

TO TAKE UP LAND FRAUDS

STATE GRAND JURY COMPLETES DOCKET OF CRIMINAL CASES.

NO REPORT COMING THIS WEEK

Investigation of Land Matters May Continue Until Entirely Cleared Up.

New Construction Is Placed Upon the Statute of Limitations Pertaining to Prosecution of Offenders Which May Change Complexion of Situation.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The grand jury practically completed its investigation of the criminal cases on hand last evening and adjourned over until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. It was thought that the jury would have a report to make upon the criminal cases brought before it either last evening or tonight, but District Attorney McNary dispelled this idea last evening when he stated that it may be several days or two or three weeks yet before the jury will be ready to make its report upon the criminal cases in hand. This is especially so in the cases of the prospective charges to be brought against Convicts Wright and Monte as there are some points of law involved which may cause some indefinite delay and a report may not be made for some days yet. It is expected that the jury will resume its investigation of the state land matter upon Monday morning and continue upon that subject until everything is cleared up.

Apropos the questions submitted to Attorney General Crawford by Governor Chamberlain as to whether there was any authority of law for the state land board to cancel the deeds and certificates to about 60,000 acres of school land, which, it is alleged, was procured from the state through applications, the signatures to which are fictitious or fraudulent, during the months of November and December of 1900, a new construction has been placed upon the statutes which, if correct, will make it possible for the state to bring criminal proceedings against the parties who are guilty of the suspected frauds.

The governor asks the attorney general to decide whether it is within the power of the board to cancel these deeds and certificates, apparently assuming that the statute of limitations which provides for the prosecution of felons has run against prosecuting for conspiracy to defraud the state of lands. The life of this statute is three years and it has been generally conceded that, as the applications were made more than three years ago there is no means of reaching the guilty parties by law. A prominent legal authority of this city, however, contends that the statute of limitations does not begin to run until after the unlawful act has been completed and that, as the last act of the land conspiracy was not committed until the last payment was

made upon the land, he believes the state authorities still have recourse at law for the prosecution of the perpetrators.

The state records show that the greater portion of the 60,000 acres of land involved in the governor's query was purchased by or for a prominent citizen of this city and that the applications were attested by Justice of the Peace H. H. Turner of this city, then a notary public. It is said that all of this land, which includes some valuable timber land and several sections within the Blue Mountain reserve, has long since been transferred to third parties, but that the last payments upon many of the certificates have not been made. It is also said that the alleged fraudulent land speculations in this state, for a period of three years back involve an aggregate of over 500,000 acres of land and some of the most prominent men in the state.

LOCOMOTIVE BOILER EXPLOSION.

Kills Engineer, Fatally Injures Fireman and Brakeman.

BUTTE, April 8.—A Miner special from Central Park, Cont., says: "In the explosion of the boiler of an east-bound freight engine, the engineer was instantly killed, his body being hurled over fifty feet from the track beneath the wreckage. The fireman and the head brakeman were injured, the latter perhaps fatally. Too little water in the boiler is believed to have caused the explosion."

PANAMA POLICY

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Chairman of Canal Commission Says People of Country Are Stockholders in Gigantic Undertaking to Whom Monthly Reports Will Be Made.

CHICAGO, April 7.—"Great business methods, publicity and absolutely no politics—this is the keynote if the policy of the Panama canal commission to which President Roosevelt has seen fit to appoint me president."

This is the declaration of T. P. Shonts, President Roosevelt's "\$100,000 man," who arrived in Chicago from New York today on his first visit here since his appointment.

"The people of the United States are stockholders in this Panama canal, the most gigantic undertaking they have ever been interested in," said Mr. Shonts, "and for the next four years they have selected President Roosevelt to vote their stock for them. Therefore, our policy will be to work precisely as we have worked in building and operating great railroad lines. There will be monthly reports made of progress, the amount of funds expended, and the outlook for the work, just as railroads report to their stockholders. These reports will be filed regularly in Washington, so that every congressman, every official of the government and the public will be fully, reliably and frequently informed as to what is being done with their funds in Panama."

HE LAYS BARE INNER WORKS

FEDERAL GRAND JURY HEARS OF BEEF TRUST DOINGS.

GETS "INSIDE INFORMATION"

Myron C. Baker, Private Secretary to Magnate, on Witness Stand for Two Hours.

Boston Man Says He Gave Evidence to Jury Calculated to Injure Cause of the Packers—Declares He Told Everything He Knew of Business.

CHICAGO, April 7.—The members of the federal grand jury investigating the beef trust were placed in possession of "inside information" today by Myron C. Baker, auditor of the Boston Elevated railroad, and for two years private secretary to Edward C. Swift, vice president of Swift & Co. Baker is said to have furnished a great deal of information concerning the inner workings of the big meat packing firms.

In answer to questions after leaving the jury room, Baker declared he had told the truth. "Did you tell anything that might injure the cause of the packers?" was asked Baker.

"Yes, I think I did. I told everything I knew, and it was the truth. I testified almost two hours."

