

**LAND FRAUD EXPOSE  
MAY BE AT HAND**

**Three United States Commissioners  
Removed by Federal  
Judge Bellinger**

Three United States Commissioners in Crook and Klamath counties, have been removed by order of Judge Bellinger, of the United States District Court, and the resignation of Miss Marie Ware, United States Commissioner at Eugene, has been received. The removals are directly due, it is stated by Judge Bellinger, to investigations into land matters made by special agents of the General Land Office at Washington, but he declined to state whether the resignation of Miss Ware is in connection with the same matter. That there have been accusations made against these men is known, and that there is a possibility of some of the cases being brought to the Grand Jury, which will assemble this month, is also known, but as to the specific charges, Judge Bellinger refused to state, as he said he was bound to secrecy. The men summarily removed are: H. W. Read, of Bend, Crook county; J. W. Hamaker, of Bay, Klamath county; and J. O. Hamaker, of Bonanza, Klamath county.

For a number of weeks two special agents of the Land Office at Washington have been investigating the charges that have been common report in regard to the looseness with which land matters have been conducted in Oregon. In some instances, it is asserted, there has been found not only proof of looseness, but of direct violation of law, and the use of false proofs to secure possession of Government land.

That these investigations have resulted in the removal of the three men, whose names are given, is admitted by the Federal authorities, but as other investigations are on foot, those in authority do not believe it would be wise to further expose the nature of the charges at the present time.

It is understood that it is not the intention of the court to make any more appointments in the localities where the men reside, partly because there are enough commissioners in those counties, and also because of the laxness of methods that are said to exist.

That the affair is one which will not be ended with the removal of the commissioners, is hinted by those in authority; who, as has been stated, are unwilling to give more information at the present time.

**A Single-Tax Experiment  
(Portland Telegram)**

Some believers in the "single tax" theory, are carrying it out on a small scale in Southern Alabama, where a little colony has been planted on a site called Fairpohe since 1895. It consisted originally of six families, but now numbers about 250 people, who own their own wharf, warehouse, bathing-house, free library of 2000 volumes, a telephone system, etc. No bonded debt is allowable, and there is money in the treasury. The tract consists of 1400 acres fronting on Mobile Bay, and is owned by an association of single-taxers, who rent tracts of it for ninety-nine years to settlers. The tenant cannot own the land, but he can sell his leasehold and improvements. Out of the rental the association pays all taxes, and devotes the balance to local improvements. As the land becomes more valuable, through greater production, rents are raised. This year some tracts rented for three times what they did last year. No one is obliged to pay the increased rent; he can rent another tract, or leave. The company claims not to have started the colony for profit, but its land has increased in value tenfold on the average. Rents last year aggregated only \$800, of which \$200 went for taxes and most of \$600 to support the school. In case of any emergency, like the building of a wharf, the colony issues certificates of indebtedness, to be redeemed, in this case, from the wharf's income; or in a different case by next year's rentals. The wharfinger gets 40 percent of receipts for his salary, and the 60 percent surplus amounted last year to \$500. The aim is to exact rent enough for all communal or public purposes, and the surplus of cash received for products is of course the renter's, to do with as he pleases.

**Hermann's Chances**

The line-up in the First Congressional district on the first ballot is estimated to be about as follows:

	For	Against
	Her-	Her-
	mann.	mann.
Benton	7	
Clackamas		17
Coos	8	
Curry	3	
Douglas	14	
Jackson		12
Josephine	7	
Klamath	4	
Lake	4	
Lane	*19	
Lincoln	4	
Linn	13	
Marion	22	
Polk	*9	
Tillamook	5	
Washington	14	
Yamhill	11	
Totals	79	94

\*Probably not all for Hermann.

**County Court Proceedings**

INDIGENT AND INSANE.	
E G Flanagan, supplies for Josh Nelson	\$ 8 00
Chas Stauff, supplies for Josh Nelson and D Ramford	32 10
R S Knowlton, supplies and drugs for prisoners and sundries for officials	20 90
Jos Ferry, supplies for F F Winters	14 90
Dr White, exam Mrs Bortt, insane	5 00
E Bender, J P, examining Mrs Bortt	5 00
John Bartell, guarding Mrs Bortt	4 00
Report of C H Fry, superintendent poor farm, adopted and following bills allowed.	
Nettie Stephenson, for hogs	\$ 8 00

