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Athena, Oregon.

## MORE LAND FRAUDS

### MILLIONAIRE TIMBER KINGS INDICTED BY FEDER JU

Letters From Fulton and Williamson Urging Patents to Land Are Sensational Features.

Millionaire bankers and timber kings of Michigan and Minnesota, prominent business men and lawyers of Crook and Linn counties, Oregon, several well known residents of Portland a former special agent of the interior department, a former United States commissioner, an ex-county judge of Crook county and a number of timber locators are defendants in an indictment returned Saturday afternoon by the federal grand jury at Portland charging huge fraud in the acquisition of valuable land in this state.

Nine hundred square miles of timber land in Crook, Klamath and Lake counties, roughly estimated to be worth \$8,000,000 are alleged to have been secured by the principal defendants, in direct violation of law. Hundreds of persons were procured by their agents to take up claims which were subsequently conveyed to the eastern bankers, and it is charged that the proceedings were tainted with perjury and fraud. The crime charged against all the defendants is conspiracy to defraud the government of its public lands.

Letters from United States Senator Fulton and Congressman Williamson to the commissioner of the general land office, urging that patents be issued on the fraudulent claims, form a sensational feature of the indictment.

F. W. Gilchrist, a millionaire banker of Michigan, Ralph E. Gilchrist, his son, a Yale graduate, who won distinction in college athletics, Patrick Culligan and James G. Macpherson, wealthy citizens of Alpena and large owners of western timber lands, and Herman W. Stone, cashier of the Swift county bank at Benson, Minnesota, appear in the indictment as the chief beneficiaries of the frauds, and it was in their interests that other defendants in the case procured the fraudulent entries on over 200,000 acres of some of the most valuable yellow pine timber land in Oregon.

Almond C. Palmer and H. Judd Palmer, attorneys of Portland, Benjamin F. Allen, a retired capitalist, at present residing at 236 Thirteenth street, but formerly a resident of Prineville, and E. N. White, a saloonkeeper at Eleventh and Morrison streets, are Portland's contribution to the list of defendants. The Palmer brothers were formerly in partnership in Prineville, where A. C. Palmer was United States commissioner. Many of the fraudulent proofs of entry were taken before him.

Edmund, Dorgan, Francis J. Devine and John Joseph Collins, in the timber locating business at Albany, under the firm name of E. Dorgan & Co., were the active instruments of the eastern capitalists in gathering in the great block of timber, 30 miles square at the headquarters of the DesChutes river. Collins is now languishing behind the bars of the Multnomah county jail, because of his refusal to produce before the grand jury the books of E. Dorgan & Co. showing the firm's operations. His refusal was on the ground that the production of the books would incriminate himself.

Among the Prineville men who are included in the list of defendants are Charles M. Elkins, merchant; John Combs, who has played a prominent part in Republican politics; Donald F. Steff, editor of the Crook county Journal, and M. E. Brink, formerly county judge of Crook county. Malcolm McAlpin, merchant, and

Thomas H. Watkins, managing cruiser for Dorgan & Co., are the Albany defendants. J. W. Hopkins, an attorney at Vancouver Washington, and W. W. Brown of Seattle, also an attorney, were caught in the government's dragnet and are among the indicted. C. A. M. Schlierholz, formerly special agent of the interior department, completes the list of the accused.

When suspicions arose three years ago as to the legality of the entries Schlierholz was directed to investigate them. Acting in corrupt collusion, it is charged, with the other members of the large conspiracy, he repeatedly reported to the general land office that the entries were regular and that patents should issue.

The indictment adds, as usual, to the list of indicted persons the fictitious names John Doe, Richard Roe and others, and it is said that several prominent citizens of Oregon may ultimately be included.

The indictment is the crowning labor of the federal grand jury, which has been in session for the past six weeks, and represents almost herculean work on the part of United States District Attorney W. C. Bristol and Inspector T. B. Nuhnhausen. The presentation of the evidence to the grand jury in this case alone has occupied the last two weeks and scores of witnesses were examined. It was with the greatest difficulty that the witnesses were compelled to disclose the facts. When subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury, some of them simulated sickness, some delayed coming and some flatly refused to respond. Outside of the actual defendants, at least 1,000 people, chiefly residents of Crook and Linn counties, were involved either as entrymen or as witnesses to proofs of entry, and the government agents have encountered a spirit of stubborn resistance which has pervaded the people of the counties.

## TO SCHOOL BOARDS.

As the Year Closes, Superintendent Wells Gives Out Information.

Pendleton, May 7.—As the school year is drawing to a close, you may be interested in hearing something of the school work throughout the country.

