

AFTER S. P. GRANTS

Attorney General to Force Railroad to Sell Land.

MUST PERFORM TERMS OF GRANT

Government Would Forfeit Southern Pacific Land Grants or Compel Sale to Settlers.

Washington, May 4.—There is no longer any doubt that the national administration will exert its powerful influence to break the Southern Pacific land monopoly in Oregon and force that company to place on the market the remaining 3,000,000 acres of its grant, selling upon demand to bona fide settlers in quarter-section tracts and at not more than \$2.50 per acre, as specifically set forth in the law under which the grant was made. After several long conferences with Senator Bourne, Attorney General Bonaparte has directed District Attorney Bristol to make a thorough investigation into the Southern Pacific grant, more properly known as the Oregon Central and Oregon & California grant.

The government will first determine whether the law under which the grants were made can be enforced without further action on the part of congress. If it is concluded that there is ample law, the government will then determine what is the most practicable method of enforcing its provisions unless it shall be found that the grant was forfeited.

From his talks with Mr. Bourne, the attorney general is fully aware of the difficulties of the problem he has undertaken to solve, and has directed District Attorney Nathan V. Harlan, of the third division of Alaska, to report to Mr. Bristol and aid him in every way in his investigations. Mr. Harlan was in Nebraska on leave and desired employment before the expiration of his leave.

Later on, it is understood, the department will investigate to determine whether or not sales heretofore made by the railroad in violation of the provisions of the law can be invalidated. At present, however, the main object is to force the Southern Pacific to put its land on the market and no longer retard development along the line of its road.

PASSES DIRECT PRIMARY LAW.

Measure Favored by Governor is Endorsed by Michigan House.

Lansing, Mich., May 4.—The lower house of the state legislature passed the primary election bill advocated by Governor Warner. The bill amends the existing law by providing for a popular vote on candidates for United States senator. It also removes the proviso that if no candidate for the nomination for governor and lieutenant governor receive 40 per cent of the votes cast in a primary election, the nomination for governor and lieutenant governor must be made by the convention. The bill prohibits newspaper advertising by candidates.

Rushes Troops to Frontier.

City of Mexico, May 4.—The government admits that troops are being sent to the Guatemalan border, but denies that this can be construed as mobilization. Nevertheless great activity prevails in the local barracks.

It is rumored today that General Toledo is about to start for Honduras, and that within a few weeks he will be at the head of a Guatemalan revolutionary army on the boundary line between Guatemala and Honduras, ready to strike at the Cabrera government for its overthrow.

Leishman Gets Turks to Act.

Constantinople, May 4.—As a result of the energetic representations of the State department, through Ambassador Leishman, an imperial irade was issued today in regard to the American schools and other questions long pending between the United States and Turkey, authorizing the ministers to take action in the matter. This is expected to lead to a satisfactory settlement.

Recruiting Bill Passes Upper House.

St. Petersburg, May 4.—The council of the empire today passed unanimously the recruiting bill and the bill appropriating \$3,000,000 for famine relief passed by the lower house April 30.

Belated Blizzard at Superior.

Superior, Wis., May 4.—A belated blizzard started in today. In one hour there had fallen half an inch of snow, with prospects for a good heavy fall. A high wind accompanies the snow.

Double-Track Siberian Road.

St. Petersburg, May 4.—The council of ministers has decided to double-track the Siberian railroad. The section from Atchinsk to Irkutsk will be doubled this year.

BOTH SIDES READY.

All Preparations Complete for Haywood Trial at Boise.

Boise, Ida., May 3.—Counsel for prosecution and defense in the Steunenberg murder case have settled down to their final preparatory work, and there is every reason for believing that the trial of William Haywood, first of the accused men, will be commenced on Thursday next. Various reports as to moves tending to further delay the trial are in circulation, but the attitude of both sides indicates that they are ready for trial.

The only preliminary proceeding pending is a motion by the defense for a bill of particulars of the evidence by which the state hopes to show that Haywood conspired to the murder of Governor Steunenberg. This motion, which is designed to secure a disclosure of the hand of the state, will be argued before Judge Wood on Monday next. This is not regarded as likely to delay the trial. The Idaho code and practice, modeled closely upon those of California, make no provision for bills of particulars in criminal cases, and in the only precedent recorded in the Idaho reports the court denied the application, holding that the power to require require the furnishing of bills of particulars in general was discretionary with the court. It is asserted that no right of appeal goes with such a motion and neither side seems to regard the matter seriously.

