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### Republicans Open Campaign.

Washington, July 20.—The Republican congressional campaign committee is preparing for the opening of the congressional campaign in the various states and congressional campaign headquarters will be opened today in New York and many other cities throughout the country. The record for the first session of the fifty-sixth congress will be used as campaign document during the campaign this fall.

The session just closed was one of the most notable since the adoption of the constitution, said Representative James A. Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the house committee on appropriations and vice-chairman of the Republican campaign committee. A vast amount of important legislation was enacted, and congress responded to nearly every popular demand upon it. I see nothing in the present situation that would justify even a doubt that the Republicans will not control the house in the sixtieth congress.

It is generally understood that, according to the plans of the campaign committee the coming campaign will be one of argument and statistics. Among the most prominent campaign orators this fall will be Speaker Cannon, Secretary Shaw, Secretary Taft, Vice-President Fairbanks, Senator Beveridge, Representative Hill of Connecticut, and Representative Payne of New York.

### Honoring Petrarch's Memory.

Arezzo, Italy, July 20.—Six hundred and two years ago today, on July 20, 1304, Francesco Petrarco, better known to the world as Francesco Petrarca, or Petrarch, was born here, the son of exiles from Florence. He is one of the four great poets of Italy and the anniversary of his birth is observed not only throughout Italy, but wherever there are people with literary tastes. The celebration here consisted principally in memorial exercises at the birthplaces of the great poet and the reading of some of his most famous works.

Petrarch entered a monastic school and later took orders in the church, but never served as a parish priest, but became attached as chaplain or secretary to the households of various great nobles, and later serving the states in various diplomatic and ceremonial positions. In 1341, at the capitol in Rome he was crowned with a laurel wreath, as the greatest Italian poet of his time. He died on July 18, 1374, at Arqua.

### Will Continue Signal School.

Fort Leavenworth, Kan., July 20.—The signal corps of the United States army has been maintaining a school here, from which seven officers have graduated this year. The work of the institution has been attended with so much success that it will be continued next year, the new session opening about September 1, with four or five officers of the signal corps and as many more line officers, to whom it is considered advisable to impart the system of communication in the field, together with a knowledge of signal corps apparatus and equipment.

### Fighting a New Boct.

Paris, July 20.—A few days ago a peculiar-looking individual made his appearance on the boulevards, creating considerable interest and curiosity by his peculiar garb and actions. He

is a tall man with long hair and beard, is clad in a white monk's robe, and wears sandals on his bare feet. Those who accost him receive this answer: "I am Mava, and those who follow me are Meva."

This queer fellow, it appears, is a Dutchman by birth, named Salomonson. He has been in the consular service, and spent some time in Java, where he became imbued with a new semi-religious creed, for which he now seeks to make propaganda.

This modern apostle only eats raw fruit, vegetables and nuts. No liquid of any sort, he claims, has passed his lips, since Sept., 1891. He eschews salt, which, he says, is the root of all evil and illness. All these interesting particulars are set forth in a pamphlet printed in four languages, which this exponent of the ultra-simple life presents to those who appear interested.

### Radium in Water.

The thermal waters of S. Giuliano, near Pisa, have been found to contain highly active chemical emanations of a substance closely resembling radium. Many mineral waters have these emanations, but few contain the radium in a condensable form, whereas Professor Battelli of Pisa university has proved this property of the S. Giuliano water, the sides of tubes in which the water is placed after condensation being distinctly luminous.

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## LAND FRAUD TRIALS FROM ASHLAND

### H. W. Miller Stands Up and Tells Stories That Will Make Trouble for a Number of People

Brazen and unblushing, with studied indifference to his own part of the swindle, Henry W. Miller, in the federal court today, supplemented his story of yesterday, laying bare the details of the unlawful scheme by which he, Frank E. Kincart, Martin G. Hoge and Charles Nickell, are charged with having conspired to induce numerous residents of Placer and Medford to commit perjury in making applications for land under the timber and stone act.

