

**HENEY'S LIBEL SUIT FILED**

**Asks \$250,000 Damages of William H. Crocker, the California Millionaire**

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The formal complaint in the damage suit of Francis J. Heney of San Francisco against William H. Crocker, the California millionaire, for \$250,000 on an alleged allegation of libel, was filed here yesterday.

Heney says he based his action on an open letter bearing Crocker's name which appeared in the New York Evening Post on December 3 in which Crocker defended his action in first supporting Heney in the San Francisco graft prosecution and later withdrawing his support.

**Heney Seeks Vindication**

James M. Beck, counsel for Heney, said:

"As soon as Crocker's letter was published, Heney telegraphed me to bring suit. Heney, who nearly gave his life in the cause of exposing corruption in San Francisco, desires to settle the question as to whether he conducted the prosecution against the San Francisco grafters in an honorable and legitimate way.

"In the heat of the contest in San Francisco many charges were made by irresponsible men against Heney, but when Crocker assumed responsibility for these charges and gave them wide circulation in a responsible organ of public opinion, Heney felt his opportunity had come to have a jury of his fellow countrymen determine the justice or injustice of accusations against him.

"In San Francisco the graft prosecutions have so divided its people into hostile camps that it would seem to me a matter of exceeding difficulty to obtain a jury that would consider the questions involved with absolute impartiality. In New York, however, there can be no selfish issues that grew out of graft prosecutions and here a jury can be selected that can impartially and fearlessly judge between Crocker's grave accusations and Heney's account of his stewardship as a public official."

**IDAHO MARKETS ALFALFA MEAL**

**First Shipments From First Mill Recently Built Finds Market**

SHELLEY, Idaho, Jan. 3.—Two carloads of alfalfa meal, the first product of the mill here, have been shipped, one to Butte, Mont., and the other to Pocatello. The alfalfa meal industry was brought to the attention of the Oregon Short Line about a year ago. After a thorough investigation it was decided that the grinding of alfalfa hay into meal could be developed into a profitable industry in this State. Capital was interested, with the result that a mill has been erected at Shelley. Another is under way at Filer, but the Shelley mill is first in the market with the manufactured product.

For a number of years alfalfa meal mills have been in successful operation in Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas. The product of these factories has been absorbed by the markets of Omaha, Kansas City, Denver, Minneapolis, St. Paul and St. Louis at remunerative prices.

The establishment of the meal industry will make possible the utilization of all the surplus hay, the creation of a steady market for the farmer at a fair price and a steady revenue from one of the State's staple crops.

Feeders of sheep and cattle long since learned that there is economy in feeding alfalfa meal instead of the straight hay. This because stock will not eat the stalks, which constitute approximately 25 per cent of the total bulk, and which contain a large percentage of the hay's food value.

With the meal, on the other hand, there is no waste, for the stalk is ground up with the leaves and the tender shoots, and the animals eat every particle of it. Alfalfa meal commands a price usually at least \$10 per ton in excess of hay, and the cost of grinding and sacking is not great.

**HOLDS COURT BY TELEPHONE**

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Storm-bound in his suburban home, Magistrate Geismar called his court to order over the telephone and disposed of the six cases which were ready to be heard. Five of the cases were of persons who had over-imbriated Christmas and the other was an assault case. The Magistrate had the policemen who made the arrests swear to their complaints over the telephone and then had the prisoners make their pleas in the same fashion. The court's decisions were then announced over the wire.

Although Alaska covers nearly 600,000 square miles, there are but a little over 300 miles of railroad, 425 miles of wagon road, 397 miles of sled road and 355 miles of improved road and 255 miles of improved trail.

**PINCHOT'S TIMBER CLAIM REGULATION CONDEMNED**

**Government Stands Expense of Cruising Lands on Which Scrip Is Placed**

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 29.—Forester Gifford Pinchot is said to be responsible for the plan now being operated successfully by timber men in the West, a scheme which is making speculation in timber land what colloquially would be called a "cinch," which renders no compensation to the Government, but adds materially to the Federal expenditures.

So far, those who have profited by the scheme are apparently such as have some exceptional influence with Federal officials and have received inside information. The advantage of the plan is that it requires only \$10 of actual cash, the Government paying all the rest, and the returns will run into the thousands.

The scheme started when Gifford Pinchot induced the then Secretary of the Interior, James R. Garfield, to promulgate the regulation that thereafter timber lands could be taken up only under Government land laws on the basis of compensation for the timber found actually to exist on such claims.