ANOTHER GRAFT EXPOSED.

San Francisco Public Works Official in Toils of Heney.

San Francisco, May 3.—The inquiry before the grand jury today developed the fact that a gigantic graft has been carried on by President George Duffey, of the board of public works. Duffey's graft was done through the rental of teams for the use of the city. In some cases the expenditure for a team and driver went as high as \$30 a day.

Duffey was formerly a member of the board of supervisors and was one of the most active bribe-takers of that aggregation. It is charged against Duffey that he has continued to graft in the face of the grand jury's investigation.

Governor Gillette today addressed a letter to Andrew Wilson, a member of the state railroad commission, demanding that he resign at once. Wilson was formerly a member of the board of supervisors, but was elected railroad commissioner last November. Wilson's confession, as made to the grand jury, was placed in the hands of the governor, and formed the basis of his action today. Wilson has refused to resign.

COMMITTEE FINDS GRAFT.

Huge Profits in Furnishing Pennsylvania State Capitol.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 3.—The capitol investigating committee issued a statement tonight showing the cost to the state for furnishing the house library and the reception and private room of the resident clerk of the house to have been \$104,732. The Pennsylvania Construction company, of Marietta, Pa., and the John H. Sanderson company, of Philadelphia, are estimated to have made on these furnishings from 500 to 1,000 per cent profit.

James Scarlet, chief counsel of the commission, has been asked by the attorney general to take charge of the proposed criminal and civil suits against certain persons involved in the capitol scandal.

May Stop Denver Building.

Denver, May 3.—Following the announcement of the owners of ten of the largest mills in the city that they would never agree to the demands of the millmen and woodworkers, who struck yesterday for the closed shop, the carpenters' union tonight decided to declare unfair the product of all the local mills which persist in denying the demands. It is claimed that the Building Trades council will support the carpenters, whose action means that extensive building operations will be abruptly suspended.

Ask Militia Protection.

Boston, May 3.—The master teamsters today, through counsel, formally asked Governor Guild to assign a detachment of militia to protect the lives and property of strikebreakers, which they assert have been jeopardized by several street riots when the drivers were going home from work.

Cuban Cigarmakers Hold Out.

Havana, May 3.—The strike in the cigar industry continues without overtures being made by either side to end it. The cigarmakers declare they are receiving ample funds, which have come from the United States, and that they will be able to hold out for months.

Twenty-six Hundred on Strike.

Eureka, Cal., May 3.—Twenty-six hundred and fifty union woodmen and sawmill workers walked out in the various mills of Humboldt county today as a result of a strike. This action closed eight mills in the county today.

WORSE THAN OREGON

Will Ask Heney to Investigate Washington Land Frauds.

SECRET SERVICE NOW AT WORK

Men Now High in Public Confidence Said to Be Implicated in Irregularities.

Seattle, May 2.—Six secret service operatives are working in Western Washington unearthing a series of land frauds that are declared to be more astounding in their far reaching character than the discoveries made in Oregon or California. A secret service operative high in the confidence of President Roosevelt has just been sent to this coast to take charge of the work and to assemble the evidence that has been accumulated for presentation to special officers of the department of Justice.

It was declared today by a high government authority that when all the timber fraud evidence had been assembled Francis J. Heney will be asked to come here and duplicate his success in convicting the land thieves of Oregon. It is recognized that his San Francisco work will occupy several weeks' further time, but the work in Western Washington cannot be completed before that time.

Names that are being whispered in secret service circles indicate that when the net is spread it will bring in some men now high in the confidence of the public. Evidence is declared to be gathered that proves conclusively the complicity of these men, but some of the cases are so old that they may be able to hide behind the statute of limitations. But even if this is done, the government operatives will let the story become known in some manner.

There are a few comparatively unimportant timber cases ready for trial now, but these merely lift the cover off the land fraud situation in Washington. Following close upon the heels of these earlier hearings will come the prosecutions that reveal the scope of past timber operations.

IRON WORKS STOP.

Thousands of Men Strike in San Francisco Plants.

San Francisco, May 2.—At the end of the first day of the strike of unions connected with the iron trades and metal workers, the extent of the strike is somewhat uncertain. The Iron Trades council stated last night that but 2,000 men were idle in San Francisco and the bay cities, while 4,000 men were employed in shops which had granted an eight-hour day were at work. Members of the council asserted that 27 shops in this city and 21 out of 31 in Oakland had signed the new schedule.

