

LAWYER WILL CROSS EXAMINE FOR "OTHER SIDE"

Land Department Will Be Represented Hereafter

Washington, Feb. 2.—Acting on the suggestion of Senator Nelson, chairman of the Ballinger-Pinchot congressional investigating committee, that "the other side" be represented by an attorney who will take upon himself the task of cross-examining witnesses, it was announced today that at future hearings of the committee either H. H. Schwartz, chief of the field service, or Fred Dennett, commissioner of the land office, be represented by counsel.

At the close of the investigating committee's session Monday afternoon the cross-examination of Glavis had proceeded "feebly" because of lack of counsel.

BANKERS WHO FAILED OWE SEVEN MILLIONS

Boston, Feb. 2.—The liabilities of Fisk & Robinson, bankers of New York, Boston, Chicago and Worcester, who failed yesterday, amount to nearly seven million dollars, and exceed the assets by \$12,643, according to a statement issued today by W. A. Tracey, manager of the Boston office, covering the condition of the firm as ascertained last Friday.

WATERS RECEDE AND STREETS OF PARIS ARE DRY

Railways and Telegraph Lines Will Be Crippled for Weeks

Paris, Feb. 2.—Flood conditions are improving rapidly. In most sections the waters have receded from the streets, and have exposed great gaps in the pavements. The work of destruction and restoring of transportation facilities is proceeding, but it will be many days, probably many weeks, before the telegraph and telephone and surface railway lines will again be on a normal basis.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE IS REPORTED

Christiana, Feb. 2.—There has been a heavy loss of life among the fishing fleets, nine boats and forty men being missing. Ten bodies were washed ashore on the Lofoden islands.

FAIR WEATHER FOR TOMORROW
Oregon: Fair tonight and Thursday, except rain near the coast; westerly winds, shifting to southerly.

PEARY WOULD FIND SOUTH POLE ALSO

Washington, Feb. 2.—Commander Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the north pole, has made a proposition to the National Geographical Society, which, if accepted, will mean that an American expedition will be on its way to discover the unquarred south pole next fall.

NEW POSTAL CARD WITH PHOTO OF WM. MCKINLEY

Washington, Feb. 2.—The government has adopted a new style of postal card, which will be placed in the postoffice this week. The card is printed on a better quality and lighter paper of a bluish tinge. It bears the portrait of President McKinley.

ALBANY HAS BAD CONFLAGRATION

Albany, Or., Feb. 2.—Fire broke out in the building occupied by the butcher shop and general market of A. M. Holt in the heart of Albany's business district at 7 o'clock last night, but was confined to the one structure. Losses are as follows:

Damage to wooden building, owned by S. E. Young, \$400; no insurance. Damage by fire and water to stock in the two markets, \$2000; insurance, \$1500. There was \$4000 worth of machinery, including a cold-storage plant in the meat market, but the damage to this cannot be ascertained tonight. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Burr Holcomb the Albany garbage man, wandered away and his mangled body, was found yesterday near his home, one mile north of town, the train having run over him.

AWFUL FORCE OF EXPLOSION IN COAL MINE

Bodies of Victims Literally Blown to Pieces in Primero Mine

Primero, Feb. 2.—The awful force of the explosion in the Primero coal mine, which enacted a toll of 79 lives Monday afternoon, is shown as the explorers and rescue parties penetrate deeper into the depths. Seven more bodies were recovered during the night, making a total of 49.

Conditions indicate that many victims in deeper workings were literally blown to pieces and that some of the missing will never be found, their bodies being shattered into fragments.

THIRTY-FIVE DEAD IN KENTUCKY MINE

Drakesboro, Ky., Feb. 2.—A telephone message from the Bridler mine pieces the dead as the result of yesterday's disaster at 35; the bodies of 23 have been recovered. The explosion is believed to have been caused by a miner's lamp igniting the gas in an unused chamber, which exploded with terrific force. Within a few minutes after the explosion the fans had sucked the workings clean of deadly gases, and the rescue parties were soon at work bringing up the bodies of the victims.

Commissioners' court convened in monthly session this forenoon.

HENEY MAKES BIG POINT IN CROSS EXAMINATION OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN

Portland, Feb. 2.—During his battering of hard cross-examination, Prosecutor Francis J. Heney apparently made a big point in the Binger Hermann trial today. Briefly the prosecutor showed that the former commissioner of the general land office could have prevented speculation in the proposed forest reserves by the simple expedient of ordering withdrawals, and making investigations afterward, instead of first investigating and then making the withdrawal, for during the investigation, and before the withdrawal, the speculators were informed of the proposed reserve, and would swarm into the territory and take the unappropriated public lands or the school lands. This policy on the part of the commissioner, the defendant admitted under pressure, would have been as effective as amending the lieu land law, the amending of which he repeatedly urged in his annual reports, saying that gigantic frauds were being perpetrated in the West under the lieu land statute and the timber and stone act.

