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PROMINENT OREGON MEN ACCUSED BY GOVERNMENT

More Indictments Turned Out By The Federal Grand Jury
At Portland, In Connection With Land Fraud
Investigations Now Pending.

Conspiracy To Involve The United States District Attorney, F. J. Heney, in a Scandal With Marie Ware, Unearthed and the Matter Taken Up By Federal Grand Jury.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Federal grand jury at Portland that for weeks has been investigating the conduct of Oregon's most conspicuous public men in connection with defrauding the government of its public lands, came forward with four new indictments.

One of the four is in effect, amendatory of a former one charging Senator Mitchell, Congressman Herman. Puter, McKinley et al of a conspiracy to defraud.

The second indictment charges Dr. W. H. Davis of Albany with perjury, in making affidavit, relative to living upon, cultivating and improving a claim taken up in 11-7.

The third indictment makes Henry W. Miller, Frank E. Kincart, Martin G. Hoge and Charles Nickell of Medford defendants to the charge of subornation of perjury. They are charged with securing more than 100 persons to swear falsely in taking up land under the timber and stone act. Miller and Kincart are timber locators. Nickell was U. S. Land Commissioner and Hoge is a knock-about lawyer.

The fourth indictment is not made public.

Wednesday, the jury indicted Senator Mitchell on another account and also indicted State Senator Brownell. In this indictment Senator Mitchell is accused of accepting on seven different occasions \$4200 from Frederick A. Kribs for services in inducing Binger Herman, as Land Commissioner, to make special and approve certain applications for public land and

recommending for patent lands located in the Roseburg district.

The indictment makes the charges that in consideration of services Kribs gave Mitchell two checks for \$500 each on the Roseburg bank February 13, 1902; two checks June 14, 1902, for \$1000 each; one check January 4, 1904, for \$500, and one check October 8, 1904.

The indictment against Brownell involves land in the same district in eastern Oregon in which forged applications for surveys were made and upon which ex-Surveyor-General Meldrum was convicted last year.

Out of the land fraud prosecutions has developed a sensational plot to involve United States District Attorney Heney in a scandal.

Developments have been coming to light for several days past, and the alleged conspirators include many well-known Portland men, politicians and officials. The names of Senator John H. Mitchell and Congressman Binger Hermann are associated with the plot, as are also those of Ex-United States District Attorney John H. Hall, Ex-City Detective Henry Ford, Major Harry Rees, formerly of the United States Army, Deputy Sheriff John Cordano, F. S. Simpson, a saloon-keeper, and others.

The plan was to try to arrange a clandestine meeting between Mr. Heney and Marie Ware one of the defendants in the land fraud business. Three different attempts failed and the grand jury has taken up the matter of the plotters.

IMPROVING AND SPREADING

A New Pasteurizer and an Additional
Creamery Plant For The
Eldridge Company

The Eldridge Creamery Company continues to spread and improve. Another creamery, the size of the Independence plant is to be put in at Eugene, and a Pasteurizer has been put in and is now in operation at the Independence creamery.

The Pasteurizer has a capacity for handling 1200 pounds of cream per hour. It is a modern invention and is now used by up-to-date creameries. The Pasteurizer takes its name from Dr. Pasteur the celebrated French physician known as a specialist on consumptive cases. The Pasteurizing apparatus consists of a tank in which cream is heated to 180 degrees. Thence it is carried through a series of copper pipes and cooled. After going through this process all germs are killed and left in a pure state ready to be manufactured into absolutely pure and wholesome butter.

The Pasteurizer is in operation every afternoon and its workings can be seen by calling at the Independence creamery about 3 o'clock any day in the week.

The Independence business is still growing and at this season when cream is generally scarce, is

turning out a quarter of a ton of butter per day.

A dispatch from Eugene says: K. C. Eldridge, owner of the well known Eldridge creameries, at Independence, Dayton and Jefferson, has been in Eugene the last few days completing arrangements for establishing a big creamery. He has signed a lease for a portion of a two-story brick building to be erected at once by F. L. Chambers, banker and hardware merchant. The new building will be 45x80 feet in dimensions, and will be located on Willamette street between sixth and seventh.

The creamery will occupy the lower floor, and the upper floor will be divided into living rooms or a lodge hall.

MEET IN DALLAS

ON TUESDAY NEXT

The Good Roads Convention will meet at the County Court House in Dallas at 10 o'clock next Tuesday morning February 7. A special motor will run from Independence, leaving here at 9 o'clock sharp.

The road supervisors have all been requested to be present and a general invitation is extended to everybody to attend.

There should be a good turnout from this locality.

