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### GOES AGAINST THE GOLCONDA.

#### J. T. English Must Pay for Wood Cut from a "Placer Claim."

Judge Bellinger, of the United States District court, handed down opinions this morning in the cases of the United States against the Golconda Mining company and also against J. T. English, in reference to the taking of timber from public lands for the purpose of fuel, in which he found the defendants had wrongfully taken the timber, and should be assessed the value of the timber in the tree.

Both opinions were the same, the action in the case against English being to recover 1684 cords of wood alleged to have been unlawfully cut upon the public domain and used in the smelter of the Golconda mine, in eastern Oregon. The first defense was that the wood was cut from placer mining claims owned by the defendant, preparatory to working the claim, and the second that the defendant would have the right to take from the public domain wood necessary for the furnaces in the conduct of the smelting business.

As to the first defense, Judge Bellinger declared that he was satisfied the defendant company was not the owner of the claim in good faith, and little more than in pretense.

The defense also based its claim upon an act passed in 1878, authorizing the citizens of Colorado, Nevada and other territories to fell and remove timber on the public domain, but the court passed this by, saying it did not refer to Oregon.

"It is clear, I think," said Judge Bellinger, "that the taking of the timber was not to improve the land. It would seem from the construction given to this statute, that the act of the defendant is within neither the provision which authorizes the taking of timber, nor the prohibition of the section which makes taking the timber a crime. In other words, the timber

in this case was not cut for export or sale; nor was it taken by the miners for necessary support or improvements. Nevertheless, I am of the opinion that the section must be given such a construction as will prohibit the taking of timber from adjacent public land by a miner, or agriculturalist, in any case not within the proviso in this section."

The action of the defendant was termed as wilful, and damages were assessed at the value of the timber, 50 cents a cord.—Portland Telegram.

#### "Mineral Rubber" Deposit in Utah.

There has been found in Utah a large deposit of a curious substance, which so far as is known, exists in no other place in the world, and to which the name of "mineral rubber, has been applied. It is a semi-elastic substance similar to elaterite. The India Rubber World states that a prominent rubber house of Boston has made extensive tests of it and now offers it to the trade as a substitute for rubber in cheaper grades of goods. This mineral rubber, under qualitative analysis, shows itself to be a pure hydro-carbon, the molecules of which are built up in series precisely similar to those of crude rubber. It is wholly neutral, free from sulphur and acids. An interesting point about this remarkable substance is that the melting point, hardness, ductility and resistance of the product can be regulated at will, points of great importance when the wide range of rubber compounds is considered. Up to the present its use has been confined to boots and shoes, but it has even been tried for pure gum goods, such as elastic bands. Vulcanized samples of goods made of reclaimed rubber and mineral rubber, and of a great variety of rubber compounds, where from 15 to 20 per cent of crude rubber has been taken out and mineral rubber substituted, have been tested without showing any apparent loss either in elasticity or durability.—Exchange.

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