The Metal Workers' association, on the other hand, claimed that special committees had canvassed the city yesterday and out of 58 shops, foundries and works visited, 53 were found closed and 9,000 men out of work. Among the large concerns closed are the Union, the Risdon and the Fulton Iron works.

CLERKS AND JURORS STRIKE.

Assessor's Office and Court Tied Up in Butte.

Butte, Mont., May 2.—What are perhaps the queerest May day strikes in history came yesterday, when the clerks in the office of County Assessor Boland struck for higher wages and the jurors in Judge Donlan's court presented a demand for \$2,000 pay for services they have not performed.

The assessor's clerks get \$100 per month, the maximum fixed by statute. They presented a demand to Mr. Boland for an increase averaging \$500 per year.

Judge Donlan's jury was temporarily laid off two weeks ago. Yesterday the jurors, numbering 53, presented a demand for 12 days' pay, the period of their layoff, on the ground that legally they may not be laid off.

Shoots at French Cavalry.

Paris, May 2.—During the afternoon a man was passing the Place de la Republique on top of an omnibus fired five shots from a revolver at a squadron of cuirassiers, wounding two of the cavalrymen. The man, who was subsequently identified as Jacob Law, of the Baltic province, of Podolia, Russia, was dragged from the top of the omnibus by the police and narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of a crowd surrounding the vehicle. Law, who was terribly beaten, subsequently died in the hospital.

Reduces National Guard.

Sacramento, May 2.—Sweeping orders were issued by Adjutant General Lauck yesterday whereby ten companies of the California National Guard are mustered out of the service for "having fallen below the standard of efficiency".

WANT COAL SECURED.

Railroads Dread Another Famine and Want Dealers to Stock Up.

Chicago, May 1.—The traffic and operating departments of the Harriman and Hill lines have united in a strenuous effort to prevent a recurrence of a coal famine next winter in the West and Northwest. Orders have been issued by the highest officials of the various roads and have the sanction of E. H. Harriman and James J. Hill, requiring all of the officials to make every effort to induce the coal dealers to lay in their winter's supply in the summer months.

The officials of the railroad dread another such coal famine as occurred last winter, when they were blamed for the suffering and destitution which reigned in the West and Northwest for many weeks. At that time the Interstate Commerce commission took the problem in hand and issued orders which required the Hill roads to discontinue all other traffic until they succeeded in getting coal to the suffering people along their lines. This proved an expensive operation and the railroads do not want a recurrence.

Accordingly a personal canvas is being made in all the cities, and coal dealers are being personally urged to cooperate with the railroads in placing the western country beyond the possibility of another coal famine.

CUBANS MOB U. S. SAILORS.

Attacked and Injured While Returning to Cruiser Tacoma.

New York, May 1.—A dispatch from Havana to the Herald reports that a number of sailors from the cruiser Tacoma were wounded in an affray with the police of Santiago yesterday. Commander Tappan, reporting the affair, says:

"About 2 o'clock this morning a small party of men from the Tacoma were attacked by the police of Santiago while on their way down to the wharf. Ensign Brisson, who was present in civilian clothes, was also attacked by the police. Nine others were injured or bruised, one man having his arm fractured and Henry Lee was shot in the lungs."

Governor Magoon has telegraphed to investigate the trouble and report.

Halsey Cautioned to Silence.

Honolulu, May 1.—When the steamer China arrived here yesterday, having on board Theodore V. Halsey, former general agent of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company, who is under arrest to answer charges of bribery in San Francisco, his wife signaled to him from the end of the wharf, presumably cautioning him to say nothing. He responded and she met him at the gang plank. A son of Detective William J. Burns, who came to Honolulu on the same steamer with Mrs. Halsey, was introduced to the accused man.

Deep Snowfall in Iowa.

Marshalltown, Ia., May 1.—Snow today in the southern part of this county ranges from three to eight inches in depth. The snow is said to have entirely ruined early fruit. A rain and sleet storm in Wisconsin last night developed into a heavy fall of snow. During the night six inches of snow fell in Milwaukee and vicinity, the weather being cold enough to prevent its melting. The storm was confined particularly to the lake section.

General Strike in Warsaw.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, May 1.—The employees of the street railroads, the printers, bakers and factory employees have decided to stop work on Friday night, and the authorities are taking energetic steps to forestall disorders. The police are making wholesale arrests of Socialists, and detachments of Cossacks will patrol the streets day and night until the trouble ceases.

