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SMITH NAMED IN LAND FRAUD

Puter's Letters to McKinley Most Important Timber Case Feature—Krib's Knowledge Shown.

PORTLAND—Through a series of remarkable letters from Steven A. D. Puter to Horace G. McKinley, the Government succeeded in bringing into the Linn County land fraud case the name of C. A. Smith, and showing that Frederick A. Krib's could not have escaped knowledge of the frauds through which the timber lands were acquired, and later purchased by C. A. Smith and John H. Willd.

It is considered by the office of District Attorney McCourt that the prosecutor has at last secured an opening in the armor of the defense through which he hopes to obtain a cancellation of title of 33 quarter-sections of land, now valued at \$802,000.

Puter advised McKinley that he had interested C. A. Smith, of Minneapolis, in the Linn County lands, and that the Minnesota millionaire was sending his cruiser, Frederick A. Krib, to look over the property.

It was shown by McKinley that the witness was arrested at Albany by Government officials, April 1, 1900, and that the charge was subornation of perjury in connection with the Roseburg entries of the very lands which McKinley and Puter were trying to sell to Krib.

Krib and Puter were shown to have reached Albany on April 1, Puter securing the release of McKinley on bonds, and that the next day the party went up to examine the claims. From many witnesses it has been shown that Krib's afterward acquired all the notes and mortgages securing the payments of money advanced by McKinley and Puter to pay for the lands and settle with the entrymen at the rate of \$75 to \$100 each.

The evidence is considered to be the most important secured since the beginning of the trial, and will be used to counteract statements from many entrymen who have gone on the stand day after day and asserted that they had made no agreement to sell the lands before filings had been made and final proofs submitted.

Advice Offered Taft.

SALEM—The Oregon Railroad Commission has received copies of resolutions passed by the Nebraska Commission in the matter of the appointment of the late Justice Brewer's successor on the United States Supreme bench. The resolutions set forth in effect that there are many men in the state Supreme Courts or in the practice of the profession who are "free from the prejudices and beliefs which are naturally acquired by one whose life work has been devoted to defending and safeguarding railroad interests," and asks the appointment of a man free from this kind of influence. The resolutions have been forwarded to President Taft and the Oregon Commission has been asked to approve of the resolutions and indicate its approval to the President.

Plan for Jubilee Made.

CORVALLIS—The quarter centennial of the Oregon Agricultural College will be celebrated Tuesday, June 14. The day for commencement exercises has been changed from June 15 to June 18, and the class day exercises have been scheduled for June 11. This change has been made to avoid conflict with the meeting of the Masonic grand lodge in Portland on June 15 and 16.

Excursion rates of one and a third fare will be in operation on all railroads within the state and special trains will run from Portland and other points with a special rate of one fare for the round trip.

Road Expert May Come.

PORTLAND—Senator Bourne has advised Secretary Bates, of the Oregon Threshers' Association, that the Department of Agriculture will send a lecturer from the public roads division to Oregon, if a series of meetings can be arranged in numerous Oregon cities covering a period of several weeks. The lecturer will be equipped with a stereopticon, and will give an illustrated lecture on roadmaking.

Hermann is Very Weak.

ROSEBURG—Binger Hermann is still very weak and the swelling in his limbs has increased. It is an effort for the patient to converse, and for that reason visitors are denied.

EMIL SEIDEL



Emil Seidel, the Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, who has come out strongly for abolition of the slums and the tearing down of tuberculosis-infested tenements. Milwaukee is the first great city in the United States to elect a Socialist for mayor.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST CONDENSED FOR READERS

Eulogies on the late Representative Cushman, of Washington, will be held May 31.

Wisconsin's State Board of Forestry has joined hands with the Federal Forestry Service in getting a comprehensive statement of facts as to forest tax conditions in that state.

President Taft has ordered the removal of United States District Attorney John J. Boyce and United States Marshal Dan A. Southerland, of the first division, Alaska.

As a result of sensational testimony before the House committee on the District of Columbia regarding the conduct of affairs of George Washington University, there may be a Congressional investigation.

Albert Wolter, a degenerate youth of 19 years, who gloated over lewd pictures and was "crazy" about women, must die in the electric chair for the murder of Ruth Wheeler, a pretty 16-year-old New York stenographer.

President Taft has signed the first of the proclamations providing a reclassification of the lands in the National forests, which will throw 4,000,000 acres out of the forest reserves and make them available for homestead entry.

Senator Johnston of Alabama has informed the Senate that a movement for the importation of Australian beef had been inaugurated in New York as a means of meeting the trust prices. He said it had been found that the foreign meat could be sold at a rate of 6 cents a pound less than the domestic product.

Government employees are much perturbed over reports which indicate that the hookworm disease, dread foe of all work, is approaching the National capital. In Virginia, only a short distance south of Washington, it was found in one school that 7 of the 9 pupils harbor hookworms.

