

STILL INVESTIGATING

Tillamook County Land Deals - Anonymous Letter Causes Another Surprise.

From all appearance the Federal grand jury is not through investigation Tillamook County alleged land frauds, for Saturday's Oregonian contained the following interesting account of a land deal in which one of the parties "squealed":

Donnager Before Jury.

Another man who appeared yesterday before this body of men who are probing into crooked land deals, was C. D. Donnager, who, with John and D. A. Blodgett, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and others, purchased the Booth-Kelly lumber business. Mr. Donnager's appearance before the grand jury was the result of an anonymous letter, or rather two anonymous letters, which were received by Mr. Heney. The first anonymous letter received by the Government officials charging Donnager, the Blodgetts and Claud Thayer with land frauds in Tillamook County, was received December 14, 1904. In this letter the writer says that the persons mentioned had obtained 37 claims in township 2 north, of range 7 west, in Tillamook County.

The anonymous writer had a motive for giving the unsought for information to the government officials, and he did not have any hesitancy in telling it. He says, "They all beat me out of my share; that's why I'm squealing." He also stated in his letter that Donnager obtained script on something like 900 acres, and that Thayer helped him. The writer explains at some length that an investigation was once started, but that it did not get past John Hall, and he stated that the investigation was stopped because some one was "2 afraid of Carey, Mays and St. Rainer." The indictment against Claud Thayer resulted in the investigation; it was the second letter that resulted in the subpoenaing of Mr. Donnager.

Has Important Deal.

It seems that Mr. Donnager has been in Portland for several days on important lumber business. He is said to have a deal on with one of the Kellys. The deal involved a large sum of money, and when they came to try and reach a settlement there was a difference of \$10,000. While the business deal was still on both men adjourned down to the Portland Hotel bar, and while taking refreshments they still discussed the deal. As near as can be learned, Mr. Donnager wanted \$80,000 and Mr. Kelly refused to give more than \$70,000. Suddenly one of them, which is not known, suggested throwing the dice. This was agreed upon, and the difference was settled by one toss of the square bones. In the history of the Portland bar there has been some lively dice shaking. On several occasions the "bones" have been rolled for a cold \$1000, but this was the first time in the history of the bar that the stakes were \$10,000, Mr. Donnager won.

That Mysterious Letter.

Whether it was the winning of this amount of money at one turn of the dice that brought Mr. Donnager's enemy into full cry after him, or whether the wrath has been long slumbering, there is no answer. The fact remains, however, that a letter written on a Portland Hotel letterhead, addressed on a Portland P. O. envelope, was received at the District Attorney's office September 28, saying that Mr. Donnager could throw considerable light upon certain land deals in Tillamook County. The letter is written in a fine, bold hand, without any attempt to disguise. The anonymous writer seems to be possessed with the same mistaken idea that some other few misguided fools are that because so far indictments have not been returned against many Irishmen or Catholics, that Mr. Heney would not care to subpoena Mr. Donnager, and that the government was unwilling to prosecute the Irish.

Mr. Donnager was seen last night at the Portland, for he is a guest there, but he had little to say about his sudden summons to appear before the grand jury. He seemed to be unaware that an anonymous letter had caused the trouble, and stated that he could not imagine who, or of what sex his enemy was, that would send an unsigned letter accusing him of land-fraud knowledge.

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A BOY MURDERER.

Sydney Brugger Shot W. W. Booth at Hillsboro.

HILLSBORO, Or., Oct. 1.—Sheriff J. W. Connell and Deputy F. T. Kane this morning captured the confessed murderer of W. W. Booth, killed in this city last night. The boy, a lad of 15 years, was found at the home of his grandmother, near Reedville, Mrs. M. Grow, one of Oregon's early pioneers. The boy's name is Sydney Brugger, and he is a son of John Brugger, a dissolute violinist, and Mrs. Yendie Brugger Bues, the latter residing at Lents this summer. The murderer is a grandson of John Brugger, who built a sawmill three miles east of this city in the '60s. He is aged 15 years and two months.

Young Brugger is a degenerate, but never before has shown viciousness in any degree. After he had killed Booth he did not stop to rob the old man, but turned and fled, going around the block, turning and going to the bakery. From there he went to the Southern Pacific depot, and thence to the home of his grandmother.

Sheriff Connell arrived here with the lad about 11 o'clock. In his cell the youthful murderer made a confession of his crime as follows:

"I came up from the farm yesterday morning, and was up town all day. I had no money with me. After dark I walked down the street, going east from town. I crossed the street a block down from the last business street and heard a man coming, jingling money. I thought I would hold him up, so I walked on ahead of him. When I came to a dark place I turned and pointed a 32-caliber revolver at him, telling him I wanted money.

"The man struck at me with his cane, striking my first finger on the hand the revolver was in. The gun went off and the man fell. This scared me and I ran on east, went around the block and came back up town.