**Plan Nets Big Profits**

There have been eight timber land entries under this ruling in the Federal Land Office at Olympia and these have operated the new scheme with great profit. Guided possibly by the information from some good friend in the Federal land departments, an applicant would visit the United States Land Office at Olympia and offer to file on timber lands. This information showed what lands were open for entry and no one knows better what vacant timbered lands there are than Mr. Pinchot's representatives in the Forest Service.

With this application the applicant deposited \$10. Thereafter, the Federal Government, under the Pinchot policy, engaged timber cruisers and had them make a careful detailed inspection and report on the lands, giving exact figures as to the showing of timber on all lands.

**Government Makes Cruises**

Some of these cruises showed as high an average as 50,000 feet of timber to the acre. When the cruise was completed the applicant was informed that he could secure the lands under Federal laws, only by paying for it at, say \$1 the thousand stumpage, based on the cruise, or about \$50 an acre.

Securing a copy of this Government cruise, the applicant went to Tacoma, borrowed money and purchased Northern Pacific scrip at \$8.75 an acre or thereabouts, returned to Olympia, relinquished his timber filing, "scrapped" the land and secured a final receiver's receipt. Then, with a copy of the cruise and his final receipt from the land office, it was easy to find some timber purchaser who would gladly pay a dollar a thousand stumpage, if the lands were well situated.

In other words, from an investment of \$10, and perhaps \$140 more, or 10 per cent for securing the loan of \$1,400 to buy the scrip, the man who had filed on the land would sell the quarter section for \$9,000, a net profit of \$8,850.

**Buyer Takes No Risk**

There is no risk in this at all. The Federal Government meets all the expenses. It requires in the first place only that one shall have information what land to locate. Without that information the profits might not be so large. But if willing to gamble, one might even take a chance on any open quarter section in a timbered country. As soon as the applicant deposits his \$10 no one else can enter and the Government will proceed to make the careful cruise. If the cruise shows plenty of timber the applicant can buy the scrip and get the land. If the cruise makes a poor showing, the applicant only loses \$10.

Since the scheme became known, no one is taking timber in this district under the old laws. Applications are filed and the lands are bought with scrip.

**MRS. ELLIS INJURED**

Mrs. John Ellis, of Fort Klamath, was quite badly injured New Year's Eve while witnessing the masquerade ball at Houston's Opera House. She was occupying one of the chairs placed on the raised platform on the stage, when the chair slipped and she fell to the floor a distance of a few feet. She struck on her back and head, wrenching her back and bruising her head. She was removed to the Lakeside Inn by her husband and Dr. Hamilton, and it was stated today that the injury was not as bad as at first reported. Mrs. Ellis expects to be able in a few days to resume her journey to Florida, where she will visit her daughter.

**D. F. DRISCOLL SECONDS C. S. MOORE'S SUGGESTION**

**Or the Upper Project is Lost to Klamath County Forever—California Hustling**

D. F. Driscoll of Bonanza, who was in the city Friday, states that he is in hearty accord with the position taken by Hon. C. S. Moore, in regard to the necessity of some action being taken by the land owners to comply with the wishes of the Reclamation Service.

"The people of the upper project," said Mr. Driscoll, "are in favor of increasing the par value of the shares, and I don't feel that a few of the land owners in the lower project should have the right to come in and vote us down. They already have water for their land. They know just what it is going to cost, and most of them have signed agreements binding them to pay that cost. Now, when we want a chance to do the same, they vote us down.

"I firmly believe that a crisis has arrived and if the people don't wake up pretty soon, it will be too late. It is all right to talk of bluff, and say that the Government has too much at stake to pull out. It is the land owners of this county, if they only had sense enough to realize it, who have everything at stake. Our future is in jeopardy, with hundreds of the smartest men in the country using every means and argument in their power to get the Reclamation Service to begin work in other sections. The Reclamation Service officials are only human, and it is hardly to be expected that they will continue, from year to year, to force benefits on people who do not show the slightest sense of appreciation, but, on the other hand, are reviling them with accusations of every crime imaginable.

"Mr. Moore suggests that the Board of Directors could afford to hire a man to call on every land owner in the project and persuade him to attend a meeting or get his proxy, so that this matter can be settled at once. I am in favor of anything that will start the Government to proceed with the work on a large scale. I believe that we have already lost the Clear Lake dam, and that the water will be used in California. The Irrigation Committee, when here, had a chance to become familiar with the attitude of the people here, and an urgent request, backed up by the California delegation, can not help but be received with some favor by them.