The financial condition of the schools is very satisfactory. Since October 1, 1905, I have apportioned to every district \$9.40 for each child enumerated, besides \$50 from the county school funds, and \$5 for employing a teacher who attended the institute. Nearly two-thirds of the districts levied a special district tax last year, and are receiving additional revenue from this source.

Most boards of directors have learned that cheap teachers do not pay, that in order to get skilled instructors and secure the best service, it is necessary to pay as high salaries as the same talent and skill could secure in other lines of business. Most of the schools employing one teacher are now paying \$50 per month. A few of the small districts are still giving less than this, but on the other hand, quite a number of the one-room schools are paying \$60, and some as high as \$80 per month.

About this time last year I wrote you, urging you to employ your teachers early. In nearly all of the larger districts this was done, but in a few cases no effort was made to secure a teacher until about time for school to begin. Then the best teachers were all taken, and a great deal of difficulty was experienced in procuring suitable teachers. In many instances I have been able to help both directors and teachers in filling the schools of the county. This has added greatly to the increasing work and responsibility of this office, without increasing its remuneration, but the results have been good, and the method will be continued.

As a rule the teacher whom you employed last should have your preference again, provided the school has been reasonably satisfactory to you, and our own teacher should generally be preferred to teachers from a distance. Securing suitable teachers for the schools seems to me to be the most important duty of the directors and where any advice or assistance is needed, it will be gladly given.

Very truly yours,  
FRANK K. WELLES,  
Sup't Umatilla County.

## The Summer Season.

The O. R. & N. will sell round trip tickets to North Beach points, Ilwaco to Nahcotta, inclusive and to Seaside and Clatsop Beach, from Athena for \$13.90. Dates of sale June 15, to August 25, inclusive. Final return limit September 30.

## For Sale.

The desirable piece of real estate on Main street known as the Garden property is now offered for sale. For price, apply to Charles Norris, Athena, Oregon.

For Sale.—A second hand stove, almost as good as new; large oven, six covers, nice reservoir. Apply at this office.

## Was Seriously Hurt.

Len Douglas, a popular young horse man of this city was seriously injured Sunday while engaged in breaking a colt owned by Charles Norris. Len was driving the colt to a cart and when near the horse house on Fourth street, the little animal became unruly and commenced kicking. Its iron shod hoofs struck Douglas on the knee several times and when lifted from the cart it was found that the knee cap was badly fractured. He was taken to the Pendleton hospital and is under the care of Dr. Smith, of that city. It is feared the boy will be crippled for life, because of the location of the fracture.

## Two Games With Elgin

The fast Elgin ball team comes to town for games with the Kids Saturday and Sunday. Manager Cartano's bunch will be in trim condition to hold a swatfest with the boys from across the Blues who rated as the swiftest aggregation in the Grand Ronde domain. Mr. Cartano is well pleased with the showing made by Pelland, the new second baseman, in the games at La Grande. There have been no games in town for a couple of weeks and the attendance Saturday and Sunday should be large.

## CREFFIELD SHOT TO DEATH.

Leader of the "Holy Rollers" Pays Penalty for Betraying Young Girls.

Franz E. Creffield, leader of the "Holy Rollers," was shot and killed in Seattle yesterday by George Mitchell of Portland, who asserts that Creffield ruined two of his sisters.

Creffield created a sensation here in Oregon two years ago, as head of a religious sect. Mitchell was recently released from the Oregon penitentiary. Creffield recently visited his former home and the scene of his insane religious antics at Corvallis a few weeks ago, after his release from the penitentiary, and was notified to leave town at once.

So great was the feeling against him because of his immorality and indecency while conducting the fanatical program of the Holy Rollers in that vicinity that he was warned that he would be roughly treated if he remained in Corvallis. He left at once for Seattle where he has endeavored to start a Holy Roller agitation. Mitchell went to Seattle in search of Creffield and when he met the seducer of his sisters on the street, shot him without ceremony.

## A PROHIBITION TICKET.

Convention Held At Milton and Ticket Named—The Platform.

At the Umatilla county prohibition convention held in Milton last Thursday, the following platform was adopted:

"That the liquor traffic, including the manufacture and sale of intoxicants for beverages, should be prohibited by law; that the present local option law should be maintained in vote and enforced; that all laws good or bad, should be enforced until repealed; that the right of suffrage should not depend on the accident of sex."

Resolutions were passed commending Senators Pierce and Smith for their excellent services rendered the county and state during the last legislature and for their stand for the present local option law. A ticket was drafted as follows:

County judge, T. L. Childers, Milton; county clerk, W. C. Hopson, Milton; county recorder, Robert Warner, Pendleton; county treasurer, Joseph Scott, Athena; county coroner, Dr. E. E. Dotson, Milton; county commissioner, S. S. Parris, Athena.

