

TOUT CO. BUYS LARGE TRACT OF SIUSLAW TIMBER

6,000 Acres of Holdings of Starret and Hovey in Western Part of County Are Sold

MILLION FEET IN DEAL

Consideration Is Believed to Be Over \$1,000,000 in Transaction

BERGMAN IS MANAGER

Large Modern Mill on River Expected as Next Step in Program of Development for Large Area of Coast Timber

The Starret and Hovey timber holdings in the western part of Lane county and the property of the Siuslaw Boom company owned by this firm on the Siuslaw river have been bought by the Stout Lumber company of North Bend, according to announcements here yesterday. The deal involves 6,000 acres of fir timberland, extending upwards of a billion feet, most of it bordering on the Siuslaw river, and the consideration is said to be considerable above a million dollars.

Henry L. Bergman, banker of Florence, it is announced, will manage the property for the lumber company. This is one of the largest deals of timber land ever made in Lane county and one of the most extensive in the state for some time past. The Stout Lumber company is one of the biggest operators in the United States, having milling interests in the South, but as the stumpage is becoming exhausted in that section of the country, operations are being gradually extended to the Pacific coast. The company operates two big mills on Coos Bay and one at Brookings in Curry county.

Big Plant May Be Built
No announcement is made of plans of the company to erect mills on the Siuslaw river but men in close touch with the company express the belief that some time in the future a large and modern plant will be put in at some point on the river. It is said to be the plan of the company for the immediate future to ship logs from its new holdings by rail to the Coos Bay mills.

Mr. Bergman and R. T. Burns, general manager of the Stout company, arrived in Eugene Thursday and spent two days in the city on business connected with the deal. Mr. Burns left last night for San Francisco and Mr. Bergman expects to leave this morning for his home at Florence.

Bean Handles Deal
Louis E. Bean, local attorney, who has handled the legal affairs of T. C. Starret and Horatio N. Hovey of Detroit ever since they bought this timberland in 1907 and 1908, represented the firm in the big deal. Negotiations were under way for the sale of the land for a year or more, he said.

The holdings of the Siuslaw Boom company, taken over by the Stout Lumber company, consist of a series of booms on the Siuslaw river all the way from Point Terrace to Cushman and have a capacity of 100,000,000 feet of logs. The booms were built in 1910 by the late E. E. Benedict, at one time a Eugene attorney, who went to Cushman 20 or more years ago. One boom, located at Duncan slough, is seven miles long, another one known as the Mason boom, is two and a half or three miles long and there is a third long one, known as the island boom. All of these have been utilized for a number of years by various loggers who

MORNING REGISTER

The Weather
Oregon—High west, rain or snow on portion; normal temperature; moderate southeast winds. Yesterday's weather in Eugene: Maximum temperature, 53 degrees; minimum, 35; wind from southwest, 25 of an inch; wind from southwest, 25 of an inch, 2.9 feet.