"If there was anything to be gained by holding out, it would be different, but for the life of me I cannot see what these people expect. It is silly to expect anyone to believe that the fact that the value of the shares being only \$20, would save the land owners from having to pay the cost. Most of the people of this part of the county have signed agreements to pay \$30, and if the rest of us are willing to pay the cost in our project, we should be allowed to do so. Further than this we should not be forced to permit the actions of others to sacrifice our property and our future."

**STRAYED**—From my stable in Klamath Falls, one bay driving, mare branded Z; weight about 1100 pounds; had on a blanket and headstall of a halter. Information leading to the recovery of same will be suitably rewarded. J. B. Mason.

Ora M. Engle, of Fort Klamath, was in the city this week.

**BOOSTING MEDFORD**

Judge Wm. Colvig, in an interview in the Oregonian, gives the following boost for Medford and Jackson County:

"Situated in Jackson County there is also to be found the largest body of sugar pine timber in the world. The bulk of this timber lies in the Upper Rogue River Valley, and when it has been removed the land will prove of great value for fruit growing purposes.

"The county is also rich in water-power resources. Mr. Horn, of the New York Copper Syndicate, has expended more than \$300,000 in developing the Blue Ledge copper mine, located on the head waters of the Applegate, thirty-five miles from Medford. This mine is virtually a mountain of solid copper, and has been practically inaccessible. The building of a railroad that will pass this valuable property is now assured by J. R. Allen, of New York, who recently purchased the Pacific & Eastern.

**Road to Cross Range**

"This road has been built fourteen miles out of Medford and active construction work is being prosecuted. We have the assurance of Mr. Allen that the road will be built, not only to the mine, but across the Coast Range and down the Pacific coast to Crescent City, Cal. Not only are we assured by Mr. Allen of a railroad to the West, but he recently announced at a meeting of our Commercial Club that when he had finished building the railroads he had projected, the people of Jackson County would have a railroad to the East as well. This statement from the builder of this road is taken by us to mean that he will construct a line that will connect with the Hill or Harriman road into Central Oregon. We are inclined in Southern Oregon to suspect that Mr. Allen is identified with the Hill interests, and that his operations in our section of the State are in reality a Hill enterprise.

"I do not believe any other section of the State possesses greater resources than are to be found in Jackson County. We are not dependent on our agricultural interests. Our timber, mining and horticultural resources are contributing their share to the substantial prosperity of the entire State."

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**HAS THREE HUNDRED GUESTS PRESENT**

**First Annual Ball Given by Antlers Club Was Brilliant Affair**

Hello, Bill! It is a recognized fact that when the Elks undertake to do anything, they always go the limit and do it right. This was certainly the case when the Antlers Club gave their first annual ball in Klamath Falls. Knowing what good times the Elks always have the event was looked forward to with the keenest anticipation by all of the invited guests as well as the members themselves. Every Bill was there, as was also Mrs. Bill and those who some day will be Mrs. Bill, and also the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bill.

The entire day was spent by members of the club in decorating Houston's Opera House and preparing for the occasion, and when the guests began to arrive shortly after eight o'clock, the smallest detail had been completed and the hall was one glow of splendor. The walls of the building were literally covered with draperies and decorations. Every few feet were arranged beautifully mounted elk and deer heads, between which were the emblematic dial with the hour hand pointing to eleven o'clock. High up in front and over the stage was hung a magnificent elk head of immense proportions, suitably arranged on a background of American flags. The wall space back of the head was covered with strings of minute electric light bulbs, which gave the appearance of a mammoth elk projecting its head through a sky covered with myriads of stars.

Punch was served from a booth at the side of the hall, while the refreshment tables were arranged back of the stage. It is estimated that there were fully three hundred people in attendance. The grand march extended in a line for four lengths of the hall.

Between dances moving pictures, specially secured for the occasion, were thrown on the canvas, and in appreciation of the good times he has received at the hands of the Elks in the past, Mr. James Keane, who is appearing at the Opera House this week, consented to assist the entertainment with several selections and recitations. His offering was received with much enthusiasm, and in the vernacular of the Elks, he was pronounced a "good fellow."

The regular dance program was finished about one o'clock, but as one of the boys remarked, "the fun had just commenced." The affair was pronounced by one and all as the greatest social event of the year, and there were many of the guests went home with the feeling that they were missing something by not being one of the boys. The Baldwin Orchestra furnished excellent music for the occasion.

**RELINQUISHMENT FOR SALE**

160 acres of land near railroad, cabin and barn, for \$300. Running stream. I have about eight homesteads, level and good running water. For particulars write to JOHN KRISTT, Fort Klamath, Oregon.

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