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## FIVE FOUND GUILTY

First of the Series of Land Fraud Cases in U. S. Court Terminates and Five of the Defendants Are Found Guilty by Jury.

## MAY APPEAL TO HIGHER COURT

(From Wednesday's Oregonian.)

The long trial has ended and has passed into history; the tired but patient jury has gone, each member to his distant home, but not until its composite hand traced the mark of guilt against the name of each defendant in the famous case.

The strife and contention of the Government, the sullen resistance of the defense; the mass of evidence and the sweep of oratory, all has been weighed, sifted and judged and 12 men have decided that Emma L. Watson, S. A. D. Puter, Horace G. McKinley, Frank H. Walgamot and Dan W. Tarpley are guilty of the crime of having defrauded the Government out of title to a portion of its public land.

At 2:15 the 12 men filed from the courtroom out into the little room in which the fate of so many men have been decided.

The court announced a recess until such time as the jury should have come to a decision and the hum of conversation arose and filled the bare, comfortless chamber. Men stood, packed like bales of brooms, outside the lobby rail and laid wagers, over shoulder, with friends upon the length of the intermission. Women sat around the wall and the inner circle and exchanged excited whispers upon the outcome. The lawyers deserted their posts where for 12 days they have clustered around the long table in earnest contention and in little groups discussed the outcome.

The defendants bunched together and talked in low tones as they awaited their fate. Ten minutes passed and the whispering groups had dissolved. Tarpley leaned against the clerk's desk alone; Puter sat twisting a fragment of paper, slowly, ceaselessly in his hands; McKinley leaned against a pillar, silent, his face no longer wreathed in smiles; Mrs. Watson waited, and with each swing of the pendulum the blood mounted to her face until her eyes, red and bloodshot, gazed out from a mask of purple red.

It lacked ten minutes until the hand had touched three when the tread of the jury was heard along the hall and the hum of voices sank to silence. The men filed in and took each the place which has been his for 12 days and more.

"We, the jury, find Emma L. Watson guilty, as charged in the indictment. We find S. A. D. Puter, Horace G. McKinley, D. W. Tarpley and Frank H. Walgamot guilty as charged in the indictment. We find the defendant Marie L. Ware not guilty as charged."

The court decided that a bond of \$4000 for the case convicted would be ample and therefore ordered that such security be given. This will place the defendants each under \$8000 bonds, with the exception of Tarpley and Walgamot, who are concerned in one case only, and whose bonds are \$4000 each.

There is no doubt but that an appeal will be taken. The attorneys for the defense are now preparing their motion, and will in all probability, present it at the opening of the next case, on Tuesday December 13.

## Things Worn By Men.

Furness, the Gents Furnisher, expects to get into his rooms in the Masonic block in the next few days and will open up at once with a beautiful line of ties suspenders and other articles that are indispensable to gentlemen. The line will be a nice one from which to select suitable Christmas gifts for gentlemen. A little later he will have in stock a complete line of Gent's Furnishing Goods of the best values and the latest styles. His stock has been ordered and embraces the very best and most up-to-date. Don't neglect to see him as he will be able to please you. If he hasn't it, he'll get it for you.

The Sentinel gives the mining news.

## RAILROAD LANDS TO GO ON MARKET.

Two Million Acres Railroad Land, That Were Withdrawn, to Go on Market Again.

About 2,000,000 acres subsidy lands, of the Southern Pacific railway in Oregon are to be placed upon the market. The date is not announced by the company, and officials decline to verify the statement that the land will be placed on sale as early as January. It is said that there is a possibility that a large part of the land will be recruised and that portions will be withheld by the company.

The Oregon subsidy lands of the Oregon & California Railroad company, now the Southern Pacific, comprise about 2,500,000 acres. The grant originally consisted of every alternate section in a strip extending 20 miles from the road on each side of the main line. The total width of the subsidy grant proper is 40 miles. In addition there is a ten-mile strip outside of this grant on each side, termed indemnity land, from which the company is entitled to select a quarter section in the original grant that had been filed upon by a settler.

