

LAND FRAUD CASES MAY RESULT IN AN IMPEACHMENT

WASHINGTON, June 19.—A series of remarkable charges in which the names of former President Roosevelt, Postmaster-General Hitchcock, United States Judge Gilbert, Francis J. Heney, Roosevelt delegate from California; Detective William J. Burns and many other well known men are prominently mentioned, are now in the hands of President Taft. In these charges it is alleged that the jurists which tried Willard N. Jones, Hamilton Hendricks and Frank P. Mays, Senator Mitchell, Charles Nickell and others, accused of land frauds in Oregon, were deliberately "packed" by the government with men who were to convict.

As a result of these charges President Taft recently issued a pardon for Willard N. Jones and, it is understood, he will pardon Hendricks and Mays as well. Applications on their behalf are now pending in the Department of Justice.

Impeachment Threatened

As soon as disposition is made of the pardons for Hendricks and Mays, it is understood that an attempt will be made to impeach United States Circuit Judge Gilbert of Oregon, who participated in impaneling the jurors that tried the land fraud cases.

The information now in the hands of the Department of Justice officials is known to Roosevelt and his friends, and they are preparing to denounce the charges as false and malicious and as further evidence of the reactionary sympathies of President Taft.

On the part of the administration it is denied that the fact that Francis J. Heney is one of the leaders of the delegation from California to the Republican national convention has anything to do with the exposure of the methods used by the government prosecutors in the Oregon cases.

Box of Records Forgotten

The charges originated through the discovery in Oregon of a forgotten box containing records left by Burns and Heney after the land fraud trials. In this box were hundreds of telegrams and letters and lists of jurors, with comments on their qualifications in the handwriting of Detective Burns and his agents.

All the records are now in the hands of the Department of Justice. It is declared at the department that they show a remorseless purpose to "get" former Senators Mitchell and Fulton of Oregon and their political associates by means fair or foul.

It is also charged that President Roosevelt and Postmaster-General Hitchcock were spurring on the Oregon prosecutions and that the zeal of the government prosecutors and detectives to make good caused them to distort.

Gilbert's Part in Plot

Continuing the brief states: "It is apparent from the record that Circuit Judge Gilbert took an active part in many matters connected with the filling and preserving of the land fraud jury box filled August 17, 1905, and that he either intentionally or negligently aided the government prosecutors and detectives in giving the jury box a one-sided political bias."

PROHIBITIONISTS NAME TICKET

The Prohibition party held their county convention in the city of Ashland June 8, 1912. The convention was opened in the usual manner and was addressed by Field Secretary George L. Carr of Portland and the following officers were nominated.

Representatives for Jackson county John Arnell of Medford, and G. A. Morse of Talent, Oregon.

Representative, Ninth representative district, Jackson and Douglas counties, A. W. Silaby.

Prosecuting attorney district of Oregon, John A. Lemery of Ashland.

For county sheriff of Jackson county, S. B. Stoner of Ashland.

For county commissioners, Harry H. Tuttle of Medford and C. W. Sharp of Central Point.

County judge, no nomination.

County clerk, G. A. Gardner of Talent endorsed.

County recorder, E. W. Brainard of Medford.

County assessor, no nomination.

County treasurer, no nomination.

County surveyor, no nomination.

County coroner, A. E. Kellogg of Gold Hill, endorsed.

County school superintendent, Miss Cary Van Nice of Ashland.

Justice of the peace, Ashland precinct, John S. Bliss of Ashland.

Constable, Ashland precinct, Amos Dahuff of Ashland.

NOTICE FOR PAVING BIDS.

Notice is hereby given that the city council will receive sealed bids for hard surface pavement according to plans and specifications on file with the city recorder, for the paving of Quince street from west Main to west Fourth street and Myrtle street from east Main to Taylor street, at a special meeting to be held Thursday, June 20, at 2 p. m. in the city hall.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for five per cent of the amount of the bid and must be filed with the city recorder by 1:55 p. m. on the date of the above meeting.

E. T. FOSS,
City Recorder.

Dated June 19, 1912.

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"He excluded counties where some of the more prominent defendants were best known. He directed Clerk Slayden to send the county list of Columbia county to a partisan Democrat for revision and suggestion; another list the clerk sent the same day to a prominent socialist 'at the request of a particular friend.'"

Time Extended by Judge

"Gilbert extended the time for filling the box, and by a new order increased the number to go into the box and eliminated most of the counties of the state, including the home county of Senator Fulton, while Burns and his men were interviewing, investigating and reporting men who were to be placed in or left out of the box."

Former President Roosevelt is brought directly into the case in telegrams sent by Burns to Smith.

ROSEY IS ASKED FOR ALARM BELLS

It is up to Rosey.