Eugene and Vicinity
Rev. Mr. Trahan to speak at Kiwanis luncheon; special music planned. Page 8.
Glee clubs of Eugene high school singing cantata at Methodist church Sunday. Page 8.
Dentists of South Willamette society will meet at Omburg hotel tonight. Page 8.
Tennis boys offered \$200 to make bridge and keep it this year. Page 8.
Bank party will be held today; no business to be conducted after noon. Page 8.
Meeting to hold Christmas celebration. Page 8.
Fairmount land sold for interest in Harrisburg store. Page 8.
Infant girl is dead; Jennie Maybell Brown in brief period. Page 8.
Ben Dorris head drummer in American Legion band; new rules adopted. Page 8.
P. Hall ground under train wheels. Page 8.
Christmas boxes fixed for disabled veterans in government hospital. Page 8.
Laymen clear report of state bar association meeting last night. Page 8.
Pupils of Condon school give payment to be re-named tonight. Page 8.
School play at Eugene high is successful; gross receipts amount to \$109. Page 8.
Memorial services held by Eastern Star for Mrs. Margaret McLean. Page 8.
Eugene is advertised in Hollywood; motion picture magazine to print pictures. Page 8.
Bergman adopts name; poses as original "Boy" Jones and asks for alms. Page 8.
Three autos stolen last night; local police trace; one family loses two. Page 8.
Siuslaw purchases extensive timber holdings in western Lane county. Page 8.
Tolerance great need, says Rev. J. Franklin Haas at Y. M. C. A. meeting. Page 8.
Work on Loraine road to close next week for winter. Page 8.
Civil war veteran, Charles Henry Slattery, dies at hospital. Page 8.
Church to have vesper services Sunday afternoon. Page 8.
Moose dance fund turned over to charity. Page 8.
Four out of nine found guilty on burglary charges. Page 8.
Burglar enters house and takes diamond and coins. Page 8.
Music service planned at Unitarian church. Page 8.
School play program; Roosevelt club having final rehearsals. Page 8.
Moles and gophers bite dust; new poison used. Page 8.
Communities in giving Christmas entertainment. Page 8.
Oregon scenery shown in Schreff exhibition of paintings. Page 8.
Club pictures shown at meeting in directors' party. Page 8.
City levies announced by Assessor Keeney. Page 8.
Alfalfa does well; Cresswell man has three cuttings. Page 8.
Post office prepared for coming Christmas package rush. Page 8.
Thieves steal milk bottles from Springfield residents. Page 8.
Modern Woodmen elect officers during year at meeting. Page 8.
Comedy is presented by high school cast before 400. Page 8.
Sports
Sixteen letters awarded high school football players. Page 6.
Springfield quintet will play Monroe high school tonight. Page 6.
Santa Clara quintet defeated 21-10 Thurston in fast hoop game. Page 6.
Harrisburg Hoopers defeated by Coburg in first game in five years. Page 6.
Louis Kaplan retains featherweight crown. Page 6.
Billy Reinhart leaves for meeting of basketball conference. Page 6.
Jack Benefield goes south for big football game. Page 6.
Basketball season leaves this evening for California. Page 6.

TEST NOW

RECORD OF MILLS

West Coast Association to Compel Members to Use New System

TRUSTEES GIVEN POWER

Rules Become Effective on February 1, 1926

MOVE PROTECTS DEALER

American Lumber Grades and Sizes Adopted by National Order and Approved by Hoover to Become Effective

(By The Associated Press)
TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 18.—Member mills in the West Coast Lumbermen's association will be required to pass a grading test upon their product and pass a certain standard to be eligible to membership. It was decided at a meeting of the association here today. Mills failing below the standard will lose their membership. The new membership rules are to become effective February 1, next year. The board of trustees is empowered to hold the test of grading efficiency.

Mills granting membership will be observed throughout the country and the grades they are required to pass, so that every lumber dealer will know his orders will be filled above a certain standard when placed with the association mills.

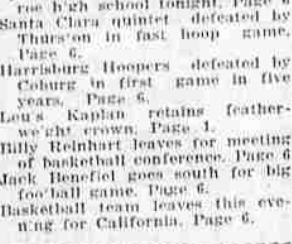
Sizes Effective January 1
Announcement was made by President E. D. Kingsley that the American Lumber grades and sizes, the national standards proposed by Secretary Hoover and adopted by the National Lumber Manufacturers' association and the West Coast Lumbermen's association, will become effective in the Pacific Northwest January 1, next. With the addition of 14 mills to those previously announced as having agreed to the new standards, 64 per cent of the membership of the association, controlling 89 per cent of the cut, are tied up for the change, it was stated.

Water Increase Opposed
Determination of the association to actively fight a bill said to be ready for introduction before the present congress, which would place in-control steamship rates under the control of the Interstate Commerce commission, similarly to rail rates, was arrived at by the association. The bill in said to be primarily backed by railroads which desire to raise water rates through the canal and thus more nearly equalize rail and water competition. The association trustees will endeavor to obtain the assistance of all shipping interests besides those of the association to share in the cost of the contest at Washington, D. C.

The annual meeting of the association has been set for January 29, at Seattle. Many of the association members remained over in Tacoma for the annual banquet of the Tacoma Lumbermen's club.

Auto Kills Boy
(By The Associated Press)
TIGON, Ore., Dec. 18.—Jump-out of his bicycle to get his hat which had blown across the road, Stanford Mitchell, 12, was hit by an automobile and killed near here late yesterday.

APPLAUSE FROM THE GALLERY



CLERKS HONOR BRYSON

LANE COUNTY MAN ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT

(By The Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—County clerks of the meeting here today with the election of the following officers: Ira B. Riddle, Douglas county, president; R. S. Bryson, Lane county, vice president; Asa W. Butler, Crook county, secretary; and Della Stevens, Jackson county, treasurer.

The association adopted a resolution urging that the United States senate approve entrance of the United States into the world's court. The special road tax proposed to be placed on a dollar and cents basis rather than on a millage basis for the simplification of accounts.

