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## JONES TEARS

Special Land Officer Well Known in Pendleton Deals Ballinger Severe Blow

SECRETARY KNEW MINUTE DETAILS OF ALASKA CASES

Portland Man Shatters Structure of Carefully Formed Defense of Ballinger-Ex-Commissioner Had Intimate Knowledge of Fraudulent Claims-Jones Substantiates Glavis in Every Particular-Has Records to Prove His Statements.

Horace T. Jones, the former special agent of the land office who sprang a sensation with his testimony yes-terday in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation in Washington, D. C., is well-known in Pendleton. He has been in this city on a number of different occasions on business in connection with the land office and has been here for weeks at a time. He is therefore known to every attorney in the city and to many others also.

According to the following dispatch sent out yesterday from Washington the testimony of Jones was among the most important yet introduced before the inquiry committee:

Washington, Feb. 25 .- Horace Tillard Jones of Portland, special agent of the interior department, today shattered completely the structure of defense which had been built by Ballinger and the indorsement by Taft. Jones showed beyond question that Ballinger knew the minute details of the Alaska coal land cases, conferr- house of Lords with newly appoint- part of them lay within the forest restudying the cases so as to be ready to appear before congressional committees to advocate amendments to the law for the relief of coal claim-

sisted at a previous hearing that Ballinger did not know the coal claims were regarded as fraudulent when he was commissioner of the general land

Jones proved this untrue, as he produced the record of his conferring with Ballinger at Seattle in July, 1907, when Ballinger was commissioner. Jones corroborated Glavis in every

particular. Today's testimony, although not sensational is vitally important, because it shows Ballinger's principal

defense is unsupported by the records. Jones testified that he told Ballinger that Special Agent Love, who was associated with him in the Alaskan cases, seemed half hearted about the investigation because friendship for the claimants. Jones said he told Ballinger he thought this was not a proper spirit on the part of Love. Ballinger agreed with him, the witness stated, approving his criticism of Love's attitude.

Sheridan a Bungler. Jones sprung a sensation by declaring flatly that Attorney Sheridan the young lawyer appointed by the government to investigate the Cunningham cases, had spoiled the government's hope of successful prosecution. Jones declared Sheridan revealed the entire case of the governtime to prepare their defense at lei-

Senator Fletcher asked the witness: tion of these cases up to this time?"
"Just about that," replied Jones. Sheridan was ignorant. I do not

charge him with being corrupt, but 1 think he tried the case unwisely." Jones testified that Former Governor Moore of Washington once said that if it had not been for Glavis his the amount of damage to property. people would have had their patents. The witness corroborated the testi-

mony of Glavis regarding his efforts to get criminal proceedings on the charge of fraud, started against the

Attorney Brandels produced a statement signed by Glavis and Jones relative to a conversation with D. A.

MORE SITES ON RIVERS MAY BE WITHDRAWN.

government official this morn-

ment they declared that McKenzie went into their office on June 26, 1909, and told them he had talked with James R. Garfield, then secretary of the interior, and that Garfield appeared to be hostile to the Alaskan cases. They declared that Garfield's attack was such that the claimants for Alaskan mineral land had brought pressure to bear upon senators and representatives to get him out of the cabinet.

SEATTLE OFFICIALS DENY TEXT OF JONES' TESTIMONY

Seattle, Feb. 26 .- Federal Judge Hanford and District Attorney Todd today deny the testimony of Special Agent Jones before the Ballinger investigating committee in Washing-ton yesterday. "The statements of Jones are absolutely false," said Todd this morning. "I didn't say that Judge Hanford was constitutionally opposed to the land fraud cases and the reason I didn't want to prosecute them was because I didn't want to be humiliated by having them turned down. Jones was a perfect stranger to me. He is also a personal friend of Glavis and is trying to shield him."

AGAINST THE LORDS

"The statement that I am opposed

to land fraud cases is utterly false,"

said Hanford.

WILL ASSIST ASQUITH TO PASS VETO BILL

If Peers Balk Edward Will Create Enough Liberal Lords to Insure Passage of Bill-Premier Forces the Issue.

with the nationalist and laborites de- senting the forestry department, pends on the immediate consider- The letter states that on March 20, unless he agreed to the plan.

