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SOUTHERN OREGON

Investigation of Alleged Land Fraud in This Portion of the State Now Occupies the Attention of the Federal Grand Jury.

MANY JACKSON CO. WITNESSES

Portland, Oregon, January 23—Indictments against Harry W. Miller, Frank E. Kincart, and possibly against the United States Commissioner Charles Nickell, of Medford, are expected when the federal grand jury reports. Investigation of the dealings of Miller and Kincart is still under way in the grand jury room. The whisper that Charles Nickell might be involved started this morning from some of the witnesses waiting to be called into the grand jury room.

The part Nickell played in the dealings of Miller and Kincart, as told by himself, amounted to taking of filings on the lands located by Miller and Kincart. According to Nickell the charge against him is that he took the filings and testimony of the entrymen without reading the affidavit which accompanied the testimony and filings.

"It is a scheme to drive me out, and I know at least one man who is behind it," angrily declared Commissioner Nickell after he came out of the grand jury room. "That man is A. S. Bliton the other Commissioner at Medford. I think he started the whole business just to force me out of office. The witnesses are telling things about me which I know are not true, they are playing the baby act, but they will get left."

Mr. Nickell scouted the idea that he might be indicted with Miller and Kincart, and went on to explain that there was nothing in the whole transaction for him, he only received \$1.50 for each filing made. Rivalry between the papers and in business affairs is the reason attributed by Nickell for the whole affair.

The part Miller and Kincart played is very well known. They are said to have secured approximately \$3000 fees paid them by about 150 settlers whom they located on land, which according to the contract made between them was to be sold to the "Emmetsburg Company, of New Zealand," for so much an acre. This, it is charged, was the bait which induced the settlers to pay the location fee of \$25 each and take up the land; not until they had looked up their land did they discover they had been fooled by Miller and Kincart.

The witnesses before the grand jury were C. C. Ragsdale, a hotel keeper at Medford, E. W. Carden, of Medford, one of the locators caught by Miller and Kincart, and Charles Nickell. A feud exists between the commissioner and Carden, hence Nickell believes that if Carden said anything in the grand jury room it was not the whole truth, while Carden is said to be ready to swear that Nickell is guilty of everything that may be charged against him in connection with the locators.

Investigation into the operations of Miller and Kincart in the Rogue river timber region has opened up a new field to the inspectors, and they are finding hundreds of cases wherein patents were secured, by residents of every town in Southern Oregon, for homesteads on which no residence was established and no improvements made. By the terms

of the law on making final proof must make final oath to the effect that he has complied with these conditions. It is asserted that six of every 10 homestead patents issued in the Rogue River Valley in recent years have been secured by fraud.

Wedded Wednesday.

Mr. Charles M. Stewart, of Susanville, California and Miss Matilda E. Hooks, of this place were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride's parents in this city, at noon Wednesday Jan. 25, 1905, Rev. A. J. Armstrong officiating. After the ceremony the guests sat down to a bountiful wedding dinner, and in the afternoon the happy couple left for their future home in Lassen county, California, where the groom is engaged in the stock-raising business. Miss Hooks is one of Jacksonville's fair daughters and one with a host of admiring friends who will miss her from the circle, yet who believe she has chosen well. The Sentinel joins in congratulations.

Saint Valentine's Ball.

There will be a grand social ball at Orth's hall, Jacksonville, Ore., on the evening of Friday, Feb. 10th, 1905. Miller's orchestra will furnish music for the occasion. The net proceeds of this dance will be for the benefit of the Jacksonville Cornet Band. You will get your money's worth and at the same time help along a worthy enterprise. A lunch will be served at the Taylor house at 50 cents a couple. Dance Tickets \$1.50. Spectators 25 cents.

County Superintendent P. H. Daily gives notice of the regular examination of applicants for teachers' certificates, beginning Febr. 8th.

THE COUNTY NEWS

Short Paragraphs Regarding Doings Throughout the Length and Breadth of Jackson County as We Succeed in Capturing Them.

SOME ARE NEWSY; SOME ARE NOT

Representative Von der Hellen has introduced a bill on salmon fishing in Rogue River. Fishing for all kinds of fish east of the confluence of the Illinois with the Rogue River is prohibited by other means than hook and line. The bill is planned to protect young fish and mother salmon near the hatcheries. A deputy in Southern Oregon for the fish warden is provided.—Southern Oregonian.

Joint Representative Vawter recently introduced two bills relating to arson, one reducing the minimum penalty from ten to five years and making husbands and wives equally amenable to punishment for burning one another's property. The law at present provides a penalty for the wife but not for the husband.—Southern Oregonian.

Mahara's big minstrel band, composed of all shades of colored gentlemen, gave a short concert on our streets at noon Wednesday which was duly appreciated by our people altho' but few went down to hear them at Medford in the evening.

Roseburg's new broom factory was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday night. The loss is about \$6,000 of which \$2,500 was covered by insurance.

Wool sacks and twine. Little's unexcelled sheep dip, in drums and tins. Highest cash price paid for wool and mohair at Nunan-Taylor Co's.

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From Soldier's Home.

The Sentinel is this week in receipt of a letter from Sargent R. S. Dunlap, of the Soldiers' Home at Roseburg.

He mentions the death, on Saturday the 21st, of Michael Spahn, an inmate of the home from this county. Mr. Spahn enlisted in the 12th Pa. cavalry in 1864 and served until the close of the war when he enlisted in the 1st Cavalry of the regular army where he served six years, receiving honorable discharges in every case. He was received into the Home on June 14th 1904 where he remained until his death. He was stricken with apoplexy on Jan. 14th and remained in a comatose state until the 21st when he passed peacefully away. He was 62 years of age and was well known in this vicinity.

Another Jackson county man, a Mexican war veteran 80 years of age, and a former resident of Galls Creek, was admitted into the Home last week.

There were 13 deaths last year at the Home and 3 already this year says the Sargent.

Improved Order of Red Men.

Oregon Pocahontas Tribe No. 1, Imp. Order of Red Men installed their newly elected officers Wednesday evening with an impressive public installation service which was conducted by Past Grand Sachem H. K. Hanna. After the installation service the Redmen and guests reassembled around the tables in the banquet hall and partook of the sumptuous feast of good things that had been prepared for the occasion. About twenty guests were present from Medford and about a dozen from Ashland. Several other towns were also represented by smaller delegations. The evening's pleasures were terminated with a social ball at Orth's hall which proved one of the very pleasant features of the evening. The officers installed were as follows: Fred J. Fick, Sachem; A. M. Wilson, Sr. Sag.; Ed. Wendt, Jr. Sag.; Adolph Schulz, Prophet; Geo. J. McCune, Chief of Rec.; Adam Schmidt, K. of W.; Chas. Dunford, G. of W. and Al. Learned, G. of F.

CURED HIS MOTHER OF RHEUMATISM.

"My mother has been a sufferer for many years from rheumatism," says W. H. Howard of Husband Pennsylvania. "At times she was unable to move at all, while at all times walking was painful. I presented her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications she decided it was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried, in fact, she is never without it now and is at all times able to walk. An occasional application of Pain Balm keeps away the pain that she was formerly troubled with." For sale by City Drug Store.

Valentine Social.

The Christian Endeavor Society will give a Valentine Social on the evening of the 14th of February, in the basement of the Presbyterian Church. Come and post your Valentines at our Valentine post office.

Call and Settle.

Those knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned are requested to call at once and pay up.

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