

MARSTERS WINS IN LAND SUIT

State Fails in Litigation to Recover Upper Lake Marsh Lands

A decision was filed in the circuit court here Friday in favor of A. C. Marsters, Ida F. Marsters and the Fort Klamath Meadows company, in a suit brought by the state of Oregon upwards of two years ago to set aside the sale by the state of a considerable body of swamp lands in Klamath county. About 20 years ago A. C. Marsters and a number of other persons, some of whom were friends and relatives of Marsters, conceived the idea that these swamp lands, consisting of several thousand acres, could be easily reclaimed by reason of the fact that, as was supposed, the United States government was about to lower the waters of Upper Klamath lake on which said lands lie. Some 20 or more persons made application to the state land board to purchase 320 acres each of these lands, and these applications were allowed and the state was paid its price. Before allowing applications, however, the state land board required some of the lands to be offered for sale at public auction and some of the tracts were purchased by the applicants in that manner. The applicants expected to co-operate together in a scheme of reclamation, draining the lands and preparing them for agricultural use. After a time, it became apparent that the government would not lower the waters of Upper Klamath lake, and that the expense of reclaiming the lands would be very heavy. Therefore, the purchasers from the state began to grow weary of their investments and disinclined to carry the expense of taxes. From time to time these purchasers sold out their interests to Marsters and some ten years ago he purchased the last of these tracts. Marsters paid taxes on the lands for many years, but the expense of reclamation promised to be so great, that he, although a man of some means, could not undertake the enterprise, and about three years ago he sold the lands to the Fort Klamath Meadows company, a corporation formed by California capitalists, who formed a large project for the drainage of these lands of the same character in the same locality. Some time after this corporation had begun work and had expended about \$100,000 on its project, the state of Oregon filed suit to set aside the conveyances of the land made by the state, alleging that the original purchasers from the state had made agreements before they purchased the lands to sell them to Marsters.

The case has been pending in the court for upwards of two years. It has been hard fought. Marsters was represented in the case by B. L. Eddy of Roseburg, A. M. Crawford of Portland and C. F. Stone of Klamath. The Fort Klamath Meadows company was represented by A. E. Reams of Medford, and the state was represented by L. A. Liljeqvist, assistant attorney-general of the state, and M. E. McGhie, clerk.

The decision just made is a sweeping one in favor of Marsters and the Fort Klamath Meadows company, and in effect holds that the state had no grounds for its charges of fraud, and that on the law and the facts it cannot recover.

MARKET REPORT.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Cattle, slow; hogs, 15 to 25 cents higher; medium to choice 160 to 200 pounds, \$7.25 to \$7.75; sheep, shaggy higher, medium to choice lambs \$10.50 \$11.65.

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In the Courts

Deeds.

(S. G. Nims et ux to R. A. Master-son, warranty deed, five acres, S½ SE¼ NW¼ section 6, township 39 south, range 11 east.

Nelle Johnson to R. F. Johnson, quit claim deed, S½ NW¼ section 7, township 39 south, range 10 east.

Frank D. Swingle et ux to William J. Scheble et vir, quit claim deed, 40 acres, section 12, township 40 south, range 13 east; 40 acres in NE¼ SW¼; 25 acres in SW¼ SW¼ and 20½ acres in SW¼ SW¼ section 7, township south, range 14 east.

(Mary O. Ginsbach et vir to Ora W. Engle, warranty deed, 50c lrs. Lots 3 and 4 of block 39, first addition, part of lot 7, block 7, Ewanna Heights.

COLLEGE MEN HAVE TAP-ROOM: CO-EDS ARE NOT ALLOWED

Near Beer Institution Endorsed by
Professor Who Often Takes
Drink There

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 24.—After considerable discussion and planning at the University of California, a men's "tap-room" has been fitted up off the men's social hall in Stephen's union. This room is a successor to the old "joint." It is a place where "good fellows get together." They discuss athletics, politics and anything else over a stein of "near beer" and pretzels or a hot-dog sandwich.

"I have often stopped there for a glass of orange juice and a chat with the students. I would be glad if parents would require them to do all their drinking there and I heartily endorse the 'tap room' idea," said Professor J. H. Hilderbrand, dean of men.

Many members of the university faculty and administrative staff visit the "joint" regularly. They and the students "hang out" together there and it is no rare thing to see a professor with his elbow on the counter and a foot on the rail drinking "near beer" and eating pretzels while he jollies with his students. The best part of the whole plan is that the co-eds are not allowed within smelling distance.

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Following the program, candy and toys will be distributed to the children.

The Salvation Army workers today were distributing baskets to needy families. The kettles, whose receipts this year have fallen below those of last year, will be on the streets until this evening.

Only a few more shopping months before June Apples.

THRILLS AROUND IN LIQUOR WAR

Piracy, Tragedy, Comedy and Battle Feature of Combat on Rum

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The war of government forces on Rum Row, seat of history's greatest smuggling operations, an activity that since last January, has provided many thrilling stories of piracy, tragedy, comedy and battle, has noted a rich haul in ships, liquor and men.