Wm Rich, groceries	34 65	Joe Collier " "	14 00
P E Drane, meats	24 97	H J Collier " "	22 00
R B Knowlton, drugs	23 70	J A Reese " "	22 00
Z C Strang, supplies	12 52	J W Williams " "	19 20
N Lorenz, supplies	86 95	O C Gregory " "	10 00
J A Lamb & Co, hardware	37 35	H O Nettleton " "	16 20
C H Fry, 3 mos' salary supt to March 31, 1908	143 75	L N Gregory " "	8 00
The Sun, pig and furnishing 3250 postal cards and 1000 letter head and 1000 envps. sheriff and Judge	49 50	J A Reese " "	13 20
Fin Hartley, chairman, Hermann road	2 00	G K Lamar " "	3 15
B Hermann, jr., chairman, Hermann road	2 00	G W Williams " "	14 00
H Hermann, axman, Hermann road	6 60	W H Williams " "	11 80
IT Weekly, viewer, Hermann road	5 70	H S Kribbs material for rd 16 and 21	93 55
J D Barklow, viewer Hermann road	6 60	J A Lamb material for rd 21	13 00
E F Davenport, viewer, Hermann road	3 10	W M Harris labor rd 22	6 00
G H Wilson, chairman, Empire-Bandon road	8 40	J S Root " "	5 25
Mark Getty, chairman, Empire-Bandon road	8 50	Nelson Smith " "	6 00
Geo Cook, axeman, Empire-Bandon road	8 50	J C Stillwell " "	2 25
J Bastendorff, axeman, Empire-Bandon road	8 50	A Smalley " "	1 50
S B Cathcart, surveying county roads	32 60	S S Morey " "	5 25
C F McCollum, repairing bridge R D 3	17 50	G W Wimer " "	13 25
E B Dean & Co, lumber for Coos City ferry	109 42	McAdams & Simmons blacksmithing r J 22	2 00
N G Ostrom, 483 ft at 1.06, R D 9	526 47	Loyd Spires labor rd 23	45 00
W P Fox, sal as supr R D 9	28 50	Geo Lainger " "	8 00
Hugh Lawhorn, labor, R D 11	4 00	T C Norris " "	22 00
W M Laird, " rd 12	2 50	J C Brown " "	72 00
R B Howard, " rd 12	1 50	Geo Mullen sal as supr rd 23 and bridge work	136 00
Daniel Miller, " rd 12	2 50	Finley Mast labor rd 23	26 00
John H Miller, " rd 12	10 00	W W Phillips " "	69 00
W L Krantz, " rd 12	5 00	Frank Barklow " "	9 00
H E Wilcox, " rd 12	3 50	J P Bright " 27	22 00
James Byers, " rd 12	5 00	John Myers " "	17 80
J Snow, " rd 12	7 00	Lute Myers " "	17 80
Lee Mast, " rd 12	23 00	Bert Myers " "	17 60
Chas Heller, " rd 12	4 00	J W Bell " "	14 00
W L Laird, " rd 12	3 75	Geo Bell " "	14 00
Ed Laswell, " rd 12	41 40	Adam West " "	4 00
Frank Snow, " rd 12	45 00	Chas Sieck labor rd 27	30 80
E N Harry, " rd 12	4 50	Geo Bird " "	23 40
D Mussen, " viewer, Empire Bandon road	11 20	A J Radabaugh " "	53 90
LD Smith, viewer, Empire road	16 20	R Radabaugh " "	4 00
Jas Cowan, viewer, Empire-Bandon road	8 50	A Piercen " "	8 00
Z Y and E E Howe, labor, rd 12	9 75	J W Haneline cedar tree	4 00
J Porter, " rd 12	6 00	P Wise blacksmithing	11 00
W L Laird, " rd 12	3 00	J A Lamb & Co nails pdwr ect r d 16	26 55
J R Benham, " rd 12	2 00	Z T Thomas dep supr rd 6 bal due 1902	18 00
John Maddox, " rd 16	23 00	C P Barnard cash paid on opening C B wagon road during snow blockade	66 70
Thomas Tension, " rd 16	20 50	G A Robinson supplies for rd 16	4 65
Mack Tension, " rd 16	22 00	Helling, Lundy & Sons supplies for rd 23	13 90
J A Lyons estate, lumber rd 16	66 20	Petition for a bridge across Lewellen lane, continued.	
St. Dispatch towing lumber rd 16	16 00	Resignation of E N Harry accepted and M C Miller appointed to fill vacancy as supervisor of dist 12.	
A B Dean hauling lumber rd 16	16 70	Resignation of Al Flanders accepted and C H Banning appointed to fill vacancy as supervisor of dist 16.	
J McAdams labor rd 16	9 00	J O Stemier appointed constable for J P dist 4.	
Pete Peterson " rd 16	14 00	Petition for relocation of portion Bear creek road granted R W Bulard, J A Hambleck and James Morrison, viewers and S B Cathcart, surveyor, to meet April 30, at Parkersburg.	
E & G McAdams " rd 16	19 50	C H Merchant receiver, lumber for dist 5	\$27 26
Henry Holverson " rd 16	10 85	F P Norton, cash paid for lumber dist 5	67 21
Ray Flanders " rd 16	16 00		
H G Holverson " rd 16	24 10		
John Maddox " rd 16	15 00		
C Banning making fill	150 00		
A Flanders work as supr rd 16	93 75		
S McAdams blacksmithing rd 16	2 50		
McAdams & Simmons blacksmithing rd 16	12 00		
J F Ballock labor rd 16	3 00		
Geo Collier " "	16 50		
G McAdams " "	20 00		
Harry Flanders " "	5 00		
Ray Flanders " "	11 00		
J W Mulkey " "	12 25		
John Waltermire " "	20 00		
J D Bennett exam inia bridge 17	2 50		
Coq Mill & Tug Co lumber rd 21	5 30		
Riverton lumber co lumber rd 21	18 90		
A E Matthew labor rd 21	20 00		
O C Gregory " "	20 00		
H O Nettleton " "	10 00		
L N Gregory " "	22 00		
Geo Collier " "	10 00		
W H Williams " "	31 00		
G W Williams " "	36 00		
J W Williams " "	30 00		
G K Lamar " "	14 00		

**STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.**

**A Good Roads League was organized at Liberty Saturday evening.**

The annual oratorical contest of the State Normal school was held at Ashland, Or. Saturday.

The Ladies of the Salem W. C. T. U. held formal dedicatory exercises in their new hall Sunday afternoon.

The estimated loss by the fire at Dunsmuir, Cal., last Sunday morning is \$200,000, insurance about 35 per cent.

Three subordinate officials of the State Reform School, of Salem, have sent in their resignations to take employment elsewhere.

Robert George, of Portland, aged 24, engineer in the Bell logging camp, was killed Saturday while trying to board a moving logging train.

The annual championship athletic contest of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held in the association gymnasium at Portland next Saturday evening.

From careful estimates by the farmers in Jackson county, the acreage to wheat will be but one-third of what it was last year in the Rogue river Valley.

A new bell costing \$300 and weighing 973 pounds, for the new Congregational church to be built at Forest Grove, Or., arrived from the East Sunday.

Fred Olsen a fisherman, was run over and killed by a train of the A. & C. R. R. at 9 o'clock Saturday evening near Clifton. He had been drinking heavily and it was supposed that he fell on the track while in that condition and went to sleep.

E. Ogle and S. McCaw, of Redding, Cal., fought a bloody duel near the Dood mill Monday. McCaw used an ax and cut antagonist three times on the head and face and severed on thumb. Ogle knocked McCaw down afterwards, when McCaw again grabbed the ax and chopped Ogle's head open.

A. B. Kurtz, representing the Union Light & Power Company, is making arrangements to enter Salem with a fully equipped electric lighting plant and become an active competitor for business with the Salem Light, Power and Traction Company. It is the expressed intention of Mr. Kurtz to cut prices at once, charging 50 cents a month for incandescent lights and \$5 a month for arc lights, 24 hour service.

Suffering from heartache because an affair of love did not run smoothly, Miss Ollie Danbold aged 16, committed suicide last Saturday by swallowing two ounces of carbolic acid, at Juliet, Idaho.

**LINE WILL SURELY BE BUILT**

Said to be Opening Wedge for Coast Road

A Grants Pass special to the Oregonian says:—A correspondent of The Oregonian was today informed by A. C. Hough, of this city, attorney for the Oregon & Pacific Railroad, that the new line is positively to be built and that the construction will begin so soon as arrangements can be completed for securing of right of way. It is judged that this will require some 60 or 90 days. Mr. Hough has just returned from San Francisco where he attended a meeting of the directors and leading stockholders of the Oregon & Pacific Railroad Company.

Three surveying parties will be put on the line in a few days, the first of which will arrive by the last of this week. The purpose of these surveying crews is to make surveys for an extension of the line over what was at first intended. Originally, it was decided to build the road only to Crescent City, Cal., from here, but now the company has decided to construct the road not only to Crescent City, but also from Crescent City north to Coos Bay, and use in a few days.

south to Eureka, or some point in Humboldt County, giving connections with the California & Northwestern and other roads that are already completed in part and operating in Northern California. The surveys of this new Coast line will begin at once and will be pushed with the utmost speed.

The manager of the right of way will arrive here Thursday and Colonel Draper, J. O. B. Gunn, Senator Penrose and other prominent stockholders of the company will arrive this week for the purpose of making a personal inspection of the proposed route of the road.

It is known positively that the Southern Pacific Company has nothing whatever to do with this new line. It is hinted by those who are conversant with railroad matters that either Jim Hill or the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe is behind the Oregon & Pacific and that this is but an opening wedge in the gaining of a foothold for the establishment of a new Coast line from Portland to San Francisco. Neither has the Oregon & Pacific anything to do with the Great Central, or the company which has been at work for some time past in the building of a line from Marshfield to Roesburg.

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