr. George E. Watts, Gus Ludwig, and an unknown man and woman were injured last night in an automobile accident. Watts' machine ran into a buggy containing the unknowns, near the Twelve Mile House. Ludwig in another, auto, crashed into the wreck. Watts is at the hospital. Ludwig is bruised. The other couple were picked up by an auto and disappeared.

Anna and De Sagan.

Paris, May, 25.—Anna Gould will marry De Sagan June 14, according to the announcement of her solicitor, who is preparing the wedding contract. A civil ceremony and a Protestant church ceremony will be performed.

Teddy in Person.

Chicago, May 25.—Hughes and Fairbanks managers announced today that Roosevelt will attend the convention to assist Taft. The allies declare the secretary is scared and the president's personal efforts are the only hope of a nomination.

SCOURING MILL WHEELS TO TURN

WILL START OPERATIONS ABOUT JUNE 1, SAYS JUDD.

Large Quantity of Wool Now on Hand and More Arriving Daily—Peculiar Market Situation Responsible for Late Opening—Running Season Will Be Long—Owners Hope to Start Woolen Mill Also.

The scouring mill will start operations about June 1, was announced this morning by F. E. Judd, who says that a quantity of wool has already been secured and more is constantly arriving. Owing to the peculiar situation in the wool market the mill has been late in opening this year but Mr. Judd predicts that the season will be a long one, the mill being kept going until the first of the year.

Thus far nothing has been done towards reopening the woolen mill though it is hoped by the owners to secure a lessee before long.

Mark Twain Nearly Rich.

Tipton, Nev., May 25.—Mark Twain has narrowly missed being a millionaire. A big gold discovery has been made near the humorist's old cabin in Unionville, Nevada.

National Meeting for Portland.

Oklahoma City, May 25.—The Northern baptists voted to hold the national session in the White Temple, Portland, Oregon, next year.

Congress to Adjourn.

Washington, D. C., May 25.—The final adjournment of congress is expected Thursday.

Killed by Lightning.

St. Louis, Mo.—Lightning killed Joseph Howard while playing golf yesterday.

Mark Jardine, former president of the United Brotherhood of Leather Workers on Horse Goods, and now mayor of the city of Rockford, Illinois, has attracted much favorable attention of late by his activity in ferreting out dishonest aldermen and bringing them to public view.

BIDS FOR WOOL ARE ALL LOW

First Sales Are Great Disappointment to the Umatilla County Growers.

PRICES FAR BELOW THOSE OF LAST YEAR

Though Bids Are Low, They Are Nearly Twice as High As Those Offered at Arlington Last Saturday—Superiority of Umatilla County Fleeces Is Demonstrated—Many Clips Are Offered But Few Are Sold—Cunningham Sheep & Land Company Refuse to Sell at Rate Named in Best Bid—Only Four Clips Changed Hands During Forenoon—Majority of Output Will Be Held.

With the prices far lower than those paid for the same clips last year, yet nearly double those offered at Arlington Saturday, the first wool sales day for Pendleton has been on today. During the forenoon bids were received on many clips, but in only four cases were the offers accepted by the sheepmen. The prices paid ranged from 12 1/4 cents to 12 1-8. In the remainder of cases the growers either rejected the offers at the time or took them under advisement.

At this place, and at Pilot Rock, where a sale will be held tomorrow, nearly 2,000,000 pounds of wool is for sale and it represents the clip of Umatilla county. How much will be disposed of cannot yet be told, but there is every indication that much wool will be held unless higher prices are offered at subsequent sales. This morning expressions of disappointment were freely made by the growers and more than one man expressed his determination to hold. Another sale will be held here June 8.

The fact that 12 and 13 cents has been paid for the local wool when the buyers offered but from six to eight cents for the Gilliam county wool Saturday is a high tribute to the quality of the Umatilla fleeces.

The following are today's sales in detail: The clip of John Wynn, sold to Brigham for 12 3-4 cents. The clip of Pedro Bros., sold to Brigham for 12 3-4 cents. The clip of Andrew Rust, sold to Livingston for 13 1-8 cents. The clip of William Ely, sold to Greene for 12 1-4 cents.

During the forenoon the clips of the Cuning sheep and land company and of K. G. Warner were placed on sale but neither was sold at that time, offers being taken under advisement. For the Cunningham clip 12 1-8 was offered while 12 1-2 cents was offered for the Warner clip.

Alaska Politics.

Washington, May 25.—There is war on between Delegate Thomas Cale and Governor Hoggatt of Alaska. Cale announcing his candidacy for re-election, declares he will show that Hoggatt is the tool of the Guggenheims. He says W. T. Carson, the regular republican nominee, is a tool of Hoggatt.

FINAL EXAMINATION.

Tests Will Soon Be Over and School Rooms Vacated.

In the local public schools the final examinations are now being brought to a close and within another day or two the school rooms will be vacated for the summer.

At the high school the last of the examinations are being held today and tomorrow the teachers will be engaged in preparing their reports. On Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock the students will report at the high school for the purpose of receiving their reports.

Wednesday evening the class day program will be held and on Thursday evening the regular commencement exercises.

In some of the grades the work will all be completed today, though the teachers will be on duty until Wednesday.

FIRST OF GRADUATING EXERCISES HELD

The first of the week's graduating exercises was held Sunday afternoon at the M. E. church when Rev. D. H. Kroeze, of Whitworth college, Tacoma, delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating classes of Pendleton high school and Pendleton academy, jointly.

A large attendance greeted the exercises and a most excellent sermon was given for the 20 graduates of the two institutions.

Tomorrow night the graduating exercises of Pendleton academy will take place at the Presbyterian church when six young people will finish the

academy course. Those who will graduate are Alpha Black, Maud Bentley, Verva Roberts, Agnes Young, Russell Blankenship and Edmund Milne.

Judge S. A. Lowell, who has been in southern and western Oregon for the past two weeks, will deliver the graduating address and a delightful musical program will be rendered. All are cordially invited to attend the exercises which will begin at 8 o'clock.

Following the exercises at the church the annual banquet will be given by the alumni of the academy.

MAIL CLERKS ON WALLA WALLA BRANCH

The importance of Pendleton as a mail distributing point has again been recognized by the United States government in the placing of two mail clerks on the Pendleton-Walla Walla passenger trains, Nos. 45 and 46.

Heretofore the local postoffice has simply sent out the mail sacks to the different postoffices along the route, but hereafter the clerks on the mail car will have charge of the mail distribution, registered mail will be carried on the train and direct

connections with Nos. 3 and 4, the Spokane trains, will be made, thus giving this city quicker service south and north.

Garry King leaves this city this evening in charge of the mail on the Walla Walla train for the first time, and hereafter will be regularly assigned to that service. This insures better mail service between this city and Walla Walla and is a matter of much importance to this city and county.