After devoting five hours to the direct examination, Hermann was turned over to Attorney Heney yesterday afternoon and from the outset was not baffled by the special prosecutor.

Heney went as far back as 1873 in questioning the aged defendant, who, three years before the Centennial was receiver of the land office at Roseburg. Rapidly, the prosecutor spanned more than a quarter of a century and arrived at the phase of Hermann's official life where Hermann and Secretary Hitchcock did not give. Hermann typified Hitchcock as being "captious, suspicious and slightly autocratic."

"In other words, Mr. Hermann, he was not a handsaker, or so amiable as he might have been?" asked Heney. "Not quite so amiable as yourself, Mr. Heney," replied Hermann. Hermann declared his trouble with Hitchcock arose over an order received from the secretary concerning a map which the land office was preparing and which Hermann induced President McKinley to revoke. The cross-examination ended there for the day.

Heney wanted to know whether Hermann, in 1873, allowed land more valuable for timber than agriculture to be taken under the homestead act. Hermann replied that the fact that timber was on the land was not considered a fatal defect in homestead entry where the trees should be removed and the land farmed.

EDGEMORTH IS LOCATED AT DENVER

Man Who Swindled Murphy and Briggs Wires That He Will Return Money

Chas. Murphy, who with Harry Briggs, was recently swindled by one J. E. Edgeworth, who sold them his counterfeit supply store at 640 Wilamette street, and it was found later that he had forged the signatures of the M. J. Walsh company to receipts for bills of goods valued at nearly \$500, has located Edgeworth at Denver, Colorado, and received a wire from him last evening that he would settle at once.

The deputy district attorney declined to issue a warrant for the arrest of Edgeworth, so Murphy took the case in hand and with a bit of detective work of his own, succeeded in tracing him to Denver. He also located Edgeworth's relatives and his wife's relatives. If Edgeworth does not "come through" with the money, as he promised in his telegram, Murphy will prosecute him, but he thinks the matter will be settled amicably.

Edgeworth came to Eugene several months ago from Ottawa, Kansas, and went into partnership with Murphy in the electrical goods business. Edgeworth shortly after opening business, ousted Murphy from the firm and later Murphy and Briggs bought him out, but it was found that they had been swindled by Edgeworth's forgery of the receipts for the goods bought of the wholesale house.

January closed with a record of the heaviest fall of snow in one month in Chicago since 1898, when the total was 15.2 inches. That for January, 1910, was 14.8 inches. The heaviest recorded since the weather bureau was established here was 26.7 inches in January, 1886.

A Polk county man captured a broken winged wild goose on his farm; he amputated the wing and the goose is apparently contented in his barnyard.

Omar Holmer, a Clatskanie young man, has invented and had patented an automobile support for a drop leaf of a table or other article of furniture.

PORTLAND HOTEL MEN MAY INVEST IN PROPERTY HERE

Phil Metschan and Lot Sweatland-Arrive in This City This Afternoon

Phil Metschan and Lot Sweatland, two of Portland's best known hotel men, arrived in the city this afternoon. What asked the subject of their trip here, Mr. Metschan replied that as simple came to see Eugene's public improvements which he had heard so much about, but it is learned from another source that the gentlemen are here with a view of investing heavily in Eugene property. Mr. Metschan said: "Your street improvements and general advancement are a surprise to me. Eugene has gone forward at a splendid rate." Mr. Metschan is proprietor of the Hotel Imperial which has recently been more than doubled in size by the addition of a nine-story annex and has been remodeled throughout. He is former state treasurer. Mr. Sweatland has for a long time been connected with the Hotel Perkins, another leading hotelery of the metropolis.

BIG PROFIT FROM SMALL TRACT OF FRUIT PROPERLY CARED FOR

John Thramer, Living Across the River, Gives Some Figures on His Crops

What may be accomplished by systematic spraying and judicious pruning of fruit orchards is shown by an excellent illustration from the experience of John Thramer, who has a 35-acre ranch in peaches, cherries and some walnuts on the island between the mill race and the Willamette river north of Eugene.

