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## HIGH FINANCE, SAYS K.F. HERALD

### Indian Lands are Said to Be Valueless.

### ADJOINING LANDS SELL FOR 2.50

### Senator Fulton Victim of Misrepresentation as to the Value of Allotted Lands.

The Norcross episode will not down. Even though the article contained more or less fiction, and involved innocent men, disclosures were made in it which has stirred the inquisitive, and every detail will be searched, with a view to placing the charges of fraud where they belong. No matter how secure the title to the lands received by the Booth-Kelley Co. may be, and how well-planned the trade was, those acting for the government will have to show why they were cheated, if they were.

The Klamath Falls Herald publishes the following:

"Whatever criticism may be offered of the story of Frederick Weyerhaeuser, published in the current number of the Cosmopolitan magazine, it can not be gainsaid that the deal in Klamath timber lands was devoid of the tinge of high finance in its results, or that the estimate of the profit to be derived from the transaction is too high. In the opinion of well-informed local men, there was a clear gain for somebody, presumably the Booth-Kelley corporation, of from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. Commissioner of Indian Affairs Leupp may have been the victim of bad advice, but there is little reason to doubt that the Klamath Indians have been deprived of a vast sum in the difference of land between the 111,000 acres of land of questionable value and the 87,000 acres of choice timber land received in lieu thereof.

The entire transaction had its inception in the allotment by the Government of about 10,000 acres of land embraced within the Oregon Military Road Land Grant, because of which the owners of the grant asked for the privilege of an exchange on the basis afterward carried successfully through.

Under the leadership of Jesse Kirk, an educated member of the tribe who worked among his people as a minister of the gospel, the Klamath Indians desired a cruise of the timber land that was finally turned over to the Land Grant people, in order that they might enter into a deal with the Booth-Kelley Company for a compromise by which the allotments made might be held and the corporation receive the right from a certain area of the reserve. It was never the desire of the Indians that the wholesale exchange of good timber land should be made for the less valuable land within the original grant.

Commissioner Leupp visited the Klamath Agency and it is stated that while there took occasion to give very positive instruction to the Indians that they must make no complaints to the Government through attorneys, outside parties or to anyone except through the regular channels, which is understood to mean through the agent, and inform the Indians that no attention would be paid to any complaints or requests through any other avenue.

Within a few months after his visit to Fort Klamath, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs was again in Western Oregon and paid a visit to Eugene, but did not make the trip to Klamath Agency. If the Commissioner did not know the character of the land it was his own fault, since he should have been able to secure accurate information through the Government representatives at the agency.

There is an impression among the people here that Senator Fulton was imposed upon in the information transmitted to him concerning the land. The Senator has stated in his defense of his own action in the matter, that the allotted land is agricultural land of the finest character, when as a matter of fact it is not cultivated at all and is grazing land.

When the Senator penned the lines telling of its fine state of cultivation

he displayed his own lack of knowledge of the section. The physical features of the locality are such that not a large part of the allotted area that was in the original grant could be cultivated and few acres, if any have ever been touched by a plow. Furthermore a great many of these allotted acres will never be touched by a plow for the formation is pumice stone and only jack-pines grow on the land. In order to secure a little desirable land along the river the Indians who took these allotments received considerable acreage that is utterly worthless for agriculture.

One prominent citizen of this county who is thoroughly conversant with the subject of land values and knows every square mile of the land involved declares that the 111,000 acres is not worth paying taxes upon.

The best authorities on land in that portion of the county agree that while the major portion of the 111,000 acres is practically worthless, the greater portion of the 87,000 acres received in exchange is very valuable and among the finest of the great soft pine forest of the Eastern slope.

It is stated on seemingly good authority, that the valuation placed on the Wagon Road Grant Land in the deal for an exchange, was \$15 an acre and the land selected in the 87,000 acres taken at a valuation of \$20 an acre. In view of the fact that the remainder of the grant is on the market at about \$2.50 an acre is in evidence that the valuation of land included decreased with great rapidity from that point Eastward. As a matter of fact the land traded the government is less desirable than thousands of acres included in the large body of the grant sold to Eastern parties.