J. L. Vinson was selected county chairman.

## College Boys' Frank.

Eighteen members of the Whitman college senior class made a trip the other day in a trolley to Klicker springs, on their annual picnic. At the springs the class proceeded to dig up a cap, which they, as sophomores, buried there two years ago, having stolen it from a freshman in a class fight. The cap was found to be intact and much the worse for its long confinement underground. The cap was presented to the juniors, from whom it was stolen when they were freshmen. The shouts of the members of the two classes on the college campus, indicated that something of an unusual character was being pulled off.

## Stock Meetings

For the purpose of receiving applications for grazing during the season of 1906, within the Eastern division of the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve, will be held at:

Pendleton, Ore., May 5.  
La Grande, Ore., May 6.  
Baker City, Ore., May 11.  
Austin, Ore., May 18.  
The date for receiving applications closes May 19.

D. B. SHELLER,  
Forest Supt.

To Cure Constipation Forever.  
Take Cascara Candy Cathartic. No or No. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

## CALEDONIAN PICNIC

### ANNUAL GATHERING OF SCOTS HERE MAY 25 AND 26.

Program For the Two Days, Entertainment as Formulated By Program Committee.

The members of the Umatilla County Caledonian society are making every preparation possible for the success of the big annual picnic which is to be held in this city Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26.

The features of entertainment will be more varied and of higher merit than has been offered by the Society in the past, and as a consequence, will be more expensive to carry out. The program committee, consisting of Mayor Plamondon, M. L. Watts and Will M. Peterson has the matter well in hand, and by the perusal of the program as formulated by these gentlemen, the reader will observe that some of the leading Scotch entertainers on the coast have been selected to entertain during the picnic.

Among the entertainers on the program who are from Portland are the Misses Sharp and Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, and Masters McCormick and King. From Walla Walla, comes piper McDonald and Master Willis Hales and the famous Caledonian Quartette.

Mayor Plamondon will give an address of welcome and the annual address will be delivered by Hon. Walter M. Pierce. The program follows:

Friday, May 25.  
10 a. m.—Parade.  
10:30.—Music by Professor Henry's orchestra.

Address of Welcome, Dr. J. D. Plamondon, Mayor of Athena.  
Vocal solo, J. N. Scott.

Recitation, Master Willis Hales of Walla Walla.  
Address, Hon. Walter M. Pierce of Pendleton.

Noon Intermission.  
1:30 p. m.—Music by Prof. Henry's orchestra.

Music, by Caledonian Quartette Walla Walla.

Dance, Highland Fling, by Portland dancers, with bagpipe music.

Songs and Recitations, Masters McCormick and King, Portland.

Sword dance, Miss Sharp, Portland; bagpipe music.

Bagpipe selections, Piper McDonald, of Walla Walla; dancing.

3 p. m.—Scotch Sports, as arranged by Committee on Sports.

4 p. m.—Base Ball; Yellow Kids vs. Walla Walla "Boosters."

7 p. m.—Hose race; Weston and Athena; other Sports.

EVENING PROGRAM.  
Concert at Opera House.

8:30 p. m.—Calling to order; Remarks by Will M. Peterson.

Music, Prof. Henry's orchestra.

Dance, Miss Stanton, of Portland, with bagpipe music.

Recitation, Lela Stamper.

Dance, Masters McCormick and King, Portland, with bagpipe music.

Music, Caledonian Quartette, Walla Walla.

Dance, Master Willis Hales, of Walla Walla.

Vocal solo, Miss Mytalene Fraker of Pendleton.

Dance, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robinson of Portland, with bagpipe music.

Scotch Songs, recitations, dances, etc., as may be arranged.

Saturday, May 26.

10 a. m.—Music, Caledonian Quartette of Walla Walla.

Dance, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robinson of Portland, with bagpipe music.

Vocal solo, Master Willis Hales, Walla Walla.

Dance, Miss Sharp, Miss Stanton, Masters McCormick and King, with bagpipes.

Music, orchestra.

Vocal solo, Miss Mytalene Fraker.

Scotch dances, songs and bagpipe music.

Address, D. C. Kirk, of Weston.

Noon Intermission.

1:30 p. m.—Dance, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robinson, Portland, bagpipes.

Dance, Misses Stanton and Sharp, bagpipes.

Dance, Masters McCormick and King, bagpipes.

POLITICAL SPEAKING.

2:30.—Candidates of All Parties.

4 p. m.—Ball Game, Yellow Kids vs. Walla Walla "Boosters."

Will Ship Horses.

W. H. Babb, the well known horse dealer, is now preparing to make a monster shipment of range horses to Alberta within the next few days, says the East Oregonian. Between 600 and 800 head will be shipped from this county, most of the animals coming from the vicinity of Pendleton.