GRAIN CHARGES SIFTED

ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR ASKS FOR ALL FACTS

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Ambassador Pueyrredon of the Argentine under instructions from his government, moved today to sift charges recently made against Argentine government officials for issuing allegedly erroneous wheat loan reports.

He telegraphed George Saunders, vice president of the Armour Grain company of Chicago, requesting "all facts both of your charges which would bear to be made without serious basis for them and the responsibility involved."

SPECULATION AROUSED BY MITCHELL SENTENCE

COLONEL EXPECTED TO AWAIT PRESIDENT'S ACTION

La Guardia, Socialist, Would Fix Penalty of 30 Days for Violation of Article

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Speculation as to what the five year suspension from army rank, pay and allowances meted out to Colonel William Mitchell actually meant, and what the air officer would do in the face of it, was rife today throughout congressional and army ranks.

The consensus was that the colonel would await action by President Coolidge on the court's decision, and if it was not commuted he would ask that the president accept his resignation from the army. Meanwhile the air crusader kept silent.

Three Echoes Heard
Three echoes of Colonel Mitchell's conviction were heard at the capitol during the day. Two took the form of resolutions, one by Representative Blanton, Democrat, Texas, to restore the colonel to his proper rank in the army; and the other by Representative Viorallo, La Guardia, Socialist, New York, to fix a maximum of 30 days as the penalty for violations of the 36th article of war, under which the colonel was found guilty. The third was a statement by Representative Frank Reid, Republican, Illinois, who headed the Mitchell defense staff in which he assailed the war and navy general departments, the court martial, the army general staff and the navy general board and announcing that the "fight for a unified air service has only begun."

At the war department the trial record was put in shape for transmission, probably tomorrow, to the board of review in the justice advocate general's office.

No Comment Expected
At the White House it was made clear that no comment on the court's findings could be expected until after the president had finally passed on the case. The case probably will reach him for action early next year.

It was the unofficial opinion of some army legal experts that no military tribunal has the right to deprive any officer or enlisted man of all pay and allowances for five years and keep him during that time under army control, unable to accept outside employment, without permission.

Appeal Is Considered
This sentence, it was said, might be held on appeal to civil courts to constitute cruel and unusual punishment, since it might deprive the person convicted of the necessities of life. To this thought was added the question of how the law could be construed to take into consideration the private resources of the accused.

Those interested in the more strictly financial phase of the court's verdict estimated that it was equivalent to a \$50,000 fine. That sum was calculated to represent five years pay and allowances which Colonel Mitchell would have to forfeit under the court's verdict.

ONE ACCIDENT IS FATAL

526 WORKERS INJURED IN WEEK JUST PAST

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 18.—Of the 526 industrial accidents reported in Oregon during the week ending December 17, only one proved fatal, according to a report by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was H. Schleussener of Carlton. Of the 526 accidents, 461 came under the provisions of the state compensation law.

LOUIS KAPLAN RETAINS FEATHERWEIGHT CROWN

FIFTEEN-ROUND VICTORY IS WON FROM BABE HERMAN

Slugging Battle Lacking in Color and Spectacular Features of Previous Fights

(By The Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The world's featherweight crown still rests jauntily on the head of Louis (Kid) Kaplan, Connecticut idol of the ring. He successfully defended his title tonight by battering his way to a convincing 15-round victory over one of his foremost and most persistent challengers, Babe Herman of California.

Before a crowd of 14,000 fans in the new Madison Square Garden, Kaplan spiked Herman's attack almost completely as well as any suspicion that he held on to the 126-pound crown was slipping a bit. The kid belled his somewhat drawn appearance by setting a slashing pace from start to finish, which carries the fight into a swarming, aggressive onslaught and piling up a margin which left no doubt of his triumph in the minds of observers.

It was a slugging, mauling battle from start to finish but except for a few flashes it lacked the color and spectacular exchanges that featured the six previous encounters between these consistent rivals.

Kaplan's furious attempts at offense kept Herman in retreat and resulted in holding by the challenger who failed to show any effectiveness in attack himself, except in the 10th and 14th rounds. These two rounds were the only ones credited to Herman and while he staggered the champion a bit in both, with solid rights to the chin, he succeeded only in temporarily checking the kid's swarming drives.

Herman held the champion even in two other rounds, the third and fourth, but in the remaining 11 rounds he was out of the ring, his rival backing away from a steady hammering to the head and body.