PLANTATION WAR IN GUADALOUPE BREAKS OUT

Point a Pitre, Guadaloupe, Feb. 26 The French cruiser Victor Hugo, is on its way here today to take part in the suppression of the plantation war arising from the strike of sugar cane cutters. Pillaging in outlying district takes place daily, Several natives have been killed and a serious clash is feared,

MAN MEETS DEATH IN BIG SNOWSLIDE

In a terrible snow slide that oc curred this afternoon in the Cornucopia mountain range Robert Wilson one of the oldest and most highly respected miners of that camp, met death and is buried under many feet of snow and ice, says Wednesday's Haker Herald.

The slide started well up in the mountainside and with the speed of a meteor dashed downward breaking large trees the same as though they ment at once, giving the defendants had been matches. It struck the Union-Companion mine's bunk house and completely wrecked it, 'rolling it over and over as the timbers were "Do you mean to say that there crushed and twisted. Robert Wilson

never has been any serious prosecu- was in the path of the slide and could not reach a place of safety. The noise made by the slide re sembled a distant cannonading and the snow and ice filled the air marking the course of the slide through

the atmosphere. At this time it is hard to estimate

Freewater Lid is On. Regarding the near beer trouble at Freewater, the Times of that city

says: The community has been deeply stirred during the last week by events which have eventuated in the closing of the pool rooms and all other places McKenzle of Seattle. In the state- of business on Sunday, except those here since last evening. The snow ed toward the Mentzer place on snowbrought before Justice Childers, and this point for the winter is 13 feet. ferced to abandon the trip and recharged with keeping their places of This is the heaviest fall recorded here turn to Kamela. business open on Sunday. The cases in 16 years. The thermometers are were adjourned until Saturday, when registering three above zero today. Walla Walla, Feb. 26.-The . Mr. White pleaded guilty and was findeparture of F. W. Goodrich, a • ed \$5 and costs. Kelly filed a demurdrawal of many more water • town. The above result is the out-

## PINCHOT IS ON WITNESS STAND

Deposed Chief Forester De- Dr. Willard P. Burke Must nounces Ballinger Before Investigation Committee.

CHARGES HE IS ENEMY TO ROOSEVELT POLICIES

Accuses Secretary of Interior With Overturning Conservation Policies, and Making False Statements to President Taft-"Interest of People Not Safe in His Hands," Says Pinchot-Also Opposes Reclamation.

Washington, Feb. 26.-Gifford Pinchot, on the witness stand today, accused Ballinger of overturning the conservation policies of Roosevelt and of making false statements to President Taft. He charges that Ballinger protecting water sites against monopdisting control. He said he is vinced that Glavis was a faithful public servant and Ballinger is a danzerous enemy to conservation.

"When the story has been told." Pinchot said, "and the witnesses whom I shall ask you to call have seen heard, you will realize that the interests of the people are not safe n Ballinger's hands."

Pinchot referred to the letter he sent to President Tart on November 4, in which he said he advised Gla-London, Feb. 26. Supporters of vis to lay the Alaskan matter before the Asquith ministry today assume the president. Ballinger didn't notify from the attitude of the King that the forest service that application the veto bill will be passed, even if had been made to parent the Cun-Edward is compelled to swamp the ningham claims, he said, although a ed liberal peers. The fate of the serves, and later he denied access to cabinet's success through alliance records in the case to men repre-

ation and passage of the veto bill. 1969. Secretary Ballinger began to re- felonously injure said Luella Smith should they return by Tuesday. ants. The bold statement had been The King has practically assured Assistore to entry, without advertisement, and that by means of said deposit quith that if the lords balk at the lands which had been withdrawn by and explosion said Lucila Smith was general strike should be called im- to Cellio. keep track of them, and had only curtailment of their prerogatives, a Garfield "You (Taft)." continued thereby injured." The other indict-mediately. I think it is inevitable, sufficient number of liberal peers the letter, "said that the reopening ment charges him with having per-There are men in the normeast who will be appointed to carry out the pro- of the lands had been mentioned to formed an abortion upon a young can shoot as straight as any trooper of the O. R. & N. steel bridge over the gramme of the ministry in the you by Ballinger, but that he had not married woman of Sonoma county. house of lords. It is understood the told you what it meant and you premier told the King he would be would see him about it. Thereupon compelled to resign the premiership the policy of restoration was reversed, and what has been declared to be illegal was soon to be within the law and withdrawals begun awain," Pinchot also charged that Ballinger's unfriendly attitude toward the reclamation service has threatened to disintegrate that service.

