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GRAND JURY INDICT

At Least One Member of School Land Ring According to Late Rumor

The grand jury commenced its work this morning, by going over the evidence, and it was some time before a witness was examined. It was the intention of that body to examine Notary Walls the first thing, but, after consideration, it was decided to thoroughly sift other evidence before he was called, so as to be better prepared to get at the facts supposed to be known by Walls and Notary Culver.

State Land Agent Oswald West returned from Portland last evening where he served a number of subpoenas on witnesses wanted by the grand jury. That a sensation is about to come to light is certain, and that it will be far-reaching in consequences is an absolute certainty.

Ex-District Attorney Chas. F. Lord, of Portland, is expected to be a star witness this afternoon or tomorrow.

Deputy County Attorney J. J. Fitzgerald, of Multnomah county will be a good witness, according to the rumors that are afloat around the confines of the grand jury room. They are expecting "something good" from the sealed lips of the metropolitan prosecuting official when he enters within the portals of the barred chamber.

W. T. Burney is another witness that the state is banking on to divulge secrets that will lead to a busy session in the circuit court when it reconvenes on May 22d. His connection with land men is well-known, and what he knows will fill several chapters, providing he tells all, and, as he is a truthful man, it is presumed that, under the pressure brought to bear on him by District Attorney McNary and the seven men conducting the investigation that he will not conceal anything that he knows.

Mrs. Oliver, also of Portland, is sought, but she is in Eastern Oregon at this particular time, at least that is the information The Journal has from Portland. Mr. West and several Portland officers searched for her, but could not find her. They say that her location is known, and that she will yet get a fee from Marion county to tell her little

tale of woe to that august body.

Geo. G. Brown, clerk of the state land board, was before the grand jury this morning. Mr. Brown is not implicated in any way with the transactions of the school land ring, and his testimony was purely of a corroborative nature as to parties appearing before the board and making applications for the purchase of school land. It is intended to show by his testimony that men conspired to become owners of vast tracts of land at the expense of the state through hired tools. His evidence was interesting, as it was proved beyond a doubt that a very few men had issued checks for the entire amount of money paid for large purchases of blocks of land.

Land Agent West was again before the grand jury this morning. As he is one of the interested parties in the prosecution, he did not give testimony, but related to the members and the district attorney his actions in Portland while serving subpoenas. He will probably return to that city the last of this week, and summon several more witnesses, providing the jury consider that their testimony would be of assistance to the state in returning indictments.

The grand jury appeared before Judge Burnett this morning and returned an indictment, it is said, but the nature of the matter is being carefully guarded, and, while it is announced in an unofficial way that an indictment has been returned, District Attorney McNary and State Land Agent West vigorously denied the statement.

It is almost a certainty, however, that one indictment was returned and is now in the hands of the sheriff for service. Just when it will be announced for the public is merely speculation, but it will not be at least until after the arrest of the person against whom it is returned.

Two new witnesses were in waiting this afternoon from Portland. They are George Knott, a clerk, in a cigar store, and A. J. Powell, a barber, and they will be called some time during the afternoon.

Miss Bessie Burton was called before the jury this afternoon. She was formerly a waitress at the Willamette hotel and has considerable knowledge of the operations of the land ring. She was only in the jury room a short time, and she was discharged.

ROBBERS SHOT WOMAN

Cherubusco, Ind., April 13.—Six masked burglars early this morning dynamited the safe of the Gandy's bank and secured over \$6000. A family was awakened by the explosion, and attempted to prevent the robbery, and in the shooting which followed Mrs. Gandy, wife of the banker, was shot in the neck, but her injuries are not fatal. The robbers escaped.

FARMERS AFTER THE SMELTERS

Salt Lake, April 13.—Papers were drawn up today in one of the most far-reaching suits in the history of Utah. The farmers in the vicinity of the smelters here will ask the courts to permanently restrain smelters from operating in Salt Lake valley. If the injunction is granted it will paralyze the mining industry of the inter-mountain region, throwing thousands of men out of work. The farmers want the smelters condemned as a nuisance and a detriment to crops.

Illinois Central Wreck. Vicksburg, April 13.—An Illinois Central passenger train jumped the track near Harde, at 12:30 o'clock this morning, and plunged down an embankment. Several passengers and members of the crew were injured, but none were reported killed.

Earthquake Causes Many Deaths. Simla, April 13.—Further reports from outlying districts state that the recent earthquake caused 400 deaths in the state of Mandi. Many hundreds were killed in the Saltanpur district.

INDICT BEEF MAGNATES

Chicago, April 13.—Two indictments were returned by the United States grand jury in the beef trust investigation this morning, and bench warrants were immediately issued by Judge Humphreys for the apprehension of the persons named in the papers. Strict orders were issued by the court to keep the names quiet until the arrests were made. The indictments are said to be for conspiracy and intimidation of witnesses, although perjury may be the allegation.

It is rumored that it will include the head of one of the big packing companies, and a prominent employe of another. Edward D. Fish, one of the department commanders of Schwarz, Schils & Sulzberger, who returned from Canada yesterday, was arrested today and held in a \$10,000 bond to appear as a witness before the grand jury.

FOUND HUSBAND IN ROOM

Cripple Creek, April 13.—Mrs. Samuel Vidlock, wife of a well-known newspaper man and also chairman of the Republican central committee, shot Mrs. Helen Coulter Douglas, said to be a society woman of Colorado Springs, through the heart in a room in the National hotel this morning. It is reported that she found her husband in a room with the woman.

Jail Destroyed. Clarksburg, April 13.—Seven prisoners in the county jail at Weston blew up a portion of the structure with nitro-glycerine early this morning and escaped. Bloodhounds are in pursuit of the men.