Mrs. Hetty Green, celebrated for years as the richest and shrewdest business woman in the world, will soon retire from active business life and will turn over the handling of her immense fortune, estimated at \$50,000,000, to her daughter, Sylvia, now Mrs. Matthew Astor Wilkes.

Commander Sverdrup, the famous Arctic explorer, will leave Norway this week with 14 men on the whaler Hvalrossen for an expedition to Greenland's northwest coast and Baffin Land in the hope of finding a new whaling territory. Commander Sverdrup will visit also Annatok and Etah, in order to examine the places in which Dr. Cook declares he left his observation materials.

The Dixon long and short haul amendment to the Elkins interstate commerce bill now before the Senate will probably be defeated because the lumber Senators, who at first glance were inclined to favor this provision, have become convinced that Coast terminal rates should not be robbed of advantages that come to them by reason of their water competition.

Chicago Board of Trade men professed surprise when they heard the reports that an investigation into the operations of the Board of Trade is to be made by the Department of Justice. The contention of the dealers is that the Board of Trade as an institution in no way affects prices but simply affords a market where supply and demand may have free play in fixing the true, just, natural price.

There is now only eight states in the Union which Mr. Taft has failed to visit officially and these will have the pleasure of meeting the President before many months have passed. They are Wyoming, Nevada, Oklahoma, Michigan, Florida, West Virginia, Maine and New Hampshire. He will have been perhaps the first of the Presidents to visit every state in the Union during his incumbency.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM OTHER CITIES IN OREGON

BEND—Bend has raised by popular subscription \$7875 necessary to clear up the right of way and depot grounds for the Oregon Trunk railway.

PORTLAND—Lawyers of Portland are becoming much interested in the question of removing the judiciary of the state from politics.

HILLSBORO—A company of local business men is preparing to start an ice plant to have a capacity of three tons a day, which will be sufficient to supply the local trade.

MARSHFIELD—Judge John S. Coke, in the Circuit Court imposed upon four men charged with selling liquor in Myrtle Point, a dry territory, fines of \$100 each and sentenced each man to 30 days in the county jail.

ROSEBURG—In the capture of Frank Murphy, alias George Chambers, following the robbery of the A. C. Kidd grocery store, local officers believe they have in custody one of the most noted crooks operating on the Pacific Coast.

CORVALLIS—The O. A. C. baseball squad, including twelve men, left here Friday, April 22, for a tour of the Northwest. While away the team will play six games with Conference Colleges and two with Non-Conference Schools.

SALEM—Replying to a letter from Ed Wright, County Clerk of Union County, Oregon, Attorney-General Crawford has rendered an opinion to the effect that "the time specified when the division of the county into election precincts shall be made is directory and not mandatory or jurisdictional."

PORTLAND—With the eyes of nearly every state organization in the country turned this way, the Oregon Automobile Association is working an arrangement by which active co-operation from each county is secured in the building of good roads and the furtherance of other work within the sphere of the club.

RAINIER—At this point the best showing in the last fishing season was in smelt. During February and March 60,000 pounds of smelt were exported from this town. This was the best record yet attained here. During last May and June, the shad run, 10,000 pounds of shad were exported from here.

SALEM—State Printer Duniway has completed the printing and delivery of the 53d Oregon Report, and has printed the 54th Report up to the index. The reports of the Supreme Court are now printed up to November, 1909, being much nearer up to date than at any time in many years.

LA GRANDE—Plans have been adopted for the \$75,000 high school building to be constructed this Summer. The exterior of the building will be extremely attractive, being built of white pressed brick and terra cotta trimmings. The general style of architecture will be classical of the latest design.

MARSHFIELD—Realizing the great value of their farming land, the people of Coquille Valley section of Coos County are planning to open an experiment station for the purpose of ascertaining for the benefit of the farmers just what crops are best adapted to the locality.

SALEM—Maps that have been prepared jointly by the state of Oregon and the United States Government under appropriations made by both governments for the purpose of encouraging diversions of water for irrigation in the Willamette Valley, will be ready for distribution by State Engineer John Howard Lewis, within a few days.

TYGH VALLEY—Tygh Valley is soon to have an auto stage running between Nopinitia and Dufur to connect with the auto line from Dufur to The Dalles. This will be appreciated by people living in this part of the county, as they can visit The Dalles and return the same day. Commercial men will doubtless be glad to hear of this, as it will be quite an improvement over the present mode of traveling.

PORTLAND—Plans are maturing for an Oregon good roads convention, to be held in Albany this Summer, such as this state has never before witnessed. In conjunction with the Oregon Threshers' Association, under whose auspices the convention will be held, the Oregon Good Roads Association is working vigorously for the success of the meeting, and it is believed there will be in the neighborhood of 1000 farmers in attendance.

SALEM—In order to facilitate work and relieve the congested condition at the State Capitol Building, Governor Benson has ordered the excavation of the basement in the north wing of the structure and space made for storing records and material. For the past four years there has been a great demand for more floor space in the Capitol. The steady increase of business required a larger stock.



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