> AUTO TOURISTS LOST IN STORM ON THE DESERT

Los Angeles, Feb. 26.—Grave fears tre felt today for the safety of W. S. Hanson, a wealthy resident of Saratoga, N. Y., his wife and son. The Hansons were caught in a terrific the extreme, there is nothing preposstorm on the Colorado desert while touring in an automobile. A second car containing George Dake, an au- pictures that one would conjure of also lost in the storm. A relief party of the long bearded physician, left early today.

INDICTED BEEF BARONS WILL BE EXTRADITED

Jersey City, Feb. 26.-Prosecutor Garvan today took the initial steps in the extradition of twenty-one beef trust barons who were indicted yesterday and whom he will attempt to bring to this state for trials. A hard fight is expected.

Dr. H. S. Garfield went to Nolin

Answer Two Charges-Gives Heavy Bail.

MURDER AND ABORTION

Grand Jury Completes Investigations Into Explosion in Tent House of Miss Luella Smith-Burke Indicted for Causing Explosion With Intent to Kill-Woman Aleges Venerable Physician Is Father of Her Child.

Santa Rosa, Calif., Feb. 26.-Two indictments, one charging him with attempted murder by means of dynamite or some other explosive, and the other with abortion, were returned yesterday afternoon against Dr. Willentered office with the intention to and P. Burke, as a result of thre days making short work of the policy of investigation by the grand jury of Sonoma county into c-cumstances surrounding the dynamiting of the tent house occupied by Luella Smith and 11-months-old baby The inquisitorial body, composed of representative citizens of Santa Rosa and vicinity, several of whom were warm friends of Burke, reported the indictments to Superior Judge Sewell last night. Bail fixed at \$20,-

> The aged and patriarchal appearng osteopathic physician, who is widely known throughout the state, and to whose sanitarium hundreds of is charged with having "feloniously, wilfully, unlawfully and maliciously deposited and exploded in or near the tent house occupied by Lucila Smith powder or other chemical compound. with the intent then and there to offers to take back

Smith Woman Not Attractive. Unusual interest attached to the

last day's investigation of the grand jury because of the fact that the Smith woman had been called to testify. A large crowd gathered in the vicinity of the grand jury rooms to get a glimpse of the woman who charges that the aged physician is the father of her son. There was a murmur of disappointment from those who expected to see a young and at-tractive woman. When Miss Smith appeared they saw a woman about 40 or 42 years old, unusually tall and extremely thin of figure with a sallow, cadaverous face. Looking older than she actually is and angular in sessing, much less seductive in her appearance, which is far from the tomobile dealer, and two assistants, is the woman who had caught the fancy

Burke is Child's Father.

Miss Smith, it is said told the grand jury of her alleged relations with Dr. Burke and in testifying repeated the the father of her child.

Correspondence between Miss Smith and Dr. Burke was placed defore the the campanile 278 feet high. inquisitorial body, indicating that the two had known each other for a number of years.

Dr. A. W. Hitt. formerly head physician at the sanitarium, told of al-

this morning on proressional business. leged remarks made by Dr. Burke that

## SNOW EIGHT FEET DEEP AND FAMILY IS STILL IMPRISONED

(Staff Correspondence.) Kamela, Ore., Feb. 26 .- A steady in the Mentzer family. snow storm has been in progress L. E. Tipton, a forest ranger, startexempt by the statute. On Thursday is now eight feet deep on the level shoes yesterday, but after proceeding V. O. Kelly and Ed White were and the total amount of snowfall at three miles, about half way, he was

block railroad traffic and if it con- Pendleton for the safety of the imrer on the ground that two offences tinues one of the big rotaries station- prisoned family. Deputy Sheriff Bert ing with a forest ranger guide • were charged in the complaint. Both ed at La Grande will be ordered west Wilson was again in communication for the mountains is believed to . places were closed tight last Sunday to assist the 150 men who are em- with George Adams, of Upper Mcbe the forerunner of the with. . for the first time in the history of the ployed at this point in an effort to Kay creek this morning and Adams

visions is entirely exhausted. It is reach the Mentzer family.