BURTON INDICTED AGAIN

St. Louis, April 13.—The federal grand jury today again indicted United States Senator Burton, of Kansas on five counts. In three of the five he is charged that he made an agreement with the Rialto Grain Security Company to protect them from a postal investigation, and the other two that he accepted money for these services.

CAUGHT LIVE COONS

Frederick, Okla., April 13.—President Roosevelt concluded his four-days' hunt in the Indian pasture reserve at noon today. His last wolf chase was made from camp toward the east line of the reserve, where he took dinner and rested. He is expected here at 6 o'clock this afternoon. Governor Ferguson and party are awaiting the President and will escort him to the train, which will leave at 8:25 o'clock for Colorado. The President is expected to make a brief speech to the crowds awaiting him. Aside from wolves, the party killed 11 coyotes, and the President captured two coons on Tuesday. He is in high spirits.

FINANCE SECOND TO LOVE

Chicago, April 13.—John W. Gates reached Chicago yesterday morning. Finance stumbled in its operations to permit a troubled man to touch the human side of life. Mr. Gates was on his way to St. Charles to pay a last respect to his father, who was dying.

The Gates family is strong in its love and its hates. It comes from an intense stock. On the board of trade some 20,000,000 or 30,000,000 bushels of wheat bought for delivery next month were awaiting Mr. Gates' will. Market prices nervously bounded up and down, principally up. Still, this did not interfere with the speculator's one thought to get to St. Charles, and say a last farewell to the man who gave him life. He left at noon for the old home. Gates, senior, is not expected to live over the night.

While the market felt vigorous electric touches, the man who is waging the tremendous wheat control issue with the Armours was going westward to honor his sire. Finance shrinks into insignificance when it meets filial love. That is possibly why the trading today did not amount to more than 250,000 bushels.

The father is Asel Gates; the son was born in 1855, although some of his rivals insist that he came into existence 500 years ago, judging by the way he has "rigged," as they say, many of their cherished schemes to overthrow him.

Gates, senior, is as much a character as his son. He has been ill before. Then he has recovered; his vitality has been remarkable, equal to, if not greater than that of his son, although John W. has been killed off half a dozen times by his opponents and the doctors, only to reappear strong, courageous and indomitable as before. This time, though, the father is surrendering.

One of the close friends of Mr. Gates said, after his leaving for St. Charles, this afternoon:

"So far as the wheat market is concerned, he is not letting go of any transactions in which he may be. He is not the type of a man to quit when all market conditions favor his judgment or to quit when temporary conditions might drive a less powerful man into flight. Whatever he is doing in the wheat market is being sustained, and will be kept so until his own judgment dictates a settlement."

Meanwhile finance halted; the dying man at St. Charles and the love borne him by his son rose above the sordid turns of the wheel of money. Love and death held back the market.

Women Elect Officers. Washington, April 13.—Mrs. Mary Wood Swift, of San Francisco, was today elected president of the National Council of Women, now in session here. Mrs. Bellinda S. Bailey, of San Francisco, was elected corresponding secretary.

RUSSIAN FLEET IS SIGHTED

Singapore, April 13.—The Steamer Nubia reported this morning that at noon Tuesday she passed the Russian fleet of not less than 42 vessels in latitude 8 degrees north, longitude 109 degrees east. The fleet was steaming north at the rate of nine knots an hour, presumably for Saigon.

Hong Kong, April 13.—The British cruiser Ippegenia telegraphed to naval authorities today a wireless message that it had passed 42 Russian warships 140 miles south of Saigon. The fleet was headed north. Two Japanese warships passed Cape Rock, at Hong Kong on Tuesday night, going south at full speed.

London, April 13.—News was received here today that the Russian fleet was engaged yesterday in coaling off the Natuna islands, 125 miles north-east of the Anambas group.

Gunshu Ling, April 13.—The Japanese have occupied Taiulu Chun, north-west of Schuan Miaozy. Better weather prevails, and a renewal of the fighting is expected shortly.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—General Linevitch reports that the Russians dislodged the Japanese from their positions at Nanchutsia on April 11th.

Paris, April 13.—Captain Rhode, the French attache with the Manchurian army, reports that the Russian army has been reinforced, and is now ready to renew the battle. He says the Japanese advance guard is barely 10 miles away, and that frequently cavalry skirmishes occur.

Washington, April 13.—The army department has asked the Russian government to grant permission to replace the two officers of the United States

army captured by the Japanese at Mukden.

Paris, April 13.—Herr Bekel, the Russian agent, has, according to a dispatch from St. Petersburg, collected 70,000 tons of coal at Saigon and 50,000 tons at Shanghai, for the use of the Russian fleet.

Washington, April 13.—The navy department is advised that the cruiser Raleigh has sailed from Labuan, Borneo, for Cuyo, Philippine Islands. The Raleigh is watching the movements of the hostile fleets, and is evidently informed of the departure of the Russian fleet to the northward.

Singapore, April 13.—The German collier Hindoo, which was refused clearance papers yesterday, was released today. The vessel left this port, heading for Saigon.

Saigon, April 13.—Admiral Rojastvensky's hospital ship arrived here last night to take on provisions, coal and medicines, and will leave tomorrow to join the main squadron.

Derrick Fell. St. Petersburg, April 13.—Derrick at the Putloff works fell this afternoon, killing 11 men and injuring 15 others.

Adolph Weber Sentenced. Auburn, Cal., April 13.—Adolph Weber, convicted of the murder of his mother, and is also accused of the murder of his father, brother and sister, appeared in court today for sentence. When the case was called the prisoner was asked to stand up. He looked pale and worn, and had to be lifted to his feet by the sheriff. The defendant's attorney filed numerous affidavits to support a motion for a new trial.

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