

LAND OFFICE FRAUDS.

The First Steps Taken in the Long Looked for Land Fraud Cases—Three Commissioners Removed—Miss Ware, Land Commissioner at Eugene, Also Resigns.

SOMETHING "DOIN'", SURE.

According to the Telegram there is something doing in the Land Department, sure; this time, and it is assured by the following information that the special agents are close on the track of some of the irregular performers.

Three United States Commissioners in Crook and Klamath counties, have been removed by Judge Bellinger, of the United States district court, and the resignation of Miss Marie Ware, United States commissioner at Eugene, has been received. The removals are directly due, it is stated by Judge Bellinger, to investigations into land matters made by special agents of the general land office at Washington, but he declined to state whether the resignation of Miss Ware is in connection with the same matter. That there have been accusations made against these men is known, and that there is a possibility of some of the cases being brought to the attention of the grand jury, which will assemble this month, is also known, but as to the specific charges, Judge Bellinger refused to state, as he said he was bound to secrecy. The men summarily removed are: H. W. Wood, of Bend, Crook county; J. W. Hamaker, of Bay, Klamath county; and J. J. Hamaker, of Bonanza, Klamath county.

For a number of weeks two special agents of the land office at Washington have been investigating the charges that have been common report in regard to the looseness with which land matters have been conducted in Oregon. In some instances it is asserted, there has been found not only proof of looseness, but of direct violation of law, and the use of false proofs to secure possession of government land.

That these investigations have resulted in the removal of the three men, whose names are given, is admitted by the federal authorities, but as other investigations are on foot, those in authority do not believe it would be wise to further expose the nature of the charges at the present time.

Eugene, April 6—Miss Ware could not be seen before press time regarding her resignation, and no direct statement has been had from her. From what is known among those best posted in matters relating to the land commissioner's office and business in the land department, it is safe to assert that no pressure was brought against Miss Ware to cause her resignation at the present time. That there is "something doing" in the matter of frauds in the land department is known, and has been known for some weeks, but an effort has been made to keep the matter quiet until the cases should be brought in the United States court.

Charges have been sent in of misconduct in office of certain officials of the land department, but it is understood Judge Bellinger would not consider the charges until evidence was accumulated to substantiate the charges. Accordingly a special agent of the department, was sent out from Washington to investigate the charges and report to Judge Bellinger his findings on the same. This agent was here within the past month, gathering information on the subject. He made every effort to keep his visit here from the knowledge of everyone, but his presence was noted, and his actions observed. It is certain that he found evidence that was satisfactory to his mind that there was misconduct in office, and he proceeded to gather data. Sufficient was accumulated so that a case was to be prepared and the whole matter laid open to the United States grand jury at its session in Portland, the latter part of this month.

It is impossible to learn exactly what the charges are, or who is to be taken over the rack, for the reason that those who undoubtedly are working in conjunction with the special commissioner are absolutely uncommunicative, and will give no hint as to what is to be done. However, it is learned on the outside and around the corners that big times are brewing; that the United States grand jury will have an investigation to make the latter part of this month, and developments of an extremely sensational character will be brought to light in the courts, and that all the past reports of irregularity in the conduct of land business are only hints or insinuations as compared to what is to come. This information has been caught by the public prematurely, as it was to have been kept until the grand jury should have time to act.

LINCOLN'S STORY OF HIS LIFE.

(From a letter to J. W. Fell, dated December 20, 1850.)

I was born February 12, 1809, in Hardin county, Kentucky. My parents were both born in Virginia, of undistinguished families—second families, perhaps, I should say. My mother, who died in my tenth year, was of a family of the name of Hanks, some of whom now reside in Adams and others in Macon county, Illinois. My father at the death of his father was but 6 years of age, and he grew up literally without education. He removed from Kentucky to what is now Spencer county, Indiana, in my eighth year. We reached our new home about the time the state came into the union. It was a wild region, with many bears and other wild animals still in the woods. There I grew up. There were some schools, so-called, but no qualification was ever required of a teacher beyond "reading, writing and ciphering" to the rule of three. If a straggler supposed to understand Latin happened to sojourn in the neighborhood he was looked upon as a wizard. There was absolutely nothing to excite ambition for education. Of course, when I came of age I did not know much. Still, somehow, I could read, write and cipher to the rule of three, but that was all. I have not been to school since. The little advance I now have upon this store of education I have picked up from time to time under the pressure of necessity.