### J. J. Property Sold

A very important deal was consummated Monday. For several weeks W. Z. Moss and J. C. Dodson have been on a deal for the purchase of the J. J. ranch and stock, consisting of 6000 acres of land, about 400 head of cattle a like number of horses. The foreman of the J. J. ranch concluded the sale would not be made and last Saturday came to Lakeview on his way to Modoc county for the purpose of buying several hundred head of stock cattle for the place, as the number on the ranch at the present time is insufficient. When Mr. Parrish arrived here he was informed by Mr. Mapes that the trade had been made, so Parrish changed his plans.

Moss and Dodson have bought quite a lot of cattle during the past fall in Surprise valley, which they will put on the ranch.

We understand the price paid for the property is about \$40,000.

The home ranch is at Plush, in North Warner valley, and the holdings include tracts of land on McDowell, Honey and other creeks and in Canas prairie.

### Marriages During 1906.

There were twenty-three marriages performed in Lake County during the year 1906, as follows: Samuel S. Wardwell to M. Rae Howard, Jan. 6, by Rev. C. P. Bailey. Geo. F. Storkman to Josie A. Harvey, March 10, by W. B. Snider. J. W. Gibbins to Odessa Amick, April 15, by J. W. Howard. L. B. McGrath to Elsie E. Thurston, April 30, by W. B. Snider. L. W. Duncan to Bessie Brewer, license issued June 13, not recorded by officiator. Elmer Lutz to Grace Hall, June 29, by J. S. Martin. Geo. E. Chandler to Ottilie Field, June 27, by Rev. A. F. Simmons. A. F. Simmons to Nondas Howard, July 1, by Rev. H. Smith. A. M. Gallagher to Ella G. Bussey, July 2, by S. Snider. J. A. Nyewaner to Jennie Gibson, July 3, by W. B. Snider. W. W. Freeberg to Amelia Schmidt, July 8, by B. Daly. R. M. McDonald to Anna Schlager, July 15, by B. Daly. C. H. Deboy to Lulu M. Overton, July 16, by B. Daly. H. J. Stein to Nina Orivalla Lemberger, Sept. 2, by J. A. Morris. J. H. Sherman to Ella Jones, August 24, by W. Bayley. L. M. Heryford to Bertha J. Tisdell, license issued September 1, not recorded by officiator. Victor Harvey to Anna Arthur, Oct. 4, by W. B. Snider. J. C. Robinson to Myra F. Fifer, Oct. 21, by J. S. Martin. Lawrence Griffin to Grace Oswald, Oct. 21, by Rev. A. J. Armstrong. Lewis Mauzy to Etta Clark, Nov. 20, by B. Daly. Geo. C. Fitzgerald to Anna W. Whetstone, Nov. 25, by Rev. H. J. Howard. W. A. Schauer to Z. J. Gallagher, Nov. 28, by Rev. A. J. Armstrong. L. G. Thomas to Ethel J. Newell, Dec. 25, by Rev. A. J. Armstrong.

Norman McLean of Marquette, Wis. is here in a land contest case before the U. S. Land Office.

## NEW COURT HOUSE, SAYS COUNTY COURT.

### The Old Building Inadequate and Ready to Tumble Down--Two Years to Build.

While The Examiner has been advocating the construction of a new Court House building during the past three years, it bowed to the will of the County Court, who opposed the idea of such a building, until the old Court House is about to fall down, when it was compelled to make arrangements for a new building, which it did at its present session.

We commend the action of the Court, however, in providing that the expenses of the building shall cover a period of two years, for the reason that such a policy will lessen the burdens that the taxpayers of the county will have to bear in its construction.

By purchasing the material one year and constructing the building the second year, every advantage can be taken to not only secure the material at the least possible cost, but also to construct and complete the building at the minimum expense.

Owing to the great economy used by the County Court, the tax levy, this year, for county purposes, has been

reduced from 16 mills which has been levied in former years, to 3 1/2 mills, so that with the 6 1/2 mills for the purchase of the material for the new building, the tax levy for county purposes, including that for the Court House, is but 10 mills, or six mills less than was formerly levied for county expenses alone.

While the Court seems to hew to the line in pruning and cutting off every item of expense possible, yet it has been unusually liberal to the public schools, as a levy of five mills has been made for that purpose, which will provide about \$12 for each person in the county, of school age. This generous amount for schools will insure splendid opportunities for the education of the children of Lake County for the ensuing year.

