

A GREAT CONSPIRACY.

A Washington correspondent of the Chicago Times sends the following to that paper:

The United States treasury department has a job before it that has not been equalled except by the Bristow administration in 1876, when it attempted to put down the great whisky ring, which had its agents in the White House while Gen Grant was president.

For six months the ablest detectives in the government's employ have been hunting out the facts in relation to the great opium-smuggling, which has its head and center in the Puget sound district. They have made a report which is appalling. The evidence now in possession of the treasury covers a thousand pages of foolscap. It is of so startling a character, including such statements about men of national reputation, that it is almost incredible.

It extends through Portland, Ore., through all the cities along Puget sound, down the line of the Canadian Pacific to the metropolis. It is so enormous in extent that the treasury does not know where to begin its prosecution and includes so many men of high standing. At least two United States senators are involved and five congressmen. It is the most enormous combination to cheat the government in its extent and power that was ever known in the country's history.

For six months the United States treasury has been aware that an opium-smuggling was in successful operation on the Pacific coast. It made its details for investigation with the utmost care, for it was difficult to find men who could be trusted. Nobody from the section where the work had to be done could be employed, because the concern was all-powerful, and if bribery was not sufficient darker means might be employed.

Though it is difficult to get any positive information from the government officials enough has been given out to show that the full details are in the treasury's possession.

"We have full information as to the methods employed," said an officer of the treasury today, "but the difficulty will be in procuring testimony that will convict. The conspirators are American and Chinese, and though we know who nearly all of them are, our information is not in a form that can be produced in a court. There is the trouble."

"Why is this opium smuggling so profitable?"

"Because there is a duty of \$12 per pound on the stuff."

"Didn't the McKinley bill put this duty on opium?"

"Yes, it did, and that is why the business has grown to such colossal dimensions."

"Can't the collectors stop it or catch some of the smugglers?"

"Sometimes a lot of the stuff is captured, but we never can make a case against the smugglers that will hold. All we have ever been able to do is to confiscate the contraband opium when it is found. When Daniel Manning was secretary of the treasury, Col Beecher, a son of the great Brooklyn preacher, was appointed collector for the Puget sound district. He had been a captain in the artillery of the regular army during war and was breveted colonel for distinguished gallantry. He was a new man, and came out from Brooklyn and took hold with vigor.

"Before he had been in office three months he got on the track of the ring. He found one lot of opium, about 2,500 pounds, that was in Alaska waiting a chance to be smuggled into the United States. It was in a big batch of canned salmon, put up in two-pound cans, marked 'Alaska Salmon.' There were nearly 10,000 cans of opium and fish together, and it was an awful job to tell one from the other. Beecher had found nearly \$120,000 worth of opium when he was stopped. In two months more he would have ruined the ring and had its ringleader in the penitentiary.

"He was offered \$30,000 by a man high in a great political party's ranks to stop hunting for opium. He refused the bribe. Then another tack was tried. Beecher had been appointed during the vacation of congress. The senate was not in session and he had not been confirmed. The big politicians sent their agents to Washington and charges were made against Beecher of some sort. Just what they were I don't know. But the senate committee on commerce would not make a favorable report on his nomination and he was never confirmed."

"Were the facts you have stated made public then?"

"No. The treasury hoped to catch the smugglers and everything was kept secret. When Col Beecher was beaten a new man was appointed, but he did nothing."

"Do you know who beat Beecher's confirmation?"

"No, because the executive sessions of the senate are secret, but we know who the senators were that caused his rejection."

"And where were they from?" was asked.

"The man who really did the work was from the Pacific slope. About a month ago, the collector for the Port Townsend district, a man who was appointed by President Harrison at the beginning of the administration, was removed without warning or explanation. He was selling too many Chinamen and too much opium belonging to the ring."

When a custom officer proves too efficient, and makes too many seizures or keeps too bright a look-out, the all-powerful ring has him removed. This is especially the case with the Puget sound district. This district has given the treasury department more trouble than any other in the United States. When the removal a month ago was made a senator from the state of Washington said to the Times correspondent that he had not asked or accomplished this removal and that it was not made for any political reasons. The correspondent thought then there was something curiously mysterious about the matter. He knows what it was now.

The government is at a loss just now how to proceed, but it will have to push the case, no matter who is hurt. If the report the treasury has in its vaults ever comes to light it will be a wonderful narrative of how men high in the nation's respect have been for years in league with the breakers of the nation's laws.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST—Near Masonic cemetery, a gold scarf pin with garnet set. Leave at this office and receive reward.

SATCHEL LOST—Monday, Oct. 19th, between Albany and Marion. Finder please deliver same to this office.