I was raised to farm work, which I continued until I was 22. At 21 I came to Illinois, Macon county. Then I got to New Salem, at that time in Sangamon, now in Menard county, where I remained a year as a sort of clerk in a store.

Then came the Black Hawk war, and I was elected captain of volunteers, a success which gave me more pleasure than any I have had since. I went the campaign, was elected, ran for the legislature the same year (1827), and was beaten—the only time I have ever been beaten by the people. The next and three succeeding biennial elections I was elected to the legislature. I was not a candidate afterward. During this legislative period I had studied law, and removed to Springfield to practice it. In 1846 I was elected to the lower house of congress. Was not a candidate for re-election. From 1840 to 1854, both inclusive, practiced law more assiduously than ever before. Always a whig in politics and generally on the whig electoral tickets, making active canvasses. I was losing interest in politics when the repeal of the Missouri compromise aroused me again. What I have done since then is pretty well known. If any personal description of me is thought desirable, it may be said I am, in height six feet four inches, nearly; lean in flesh, weighing on an average 180 pounds; dark complexioned, with coarse black hair and gray eyes. No other marks or brands recollected.

AS HE THOUGHT FOR.

"It's all right to talk and to say you would do this or that," said the man who had been telling cowboy stories, but did you ever look into the muzzle of a revolver?"

"I have, sir," replied the fruit tree agent.

"Was it pointed at your head?"

"It was."

"And a good man behind it?"

"He was a man who had cut eleven notches in the butt of that pistol to tally up his dead."

"And how did you feel?"

"As cool as at this moment."

"But was he in anger and did he mean to shoot?"

"I had called him a liar, sir, and he meant to blow my brains out."

"Well, how did it come out?"

"Just exactly as I thought it would from the start," said the fruit man. He began to shoot and I began to talk fruit trees to him, and in five minutes he was dead and I had only to walk away and look for another victim. Cowboys and loaded revolvers may be dangerous under certain circumstances, but don't make the mistake of putting them against a man who has traveled for a nursery for thirty years."

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in the recent illness and death of our little son and grandson, we shall ever hold them in grateful remembrance for their kindness.

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West Cottage Grove—S. Burcham, W. H. Miller, Geo. Thompson, H. Taylor, J. Markley, J. P. Curran and H. H. Ventch.

SAUNAW—Frank Jackson, E. P. Bellford, D. P. Sheridan, E. Geo. Sears, G. N. Castle and James Sears.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to Messrs. Edward Petty and Charley Smith for their kind sympathy and financial support in assisting me to friends whereby I was enabled to have an operation performed upon my eyes, which has resulted in a complete recovery of my sight. I had been almost totally blind for 10 years, and I now find myself restored to God's sunlight and the beauties of nature. To the above named gentlemen I owe a debt that money cannot repay.

Respectfully,
R. H. McALLISTER, Creswell, Ore.

GOOD FORM IN CARDS.

Visiting cards as well as those for other social uses must conform to accepted ideas of good form. The proper visiting card for a lady is large and almost square; a man's card is oblong in shape. The paper is unglazed and of fine texture. There is a choice of several styles of engraving, shaded old English, black old English, Roman, block or script, each being correct, though the first is perhaps most favored at present. Odd or ornate effects are not allowable. The Deliverator for May contains a fine display of fashionable cards which may be consulted with entire confidence as to correctness.

HIS EXPERIENCE.

He put his arm around her waist, The color left her cheek, But it showed upon his overcoat For pretty near a week.

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