Drive Standard From Ohio.

Findlay, O., May 1.—George H. Phelps this afternoon filed a petition in the Common Pleas court, asking that the Standard Oil company and its subsidiary companies be enjoined from doing business in Ohio. It is understood the independent oil producers are back of Phelps and offer to furnish bonds in the sum of \$100,000.

Heavy Loss From Flood.

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 1.—The North Canadian river and Lightning creek are receding rapidly and the flood situation in this vicinity was greatly improved today. But one person remains unaccounted for. Forty families on Capitol Hill, across from Oklahoma City, are homeless. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Tremendous Floods in Russia.

Odessa, May 1.—One hundred thousand people are estimated to have been driven from their homes by the overflowing of the Dniester, Dniester and Dnieps. The inundations are more widespread than usual and have created extreme distress over an enormous area.

National Stove Plant Burns.

Lorain, O., May 1.—Fire of unknown origin last night destroyed the plant of the National Stove company. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FACTORY INSPECTOR NAMED

O. H. Gram, of Portland, Will Work in First District.

Salem—Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff has announced the appointment of C. H. Gram, of Portland, president of the State Federation of Labor, deputy inspector of workshops, factories, etc., for the First district, and Walter H. Chance, of Albany, foreman of a bridge crew on the Southern Pacific, deputy inspector for the Second district. Their appointment takes effect May 25, but do not assume their duties until June 1. Their compensation is \$4 per day for actual time employed and necessary expenses. Another deputy will be appointed for the Third district, all that territory lying east of the Cascade mountains, who will probably be a man from Baker City.

MUST RECLAIM LAND.

State Land Board Will Press Columbia Southern Work.

Salem—Unless the new management of the Columbia Southern Irrigation company, of which Walter H. Moore and W. H. Lytle, of Portland, are at the head and principal financiers, appears before the State Land board and makes a satisfactory showing of good faith and intentions toward the fulfillment of the contract between the state and the company, which is being held in abeyance pending the fulfillment of the promises of the new management to make good the deficiencies of the old, proceedings will be instituted in court and the company vigorously prosecuted to relieve the company of its obligation and make room for other capital to complete the project.

Crook Sheep Poisoned.

Prineville—Ralph Forsyth, a sheepman of Upper Crooked river valley, lost 21 head of sheep last week by cyanide poisoning. Sheriff Atkins, who has been quietly working on the case, says the poison has been mixed with common salt and scattered around in the grass about a spring in the very center of Forsyth's bedded land. One of the herders noticed the sheep falling, and thinking something was wrong, hastened to get the land away from the spot, but not until 21 had dropped. Analysis of the salt made here disclosed the fact that it was heavily impregnated with powdered cyanide of potassium.

After Compulsory Pass Law.

Oregon City—Charles E. Spence, of Beaver creek, a member of the legislative committee of the State Grange, emphatically denies the rumor that the attempt to secure the submission of the amatory appropriation bill and the compulsory pass law to the referendum had been abandoned. Mr. Spence said that on account of the late spring and the consequent busy season among the farmers a great difficulty had been experienced in having the petitions circulated, but he believes that a sufficient number of signatures will be obtained.

Is Grape Growing State.

During the past few years much more attention has been paid to the growing of grapes in Oregon than ever before. It has been conclusively proved that Oregon is a grape growing state, for there is now produced from the present small vineyards fruit of the choicest quality, both for table use and for wine making. Grapes at present are one of the least important of the state's fruits products, in point of value, the annual yield being valued at only \$37,000. Future possibilities, however, are great.

Cheese Making Important Industry.

Cheese making is rapidly coming to the front as one of Oregon's important industries. The unexcelled adaptability of the state to dairying is well known and those who have capital invested in the industry are now turning their attention to the production of cheese that is recognized as of superior quality in any market where it may be sold. There are now a score or more of large cheese factories in Oregon, with numerous smaller ones, the annual output being valued at nearly \$500,000.

Would Continue Drain Normal.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain, upon his return from a meeting of the board of regents of the Drain Normal school, says it was the sense of the board that the school be continued during the balance of the term and that the expense of running up to July 1 would be met by public subscription and depend upon the next legislature to meet the deficiency.

Prepare for Sane Fourth.

