



VICTORY FOR LAND ENTRYMEN

T. J. Tweedy Wins Contest for Umatilla Reservation Land Against A. F. Boyne.

DECISION HAS BEARING ON OVER 300 CASES

Entrymen Under Fulton Act See in This Decision in the La Grande Office a Victory for all the Claims Held Up by the Government—Land Is More Fit for Grazing Than for Agriculture and the Tweedy Case Is Said to be Typical of About 300 Others.

There is much satisfaction today among those who purchased reservation land in 1902 and 1903 because of the La Grande land office's decision favoring T. J. Tweedy in the contest brought against him by A. F. Boyne. The Tweedy case is said to be a typical one and it is now believed that the findings in that case will also apply to others of the same character.

This being the case, the entrymen and their backers take the decision as a victory for their side and say that they are now vindicated from the charges made against them by Special Agent Alexander.

Something like 300 entries were held up by the land office at the instance of the special agent who reported that the land involved was good as agricultural land as well as for grazing. A score or more of the claims were contested by other parties and Mr. Tweedy's was one of these. His land is said to have been better than that of the majority of the claims upon which proof was to be made under the provisions of the Fulton act.

Only Good for Pasture.

The following extract from the decision in the Tweedy case shows the reason for upholding the contestee:

"The contestee produced a number of witnesses, stockmen, farmers and real estate men, who had carefully examined the land and who testified substantially as follows: that the land is a thin reddish soil, shallow to bedrock, with outcroppings of stone and barren places here and there over the surface and contains a considerable growth of scrub pine timber and native grass, and that said land could not be profitably cultivated; that said land is suitable for grazing and that for several years the claimant has pastured his stock thereon. Some of these witnesses testified that it would cost from \$30 to \$50 per acre to clear the land of stone and timber and put it in condition for the plow.

"We have carefully considered and weighed all of the testimony in this case covering not only the lands in question, but a territory as wide as Umatilla county and find that a clear preponderance of the testimony is to the effect that the lands are grazing lands and are not susceptible of cultivation or residence and we further find that for several years past, the contestee has used the land for the purpose for which they were best adapted, namely—grazing.

"We, therefore, hold that the law under which these lands were taken

PORTUGAL FEARS MURDEROUS PLOTS.

Lisbon, Aug. 26.—Believing that a widespread revolutionary plot is brewing in Portugal the government is resorting to secret repressive measures. General orders were issued to this effect from the royal palace today.

According to the story young King Manuel is not permitted to stir from the palace except in the midst of a cordon of picked guards. Little dependence is placed in the troops. The list of trusted men has been rapidly depleted.

has been complied with and recommend that the contest be dismissed. "F. C. BRAMWELL, Register, "A. A. ROBERTS, Receiver."

SECTION MEN LOSE STRIKE.

All the Big Roads Enter Agreement to Pay Same, \$1.25 Per Day.

Tacoma, Aug. 26.—Superintendent W. C. Albee, of the western division of the Northern Pacific, announced today that the strike of section men is virtually over. It developed today that an agreement reached between the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, the Union and Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. roads whereby section men on these systems will be paid the same wages, \$1.25 per day, this will prevent men striking. The employes struck for \$1.50 per day.

CROWDS GREET BRYAN AT HIS BIRTHPLACE.

Salem, Ill., Aug. 26.—With a band playing "Home, Sweet Home," several hundred friends and old neighbors were at the depot when Bryan arrived at his birthplace today. The candidate was escorted about the town, and entertained at the home of relatives. At noon he had luncheon at the Democratic club and addressed the club informally.

Bell of California, followed him and said that Bryan can carry the Pacific coast.

VIGILANTES ARE RUNNING A TOWN

RUFFIANS OF PLUMAS COUNTY TO BE QUELLED

Citizens Have Organized to Protect Themselves from Band of Thugs—Attempts Made to Burn the Town of Quincy—Fire Hose Cut and Threatening Letters Sent to Numerous Citizens—Vigilantes are in Charge.

Marysville, Calif., Aug. 26.—The vigilantes are in charge of the town of Quincy, the county seat of Plumas county. It is feared that serious trouble will result between a band of ruffians and the citizens whom they have been terrorizing several days.