"Did you present any documentary evidence?" he was asked.

"No, I did not," was the reply, accompanied by a significant motion toward his forehead.

JAPANESE LEADERS.

The fortunes of the Japanese forces on land and sea are today in the hands of three great leaders, Field Marshal Iwawa Oyama, Admiral Togo and Admiral Kamimura. They are the three most beloved leaders in Japan. It is not generally known that the three fighters are veterans and have been fighting the battles of the mikado for more than forty years, in politics as well as on the field of battle.

Oyama is more prominently before the world today than either of the others because of his great victories in crushing a great section of Kurapatkin's army. During the revolutionary movement in 1868, which restored the throne to the emperor, Oyama was a prime spirit, continuing his loyalty even when Count Saigo, his cousin, rebelled and was slain, with twenty thousand of his followers.

Possessing a wonderfully retentive mind, always a shrewd observer, Oyama during the Franco-Prussian war absorbed a great deal of information which he used in organizing the Japanese army, discarding eventually the tactics of the German army for those of the French. As active as has been the Japanese field marshal, no less energetic has been the Marquis Oyama and members of her family in hospital work.

The Oyamas are delightful entertainers, the field marshal always taking

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TROUBLE AHEAD

THE REFERENDUM MOVEMENT THREATENS TO DISRUPT STATE INSTITUTIONS.

Employees Compelled to Discount Certificates Fifteen Per Cent in Order to Realize Upon Them From Brokers—Banks Do Accommodation Business.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

Already the disastrous effects of the referendum movement against the general appropriation bill, as enacted by the last legislature, are making themselves felt to an uncomfortable degree for the state institutions. The employees, who are obliged to discount their certificates at the rate of 15 per cent in order to realize upon them at all. This state of affairs, if continued, is liable to cause a disruption of the whole system of management of the state institutions.

The state funds for the support of the state institutions having been exhausted, the secretary of state has been issuing certificates for about two weeks. In most cases the employees have laid by a sufficient sum to allow them to hold their vouchers and certificates to save loss in discounting, but in many instances they are compelled to realize upon them immediately, and these are the ones who are suffering most from the effects of the referendum.

The banks here, as a matter of accommodation, offer to accept the vouchers as collateral upon a loan of 90 per cent of their face value, bearing interest at 7 and 8 per cent. They are not making a business of it, and are not anxious to handle them at any price on account of the uncertainty of the result. In two cases reported yesterday, where the holders of certificates were obliged to cash them in order to take their departure, the best they could realize upon them from the brokers was 85 per cent.

This condition of affairs, the state officials say, may precipitate trouble in the state institutions, where the employees complain of the small salaries received, to say nothing of their being discounted. The highest discount in 1897, when the same condition existed, was 10 per cent.

The first referendum petition for this county was filed with the county clerk yesterday, bearing twenty-two names. This petition comes from the Jefferson and Sidney neighborhoods.

HE IS IN NEVADA

GOVERNOR ISSUES REQUISITION FOR RETURN OF ROY H. MILLER TO THIS STATE.

Indicted by State Grand Jury for Baker County for Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses—Drew Certified Check Upon Sumpter Bank.

Upon the petition of District Attorney Leroy Lomax and others of the eighth judicial district, Governor Chamberlain yesterday issued a requisition upon the governor of Nevada for the extradition of Roy H. Miller, who is held by the authorities of Tonopah, Nevada, and is wanted in Sumpter, Baker county, to answer to the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Miller, who was formerly cashier of the First National bank of Sumpter, is charged with having issued a fraudulent check for \$15,000 upon the First National bank, payable to one A. F. Goss, for the purchase of the entire property of the Bank of Sumpter, assuming the office of president of the latter institution.

It developed at the grand jury investigation, as a result of an examination made into the account of the Bank of Sumpter, which was declared defunct last July by Receiver J. E. Reed, that Miller was indebted to the First National bank the sum of \$7500, the withdrawal of which amount from the Bank of Sumpter and payment to the First National caused the failure of the former. Miller is charged with having issued a certified check for \$15,000 upon the First National bank, which the officers refused to honor.

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ANNUAL SESSION OF OREGON CONFERENCE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH ADJOURNS.

Five Days' Session of Religious Convention Ended Yesterday—Reports of Committees Received and Appointments Made.

After five days of unremitting toil and labor, the Oregon conference of the United Evangelical church concluded its annual session yesterday noon, and adjourned until the second Thursday preceding the second Sunday of April, when the convention will be called together at St. Johns, Or.

The chief business of yesterday's session was the reception of the financial report and the announcement of the appointments for the coming year. The financial report shows the mission in this state to be in a flourishing condition and with every prospect of a splendid year coming.

Sunday there were special devotional services over which Rt. Rev. W. F. Heil of Chicago, Ill., presided, preaching morning, afternoon and evening. The pretty little church was crowded with people at all three services and eagerly to the sermons delivered by Bishop Heil. During the evening services a call for subscriptions to the missionary work in this state went out from the pulpit, which met with hearty response from those present, and a total of over \$800 was subscribed.

