



ANOTHER LAND CONSPIRACY CRY

Alleged That Lincoln County Timber Land is About to Be Gobbled Up.

SILETZ SETTLERS FIND SQUATTERS IN POSSESSION.

Filings on Land Have Been Held Up—Latest Comers Are Evidently Victims of Land Sharks—Homesteaders Allege that Portland Attorneys Have Located People on Claims, Possession of Which Is Still Undetermined—Interesting Developments Expected.

A special to the Oregonian under date of August 8, from Newport, says an indignant party of homesteaders started today for the Siletz reservation to protect their homesteads from a raid which has just developed and threatens if successful to transfer to a firm of Portland attorneys the richest portion of the rich forest that makes Lincoln county the Mecca of the speculator. This party, which consists of the most influential citizens of Newport, expects to bring back a crowd of squatters, who in turn are expected to call on the Portland attorneys for the return of large fees paid out for locating them on lands already proved up.

The story of the transaction goes back several years. In brief, it is this: Over a hundred settlers offered proof before the commissioner of the land office four years ago and brought their witnesses and paid their fees to get patents on the land they had filed on and improved. Through the report of an inspector of the land office their final receipts were held up for "nonresidence," and each one so notified.

Filings Held Up for Years. From that day till this these settlers have been vainly endeavoring to get a hearing. Most of them were compelled to leave their homesteads and seek a livelihood elsewhere in order to meet attorneys' fees and the expense incidental to the long and expensive trials at Portland. But no trials were set, and today these men have been without even a hearing in the matter.

Almost from the first they were approached by persons offering them small sums for their relinquishments, asserting that "they had no chance to win." They held on doggedly. Within the last six months they have been the recipients of constant hints that it was "time to sell before they were ousted by the land office." Still they hung on.

Last week came a party of men from Portland who quietly bought provisions at the local stores and then hired packers to take them out on the claims. So far five men have squatted on these claims, and each train seems to bring more. These squatters claim possession and say that the Portland land office has decided that these claims are open to entry again. The price the squatters have paid seems to have been in each case \$500, payable upon acceptance of the filing.

Settlers Take Determined Stand. The settlers whose claims have been thus forcibly taken away from them are up in arms. They say they realize that any slackness on their part means the inrush of hundreds into all parts of the Siletz reservation of men induced into paying money on assurances that these claims are open for entry, though no hearings have ever been had before any court.

After consultation with their attorneys, the settlers state that they will fight to the last ditch. Today they start out in force to get hold of the alleged trespassers and hale them in on warrants charging them with violating the laws forbidding the cutting of timber and the taking possession of private property. One of the squatters is located on the homestead of Frank Priest, whose trial has already been held, his being the only one of a hundred to come off. His attorney at the time

gained the case by default of the government witnesses and prosecutor, but it was reopened on orders from Portland.

Conspiracy by Land Sharks. The whole matter will result in a bitter contest. One of the settlers concerned, whose present interests run into many thousands, said today, "I know just what this means. It is an organized conspiracy on the part of land sharks to seize our lands and get what money they can from innocent men who take their word for it that our land is open for settlement again. I have tried vainly for four years and a half to get a hearing on the protest of the government. If it takes \$20,000, I am here to tell you that they won't get it. I'll fight this to the last gasp. I'll have these squatters arrested every day in the year, if needful, and I'll prove that we are entitled to our homesteads and intend to have them. I have already taken the matter to Washington." Congressman Ellis, who is here, has been besieged by these indignant men, who assert that it is time some one

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TWO STATES ARE SUING A TRUST

ACTION BROUGHT AGAINST NEW LUMBER ORGANIZATION.

Texas and Kansas Will Try to Prevent Formation of World's Most Complete Monopoly—Attorney Generals of Missouri and Oklahoma Also Investigating.

Suits have been brought in two states in an effort to dissolve the alleged lumber trust recently formed in St. Louis. The attorneys general of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas entered into an agreement months ago to investigate the lumber business in union, and the gathering of evidence has been in progress since. This evidence has been exchanged by the officials and much of it can be used in each state. Nearly all of the companies against which suit has been brought are Missouri concerns and have offices in Kansas City.

The Texas suit is ready to file and the attorney general of Oklahoma is almost ready to move against the trust in that state.

The suit in Kansas is in the form of an application for an injunction against the following lumber companies, whom Attorney General Jackson charges with having entered into conspiracy in restraint of trade:

It was on July 8 of this year that the alleged agreement on which the suit is based was made in St. Louis. It is charged that the corporations and persons named above met in St. Louis and entered into an agreement, pool or trust to fix and maintain the price of lumber in Kansas and other states, to limit the amount of lumber produced and manufactured, with the purpose of limiting or restraining the trade in lumber.

The attorney general recites that committees were appointed at this meeting and attorneys were employed to draft an agreement to carry out the arrangements and that the contract entered into at that time is now about to be put into force.

The attorney general asks the court to grant a temporary injunction against these companies to prevent the alleged trust agreement going into effect in Kansas, and if it does go into effect he asks the court to forfeit the corporate rights and franchises of the companies doing business in Kansas. All of the companies in the suit are Missouri corporations except the Chicago Lumber & Coal company. They are licensed to do business in Kansas and have Kansas charters.