Matters came to a climax last night when the fire apparatus was tampered with. The hose was cut just before an attempt was made to burn a building. A number of incendiary attempts have been made. Business men have received numerous unsigned threatening letters.

Judge Benson Resigns.

Salem, Ore., Aug. 26.—Circuit Judge Henry Benson, brother of the secretary of state Benson, last Monday sent his resignation to the governor in order to resume the practice of law. He is in the first district, comprising Lake, Klamath, Josephine and Jackson counties.

Carpenter Steals Diamonds.

Seattle, Aug. 26.—Finger marks in the dust on a jewel box lead to the arrest of James Holmes, a carpenter, who confessed to stealing 42 diamonds valued at \$1000, from Captain E. W. Johnston, a Nome operator. Holmes built the secret jewel closet in the Johnston home.

Washington Flour to Manila.

Seattle, Aug. 26.—With a draft of 146 enlisted men for the cruiser Colorado now under repairs the transport Buffalo arrived from San Francisco today. She will load 300 tons of flour which will be taken to Manila from San Francisco by the transport Crook.

Netherlands Keeps Hands Off.

The Hague, Aug. 26.—Minister Derous, former Dutch minister to Venezuela, today denied the Netherlands will support the United States or aid in the revolutionary movement in Venezuela. Derous was in consultation with the foreign office all day.

Thirty Miners Entombed.

Guthrie, Okla., Aug. 26.—Thirty miners are entombed by an explosion in a mine at Halleyville, Okla. The mine is burning. It is feared that all will burn to death. Rescuers are working desperately.

WOMAN CLAIMS ALL PHILADELPHIA

Mrs. Fitzpatrick of Colorado Springs Says City Hall Site Belongs to Her.

ESTATE OF \$120,000,000 NOW IN THE COURTS.

Startling Claims of Descendant of Colonel Baker, a Philadelphia Pioneer Causes Stir in City of Brotherly Love—Counsel Is Employed and Property Will Be Recovered—Land in Question Is Now in Heart of the City—Big Estate Also Held in Banks.

Philadelphia, Aug. 26.—With papers by which she claims she will prove she is the rightful owner of the city hall and other Philadelphia property of an estimated worth of \$120,000,000, Mrs. Samuel Fitzpatrick of Colorado Springs, arrived today.

In addition to this property she says she expects to obtain a fortune of \$20,000,000 which she alleges is tied up illegally in local banks.

Another claim includes 500 acres of coal lands. She alleges that her ancestor, Colonel Baker, an old-timer here, obtained the original property right to the Philadelphia land in question. She has employed counsel.

TAFT GOES FISHING.

Week's Outing Is Planned by the Presidential Candidate.

Hot Springs, Aug. 26.—Arrangements for the departure of the Taft party Friday on a fishing trip were completed today. They will probably start September 7 to Cincinnati where they will make headquarters. The first stop will be at Gamley where the car will be side tracked for three hours. There will be a three-minute stop at Gallipolis, Ohio. At Athens Taft will make a non-political address to the civil war veterans.

Toledo will be the next stop at 10 o'clock Saturday night. The week's outing will be spent at Middle Bass island. It is expected a number of leaders will come to the island during the week to hold conferences.

OLD VETERANS READY FOR RIDING TESTS

Wilcox, Ariz., Aug. 26.—Col. Wm. Stewart, who was placed in exile in lonely Fort Grant, Arizona, by Roosevelt because of "temperamental incapacity," is overjoyed today because he has been ordered out of exile to take part in a riding test, which is said to be the last attempt to retire the colonel. Stewart says he will fool them, as he is in fine condition for the riding.

To Complete Wireless Stations.

Vallejo, Calif., Aug. 26.—An expedition of seven electricians and three enlisted men under a master electrician, George Hanscum, left Mare Island today for Valdez, Alaska, to complete the last chain of the wireless telegraph stations built by the navy from San Diego north along the coast. As estimated it will require 60 days to complete the stations at a cost of \$70,000.

Bank Robbers Pursued.

Aberdeen, S. D., Aug. 26.—It is reported that robbers broke into a bank at Genesee, N. D., today and escaped with \$3000. A sheriff's posse is on the trail.

Farmers' Union Helps.