He purchased this farm five years ago. The cherry trees looked to him, he says, like an "Eastern tamarack patch that had been burned over. He cut back the cherry trees vigorously and sprayed well. That year the entire crop was 6900 pounds, free from blights and blights. The second year Mr. Thramer's yield from the same part of the orchard was 14,000 pounds. The third year was proportionately greater. He now holds his warehouse receipts for 32,000 pounds—representing last year's crop. His net profits from four acres of cherries last year were \$544.40, after deducting all proper charges for expenses. From one and a half acres of peaches he obtained a clear profit of \$425.95, after deducting all expenses. On three-quarters of an acre of his older cherry orchard, on which 60 trees are crowded, the average yield was 6000 pounds.

Mr. Thramer's potato crop will go 225 bushels to the acre, the loss from freezing potatoes at the top of the ground being very small.

These figures were furnished by Mr. Thramer to Manager Freeman of the Commercial Club, who is gathering statistics that are absolutely reliable on agricultural and horticultural products of Lane county. He has sent out fifty or more letters to prominent farmers and fruit raisers to get figures on their crops to use them in advertising the soil and products of the county among prospective home-seekers.

THE WHEAT MARKETS

Portland, Feb. 2.—Wheat unchanged.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Close: February, 122 1/2; May, 110 1/2; July, 100 1/2; September, 96.
Tacoma, Feb. 2.—Bluestem, 116; Club, 106; Red Russian, 104.

Paying almost any price the ranchers ask, buyers for Porter Brothers have for a week been buying every horse that is for sale in this vicinity, says a Crook county paper. Many horses sold at \$175 to \$200.

The stork paid an unceremonious visit to a Hayes-street car in Sag Francisco, last night, and besides leaving a baby girl with Mrs. Antie Farnum, was responsible for tying up traffic on the line until a physician and ambulance could reach the car.

The annual report of Secretary Frank Welch of the state board of agriculture, showed the total receipts of the 1909 state fair to be \$61,892.16, a gain of nearly \$7000 over the fair of 1908, when the receipts were \$55,172.57.

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New Gingham
Entire line of new 1910 Gingham in new colors, orange, small and medium checks and plaids; all ready and await your call. Price, 34c to 12 1-2c

New Silk Poplins
Beautiful line Wash Poplin; all colors, for spring and summer wear; the yard, 25c and 35c

The New Dress Goods
20,000 Yards from which to Make a Selection
The New Wool Dress Materials are ready for your inspection. Exquisite new colorings in soft clinging fabrics for the Princess or other popular one piece gowns. Also a little heavier goods for the Russian Coat and smart tailored suits and well adapted for street or general wear.
The new addition of Spring goods combined with the already large stock of wool fabrics makes this the largest and most comprehensive stock to be found.

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New stock 1910 Percalés, light, medium and dark colors; 25c, the yard, 12 1-2c

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We are Showing Wool Taffeta 42 inches wide, brown, tan, champagne, green and mustard, the yard, \$1.25. Fancy Serge in navy, brown reseda, grey, the yd., \$1.25
Batiste and French Serge in many popular shades, the yard, 50c and 60c.

Royal Worcester Corsets
New spring line of these celebrated corsets are on our shelves. We carry them for all forms, stout, medium and slim figures; long, medium and short corsets. They have a character, individually, distinctiveness. They are the climax of corset perfection. Moderate in price; each, \$6 to \$1

Fancy Colored Hose
Like the blossoms of spring, varied in shade; fine in texture. We are showing the well-known and popular "Onyx" Hosiery—they are superlatively the best fancy hose; the pair, from \$1.25 to 25c

Notion Department
Is filled with new novelties to supply the every day wants.
BACK COMBS, each . 25c to \$1.50
SIDE COMBS, pair, 25c to 50c

Muslin Underwear
Medium and high-class Muslin Underwear:
Corset Covers, 25c, 35c to \$2.50
Drawers, 25c, 35c, 50c to \$2.50
Pants, \$1.00, \$1.25 to \$4.50

Your Kind of Hats
When it comes to wearing a hat at a moderate price there is not a hat that quite matches a Gordon for style, quality and durability; always, \$3
But if one's inclination calls for something higher class we will say take a J. B. Stetson. They cost, \$4 to \$8

The Men's Furnishing Department
Is filling up with new wearables; a large line of latest colors and patterns of Shirts is noticeable. A very reliable and well made Shirt is found in the "Monarch" brand. These Shirts we recommend for durability; price, each, \$1.00
Another shirt of higher order, something on the "nifty" class, for better wear. They are the "Cluett." Each, \$1.50 and \$1.75
But say—the greater value for the money is the one dubbed "Hytone," equal in quality, style and fit to any \$1.00 quality anywhere; each, 75c

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Levi Strauss, . 75c
Headlight, . \$1.00
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