All in all, the taxpayers are to be congratulated on such a low levy of only 16 mills for all purposes, except that of the state tax, which levy will be about 5 1/2 mills, making a total levy for all purposes of about 2 1/2 mills.

### Street Cars in Chicago.

Editor Examiner:—your characterization of gridiron of railroads of Chicago gives me a key for another article: Gridiron is not nearly strong enough term to give the proper impression. How many places there are where one line passes over other lines I do not know, but I do know that between the city and Oak Park, where I live, and pass over twice each day over the elevated system, there are three places within a distance of ten miles, the elevated is above the steam road running diagonally underneath and the street cars, vehicles and pedestrians beneath the steam cars parallel with the elevated, and at one place the elevated is above the street car system parallel below, and the steam road diagonal below, all of them, also the Illinois Central, from the suburbs to the center of the city, is on the elevated system, ending in a large station up-stairs. There are few people in Chicago who know how many railways enter the city. Neither do I, but I will venture to give your readers the initials of some of them as they were given to me: The I. C.; N. W.; W. C.; N. Y. C.; C. P.; B. C.; L. S.; C. R. R.; C. E. L.; C. C.; C. N. W.; C. M.; S. P. P.; C. P. P. B. Q.; C. A.; B. C.; M. C.; M. S.; P. M.; G. N.; G. W.; M. R.

For you to understand the congestion I will mention the amount of traffic of the two roads heading the list. The Illinois Central has two hundred and fifty trains per day, and the North Western has two hundred and twenty trains per day; and they go like a bullet shot out of a gun. You get a glimpse of them, then a little steam and smoke and they are gone.

If there is one of the aforementioned roads that has cars enough, track facilities enough or stations large enough I have not heard of it. The street car systems are in the same condition, both surface and elevated; a perfect jam, especially mornings and evenings. The cars are so jammed that passengers frequently get off on the platforms and on trains in order to let other passengers get off at their destination. I have ridden as much as five miles, half way to my destination, without getting a seat. On one track I counted sixty seven rows of freight cars, all on one line. At another time on another line, I noticed what I will call eight trains, as close together as they could be placed, and what mostly attracted my attention was that they were all lined up. Upon closer observation I saw the reason therefor: They were unloading the cars, having plunks from door to door and carting the freight through all of the eight cars before moving the trains.

There is one important lesson to every citizen and city in the foregoing, at least to me: That is, that with all the brainy engineers and financiers connected with the many railroad systems of Chicago, none of them made their plans large and extensive enough to meet the growing needs of the city. Now, in order to meet the present and future expansion of their business, millions of dollars will be required for ground space, where thousands would have been required in the beginning. S. V. Rehart.

### In the Lodges.

Lakeside Lodge No. 11, A. O. U. W., and Lakeside Lodge No. 77, D. of H., will hold joint installation this Thursday evening, after which the members will banquet.

The following elected officers of the A. O. U. W., will be installed:

F. Spangenberg, P. M. W.; John Arzner, M. W. Chas. Tonningesen, Foreman. Wm. Gunther, Overseer. A. Bieber, Recorder. W. B. Snider, Financier. C. U. Snider Receiver. X. Arzner Guide. Joe Arzner, Inside Watchman. E. S. Arthur, Outside Watchman.

The Degree of Honor Lodge will install the following elected officers: Minnie Massingill P. C. of H. Edith Loftus, E. of H. Minnie Willits L. of H. Addie Arzner, C. of C. Lulu Garrett, Recorder. Sadie Heryford, Usher. Eph Miller, Financier. E. F. Cheney Receiver. Mable Hotchkiss I. W. Lorn McCulley, O. W.

Court Pinewood No. 5830, A. O. F., installed the following officers last Monday evening:

R. T. Striplin, R. C. R. Joe Arzner C. R. Wm. Stimpff, S. C. R. E. N. Jaquish Fin. Secty. Elden Woodcock Rec. Secty. Tom Bernard, Treas. Joe Arzner, S. W. Jas. Metzker, J. W. T. B. Metzker, S. B. Geo. Harrow, J. B.

Banquet was served to all members present, and a general good time was had until the early hours of Tuesday morning.

Lakeview Encampment No. 18, I. O. O. F., will install their officers one week from tonight. After the installation members and their wives will partake of an elegant luncheon served in the dining room at Hotel Lakeview. The following officers will be installed: J. D. Venator, Chief Patriar; J. W. Tucker, High Priest; D. P. Malloy, Sr. Warden; W. J. Moore, Jr. Warden; C. O. Metzker, Scribe; S. F. Athlstrom, Treas.