BULLET STRIKES WOMAN

NEGRO FACES FIRING IN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

(By The Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—One woman, seated in a sedan in front of a shoe repair shop, was struck in the back of the neck by a stray bullet, and M. M. Belard, negro proprietor of the shop, faced a storm of bullets in routing a robber who attempted to hold the place up late tonight. The woman, Dorothy Wirtson, was taken to her home after her wound and cuts from flying glass had been bandaged by bystanders.

The holdup man, a negro, escaped after running into a passing automobile and being thrown to the pavement. Belard was not struck by any of the bullets fired at him.

TODD FACES CHARGES

ARREST OF CITY ENGINEER CAUSE OF COMPLAINT

(By The Associated Press)
KELSO, Wash., Dec. 18.—A. R. Todd, deposed Kelso mayor, was charged with malicious prosecution in a complaint filed in superior court here today by attorney H. H. Innes. The complaint was based on Todd having George H. Norris, city engineer, arrested for the death of Thomas Dovy, Kelso, Assisted Secretary. Todd was charged with murder. Dovy was shot down the night of June 19 last. Norris was exonerated following an investigation by R. G. Sharpe, secretary of the state attorney general's office.

Todd also filed charges of embezzlement against a number of Kelso citizens, the charges being dismissed by Justice W. N. McCoy. Castle Rock, when Todd failed to appear to prosecute the cases. These citizens also have filed charges of malicious prosecution against Todd and hearing has been set for the jury term of the superior court beginning January 14.

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SUPPLY BILL PASSES

INCREASE OF FUNDS GIVEN POSTAL SERVICE

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The first of the big annual supply bills that have been passed by congressmen's funds are to be spent, was reported today to the White House. Calling for increased expenditures of \$103,822,000 over current funds, the measure would allot to the postal service all things an amount \$4,606,000 below budget estimates.

A major part of the increase \$11,966,000 was recommended for the postal service to meet increased salaries and to handle a greater amount of mail. A part of the increase, \$50,000, also was designated for the air mail service route between New York and Chicago.

SHORT LINE TO START

FEBRUARY 15 DATE SET FOR FIRST TRAINS

(By The Associated Press)
TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Dec. 18.—Operation of the Oregon Short Line railroad between Rogerson, Idaho, and Wells, Nevada, will begin in February 15 next, according to advices from H. V. Platt, Oregon Short Line general manager, received here today. This is the first time, Platt said, that anything definite has been announced as to the date of operation of this line. Service will be limited to mixed train operation, he said.

Track laying between the terminal points was completed early last month and workmen have been employed since in completing ballasting of the road and building spur tracks, switches and water tanks.

LIQUOR CHARGES FACED BY PROMINENT PERSONS

TWENTY INDICTMENTS RETURNED BY CHICAGO JURY

Twenty-three Found Guilty in Indianapolis Federal Court and Will Be Sentenced

(By The Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Twenty indictments charging violations of the national prohibition laws were returned by the federal grand jury here today. In one group the Erie railroad and other persons were named and tonight Federal Judge Adam C. Cliff caused a summons to be issued for F. G. Robbins, vice-president of the Erie railroad. The others named were implicated in the sale of beer. In the second group of indictments Major Percy Owen, prohibition director for Illinois, and eight others are charged with offering bridges in addition to the liquor violations.

Indictments had been previously returned against this group. Others named with the Erie railroad are: Patrick F. Sullivan, Joseph Solis, Andrew Bots, John Curry, Joseph Graffo, Frank T. Vanek, Emil Cerney, Joseph Lucas and Robert F. Adams of Sayre, Penn., and William Dillon of Westly, N. Y.

Transportation Method Told
The indictments recite the method of transportation of more than 100 barrels of beer from Waverly to Chicago, under the name of a consignment to Chicago. Dillon is a freight agent for the Erie at Waverly. Adams is an alleged buyer for the beer syndicate whose activities have resulted in previous indictments. Bots is chief of police at Summit, a suburb, and the others are express and truck men.

Indiana Associated Press
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 18.—Twenty-three men from St. Louis, Cincinnati and Chicago were found guilty in federal court here today of conspiracy to violate the national prohibition laws in connection with withdrawals of 30,000 gallons of pre-war whiskey from the Jack Daniel distillery at St. Louis.

Twenty of the men are from St. Louis where several of them are prominent in politics; two are from Cincinnati and one from Chicago.