Miller described how he had entered into the conspiracy with Kincart, how they had agreed upon a course, concocted the bogus "Emmettsburg of New Zealand Company," and started out to inveigle the unsuspecting out of their money. He went further and drew Charles Nickell into the scheme and told how the latter, after the first bunch had emptied their pocketbooks into the conspirators' coffers, slapped him on the back and felicitated him on the fact that he had gone about it in the right way.

Then came the entrance of Martin W. Hoge into the scheme, with the details of how he became the legal adviser of the trio and later became a hustler for victims at so much each Hoge, so it is said, was a good investment, and so zealously did he enter into the spirit of the thing that he was made a special proposition whereby he was to receive \$5 apiece for victims as soon as they applied and \$10 on final proof.

Before the noon adjournment Miller told how Hoge even went to the point of having him sign a bogus receipt showing that he (Hoge) had filed on a piece of land and paid his location fees when the arrangement was that for and in consideration of his rustling "suckers" his location was to be made free of charge.

### Question Regarding Juror

When court opened this morning Special Assistant Attorney-General Hemeny said his attention had been called to the fact that Charles C. Bradley one of the jurymen, might be ineligible to sit, because of his having taken out only his first papers. Judge Thomas O'Day, attorney for the defense, waived any objection that might be raised, and stipulated that the record might show that Bradley is a citizen and eligible to sit. Then the trial proceeded with the recalling of Miller to the witness stand.

Miller said he showed Nickell the bogus contracts about a week after meeting him and right after the first

bunch from Placer had filed. Then it was they agreed upon a division of the fees for swearing the applicants and publishing their notices in the Southern Oregonian, Nickell's paper. His office as a United States commissioner was in the same room with the newspaper office. Miller represented to Nickell that he thought he could get 100 applicants, but Nickell was skeptical. The scheme had been worked before, he said, and he doubted if he could get that many.

The first Placer bunch consisted of Lafayette Lane, Henry O. Williams, Lizzie Williams, Mollie Irwin, W. Leabo, Allen Irwin and Olive Majors. Williams came to see him first and said he had been appointed a committee of one to look into the proposition. He wanted to know the names of some of the head men of the company and was finally given the fictitious name of J. D. Wilson, of Minneapolis, Minn. Williams was satisfied and said he would get about six members of his own family.

### Good "Sucker" Proposition.

"Did Kincart tell you what kind of timber it was?" asked Mr. Hemeny. "Yes; he said it was no good, and the best 'sucker' proposition in the whole state," answered Miller in a brazen voice.

They all thought it was not necessary to go to the timber, he said, but the victims thought it would look better to go out in the woods than to go right before the commissioner and file. When they returned they all went before Nickell and filed their applications. Then the victims went to Miller and Kincart's room, signed the contracts to turn the land over to the "Emmettsburg of New Zealand Company," upon final proof and paid their location fees. As they passed out of Nickell's office, Miller said, Nickell passed him on the back and told him he was "going to them in proper style."

The contracts signed in Miller's room were burned about a week after that, Miller said. Not all of the victims paid their location fees. Lafayette Lane, who, Miller explained, was a "preferred creditor," out of his consideration for boosting the thing along Miller said that he represented that he got no part of the location fees, but that after the lands went to final proof he was to get 25 cents an acre.

### Rustling Other Suckers.

When this was all over Miller testified, they went to work rustling another "bunch of suckers." They wrote to Dr. Olive Major at Placer, who had been promised a claim out of consideration for his getting a box of the boys to take up land. A correspondence followed in which Major was urged to hurry up with a bunch of mining men, for the "owner the thing got started, the sooner the pot would begin to boil, you understand." Major, Miller testified, did not know it was a bogus game.

Then Major rustled up a bunch that went over the same ground. The second list consisted of Dr. Olive Major, Thomas C. Hill, Fred C. Milton, William Dewalt and Edith Butler. These, however, Miller said, went before Commissioner Brighton, another commissioner, and a rival newspaper published at Medford, and made application for the land they thought they were filing upon.