The companies involved in the suit represent a capital of \$300,000,000 invested in the yellow pine lumber industry of the country. These companies practically control the entire output of yellow pine in the middle west and absolutely control the amount of lumber which may be shipped into Kansas. It is charged by the attorney general that these companies are planning to extend their trust agreement to cover the entire yellow pine industry of the country.

WOMAN FOUND IN MINISTER'S ROOM

Husband Beats Unoffending Preacher Into Insensibility When Discovery is Made.

SPENDS NIGHT IN CORN FIELD, WHEN HE COMES TO.

Rev. Stephen B. Shipman Says Woman Came Into His Room and Tempted Him, but that He Is Innocent—Begged Him to Love Her and Pray for Her, when He Ordered Her to Leave—Sentiment of Church Is With Him—A Washington Preacher.

Herlock, Md., Aug. 10.—Rev. Stephen B. Shipman, pastor of a Washington Methodist church, who was beaten insensibly by Thomas Carow, who found his wife in Shipman's bedroom in the Carow home where Shipman is visiting, declared today he will make the defense that the woman tempted him, but he is innocent.

After regaining consciousness he spent the rest of the night in a corn field, fearing Carow would kill him. Shipman says he was awakened by Mrs. Carow's hand on his face. "I ordered her to leave," said Shipman, "but she said, 'Oh, won't you love me; pray for me.'" The pastor has the sentiment of the church favoring him.

MORE TROUBLE FOR ROADS.

San Francisco Merchants Say S. P. and Santa Fe Evade Laws.

San Francisco, Aug. 10.—Alleging that the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe roads are raising the rates, despite the law, by imposing extra switching charges in connection with freight charges, and other extras, bringing the rates above, the published schedule, the San Francisco merchants will file charges against the two roads when the interstate commission meets here next week and will contest the legality of the extra charges. The Jobbers' association will join with the merchants.

SERIOUS STRIKE IN DENMARK.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Aug. 10.—A strike of typesetters today caused all newspapers to suspend. The situation is serious.

Murdered His Wife.

Denver, Col., Aug. 10.—A dispatch says Judge A. S. Swanson of Ishanoca, near Yellowstone, Wyo., murdered his wife and blew out his own brains. The couple met through a matrimonial bureau.

Bryan Prepares Speeches.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 10.—Bryan today completed a draft of the speech to be made at Des Moines on the tariff question. He then began the preparation of a speech to be made at the notification of Kern.

Fatal Accident.

Londorf, Aug. 10.—Two are dead, four fatally wounded and seven seriously injured as the result of a trolley wrecked here today. The car was running fast when it left the track, precipitating the passengers into the street.

TWO BOATS IN FATAL COLLISION

German School Ship Freya Runds Down and Sinks Schooner.

CAPTAIN AND EIGHT OF CREW DROWNED.

Four Members of Crew of Ill-Fated Maggie and May Are Rescued by Destroyer—Lost Vessel Was an American—Fog Responsible for Sea Tragedy—Sunk Ship Cut Almost in Two by Steel Prows of the Dutch Boat—Most of Fishermen Die in Their Bunks.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 10.—The Gloucester, Mass., fishing schooner Maggie and May, Captain Erick McCathran, was run down and sunk by the German school ship Freya Captain Haas, 60 miles southeast of Halifax, at 11:30 p. m. on Saturday and Captain McCathran and eight of the crew were drowned.

Four men were rescued. At the time of the collision a dense fog prevailed.

Drowned: Captain Eric McCathran, Gloucester, Mass.

Koch Wentzel, Lindenber, N. S. Walter Flander, Condroy, N. F. Patrick English, Conception Bay, N. F.

Rueben Porter. DeLeon Porter. Alfred Musie.

Gus Luder, all of Monmouth, N. D.

The ship was going about eight knots at the time of the collision. When the schooner was sighted the course of the ship was altered as quickly as possible, but the collision could not be averted. With a crash the steel prow of the Freya crashed into the side of the fishing vessel, cutting her almost in two.

It is believed that many of the fishermen were instantly killed in their bunks, as few were seen struggling later. The warship boats were quickly launched and life buoys were thrown to the men in the water.

The school ship remained in the vicinity of the accident until early this morning. She then headed for Halifax, where she arrived this evening. United States Consul-General Wilbur was at once informed of the disaster. The four survivors will be landed in the morning. The Freya was not damaged.

AUTOMOBILE GOES OVER HIGH BANK.

Two Men Are Crushed on Rocks Below, Dying Almost Instantly.

Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 10.—When an automobile plunged over a steep embankment on the Mitchell road, two and a half miles west of Sylvania, Sunday afternoon, Charles W. Pohlmann, a wealthy Cleveland merchant tailor, and Father George Vahey, pastor of Columbkills parish, Cleveland, were instantly killed. Mrs. Charles W. Pohlmann, her daughter, Florence, and F. C. Detzel, a Cleveland dentist, were in the touring car, but escaped injury.