"We have never reached as many of the higher-ups," John Marshall, assistant attorney general said.

A maximum sentence of two years in the penitentiary and \$10,000 fine may be assessed.

Revenue Officer Convicted
Among those convicted were Arnold J. Helmick, former collector of internal revenue, Nat. G. McCullough, Republican leader and former clerk of the circuit court, and State Senator Michael J. Kinney.

The liquor was withdrawn from the distillery in August, 1923, after the whiskey had been purchased by George Remus, millionaire bootlegger of Cincinnati, and associates. Indictments were returned in St. Louis the following month, but the accused, many of whom were among those convicted here, were never brought to trial.

FRUIT MEN END MEETING

J. O. HOLT GIVES ADDRESS AT MEDFORD MEETING

(By The Associated Press)
MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 18.—Following the adoption of resolutions relating to improvement and stabilization of the national industry of the United States, the three days annual convention of the Oregon State Horticultural society ended here today.

The convention was devoted exclusively to the pear industry and the registered attendance was over 1000 growers, farmers, fruit experts and shippers, from Oregon, Washington, California and other Pacific coast sections.

The chief feature of this afternoon's program was the address of President T. Sweet of San Francisco, Washington, California, and the growers' association, who spoke on the "marketing, distributing and consumption of fresh pears."

Other addresses were made by Professor G. L. Phelps of Davis, Calif.; Eberle, general manager of Yakima, Wash.; Henry Hartman of Corvallis, Ore.; J. O. Holt of Eugene, manager of the Northwest and S. E. Peacock of San Francisco.

BRAMWELL IS CLEARED

BANKING BOARD SUPPORTS STATE SUPERINTENDENT

(By The Associated Press)
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 18.—The state banking board today yesterday cleared Frank C. Bramwell, state bank superintendent, of inferred charges, brought by Portland National bank officials, that he had acted in an arbitrary and coercive manner in reorganizing a certain western Oregon bank that was on the verge of collapse. On the question whether a charter will be issued by Bramwell to the Portland National bank to serve as a reserve depository for state banks no decision has yet been reached. Bramwell said that he would act on the application as soon as it is completed. Should his ruling be unfavorable to the board, the latter manifested a willingness to take up the case without delay.

Bramwell was cleared relative to his business dealings with the unidentified bank when the board unanimously adopted a resolution prepared by State Treasurer Kay.

TAXPAYERS GET CHRISTMAS GIFT

Non-Partisan Measure Sent on Way to Senate by Lower House

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A \$325,000,000 Christmas gift to federal taxpayers, useful throughout the year, was voted today by the house in passing the tax reduction bill. Hearing the endorsement of President Coolidge as well as leaders of both parties in the house, the non-partisan measure was directed to the senate for the most difficult part of its legislative journey by a vote of 390 to 25.

Also every member of the house was on the floor as the bill was called up for passage.

50 Amendments Proposed
As the last of more than 50 proposed amendments to the bill was mowed down today by the usual overwhelming majority, Representative Tilson of Connecticut, the Republican leader, congratulated the house on "establishing a new record of promptness in the consideration of an important measure."

His words of congratulations on the non-partisan manner in which the bill had been acted upon had hardly died, however, when Representative Rainey, Democrat, Illinois, moved to recommit to committee with instructions to cut the income and inheritance rate maximum from 20 per cent to 25 per cent.

For the second time during consideration of the bill the house divided almost on party lines, 133 Democrats voting for the motion, which was defeated, 287 to 147.

Previously some of those who opposed the bill expressed in short order their dissatisfaction with it, but as leaders pressed forward for a vote, the large majority of proponents sat silent, expressing their views occasionally merely with cries of "Aye."

Final Vote Late
The final vote was not reached until after dark and its passage less than two weeks after introduction, set a peace-time record in revenue legislation.

Those voting against the bill were: Republicans—Beck, Brown, Cooper, Frear, Lampert, Nelson, Schaefer, Schneider and Voigt; all 2 Wisconsin, and Sinclair, North Dakota.

Democrats—Collins, Mississippi; Drane, Florida; Green, Florida; Howard, Nebraska; Huddleston, Alabama; Morehead, Nebraska; Rainey, Illinois; Rankin, Mississippi; Satch, Illinois; and Sears, Florida—10.

Others—Bergner, Wisconsin; and LaGuardia, New York, Socialists; Caras and Wefald, Minnesota; Farmer-Labor, and Kvale, Minnesota, Independent—5.

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