Besides this there was a bishop's collection, which showed returns of \$31.10, taken up at the morning service.

By the new appointments, Salem is to lose its genial pastor, Rev. C. T. Hurd, who is transferred to Corvallis. He will be succeeded by Rev. H. A. Deek, formerly of Corvallis. Mr. Deek is now in the East, having been called there by the illness of one of his children, and the local pulpit will be supplied by Rev. G. F. Phelps, the conference evangelist of this state. Mr. Heil expects to leave Salem from Corvallis on Friday, when Mr. Phelps will arrive to continue the work of the church here in this city.

The appointments for the year follow:

Portland district, Rev. H. L. Pratt, presiding elder; First Portland district, Rev. A. A. Winter; second Portland district, Rev. J. Boussois; St. Johns and Columbia, Rev. E. E. McVickers; Troutdale, Rev. H. B. Harris; Hillsboro, Rev. Frank Phelps; Laurel, Rev. F. L. Loeche; Dayton and Lafayette, Rev. M. B. Young; Brooks and Scenicville, Rev. C. P. Gates; Sweethome, Rev. W. P. Plozman; Salem, Rev. H. A. Deek; Irrigon, Rev. G. L. Lovell; Chehalis, Rev. L. Ed. Larmer; Dallas district, Rev. M. J. Ballantyne, presiding elder; Dallas, Rev. C. F. Faling; Bridgeport, Rev. M. J. Ballantyne; Lewisville and King's Valley, Rev. H. J. Holzappel; Independence, Rev. A. W. Brickley; Buell and Alsea, Rev. A. M. Wood; Corvallis, Rev. G. T. Hurd; Mapleton, Rev. C. A. Burris; Florence, Rev. J. L. Burris; conference evangelist, Rev. G. F. Phelps.

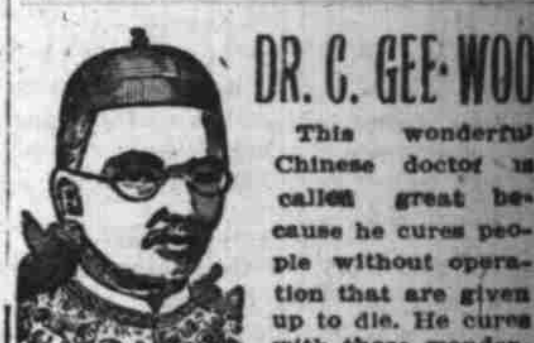
Bishop Heil, who presided over the deliberations of the five days' convention, will remain in Oregon throughout the month of April, visiting all the church missions in the state. Sunday he will be at Dallas, where he will assist at the dedication of the new church in that place.

The reverend gentleman is highly honored of the city of Salem. It is his second visit here, and he says the city and its environs grow upon one. He likes it particularly for its domesticity and in a talk with a Statesman man yesterday he said many pretty things about the city and its people.

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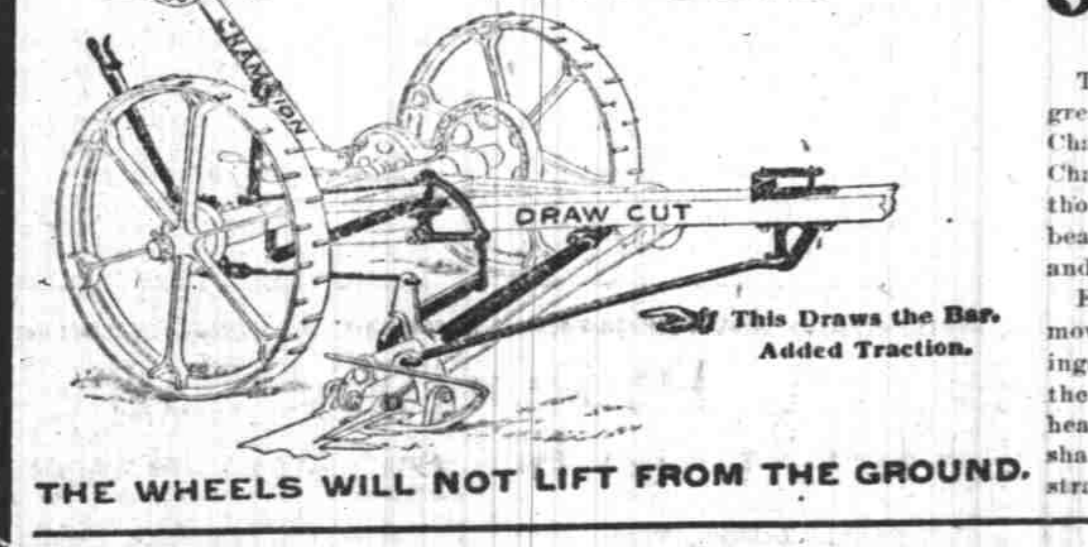
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