

TIMBER LAND FRAUDS

Department Ready to Spring a Genuine Sensation

School Teachers in Minnesota Sent Here to Locate Fall Out Over Division of Plunder

San Francisco, Oct. 28.—For some unaccountable reason news sources at Washington that might, if they were permitted, give to the public the names of men who are suspected of complicity in the land frauds in Oregon and California, Washington state and Idaho, are silent and refuse to act as purveyors of general information. The press associations and special correspondents evince the same inclination to secrecy, and neither the names of suspected congressmen or the extent of the alleged swindles can be learned.

Of course there is suspicion in the minds of many who the offenders are, but as Uncle Sam's bureau will not deny or affirm the stories, the press has been discreet in placing itself in

a safe position, and refusing to guess the titles of the manipulators.

F. A. Hyde's and John A. Benson's specific denials of complicity in the land deals which have thus far been unanswered by the special agents of the interior department, have set at rest the rumors of their connection with the ring at San Francisco, at least. Hyde now talks libel suits and damages against the government officials, and at Washington the interior officials smile and shake their heads.

The Associated Press has gone no further than to state that the supposed frauds were during the term of Binger Hermann as land commissioner, and some of the Eastern newspapers have attempted to form some connection between the Ware-McKinley cases and the present rumpus in Secretary Hitchcock's office. The department says that the two classes of charges in the case mentioned are of an entirely different character, and that while there may have been some collusion, there is no reason to suspect that the Ware-McKinley cases will have any bearing on the "big" scandal that is about to be developed. The matter of the Eugene land office was of small consequence, and purely local, so the story is told.

The real sensation, it is said at the capital, will not come out of the charges against Hyde, Schneider and Benson, but will develop when it is shown what the big Eastern timber dealers have been doing to get hold of the valuable timber lands. An inkling was given of the nature of the exposures the other day when Minnesota school teachers quarreled over money received from timber land syn-

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dicates for timber locations. The teachers, in many instances, had been given vacations to travel to Oregon and Washington for the purpose of settling on timber lands, which were, when secured, to be turned over to the lumbermen. Some of the teachers failed of reinstatement, and the row ensued. The government is checking up a number of false entries, and may cancel thousands of acres of the holdings secured by trick and device.

Employers to Perfect Organization.

Chicago, Oct. 28.—It is expected that the organization of the National Federation of Employers' association, which was begun last month, will be perfected at the two days' conference which opened in Chicago today. Representatives from local associations throughout the country are attending the conference.

To combat the teachings of industrial democracy is the avowed purpose of the new organization. A national organ will be published and a campaign of education among wage-earners begun in an effort to show that Socialistic ideas threaten society and that democratization of industrial affairs is impending. The federation will put 100 organizers in the field to form subsidiary organizations and will look after legislation in Washington and in the various states.

Peace in Venezuela at Last.

Caracas, Oct. 28.—Today was the anniversary of the birth of Simon Bolivar, Venezuela's liberator, and the customary celebration of the event was made memorable by the formal announcement of the re-establishment of peace, following the recent battle at Ciudad Bolivar, which effectually terminated the uprising which had been in progress for nearly three years. In his decree announcing the re-establishment of peace President Castro granted amnesty, effective today, to a large number of political prisoners.

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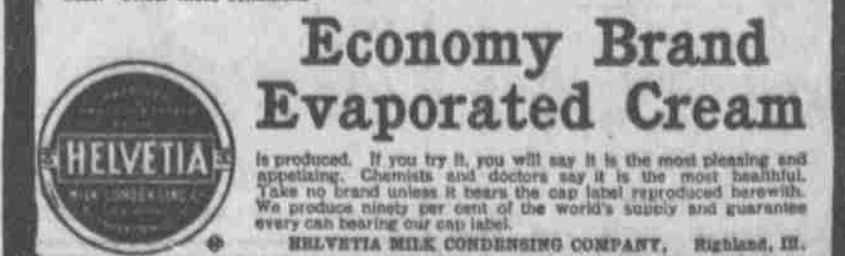
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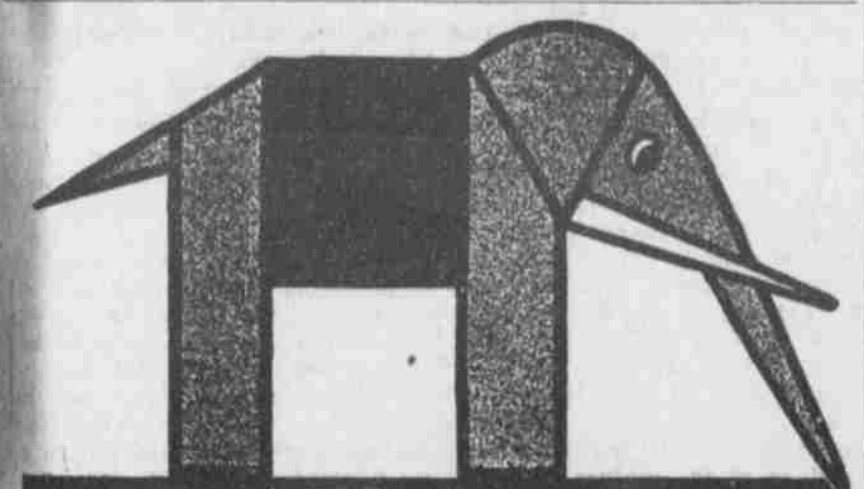
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