COW LOST—On Wednesday, Oct 14, a graded Jersey cow, fawn and white, 3 years old, with strap and ring attached, strayed from the subscribers place near Calapooia bridge. The finder, on return to me, will be paid all expenses. JOHN BRIGGS.

FOR RENT—One or two furnished rooms, sunny and pleasant. Call on J. W. Bentley, corner Calapooia and Sixth streets.

\$5 REWARD—For a Gordon setter pup, black and tan. Answers to name of Carlo. Above reward for its return to P Lindgren, Albany Iron works.

READY TO WORK—Parties desiring wood put in or any kind of labor done, can obtain prompt attention by securing the services of Daniel Low, at the little ferry house. Leave orders there.

FOUND—On the street today, a lady's shoe. Call at this office.

FOUND—A silver watch. Owner can have the same by paying advertising and charges. Apply to Lincoln St John, three miles west of Tangent.

FOUND—Near the Revere house, a buggy whip. Owner call, pay for this ad and get his whip.

FOR SALE—Half dozen Plymouth Rock cock ereils. Inquire of Rufus Thompson, Albany.

WANTED, four or five acres of good garden land, near Albany to rent. Apply to Peter Downs at Charles M. Urkhardt's.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.—Having gone out of business I desire to close up all pending accounts. All persons indebted to me are requested to call on me and settle at once. J. J. DUBRUILLE.

Red Crown Mills. SOLE LANNING & CO., PROPRIETORS. NEW PROCESS FLOUR SUPERIOR FOR FAMILIES AND BAKERS USE. BEST STORAGE FACILITIES.

Big G is acknowledged the leading remedy for Gonorrhoea & Gleet. The only safe remedy for Leucorrhoea or Whites. I prescribe it and feel safe in recommending it to all sufferers. A. J. STONER, M. D., Sold by Druggists. PRICE \$1.00. Stanard & Cusick, Agents.

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED has this day been appointed administrator of the estate of Andrew Hinton, late of Linn county, Oregon, deceased, by the county court of Linn county, Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly verified, to the undersigned at the office of J. N. Westphal, Albany, Linn county, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF TAX SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of a warrant for the collection of delinquent taxes on the assessment of 1890 for the county of Linn and state of Oregon, duly issued by the County Clerk of said county, which warrant is now in my hands attached to the list of unpaid and delinquent taxes for the year 1890, in said Linn county, and not having been able after diligent search to find any personal property within said county out of which to make the taxes hereinafter mentioned, I have levied upon the lands described in the list hereinafter set forth as the property of the person whose name is set opposite each tract as the same appears assessed on said delinquent tax roll, and will on

Saturday, the 20th day of November, 1891, at the door of the county court house, in Albany, Linn county, Oregon, at the hour of 1 o'clock pm of said day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand on the day of sale, all the herein after described lands or so much of each tract as may be necessary to pay and satisfy the tax assessed against the owner of such tract, in said Linn county, for the year 1890, together with accruing costs and expenses, which list is as follows.

BRAMAN & SUMMERSVILLE, part of the D L C of Jacob Nye, tp 13, S R 1 W, 120 acres ..... \$ 9 00  
WILLIAM BEID, the D L C of John Wigle; the D L C of A Galsier, tp 13, S Range, 1 W, 449 acres ..... 118 80  
McENTIRE, S E 1/4 sec 24 tp 14 S R 1 W, 160 acres ..... 3 76  
All in Linn county, Oregon.

NOTICE.—Taxpayers please take notice that costs are now to be added to the above amounts before settlement.

Dated Oct. 21st, 1891.

M. SCOTT, Sheriff of Linn county, Or.

SEE HERE  
A piano.  
At Klein Bros.  
Boat and Shoe store.  
New clocks at W F Read's.  
LATEST styles of hats at W F Read's.  
Reduction in summer goods at W F Read's.  
Apparel for sale at Stewart & Sox's.  
S A Huba, druggist, French's corner.  
Fine groceries at Coun & Henderson's.  
Latest sheet music at Will & Link's.  
Parasols and sun umbrellas at less than cost at W F Read's.  
Gold spectacles and eye glasses, all styles and prices, at F M French's.  
The finest line of pocket knives in the city at Stewart & Sox's.  
Bargains in gold watches at French's, "The Corner Jewelry Store."  
A full line of Warner's corsets, best in the world for the money, at W F Read's.  
J. W. Bentley, leading boot and shoe maker, just east of Revere House.  
C W Cobb, job printer, Flinn Block, does first class work.  
See that elegant piano at Klein Bros Boot and Shoe store.

Thanksgiving next. Several turkeys are in the city getting ready for the feast.

CONSTITUTION.