The Lands when placed upon the market years ago were sold at from \$1 to \$10 an acre. The price was gradually raised until two years ago when the sale was discontinued, and prices ranged from \$2.50 to \$15 an acre for agricultural land. Timber lands are sold as high as \$25 an acre in cases where the timber cruised extremely high. The company claimed that the taxes and expenses of handling the lands exceeded all revenue from its sale.

The greater part of the lands remaining in the control of the railway company lie in the counties south of Roseburg.

The probable price is one of the most vitally interesting to the people who reside on tracts adjoining railroad land. In many cases a quarter section in the hills is almost worthless, with the exception of a few acres that join the land of a bona fide settler who desires to acquire these few acres from the company.

The past policy of the company under the administration of George H. Andrews was liberal. The view was taken that it was really better for the railway company to get settlers on the land at any price rather than hinder development of the territory contiguous to the railway line by keeping the lands idle and unproductive.

It is thought that under the present management there will be a continuance of a fairly liberal policy, and if this prevails the coming year is expected to bring great results in the growth of rural population for Oregon in the Southern Pacific territory.—Tidings.

## DESTROYED BY FIRE

Cottage Home of Frank Smith of This Place Entirely Destroyed By Fire Last Saturday Morning.—Loss is About \$700.00.

## OTHER LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHS

News was brought into town last Saturday morning about eight o'clock that the residence of Frank Smith just north of the city limits on the Gold Hill road was burning, and quite a number of people hastened out there at once but found that they were too late to be of any assistance as nothing but the smouldering ruins remained when assistance arrived.

It seems that the old gentleman who lived with the family and had a room in the rear part of the house, built up a roaring fire which caused the trouble, it catching from the pipe near the ceiling. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were neither at home, but the son and daughter at home succeeded in saving a few small articles.

Mr. Smith who was in Tolo, was notified and started for home on a bicycle at once, but met with a severe accident on the way, the wheel striking a rock while coasting down hill, throwing him with terrific force and crushing his knee on a rock.

The loss falls heavy on the family as there was no insurance on the property. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have the sympathy of the entire community in their double misfortune.

If you have occasion to visit the county seat and don't know where to stop, inquire for the Taylor House where you can secure first class beds and meals by the day or week. Transient trade solicited and all treated right.

## Death of H. F. Barron.

Monday's edition of the Ashland Tidings gives an account of the sudden death Monday, by accident of Major H. F. Barron, one of the well known and wealthy pioneer residents of the county, who has for many years held in conjunction with his sons, E. B., G. W. and H. W., large land and stock interest which are centered at the farm homestead nine miles south of Ashland, on the Oregon and California wagon road.

The Major, who was past 77 years of age but remarkably hale, vigorous and active for one of his advanced years left home this forenoon, with his son Homer, for the Barron sheep camp near the head of Samson creek, a tributary of Emigrant. While they were descending the Songer hill and in front of the new home of W. W. Nickerson, near the foot of the hill, the left front wheel of the wagon came off the spindle and the side of the wagon on which Major Barron was riding dropped down and he was pitched head foremost out of his seat and struck on his forehead on the rocks beside the road. The son rushed to him to pick him up, asking if he was badly hurt. The Major merely shook his head, relapsed into unconsciousness, and passed peacefully away at 11:15 o'clock, fifteen minutes after the accident happened, in the Nickerson home to which he had been immediately carried.

The attention of our readers is called to the weather report that appears each month in the columns of the Sentinel and which is carefully prepared by U. S. weather observer E. Britt. Preserve these reports from month to month and a few years hence you will be the possessor of statistics which you will value highly.

Sweet cider for mince meat at Learned's.

## For The Holidays!

**New Seeded Raisins**  
**New Zante Currants**  
**New Citron**  
**New Lemon Peel**  
**New Imported Olives**  
**New Cream Cheese**  
**New Mince Meat**

## SALT FISH.

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