So decreed the city council at its session Tuesday evening when the matter of placing alarm bells at the several railroad crossings in the city came up for consideration. The council first proposed to order the bells placed but later they decided to make a request of the railroad company through A. S. Rosenbaum for the alarms. Rosey has promised to put the matter up to the company and do the best he can. The matter was brought to a climax a few days ago when John Adkins riding a motorcycle was badly injured when a train struck him.

The city council failed to pass the proposed ordinance cutting free lunches out as far as saloons in the city are concerned.

A bottling concern asked the privilege of selling liquor to families in connection with a business of handling syrups and sodas. Referred to the license committee.

The names of several streets in the city were changed by the passage of an ordinance. These names were agreed upon some weeks ago.

Several streets in the city were ordered improved.

NEED MORE FUNDS FOR ROAD BILL

The commercial club committee which has in charge the matter of circulating funds for the purpose of circulating the petitions to place the Home Rule road bill upon the ballot in November has again taken the field in an effort to raise additional funds. A few hundred dollars is still needed.

Manager Colvig of the Commercial club who is traveling the state making arrangements for securing the names dropped into Medford at the first of the week for the purpose of making an appeal to this committee. So the local men got busy and are again at work. The funds are needed badly and at once for if the road bill does not get on the ballot for the election in November Jackson county will be helpless in the future as far as road building is considered.

TALK DIRECT TO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Amann has issued instructions to the effect that when the fire department is called that citizens should hold their telephone until the department answers. The receiver should not be hung up until the department has answered.

In the past it has been the custom on the part of those turning in an alarm to notify central and have them notify the department. This was responsible for a mistake a few days ago when the department was sent out on West Tenth when they should have gone to another part of the city. Fortunately the fire was a small one.

So hereafter be sure and talk direct to the fire department thus minimizing chances of mistakes.

OBITUARY

Charles Anson Boardman, a veteran of the civil war and resident of the Rogue River valley for twenty years, died in this city Tuesday, aged 82 years, following a two months' illness. The funeral services will be held from Weeks & McGowan chapel Thursday at 10 o'clock in the morning, the Rev. Goulder officiating.

Deceased enlisted with the eleventh independent battery of New York volunteers at the beginning of the rebellion, and passed through the second battle of Bull Run, Chancellery, Fredericksburg, Chancellery, Gettysburg and Mine Run.

He is survived by three sons, Charles, James and Elmer, and his second wife. Members of the G. A. R. post will act as pallbearers.

STAR TWIRLER IS WITH GRANTS PASS

Herman McFadden, former star twirler in the California State league, and who pitched the Grants Pass team to a 4 to 0 no hit game victory over Central Point last Sunday, has been gathered in by the Josephine county boys and will occupy the mound for them in their game with Medford next Sunday and will work regularly during the balance of the season.

Judging from the form shown against the Central Point aggregation, Mac is some find, and Grants Pass feels justified in having selected him for importation. The need of a high class slabster was felt to be necessary in order that they be enabled to hold the championship of the Rogue River valley which they won last season.

Ike Butler, who has been performing with the Tacoma Tigers and who is now putting over for Medford, will be on hand to open the session with a choice assortment of foolers calculated to mystify McFadden's support. With these two experts delivering, it is unsafe to say which team will bring home the scientific money.

At all events, next Sunday's game at Medford ball park ought to show several flashes of strictly fancy baseball.

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FIRST ART LOAN EXHIBIT SOURCE OF ASTONISHMENT

There is probably no other community in the western states of equal size which can excel this in rare paintings, antiques and curios of all kinds. The First Art Loan exhibit under the auspices of the ladies of St. Mark's church is a revelation. The exhibit opened this afternoon and will continue several days.

Attractively placed in St. Mark's hall is to be found a gathering of ancient and modern works of art which include paintings, etchings, weaves, baskets, gold, silver and copper ware, ancient firearms, spinning wheels, furniture, lacers, tapestries, which have been gathered from every corner of the globe by people who now call the Rogue River valley home. Many of the exhibits are priceless and have been handed down in families as heirlooms for many generations.

Even the women who arranged the exhibit were astounded by the great amount of material they found available in local homes. They are very grateful for the many offers of help which poured in on them and for the assistance which made the exhibit possible. Those who visit the exhibit have a great surprise in store.

The exhibit will open this afternoon and will remain open each afternoon and evening until June 26.

City Treasurer's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds on hand in the city treasury for the redemption of the following warrants:

Warrant No. 104 on water main improvements fund, No. 2.

Warrants No. 113 and 114 on water main improvements fund No. 3.

Interest on same will cease, on date of this notice.

Dated May 17, 1912.

GUS H. SAMUELS,
City Treasurer.

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