The automobile landed at the bottom of the embankment bottomside up. The priest's head was crushed between the edge of the car and a huge stone.

ONE THOUSAND EXCURSIONISTS

Hundreds of Picnickers Spend Sunday in Natural Paradise.

MANY ENJOY OUTING ON NEW RAILROAD.

Two Trains Run From La Grande to Mouth of Looking Glass Creek—One of Most Beautiful Spots for Picnic in the Northwest—Stream Is Appropriately Named—Excursion Under Auspices of Railway Conductors—A Number of Pendletonians There.

One thousand picnickers from Union, Umatilla and adjoining counties enjoyed the hospitality of the O. R. & N. conductors yesterday on a delightful outing at the mouth of Looking Glass creek, 16 miles north of Elgin, on the branch of the O. R. & N. now being built into Wallowa county.

Two heavily loaded excursion trains left La Grande early yesterday morning for the scene of the picnic, which is one of the most beautiful spots in the northwest and during the entire day the picnickers thronged up the beautiful canyon of the Looking Glass, fishing, luncheon, climbing the mountain side and enjoying the delightful scenery and drinking from the Looking Glass creek, which as may be judged from the name, is one of the clearest, coolest and most attractive streams in eastern Oregon.

The picnic was under the auspices of the La Grande division of the Order of Railroad Conductors and about 1000 tickets were sold. Two bands were furnished and excellent music was discoursed on the ground and everybody had a most enjoyable time.

Fine Body of Timber.

The Looking Glass empties into Grand Ronde river four miles south of the mouth of the Wallowa river and at the mouth of the Looking Glass and in that vicinity is one of the finest bodies of yellow pine timber left in Oregon. The Stoddard Lumber company owns about 21,000 acres, the Palmer Lumber company about 20,000 and other companies at least \$50,000, so the entire body of timber is now deeded. It is estimated that there is enough timber in that district tributary to the Wallowa branch of the O. R. & N. to last the mill companies now owning it for over 30 years.

Historical Stream.

The Looking Glass is one of the historical streams of eastern Oregon and one of the important Indian battles of the early days was fought near the mouth of the stream. The Cayuse, Walla Walla and Nez Perce enjoyed the fishing and hunting attractions of this stream from time immemorial and it was named for one of the famous war chiefs of the Nez Perce tribe, and one of Chief Joseph's strong warriors and strategists, Looking Glass.

Pendletonians There.

Among the Pendleton people to attend the picnic were Mr. and Mrs. Geary Taylor, Conductor and Mrs. J. L. McCrary, W. D. Humphrey, Mrs. Laura Nelson, Bob Livermore, Wade Privett, Roy Morris, Frank Fugit, Frances and Vena Smith, Earl Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Huffman. The entire party returned this morning on O. R. & N. train No. 5 after a most enjoyable outing.

Raise Texas Rates.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 10.—A raise of 10 per cent in interstate freight rates and steamship rates in Texas common points become effective today. Owing to neglect in filing the new tariff with the interstate commerce commission, the increase will not affect the seaport cities, Galveston, Houston and Beaumont, until next month.

Ten Killed; Score Hurt.

Eckernforde, Germany, Aug. 10.—Ten persons were killed and a score hurt today in a collision of passenger trains on the Feinsburg Kiel road.

Millionaire Will Marry Waitress.

New York, Aug. 10.—Although he is worth \$10,000,000, Godfried Probst is waiting on table in a little Brooklyn restaurant. The fortune was left him by a distant relative. The estate is worth \$50,000,000.

Probst will start for Germany at once to get his share and says he will return and marry a waitress.

Funston Transferred.

San Francisco, Aug. 10.—Colonel Marcus P. Maus today took command of the department of California, U. S. A., succeeding Funston, who is transferred to Fort Leavenworth as commander of the department of the Gulf.

ANGLO-AMERICAN ALLIANCE NEEDED

SENTIMENT AT AUCKLAND IS STRONGLY FAVORABLE.

England's Island Province Welcomes Sailors of American Fleet as Brothers—Would Form Alliance for Supremacy of the White Race in the Pacific.

Auckland, Aug. 10.—Sentiment here today with the wildest enthusiasm and welcomed as brothers. The sailors are glad they are with people who speak their language.

Everywhere is the sentiment that white men must control the Pacific. On all sides is the confidence of their ability to do so.

OREGON WOOL BRINGS BETTER PRICE IN MONTANA THAN AT HOME

A dispatch from Baker, Mont, a new station on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, in the eastern part of the state, says that the most which this wool clip was short had were held at that place last Friday and Saturday, when over 1,000,000 pounds of wool sold at an average of 18 cents, the highest average of the entire Northwest for the season. About one-half of the sheep from which this wool clip was shorn had been shipped to Forsythe and other Montana ranges this season, and were shorn there, making practically half of the 1,000,000 pounds sold, Oregon wool.

The same grade of wool was sold in Eastern Oregon this spring and summer from 11 to 13 cents, or from 5 to 7 cents lower than the Montana prices. The Oregon sheep were not washed before being shorn, but had all of the Oregon sand in their wool, thus dispelling the claim that the higher prices in Montana are the result of cleaner and lighter fleeces.