Lakeview Lodge No. 63, I. O. O. F., and the Rebekah Lodge will hold joint installation to-morrow night, after which a banquet will be served the members.

The Odd Fellows will install the following elected officers: Fred Spangenberg, N. G.; C. D. Arthur, V. G. J. Q. Willits Secretary, and Harry Bailey Treasurer.

The Rebekas will install elected officers as follows: Cora Green, P. N. G.; Cora Findley, N. G.; Rose Vanderpool, V. G.; Mrs. V. L. Snelling, Sec.; Mrs. T. J. Majilton, Treas.; Mrs. C. U. Snider, Chaplain.

The Masonic Lodge on Dec. 27th, 1906, at a regular meeting installed the following officers:

W. A. Massingill acting as installing officer, and A. S. Down as G. Marshal. Ed. Lake W. M. J. O. Bull S. W. A. H. Hammersley, J. W. Chas. Umbach Secy. X. Arzner S. D. A. S. Down, J. D. J. M. Handley S. Jas. F. Clarkson S. J. H. Bull Tyler.

Order of Eastern Star installed the

following officers Tuesday evening:

After installation a banquet was served to all present, and a good time was voted by the participants: Mae Snider, W. M. J. O. Bull, W. P. Mrs. Magilton, A. M. Ida Umbach, Secy. Mary Snider, Treas. Cornelia Watson Conductress. Vivian Florence A. Con. E. A. Maxwell Chapman. Lora F. Conn Adah. M. E. Heryford Ruth. Pearl Hall, Esther. Lulu Miller, Martha. Jennie Dent, Electa. Belle Arzner Warden. Chas. Umbach Sentinel.

The Woodmen of The World Lodge No. 525, and Solace Circle No. 374, will install the following officers the last Wednesday in January:

Loren Bailey Council Commander. Harry Yount, Adviser. Lieutenant. E. F. Cheney Banker. E. N. Jaquish Clerk. M. S. Barnes Escort. C. Eccleston Watchman, August Storkman, Sentry Dan Chandler Manager.

Solace Circle will install as follows: Della Cheney, Guardian N. Maggie Bernard P. Guardian N. Clara Rehart, Advisor. Ella Dut'on Magician. Ida Umbach Clerk. May Bailey Banker. Charlotte Dent, Attendant. Eva Chandler, Inner Sen. Harry Yount, Outer Sen. E. F. Cheney Capt. of Guards. Emma Gowan, Musician. Nettie Cheney, Manager.

The Eagle Lodge installed the following officers Tuesday night:

Geo. Ayres, W. P. Chas. Tonningesen, W. V. P.; W. A. Barker, W. C.; J. G. Barker, W. Con.; W. R. Steele, W. Sec.; Geo. B. Whorton, W. Treas. W. F. Grob, I. S. G.; F. D. Smith, O. S. G.; J. S. Lane, W. Z. Moss, and J. C. Dodson, Trustees.

### Wingfield Again to the Front.

Geo Wingfield, the Nevada millionaire mining man, is having another turn with the woman who claims to be his wife. A short time ago she went to San Francisco and called to see George at the St. Francis Hotel. He refused to see her and the woman made threats against him. She then returned to San Jose and, as the Chronicle says, made a bluff at suicide. She again went to the city and called upon Wingfield a second time, but was met at the hotel by an officer who placed her under arrest and took her to the station under a charge of disturbing the peace. Mrs. Olivette Barrick, or Mrs. Wingfield, as she calls herself was a widow with two children when she met Wingfield in Reno before he became wealthy. They lived together, so the woman alleges, for six years, she advising him and helping him along, when, she says, he did not have a dollar or know where the next meal was coming from. She says all she wants is money enough to live on, and that she must have. Wingfield, however, declares the woman is not his wife, and never was, and that he has done all for her any woman could expect, and if she does not stop annoying him he will prosecute her.