Afflicts half the American people yet there is only one preparation of Sarsaparilla that acts on the bowels and reaches this important trouble, and that is Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla. It relieves it in 24 hours, and an occasional dose prevents return. We refer by permission to C. E. Elkington, 125 Locust Avenue, San Francisco; J. H. Brown, Petaluma; H. S. Wain, Geary Court, San Francisco, and hundreds of others who have used it in constipation. One letter is a sample of hundreds. Elkington writes: "I have been for years subject to bilious headaches and constipation. Have been so bad for a year back have had to take a physic every other night or else I would have a headache. After taking one bottle of J. V. S., I am in splendid shape. It has done wonderful things for me. People similarly troubled should try it and be convinced."

Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla

Most modern, most effective, largest bottle same price, \$1.00, six for \$5.00.  
FOR SALE BY—  
STANARD & CUSICK ALBANY

I am now receiving my Fall stock of Dry Goods, and am showing full lines of seasonable goods in the following departments, viz:

- Silks and Velvets
- Foreign Dress Goods
- Black Dress Goods
- Domestic Dress Goods
- Shawls
- Cloaks
- Skirts
- Underwear
- Gloves
- Hosiery
- Handkerchiefs and Embroideries
- Boots and Shoes

FOR - SALE  
BLOCKS AND LOTS IN TOWNSEND'S ADDITION  
AT  
Prices and Terms Never Thought of Before  
THESE PRICES ARE ONLY FOR 60 DAYS  
Townsend's Addition is one of the best to the City of Albany, and parties who want a home in a good location will never have a better offer than this.  
FREE CONVEYANCE TO PROPERTY  
FOR TERMS SEE  
J. H. TOWNSEND,

GOLD WATCHES  
GOLD FILLED WATCHES.  
GOLD SILVER WATCHES,  
NICKEL WATCHES,  
CHEAP FOR CASH  
AT  
F. M. FRENCH'S  
---The Corner Jewelry Store---  
WANTED—A gentleman of business capacity to represent an Oregon corporation in Linn county. Must be well known and have a small capital. Address, Business, Revere House, Albany.

We are the People  
Who carry the most complete line of Hardware, Stoves, Ranges, etc., in the market.  
MATTHEWS & WASHBURN.  
THE LADIES BAZAAR.  
---Is the Leading---  
Millinery and Fancy Goods Store of Albany,  
They carry all the Latest Styles and Novelties in the Millinery line, and a complete stock of Ladies and Children's Furnishing goods, and ready-made garments. Goods the best, and prices the lowest. Call and be convinced.  
FIRST STREET. FROMAN BLOCK

Samuel E. Young.

HOW DO YOU DO? CITY DRUG STORE  
There is no doubt that  
Will & Stark's  
--- NEW ---  
Stock of SILVERWARE, consisting of spoons, knives, forks, fruit dishes, etc., gold and silver watches, jewel y, etc, is the largest and best in the city, and by far the best ever brought to ALBANY.

ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR!  
ASK THE PEOPLE OF LINN COUNTY  
Where to get the Best Bargains,  
Where to get the Best Value for Your Money,  
--- IN ---  
Clothing, Dry Goods, Etc.,  
And they will Answer with One Voice, at  
G. W. SIMPSON'S.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.  
THERE HAS BEEN TWO HUNDRED and seventy eight of you gentlemen in our establishment saying that you were going to order fence from us this fall and winter. Each of you require from 20 rods to 2 1/2 miles. Do you not see that it will require some time to manufacture that amount of fence? We would suggest that more of you order NOW, thereby giving us time to accommodate you all.  
ALBANY FENCE WORKS.

PRICES the Most Reasonable  
Call and See the GOODS  
Wilcox  
PHOTOGRAPHER,  
Cor Second and Ferry St., Albany, Or  
SUPERIOR work, guaranteed in every branch of the art. Enlarging of all kinds a specialty.  
WANTED—By the undersigned, 10 cords of maple chair timber. Call at our shop near Farmers Warehouse, Albany, Oregon. R. VEAL & SON.

City Restaurant.  
Having been entirely remodeled, this old and popular restaurant will be made first-class in every respect. The public will be given good meals at all hours for only 25 cents. Everything neat and attractive. Private boxes. Oysters in every style.  
DR. G. J. HILL  
Regular and Surgeon. Special attention given to diseases of women and eye. OFFICE—First street, over Cummings's drug store. Residence 7th near Ferry. Office hours, 9 to 11 a m and 2 to 4 p m.

Albany :- Nurseries.  
We are offering to planters the finest lot of fruit trees, in all desirable varieties, in the state.  
Inspected and fully shewn and traced for this season's trade.  
INSPECTION INVITED,  
--- and ---  
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.  
For sale or trade—Will sell cheap for cash or trade for wood, four or six, varying in price from \$60 to \$120, all at once at the marble shop next door to DEMOCRAT office.  
HYMAN & BROWNELL