The Farmers' Cooperative and Educational union is adopting systematic methods of furthering the interests of the tillers of the soil in our neighboring state of Idaho. Among the things to be asked for at the next legislature will be a railway commission law which will be a weed law. Both of these measures are important. This state has benefited by her railway commission law and would benefit by her weed law if it were enforced. The farmers should demand good laws and then see to it that they are enforced.—Palouse Republic.

SOUTHERN FLOOD DROWNS FIFTY

South Carolina Rivers Out of Banks and Many Miles of Country Are Inundated.

ONE COLLAPSING BRIDGE CARRIED DOWN 19.

Southern Railway Loses 100 Miles of Track Between Palzer and Piedmont—Three Days of Heavy Rains Have Put all the Streams Out of Their Banks—Property Loss Will Reach into the Millions—Twenty Towns are Cut Off.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 26.—Reports today indicate that nearly 50 persons have been drowned in the flood raging in this state. The property loss will reach into millions.

The Wateree river is out of its bed at Camden where 19 lives were lost when the bridge collapsed. Reports from the Lynch river district say the loss of property and life is heavy. Heavy rains have lasted for three days.

Following is the official report issued by the Southern railway:

"The rains are very heavy over our lines between Columbia, Greenville, Spartanburg and Asheville.

"The Broad river at Alston, S. C., is over its banks. There is a cave-in at Herberts siding and for 100 miles the tracks are washed out between Palzer and Piedmont, S. C."

Rain Is Widespread.

Salsburg, Aug. 26.—The heaviest rains in many years have prevailed for 48 hours in central and western North Carolina. It is feared that many lives have been lost.

Flood Still Rages.

Raleigh, Aug. 26.—The rains continue today. The Norfolk and Southern railway has suspended operations on account of the washouts.

Georgia Is Stricken Also.

Athens, Ga., Aug. 26.—Two others are tottering as a result of the floods. The gas and electric supply plant is shut off. Telephone and telegraph wires are down.

Crops Are Ruined.

Spartanburg, S. C., Aug. 26.—All the bridges in this county are down. The damage is great. Crops are ruined.

Augusta Canal Bursts.

Augusta, Ga., Aug. 26.—The canals, seven miles above this city, burst today under the terrific force of the floods, inundating the entire city, which is under two feet of water. Great destruction of property has resulted. The canal is nine miles long and brings a great volume of water into the city.

Republican Conventions Meet.

Oakland, Aug. 26.—Republicans from all parts of the state are preparing for the state convention tomorrow afternoon to name their presidential electors.

Baseball Scores.

Portland 9, Oakland 11; San Francisco 6, Los Angeles 3.

"Blind Pigs" Fined \$100.

At the hearing at Albany of D. Kennedy and Frank Albrecht, defendants in the "blind pig" cases, both men pleaded guilty to the charge of maintaining a nuisance in violation of the city law. A fine of \$100 each was imposed by Recorder Redfield.

Cattle Killed.

Seven head of cattle being delivered at Wallace, Idaho, for Maloney Bros., were killed by a switch engine at Wallace Saturday night.

DENIES ANNIS' BOAST ABOUT MRS. HAINS

New York, Aug. 26.—District Attorney Darrin of Queens county, today declared he did not believe the statements circulated to the effect that William Annis, killed by Captain Hains, had boasted of being intimate with Mrs. Hains. Darrin issued a 1200-word statement on the proposed conduct of the case against the Hains brothers.

The witness whose story is published today to the effect that Annis boasted of his intimacy with Mrs. Hains is reported to be a member of the exclusive clubs of New York and a practitioner before the United States supreme court.

UNDESIRABLE CONVERTS WILL BE DEPORTED

Boston, Aug. 26.—It is announced today that a board of inquiry will be appointed by the immigration bureau to investigate the case of a hundred Mormon converts who arrived on the steamer Republic from Europe. It is decided to deport 13; 23 will be held for further examination and the rest will be allowed to land. Immigration agents say the majority of the immigrants were offered inducements to come here. The Mormon elders are indignant and declare they will carry the case to Roosevelt. Two of those ordered deported are young girls.

TWO NEW LINES FOR PENDLETON

FARMER 'PHONE SYSTEMS ARE INCREASING.

New Lines Now Under Way From This City to Coombs Canyon and Also to the Cold Springs District—Joe Hanscum Is President, W. R. Muir Treasurer, and Dr. W. R. Campbell Secretary of Cold Springs Company.