Monroe Mulkey, road supervisor

of district No. 8, makes some interesting remarks on road building:

There are seventeen miles of road in district No. 8. In 1904 the available road funds were \$335.58. Poll taxes would add about \$200.00. The funds this year will perhaps be a trifle more than last. My views of road grading are to grade the road full weather center from twenty inches to two feet higher than out side drains. Grade uniform until nearing out side then dropping out side so as to leave water surface about two feet below center of road bed.

In putting on gravel, would line up center of road and make beds to hold gravel about seven inches deep and seven feet wide. On muck formation would use gravel from two inches to five inches in diameter as fine gravel on such ground is the same as money thrown away.

It is best to put all gravel in beds and in center of road, for by this plan the side surface can be used for summer traffic thereby saving the graveled road bed for winter.

All grading should be done early in the season so as to become compact. Monroe Mulkey, Supervisor.

One of the best kept up roads in the county is that of the Monmouth district. The supervisor is J. H. Mulkey who writes as follows:

"We have about fourteen miles of road. For the year 1904 I collected \$144 on road poll tax, from county funds \$218.70, total \$362.70.

And in regard to road work the most important thing is a well drained road, and in order to drain a road good it must be well graded and well rounded in the center of the grade.

Some leave the grade flat in the center and we have to travel all winter through mud and slush from four to eight inches deep on top of the gravel.

We are in great need of a light grader for a three horse team, so one man can manage it alone; he can fill up chuck holes and dress up from six to ten miles of road a day at a very small expense; also a heavy roller to pack our grades and gravel."

Yours Respectfully,
J. H. Mulkey,
Supervisor.

FOUND AFTER ELEVEN YEARS

Mysterious Disappearance of John
Stanturf of Benton County Has
Been Solved

After eleven years, the bones of John Wesley Stanturf have been found.

John Stanturf who resided with his family in the southern part of Benton county, started on the morning of January 17, 1894 to his favorite hunting ground near the foot of Green Peak.

Toward noon, snow began falling and a fierce storm was on by the middle of the afternoon. Night came and the hunter did not return. All searching proved in vain.

The first tidings that have been heard of the missing man since his disappearance eleven years ago, was last Thursday when J. Hawkins and Chas. Broomfield,

were looking for new trapping grounds near what is known as Honey Grove fork of the Alsea river. The two men were attracted by a pile of bones, over which two trees had fallen, so that a third log lying across them formed a letter "A." The corner was notified and Saturday he went to the scene with a party, held an inquest, and elicited facts sufficient to leave no doubt as to the question of identity of the dead.

FROM THE CAPITAL

There Will Be No Constitutional Convention. Brownell's Bill Turned Down

Resourcefulness of Professor Mulkey
A Product of Polk The Blue
Ribbon County

There will be no constitutional convention at this time. Any changes desired in the organic law of the state will have to be sought through the initiative and referendum. Brownell's pet bill calling a constitutional convention went down Wednesday. After one of the Clackamas orator's most persuasive appeals, a vote was taken but the returns showed he was three shy. The Lewis and Clark Fair can now be held next summer without any constitutional convention to worry the people while entertaining easterners.

President B. F. Mulkey of the Ashland Normal made a record for quick action Wednesday evening. Senator Pearce was speaking in behalf of a continuing annual appropriation of \$50,000 for normal schools. In the course of his remarks the senator mentioned that he was the father of five children himself. This remark seemed to impress Prof. Mulkey with a sense of loneliness. He left the room of the ways and means committee. Within five minutes he rushed back displaying a telegram bearing the intelligence, that there was born to him in Ashland, the fifth child. Senator Pearce subsidized and the telegram broke up the meeting of the ways and means committee that had under discussion the Normal schools of the state. Mother and child are doing well. It was in the midst of the session of legislature two years ago that Mrs. Mulkey presented the Professor with his fourth son.

The claims of the four Normal schools of the state were presented to the ways and means committee Wednesday evening. After the Presidents of the different schools had spoken on the necessity of their respective schools, Senator Pearce spoke in behalf of the Vawter bill providing for a continuing appropriation of \$50,000 a year for normal school purposes, placing the entire amount at the disposal of a board of nine regents.

Independence's Charter is being put through without any change in the old boundary lines. This assurance comes from Representative Cooper who has the bill in charge.

Senator Pearce, who got excused from attendance immediately upon the election of a president of the senate, has not appeared on the senate floor since. He left for California and is not expected back during this session of the legislature.

During the discussion of the needs of the normal schools before the ways and means committee, it developed that teachers are in the employ of the state at \$500, and even as low as \$400 a year.

There is a movement on among certain members to have the legislature adjourn until September instead of nine days as usual. The purpose is to give the present legislature the opportunity to elect a successor to Senator Mitchell, provided the latter loses his seat in the United States Senate.

Short sermons often come from long heads. Rare virtues are born of humble thoughts.