Engene—The city council has just passed an ordinance, which prohibits the use of firecrackers of a greater length than four inches, or of any rockets of a greater weight than six ounces, and all dynamite cases of any size, within the city limits. The penalty for violation is fixed from \$1 to \$10.

POTATOES PROFITABLE

One of Best Paying Crops Oregon Farmer Can Raise.

Experience has proven to the Oregon farmer and produce handler that no crop can be raised in this state so safely as potatoes. A potato crop failure has never been known in Oregon, nor has there ever been a year when at some time or other the market price would not yield a good profit. There have been brief periods of depression, but the cause has almost invariably been the withholding of supplies from market when they were needed, which were followed by the simultaneous marketing of excessive quantities. When the farmers have exercised good judgment in selling their crops they have been amply rewarded.

Oregon produces annually about 4,000,000 bushels of potatoes. This quantity has not varied materially in the last five years. While in some seasons certain sections may turn out the usual yield, other parts of the state, owing to the variety of climate in Oregon, will produce an extra quantity that can be counted upon to keep the total production of the state about the same.

Lincoln Bridge Sinking

Albany—Wakened by the winter floods, the Kendall bridge, which spans the Calapooia river on the road from Albany to Shedd, has begun to sink into the stream, and traffic over it is now endangered. One end of the structure has sunk a foot in the past few days and the bridge is also keeling over. More travel crosses the Kendall bridge than any other country bridge in the county. It is 92 feet long.

Hamilton Invests in Wasco.

La Grande—W. R. Hamilton, of this city, recently made extensive business investments in Wasco, Sherman county, purchasing a large store and stock of general merchandise, flouring mill, residence property and an interest in the local bank of Wasco. Two of Mr. Hamilton's sons, Fred and Chester, have gone to Wasco to assist in handling the business.

Baker Plans to Celebrate.

Baker City—Plans are now well under way for one of the largest Fourth of July celebrations ever held in this city. Committees have been appointed by all of the local department leagues and they will soon meet to perfect plans for the great event. That something new shall be the order of the day seems the desire of each member of the committee.

Will Begin Work Soon.

Oregon City—Actual construction of a railroad from Oregon City to Beaver creek within a year is indicated by a number of influential men of this city who are backing the project initiated several months ago. It is the ultimate plan to extend the line into the Molalla country and to Willhoit Springs, through Clarkes, Highland and Milk creek.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 76¢77¢; bluestem, 78¢79¢; valley, 73¢74¢; red, 74¢75¢. Oats—No. 1 white, \$29; gray, \$28 @29.

Rye—\$1.45@1.50 per cwt. Barley—Feed, \$22.50 per ton; brewing, \$23; rolled, \$23.50@24.50.

Corn—Whole, \$25; cracked, \$26 per ton.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$15@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$18@19; clover, \$9; chest, \$9; grain hay, \$9@10.

Fruits—Strawberries, 18¢ per pound; apples, \$16@15 per box.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; cauliflower, \$1 @1.25 per dozen; lettuce, head, 35¢ @45¢ per dozen; onions, 10¢@12¢ per dozen; radishes, 20¢ per dozen; asparagus, 12¢ per pound; rhubarb, 3¢ per pound.

Onions—Oregon, \$2.50@3 per hundred.

Potatoes—Oregon, \$1.85@2.10 per sack; new potatoes, 8¢ per pound; sweet potatoes, 6¢ per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 20¢@22¢ per pound.

Butter Fat—First grade cream, 21¢ per pound; second grade cream, 20¢ less per pound.

Poultry—Average old hens, 15¢@16¢ per pound; mixed chickens, 16¢@15¢; spring fryers and broilers, 22¢@25¢; old roosters, 10¢@12¢; dressed chickens, 16¢@17¢; turkeys, live, 13¢@15¢; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18¢@20¢; geese, live, 8¢; ducks, 16¢@18¢.

Eggs—18¢@18¢ per dozen.

Venison—Dressed, 5¢@8¢ per pound. Beef—Dressed bulls, 3¢@4¢ per pound; cows, 5¢@6¢; country steers, 6¢@7¢.

Mutton—Dressed fancy, 10¢@10¢ per pound; ordinary, 9¢@9¢; spring lambs with pelts, 12¢@12¢.

Pork—Dressed, 6¢@9¢ per pound.

Hops—7¢@10¢ per pound, according to quality.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 15¢@18¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 21¢@22¢; mohair, choice, 29¢@30¢ per pound.