Two new farmer 'phone lines are now being organized and they will be constructed during the coming fall. One will run into the city from the Coombs canyon country, while the other will come from Cold Springs.

The people back of the line from Cold Springs have already organized and elected officers. Joe Hanscum is president; William Muir, treasurer, and Dr. W. R. Campbell, secretary. There will be 12 subscribers on the line and it will be built as soon as the harvesting work is over. Most of the work on the line will be done by the subscribers themselves.

C. A. Johnson is the prime mover in constructing the line from Coombs canyon and he has five other people with him in the enterprise. The line will extend southwardly through the Coombs canyon neighborhood.

Both the new rural lines are to be connected with the Pacific States company's city service and in the work of organization the ranchers have been given assistance by Manager M. F. Marston of the telephone company.

Some of the 'phones for use on the new lines have already been ordered and are now on hand at J. L. Vaughan's electrical store on Court street.

Tolstoj Near Death.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 26.—Messages say that Count Tolstoj, the philosopher, is critically ill and near death.

Baker City Girls Ran Away.

Three young girls from near Baker City were intercepted on advices from their father near La Grande yesterday, says a La Grande item. They had passed the night somewhere in La Grande and left yesterday morning with two horses between them to the west. They were overtaken by Policemen McLachlan and Carr and brought back to La Grande. In the meantime their father had reached here from Baker City and he started homeward with the two younger ones by team yesterday afternoon. The oldest girl was sent back on last night's train for Baker City. The girls were all young and seemed to have no apparent motive or reason for leaving home in the way they did.

JAPS STEEPED IN GAMBLING EVIL

Over \$3,000,000 Gambled Away Annually by American Japanese, it is Said.

BROWN MEN ARE PRO-NOUNCED FAN TAN FIENDS

T. Kauma, Secretary of the American Japanese Association, Declares His Countrymen Are Devotees of the Green Cloth to an Alarming Extent—In Fresno, Cal., Alone Over \$300,000 Is Gambled Away by Japanese—Chinese Fan Tan Joins Get the Money.

Stockton, Aug. 26.—Japanese residents of California gamble away \$3,000,000 annually, according to T. Kauma, secretary of the Japanese association of America. He estimates that \$300,000 are spent in Fresno, alone.

Kauma is here to confer with the chief of police relative to closing the Chinese gambling dens of the city. He says there is no gambling in Japan, but in China gambling is recognized by law. The Japanese have a weakness for fan tan.

Postpone Japanese Fair.

Tokio, Aug. 26.—The unpopularity of President Kaneko Toko of the exposition has caused difficulty which may result in the postponement of the show which was set for 1912. The people are angry because Kaneko is spending so much government money. The rumor of the postponement is so strong that the minister of agriculture and commerce today issued a formal denial.

Many think that owing to strained financial and industrial situation the government has chosen a poor time to spend money for the exposition. Already many millions of yen have been expended.

Keneko belongs to the party represented by the deposed cabinet and is accused of extravagance and waste in handling the funds.

TEACHERS WILL MEET AT LA GRANDE FRIDAY

A meeting of the executive committee of the Eastern Oregon Teachers' association will be held in La Grande Friday, says the La Grande Star. This meeting was to have been held in Baker City on the 29th of the month but on account of the inability of State Superintendent Ackerman to be present the meeting was called for this place.

The meeting is for the purpose of fixing the time for the holding of the annual meeting of the association, to arrange a program for the same and attend to other preliminaries. The annual meeting will be held in Baker City.

The members of the executive committee are State Superintendent Ackerman of Portland; J. S. Landers of Pendleton; J. A. Churchill of Baker City; E. B. Conklin of Ontario, and School Superintendent E. E. Bragg of La Grande. J. F. Smith of Baker City, president of the association, will also be present at the meeting to be held Friday.

SWEETHEART JILTS LOSING ITALIAN.

Modena, Italy, Aug. 26.—She little god of love has become angered by the boastful attitude of Dorando Pietri, who finished first, but did not win the Marathon race. It is reported from the village of Carpi that Dorando's sweetheart has forsworn her troth. Whether the girl has lost faith in her lover through his repeated declarations that he won the race fairly or whether she is piqued by the flattering remarks about the English girl is unknown.