### The Contest Caset.

The contents of Henry Linster vs. Norman McLean and Harry Caden came to a sudden termination Tuesday afternoon, in the Register and Receiver's office when the fact was disclosed that the contestant was the proprietor and owner of more than 100 acres of land at the time of his alleged settlement on the lands in controversy. When the disqualification was brought out the contestants attorneys agreed that the cases be dismissed. The contest involved 100 acres of valuable timber land in Sec. 8 and 17, Tp. 29, S. R. 12, E. W. M. C. F. Stone was attorney for McLean and Caden. Mr. Stone is also attorney in two other cases, one to come up on to-day and the other on the 12th.

### Foreigners Take out Papers.

The following persons took out naturalization papers during the year 1906:

James B. Redden, native of Nova Scotia; July 3. Gust Enquist, native of Sweden; Sept. 17. Montz Enquist, native of Sweden; Sept. 19. Frank Lindahl, native of Sweden; Sept. 18. Cornelius Finucane, native native of Ireland; Sept. 25. Walker K. Verling, native of Ireland; Sept. 26. Benjamin Daly, native of Ireland; Sept. 26. John M. Flynn, native of Ireland; Sept. 25. Philip Lynch, native of Ireland; Sept. 25. Morgan K. Verling, native of Ireland, Sept. 25.

The T. P. outfit put up a telephone line from Plush to the ranch last week. A line has been in existence there since the completion of the line from here to Plush, but the greater portion of it was on a wire fence and did not give satisfaction.

## STATE MUST RAISE MILLION BY TAXES

### Board of Levy Estimates Expenses for 1907.

### PUTS TOTAL AT \$1,435,565.88-

### Large Portion of this Sum Will Go for New Building and Equipment.

The State Board of Levy has made the estimate of the amount of expenses to which the state will be subject during the year 1907, says the Oregonian:

"The total expense was estimated at \$1,435,565.88, of which sum an even \$1,000,000 must be raised by direct taxes, and in addition thereto, \$25,000 by special levy for the State Agricultural College.

The principal items of the estimate are \$200,000 for the new buildings and improvements; \$223,500 for the State Insane Asylum; \$47,500 for the University of Oregon; \$125,800 for the judicial department; \$45,000 for the National Guard; \$55,000 for the Legislative Assembly; \$62,500 for the State Prison; \$27,400 for the State Reform School; 30,000 for public printing; \$371,000 to cover the appropriations for the normal schools and other institutions provided for in the appropriation bill held up by the referendum in 1905, and \$24,000 deficit in the printing expenses for the past two years.

From the total there is deducted the revenue the state will receive from various sources, such as the insurance tax, sale of books, the inheritance tax, etc. There was carried over from the last estimate \$87,918.09 in excess of the amount estimated as receipts from miscellaneous sources; this year's receipts are estimated at \$272,647.79; unexpended balances of former appropriations are estimated at \$75,000, making a total of \$435,565.88 to be deducted and leaving the \$1,000,000 to be apportioned.

The following is a statement of the apportionment of state taxes among the several counties of the state.

Baker	\$ 23,985 00
Benton	20,705 00
Clackamas	34,337 50
Clatsop	21,730 00
Columbia	10,865 00
Coos	20,807 50
Crook	13,325 00
Curry	4,100 00
Douglas	35,382 50
Gilliam	8,917 50
Grant	9,430 00
Harney	16,400 00
Jackson	32,185 00
Josephine	9,225 00
Klamath	11,787 50
Lake	10,967 50
Lane	47,355 00
Linn	5,637 50
Linn	53,915 00
Malheur	9,635 00
Marion	62,832 50
Morrow	9,737 50
Multnomah	320,107 50
Polk	31,467 50
Sherman	8,917 50
Tillamook	8,917 50
Umatilla	50,225 00
Union	22,857 50
Wallowa	7,482 50
Wasco	23,985 00
Washington	30,852 50
Wheeler	6,867 50
Yamhill	40,077 50
Total	\$1,025,000 00

### Pine Creek Mines.

V. L. Snelling was down to the mines first of the week. He informs us that the Pine Creek Leasing & Mining Co. have subscribed enough money to keep up development work for five months, and will not put any stock on the market until after that time and probably not at all. The Pine Creek Leasing & Mining Co. owns the famous Barrett, or Fern mine, and on this claim the company now have a shaft 5 feet by 12 feet and are down on it about 14 feet.

There seems to be two well defined walls in the shaft, about five feet apart and from between these walls some very rich rock is being taken. Mr. Snelling had one piece yesterday that would no doubt assay \$10,000 to the ton in free gold.