"No, I had no idea of killing him. I just wanted to hold him up. I did not know for sure that he was dead until I was back up town again, when I heard some one say a man had been killed. I said nothing to my grandmother about it when I got home. When she saw the officers after me she felt awful bad, for she thinks it is worse than it is. I think I will come out of it all right. I never meant to kill him.

"No, I never smoked a cigarette but once, and it made me sick. I never chew tobacco. Yes, I read some books a year ago, about holding up people, but my grandmother didn't know I had them. I have them put away. I sent East and got the revolver to shoot at birds with. When I passed the poor farm on the railroad track, about 9 last night, I saw two black things, and went pretty fast, but I didn't know they were after me." This referred to Superintendent Roy and assistant, at Newton.

Young Brugger is a tall, overgrown boy about six feet. He is not very bright, and does not know the multiplication table. When asked by the reporter how much were 46 and 46 he said, "74." When asked the answer to "7 times 9," he replied, "42. I guess, but I never could learn the tables good." His mass of hair was matted and he said that he had not combed it for about two weeks. He seems to have no conception of the enormity of the crime and says that he only wanted a little money. He stated that he has lived with his grandmother, off and on, for several years, here in East Hillsboro, and later on the farm south of Reedville, where he was found by the Sheriff.

When brought in by the Sheriff the boy wore a dark gray wool suit with a gray cap. The officer brought with him the hat worn by the murderer—a large, cheap straw, with a black string to fasten under the chin. The revolver he used was also surrendered, with one cartridge exploded.

Packers Fight Against Fate.

According to reports from Chicago the beef packers are preparing to make a desperate defence against the assault which the government is to make on them in the United States court. It will be vain, however. The plea of guilty made by the four officers of the Schwarzchild & Sulzberger company shows what will be the general drift of things in the court. Their confession of soliciting rebates from the railroads means that they saw the fight to be hopeless. The law officers have their grip on all the conspirators, and the latter know it, whatever bluff their lawyers may be putting up.

Manifestly, the conviction of the four offenders the other day, on their own pleas of guilty, simplifies the work of the government in the rest of the cases. As District Attorney Morrison says: "The results show that the government has now lodged an opening wedge into the question of rebates. We have found a way to proceed, and it seems to be the proper one. It seems to me that the government is in a fair way of breaking up the entire rebate abuse in this country." All the officers of the prosecution, from Attorney General Moody down, are determined to carry out the Republican party's platform pledges and the President's oft-proclaimed policy on the rebate and general trust evil.

On the surface of things the aggregate of \$25,000 imposed on the four offenders looks like very slight punishment. These persons, however, were outside the trust.

They are very small sinners as compared with the conspirators whom the government is now to proceed against. They were an independent concern which did a business of insignificant proportions in comparison with the "Big Six" which is now to be attacked. These are the combine which send the price of the people's meat up all over the country, and which the people's hands all over the country are against. They will make a determined defense, but state's evidence in a certain degree, has been turned against them by the confession of the small independent corporation. The evidence obtained in the prosecution of these offenders will be turned against the bigger culprits. The big as well as the little conspirators will be overthrown by the law, and on the big one the law's hand is likely to come down with greater weight than it did on the smaller sinners.

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Independent Church.

TO THE EDITOR TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT.

The greatest foe that christianity has is its antagonistic divisions. What we need is a church broad enough to allow each individual his own interpretation or views of the church, bible and conscience. How can I expect to enjoy my own reflections if I cannot allow another the same privilege? God reveals himself to men in his own way, not by sight, but by faith. The church is the opposite of the synagogue, they walked by sight through signs and wonders we find peace in an inward belief. Peace is like gold it is where you find it. When man has found that peace he is fit for an independent church. The Jews stood before the law. The Christian is saved by grace. A note becomes due; there are yet three days of grace in which the law is staved. The office of grace is to stay the execution of the law. Question, how long will the grace of God last or continue to save the Christian who walks by faith? Every Christian is aware that if the law was executed that he would have to suffer the death penalty, but through faith in Christ having died for us we enjoy that sense of grace.

Pecuniary interests is the greatest incentive to sectarianism, fleeing the sheep, instead of feeding them. Rivalry may create an excitement, but Christ reproved John for forbidding the man for casting out devils because he did not follow them. It used to be said that opposition was the life of trade, but experience teaches that union is strength. The Christian church should be united without anyone losing their independence. The church should be as broad as the government. We would not ask what a citizen's creed was if he was in distress. Why should the church hate a man for what appears to him the way of life? Fellowship should be encouraged. "If ye love not your brother whom ye have seen, how can you love God whom ye have not seen?" Strife does not beget peace. A very small percentage of men take any interest in the church, the old time excitement and harsh sayings have played out. The great mass of men are looking for something upon which we may unite without losing our identity or individuality. There were 12 tribes of Israel. Yet they were all Jews. Why should we lose sight of the fact that a believer in Christ is a Christian regardless of his personal views? J. C. GOVE.

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