

GIVE THEM LIMIT

Secretary Hitchcock's Views on Land Fraud Cases.

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Secretary Says they Would Have Been Tried Repeatedly Till Verdict Was Reached.

Washington, Sept. 30. — "The jury which returned the verdict against Representative Williamson, Dr. Gesner and Marion Biggs, at Portland, commended the defendants to the mercy of the court. This is not a case where any mercy should be shown. I am firmly of the opinion that the extreme penalty should be imposed."

This was Secretary Hitchcock's comment on the news from Portland.

"I do not know what disposition the court will make of this case," added the secretary, "nor is it for me to suggest, but I hope the full measure of justice will be meted out to those who have been found guilty. I hope they will be given the limit of the law. Whenever some petty criminal, hungry and in need, is convicted, in court, no mercy is shown. There is all the more reason why no mercy should be shown in this case. The defendants knew the law and violated it knowingly and willfully. One of them, a public official, was sworn to protect and uphold the law, yet he used his influence to induce a lot of poor, ignorant fellows to commit a rank crime. Such men don't deserve mercy at the hands of the court. I think no leniency should be shown them."

"Reports have been circulated," continued the secretary, "to the effect that the government would have dropped its case against Williamson and the others, had this third trial resulted in a disagreement. That is not so. The government is in earnest in this matter, and we would have asked for a fourth, a fifth, a sixth trial, and so on to the end of the chapter. I am not surprised, however, that this jury should have agreed as it did. From the evidence in the case no other verdict could justly have been returned. This jury has done its full duty to the people of Oregon and the people of the entire country."

"This is not the end of the land-fraud prosecutions," said the secretary. "We are only beginning our war on this class of criminals. Our agents are working and investigation is going forward in many states. We have a lot of cases in Idaho soon to be taken up and others in New Mexico. I have reason to believe that the extent of this offending has been very great and we intend to follow the investigation."

Ferry To Be Abandoned.

Tacoma, Wash., Oct., 34. — It is announced here that upon the completion of that part of the north bank line between Vancouver and Portland, the Northern Pacific will practically abandon the ferry between Kalama and Goble, and the line from Goble into Portland. It is understood that arrangements have been made with the Astoria & Columbia River road whereby this road will care for the business along the 40 miles of Northern Pacific track between Goble and Portland in the future.

Blown Up by Mine.

Chefoo, Oct. 3.—The coasting steamer Hsiesho, plying between Shanghai and Tientsin, struck and was totally destroyed by a mine 90 miles south of the Shantung promontory Saturday morning. Fifteen persons on board the vessel were drowned, included among them being Engineers Mauchan and Muir. The foreign passengers and a portion of the crew of the Hsiesho were rescued by two passing steamers. Seventy-one were taken to Shanghai.

SANDS ARE RICH IN ORE.

Black Deposits Near Mouth of Columbia Give Results.

Portland, Oct. 3.—Dr. David T. Day, chief of the division of mining and mineral resources of the United States Geological survey, announces that his experiments with black sands at the Lewis and Clark exposition have been eminently successful. Dr. Day says the black sand found in the vicinity of the mouth of the Columbia river is of sufficient value to warrant its being concentrated, as it contains valuable minerals that will average not less than \$7 per ton. The experiments carried on in the concentrating pavilion at the exposition proved that a ton of the black sands taken from the Columbia river will average \$5 in magnetite, or iron, and \$2 in other minerals. He says the exact value of the gold and platinum has not been determined as yet, but that the iron alone makes it valuable enough to pay the cost of transportation and then leave a splendid profit.

Dr. Day has been experimenting with these black sands for some time. He says the extent of the sand beds is practically unlimited, and that in some places they have been found to be 70 feet in depth. Samples have been taken from the surface sands and from the bottom of the beds, and the rich mineral always shows up when the sand is concentrated. He says the deeper the sand is obtained the richer it is in minerals.

Older Than Aztec Monarchy.

Mexico City, Oct. 3. — Explorations made at an old Toltec pyramid on the Magueyitos hacienda, in the state of Puebla, have disclosed the fact that the structure was built of clay bricks, which proves it to be far older than the Aztec monarchy, and possibly older even than the Toltec occupation of the country. Several elaborately carved figures were found representing men in Chinese dress and with marked Chinese features. Antiquarians are much puzzled, for the evidence points to Chinese settlement in Mexico in the past ages.

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Vegetables—Beans, 1@4c per pound; cabbage, 1@1 1/4c per pound; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; celery, 75c per dozen; corn, 65c per sack; cucumbers, 10@15c per dozen; pumpkins, 1 1/4 @ 1 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, 25@30c per crate; squash, 5c per pound; turnips, 90c@1.00 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@1 per sack.

Onions — Oregon, \$1 per sack; globe, 75c per sack.

Potatoes — Oregon, fancy, 65c per sack; common, nominal.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@30c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 27@27 1/2c.

Poultry—Average old hens, 13 1/2 @ 14c per pound; mixed chickens, 13@13 1/2c; old roosters, 9@10c; young roosters, 11@12c; springs, 14@15c; dressed chickens, 14c; turkeys, live, 18@21c; geese, live, 8@9c; ducks, 13@14c.

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