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## LAND FRAUD CASES

It is Said That Those Already Convicted Have Made Confessions Which Implicate Those Holding Important Federal Positions.

### HERMAN AND MITCHELL RETURNING

Unless all indications fail there are some very interesting disclosures and developments to be made in the very near future in the land fraud cases now being investigated by the Federal grand jury in session at Portland. There is much speculation and conjecture as to the findings of this body and rumors are rife that there is going to be some startling revelations when the investigations of the jury are finally made public. It is persistently rumored that confessions have been made by Puter, McKinley and Watson which implicate some of the "big guns" of the great state of Oregon and will bury in the political cemetery, some of the present officers. However, this is all talk, thus far, and may amount to naught although there is surely "something doing" with the grand jury now in session.

Both Mitchell and Hermann are now enroute to or have arrived at Portland to appear before the grand jury and face charges said to have been made against them. Both Mitchell and Hermann declare in most positive terms that they are absolutely innocent and have nothing to fear from returning to Oregon. Both assert with equal positiveness that the time has come when "this outrageous persecution must stop." They will insist upon their right to go before the grand jury and make answer to all charges that may be made against them, confident that they will be able to establish their innocence. They will arrive in Portland Friday night, and expect to have a hearing on Saturday.

Both Mitchell and Hermann are satisfied that the move against them has been directed by Secretary Hitchcock from Washington, and attribute it to his personal hostility toward them. Up to the time he refused to go to Portland as a witness against Puter, no public effort has been made to implicate Mitchell in the land frauds, but, so far as Hermann is concerned, it is declared that the present effort to bring about his indictment is a culmination of a systematic campaign which has been directed against him for the past two years.

LATER—Senator Mitchell and Binger Hermann may not be allowed to appear before the grand jury when they reach Portland. Whether or not they are permitted rests entirely with the jury itself. If there is doubt on testimony offered which is capable of being removed by explanation, it is probable that the Congressmen will be asked to clear up the doubt. Otherwise, they will be granted no privileges which would not be accorded to any citizen of the United States.

It has developed that the reason the second conspiracy case was postponed was because of the promise of the defendants convicted in the first instance that they would lay bare the details of all fraud with which they were connected and make a full confession before the grand jury. Marie Ware alone refused to confess, but will be a witness before the jury.

S. B. Ormsby, who is reported to be certain of indictment, has, in company

with Mrs. Ormsby, left his home at Salem, and his whereabouts is unknown to the Government officials, who are to reach him with a subpoena.

### Well Pleased With Fischer Co.

The Margarita Fisher Co. is here this week and playing to increasing houses every evening.

Monday evening they put on "Mother and Son," Tuesday evening the Southern play entitled "Her Father's Crime" and Wednesday evening they played "Utah" to a good sized house. The company is fully up to its usual high standard and pleases the patrons better than any company that has showed here for many years. The work of Miss Fischer and Mr. Howare, Sr., is especially good upon the stage while the Howard specialties are all simply "out of sight."

Lack of space and our hurry prevents such extended comment as this excellent company deserves but we feel fully satisfied in saying that this company is not excelled on the Coast by any company that makes the smaller towns. They show here the balance of this week and make Medford next week where, no doubt, many Jacksonville people will again take advantage of the opportunity to see this company in some of their best plays.

### Reports Much Exaggerated.

As is usual in such cases exaggerated reports of the prevalence of diphtheria in this city is current in the country and nearby towns says the Grants Pass Herald. Thursday night, an inquiry came from the state board of health that there was something like 25 or 30 cases here, and requesting Mayor Gilkey to investigate and report. At that time the Mayor could only find ten cases and four of these were released yesterday, leaving only six cases in the city, and these quarantined. No new cases are reported and no danger is now feared of the disease spreading further.

### Ashland City Election.

The city election was held at Ashland Tuesday and the spirited contest there resulted in the election of H. S. Evans over E. D. Briggs by 12 votes. O. O. Helman was elected Councilman in the 1st ward by 32 majority, C. A. Eliason in the 2nd ward by 48 majority and W. N. Grubb in the 3rd ward by 40 majority. License was defeated in the city by a vote of 357 to 366, a small majority indeed.

### Build Breakwater.

Jim Cantrall and a crew consisting of Essie Wilson, Wm. Anderson and Frank Crump have just finished putting in a 200 foot breakwater on the Little Applegate near Mr. Crump's place where that stream was encroaching upon the roadway. The new breakwater is seven feet in height and very substantially built and it is expected that it will successfully repel the rush of the stream during the high water of the winter and spring.

### Dance at Applegate.

There will be a Christmas Ball at Applegate on Monday evening December 26th 1904 to which all are invited. Teams will be cared for at reasonable rates. Tickets \$2.00.

## THE OPP COMPANY

Opp Mining Company File Articles of Incorporation With the Secretary of State.—Capital Stock \$100,000 and Shares 10c.

### MILL IS NOW RUNNING SMOOTHLY

Work is reported to be progressing in a most satisfactory manner at the Opp mill this week where a run is being made upon ore from tunnel No. 9 and the test is proving that this large first class mill is as good as the best of them, there being no hitch in the machinery in any particular, everything working smoothly even to the large motors which furnish the electrical power for the mill.

We learn also that the company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The capital stock is \$100,000 divided into 1,000,000 shares of 10c. par value each, the incorporators being Dr. J. F. Reddy J. W. Opp and Fred Perry who have been interested in the mine ever since work commenced on the new mill which is now completed and running.

### Preparing for Winter Run.

Henry W. Miller was in town recently from Forest creek where, in company with C. T. Davidson, he has leased the placer ground owned by the Howland & Cook Hydraulic Mining Company consisting of several hundred acres located on the right fork of the creek.

This ground has been worked for several years by the above named company and with good results altho' the water supply does not usually permit of a steady winter's run.

Miller & Davidson will commence work where the company were at work last spring on a rich bed of gravel about 20 feet deep and are now busy moving the pipes and giant preparatory to a good winter's run with the single giant with which the property is equipped.

### Britt Wins the Fight.

The "big-little" 20 round fight between Jimmy Britt and 'Battling' Nelson the Dane which took place at San Francisco Tuesday evening drew one of the largest houses on record and proved to be the best match from a "pug's" point of view seen, for a long, long time. However, at the end of 20 fast and furious rounds the decision was given to Britt on points.

### Miss Brentano Weds.

The marriage of Miss Rose Brentano, daughter of Mrs. Judge H. K. Hanna, to Mr. Morris Gilmer, took place at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Fred Overbeck, in San Francisco, Sunday, December 11th. Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer will make their residence at Reno, Nev.

### 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.

## FOR THE LADIES

One of the nicest Holiday Gifts for a Lady would be a set of genuine Irish damask table linen cloth and napkins. We have them prices are right too. Also chenille and tapestry stand covers all sizes, neat designs. Our

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embroidered and silk handkerchiefs, mufflers, etc. are of the neatest and most up-to-patterns. Christmas is here and you will need some of our Novelties. It's a pleasure for us to show them to you.

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