Conservative, unofficial estimates of the seizures by coast guards, customs and treasury department agents, prohibition agents and policemen develop the following list:

Small rum-running speed boats	150
Deep-sea craft	10
Scaphanes	1
Motor vehicles	40
Men	375

Cases of liquor 27,000

In addition to the seizures Coast Guards caused more than 100 runners to jettison their cargoes, averaging 50 cases a boat.

The monetary loss to smugglers through these captures is estimated at about \$5,000,000, but they only laugh at this, claiming the loss to be but "a drop in the bucket" compared to the gain of successful operations.

Rum-smuggling began on a small scale off the New Jersey coast in 1921, was extended all along the Atlantic seaboard in 1922, and the first big anchorage of rum carriers established in the waters south of Ambrose lightship last January established the now famous Rum Row, a location desirable for the runners of Long Island as well as for those of New Jersey. Nineteen rum boats, including three steamers, were parked on the Row at the height of the January trade, and since that time there has been always at least one rum carrier out there doing business.

Coast Guard boats launched the campaign against the runners in the first month, seized at least a dozen of the craft, and smuggling became a hazardous game.

Federal agents ashore began concerted operations against the motor-truck runners, and many rich prizes fell into their hands. Still the business continued. The gaps made in the runner's rank by captures filled like a hole dug in dry sand. Captures increased in number, smuggling increased in volume.

In the summer months a seaplane was employed by the runners on the Long Island shore for scout work. One day the seaplane, disabled, made a forced landing near a Coast Guard station and was captured.

Some of the bigger craft of the smugglers became venturesome then and were caught close inshore. Morning was unfolding two months ago when the Coast Guard cutters on rum patrol sighted the Tomoka, a British schooner, about six miles off the Jersey beach. They chased her through the haze, overhauled her and took her captain and crew, and "Rammy Bill" McCoy, the king of rum smugglers.

A week later the Dragon, a patrol cabin cruiser equipped with radio wireless, was captured. She is said to have been the mother-boat of the swarm of small-runners, her duties being to warn them of im-

pending danger and the whereabouts of the government craft.

The latest seizure of consequence, the Dutch auxiliary schooner Zeehond, ended the career of the transport used by "Mannie" Kessler, the bootlegger king, the shore rival of McCoy. Kessler soon is to go to Atlanta to serve a term for conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws.

EMPTY HOTELS FILL MUNICH

(MUNICH, Dec. 24.—Munich hotel keepers are heavy hearted. They would like to close up, for their houses are virtually empty, but the law provides that if they do they cannot reopen for 15 years.

One well-known hotel has 25 guests and employees well over 100 men and women to keep the establishment going. Others are echoing solitude during the day, and count but a few guests for dinner in the evening.

In a "get out the vote" campaign put on in Detroit during a recent election, 150 telephone operators inquired of 70,000 subscribers whether they had voted yet.

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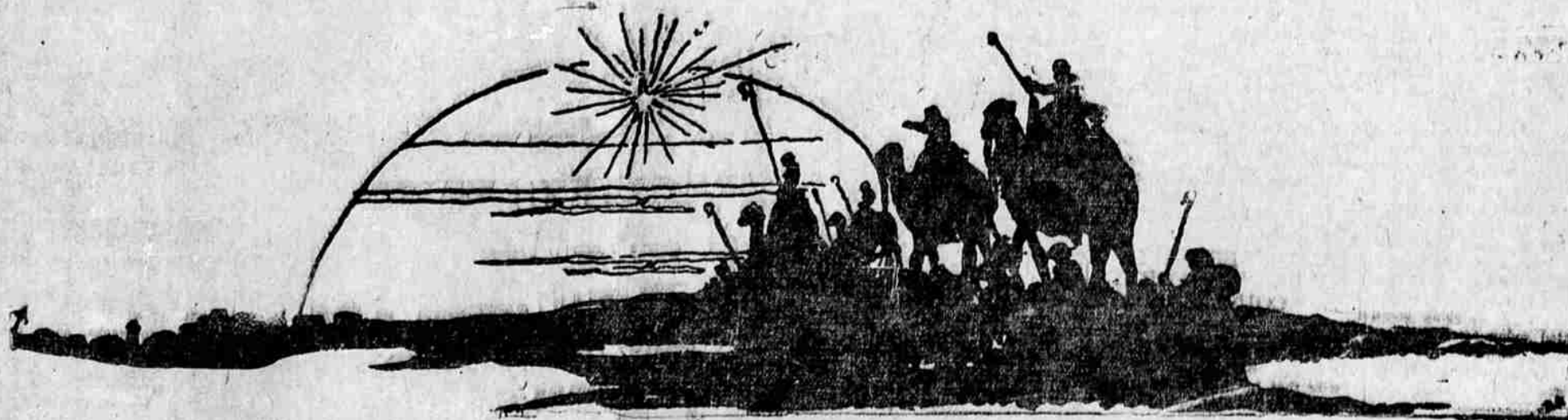
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