said that there are six small children

Notwithstanding the above dispatch The present storm threatens to from Kamela no anxiety is felt in positively declared that he saw Mentmission, but it is known he is circulated, asking the city fathers to McKay creek, are greatly worried for case, the family can be in no imconnected with the forestry de- inquire into existing conditions and their safety. No word has been had mediate danger and unless the snow eliminating the pool rooms and the it is reported that their supply of pro- er, no special effort will be made to ing 1909, 83 per cent contained reduc-

ng the large asbestos interests in Europe, is in Casper, Wyo., looking over asbestos mines owned by the three Casper companies. It is said he has offered \$1,990,000 for the properties and that his interests will spend a like amount in development work the first

he "feared Miss Smith would attempt

English Asbestos Man Here. Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 26,—Mar-inus Thompson of London, represent-

Portland Hogs \$10.

have been sold for \$10 a hundred. A

Jones Bests Neil.

TALK; IS ARRESTED

Declares There are Men in Northeast

WITH INCITING RIOT

Portland, Ore., Feb. 26.-For the

to kill herself with dynamite."

ACCUSED OF ATTEMPTED

each at this price was reported here late yesterday. Baltimore, Md., Feb. 26.-In the 13th round of a scheduled 15-round bout last night the police ordered the fight stopped and Willie Jones of

Brooklyn was given a decision over Frankie Neil of California. Neil was almost out. MURPHY MAKES BIG LABOR LEADER CHARGED

Who Can Shoot as Straight as Any 900 on one indictment, and \$5000 on Trooper-Out on Bonds-Denies the other, was quickly furnished. Making Statements. Philadelphia, Feb. 26 .- President the bank of the river, Murphy of the Central Labor Union, people have come in search of health, arrested yesterday for inciting a riot with the large barge will carry freight following the publication of an inter-Murphy denied the statements. inand her child, dynamite, Hercules dications are that little trouble will over the low beach lands of the Co-

him with having per- There are men in the northeast who the O. R. & N. at a point just w

that ever drew a breath." based were said to have been made by him following the announcement that at a special meeting of the board of directors of the Philadelphia Rapbeen declined.

PROMINENT DEMOCRATS TO

Washington, Feb. 26 -Leading democrats are planning a national love feast of a party of celebrities for April 13 in the form of a Jefferson banquet. It will be attended by prominent democrats from all parts of the country.

LONDON TO CONSECRATE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

London.—The Roman cathedral at Westminster is to be consecrated on June 28, fifteen years statements that she has made several from the laying of the foundation times to the effect that Dr. Burke is stone by the late Cardinal Vaughan. It is 360 feet long and 156 feet wide, the nave is 117 feet high and building covers an area of 54,000

The actual structure was finished in it since then, but as planned it is probable that the cathedral will not be completed for another generation at least. Up to 1907 it is estimated building, apart from the cost of the

RANCH SELLS FOR \$77,760.

Walla Walla Man Makes 200 Per Cent on Investment.

Walla Walla, Wash.-John Hoffman, one of Walla Walla's wealthlest ranchers, has just completed a deal whereby he sold a ranch of 3240 acres in the Horse Heaven country to the Yakima Valley Investment company for \$24 an acre, or a total of

Mr. Hoffman purchased this land | SNOW AND RAINS years ago without even seeing it, paying \$8 an acre. Since then he has placed some improvements on it, for which he has been several times repaid by realizing a gain of \$51,840 on the deal-a profit of 200 per cent on the investment. The company which purchased the land will cut it into small acre tracts

R. R. Darwin, rate expert of the stalled. Rains are now playing Friends of the Mentzer family zer less than two weeks ago and at Michigan railway commission, in a . havoc with the coast lines. Two and Salmon and other streams. • the country districts surrounding us. which is reported to be snowbound in that time the rancher had about 200 memorandum filed with the commis-Goodrich refused to talk of his • A very largely signed petition was their cabin on the headwaters of the pounds of provisions. This being the sion, says that of 1855 freight tariffs and supplements applying to rates on staple commodities which were fil- o The fireman on one train was make the city as clean as possible in from the family for several days and should remain on a week or two long- ed with the railway commission durtions and 17 per cent advance in rates.

## Thomas Riley, a miner, testified that Burke had obtained six sticks of dynamite at the mine in December IN HARD RACE

Hill and Harriman Lines Putting Forth Every Effort to Reach Madras First.

first time in the history of Portland as a livestock market, hogs on foot OREGON TRUNK OVERCOMES BIG HANDICAP WITH BOAT sale of \$8 hogs averaged 196 pounds

> Deschutes Railroad Has Big Lead-The Mouth of the Deschutes River is the Busiest Railroad Point in the Northwest-High Grades and Trestles, Long Tunnels and Big Bridges Being Rushed With All Speed.

(Special Correspondence.) Cellio, Ore., Feb. 25.—Perhaps the nost work of railroad construction in Oregon, even in the northwest, is at present at a point on the Columbia river between the Biggs water tank and Celilo, within a distance of six miles. The Oregon Trunk railroad as purchased the steamer Norma of he Open River Transportation company to be used in connection with a large burge to be built for transportation of ties, rails, engines, care and other construction material of O. T. R. R. from a point on the north bank to the O. T. grade at the mouth of Deschutes river. At a point on the Washington side of the Columbia river opposite the mouth of Deschutes river a station is being built and sidetracks constructed from S. P. & S. R. R. to a landing under construction on

From this point the steamer Norms neross the Columbia to a landing on view threatening trouble for the au- the Oregon side, where the Porter thorities was released on bonds today. brothers' construction crews are making a landing and building a trestle occur during the day. The company lumbla river, which will join their the strikers grade at a point where the O. T. R. R leaves Deschutes river to build It is said that Murphy declared "a down the south bank of the Columbia

The O. T. must cross the tracks of Deschutes river to reach their first The labor leader is charged with point of completed railroad grade inciting riot. The remarks on which from which place they will be able to the warrant for Murphy's arrest were | push construction of their railroad in-

to central Oregon. Construction Is Slow. The three miles of O. T. line from the mouth of Deschutes to Celilo to id Transit company the request for located high above the O. R. & N. arbitration submitted by the com- tracks between them and the cliffs, mittee of prominent clergymen had the work of construction being very heavy and slow through one cut of solid rock and a tunnel of about 1000 feet through a very high cliff. This HOLD JEFFERSON BANQUET piece of construction is very slow on account of contractors not being able to put in heavy blasts in shooting the cliffs, from the danger of covering the main line of the O. R. & N. with heavy rock, thereby delaying traffic or shooting a passenger train. Many big fills are to be made on this piece of grade and at one place where a cut has been made through the sand, a slide of about 2000 yards has alrea taken place upon the grade cause

by recent rains and melting snow. Porter Bros, have at present one steam shovel working upon the grade in the cuts and will soon have a second shovel in making terminal yards for the storage of construction material at the mouth of the Deschutes river.

Race Is Exciting. As it will require about one year square feet, and is built of brick and to bore the tunnel and one year and a half to construct the steel bridge at Celilo across the Columbia, the O. T. in 1903, and services have been held R. R. must depend upon present temporary arrangements for construction of their railroad into the central part of the state.. The race of the construction work between the Deschutes that \$1,000,000 has been spent on the railroad and the Oregon Trunk railroad to be the first to enter Madras with rails will become exciting from now on. The O. T. has been greatly handicapped in securing material, but their present plans will overcome this handleap. The Deschutes railroad. however, has six miles of steel laid with construction trains running over the track to the first high trestle which is about half completed. After

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BLOCK G. N. TRAFFIC.

Everett, Wash., Feb. 26. The snow blockade of the Great Northern grows worse each hour. A heavy snow fell last night in the mountains, completely wiping out work previously done in clearing tracks. . · Six passenger trains are still · between Seattle and Bellingham, running into washouts.