Having exhausted the ready supply of victims at Placer, they turned to fresher fields and Medford was next selected. Then Hoge was drawn into the scheme. He came into Miller's room one day with Charles Johnson, a prospective victim. Hoge wanted to file on a piece of land. Miller had represented that he wanted some good men who could keep their mouths shut and turn the land over to his company as soon as it had gone to final proof. Hoge was in. He looked into the matter and satisfied his legal mind that it was all right.

Then Miller made him the proposition that if he would do a little hustling he would locate him without cost. He liked the idea and went to work.



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He brought in several among whom were Johnson and Luckenbach. Hoge was so successful that he was offered \$5 for each one he got as soon as Miller got his fee of \$25 and \$10 more on final proof. Then others were engaged to rustle, among them David Irwin, a cousin of the other Irwin, and Solomon Landers. Hoge did a good business and was paid in all about \$100. He acted as the legal adviser and quieted the fears of some of the timid ones, who wanted to be shown.

Then Luckenbach suspected something and told Miller his scheme was a fake and that the company was a bogus one. He was let in on the plot and informed by Miller that in the absence of Kincart, who was then away, he might take his place and share the spoils. The new man hustled hard and added several more victims. Miller was still on the stand when the court adjourned at noon.

Just before the trial opened yesterday afternoon, Frank E. Kincart, one of the defendants, changed his plea to guilty. This was a severe jolt to the defense, coming as it did immediately before Henry W. Miller, another of the defendants went on the witness stand and told the story of the conspiracy formed in the first place between himself and Kincart, and then carried to Charles Nickell.

Miller detailed how he and Kincart talked the matter over at Myrtle Creek and agreed that they would form a deal to fish suckers of locating fees. The scheme was that Miller would represent himself as the agent of a bogus concern called by the high sounding title "The Emmettsburg of New Zealand Company." Kincart was to be the official cruiser, Miller was to represent that his company wanted to buy Southern Oregon timber land. He confessed that there was no such company and that all they expected to get was the locators' fees. Contracts to be signed up between the company and the suckers were arranged.

Then they looked the field over for suckers, as Miller frankly styled their intended victims. Readily the town of Placer was agreed upon as just the place and a trip was made there to begin work. Dr. Olive Major was agreed upon as a sort of bellwether on the theory that if they could get him interested all the rest would bite, as Miller said. They saw Dr. Major and then went to Medford where they met Nickell and arranged with him to divide the spoils received from publications of land notices. Nickell, so Miller testified, agreed to print all the bogus contracts they wanted without cost. Miller was still on the stand when court adjourned.

The following jury was empaneled within an hour yesterday afternoon, after Judge Hunt had ordered the trial to proceed, regardless of Martin G. Hoge's weak back.

Charles C. Bradley, merchant, Portland; M. F. Dawson, farmer, Albany; Charles Kuykendall, farmer, North Yamhill; William Beard, farmer, Oregon City; Alfred Simpkins, farmer, Spring Valley; Henry Hoge, farmer, Farmington; C. H. Kopf, bookkeeper, Portland; Milton Damon, farmer, Portland; Newton Branson, farmer, Bellevue; E. C. Appawson, banker, McMinnville; Phillip A. Graves, farmer, Liberal.

After the jury had been selected Mr. Hoge withdrew his application for a continuance and appeared to have almost completely recovered from the effects of his severe illness of the day before.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### St. Joseph's Catholic.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. First mass at 7 a. m. High mass 10 a. m. Benediction at 7 p. m.

### German Lutheran.

Regular services at 10:30 a. m. in German Lutheran St. Johns church, corner of Center and 14th streets. Georg Engel, pastor.

### Pentecostal Mission.

Fifteenth and Mill streets. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Testimony meeting at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting on Friday evening. Will be glad to see you.

### Christ Lutheran.

East State street. Rev. Adolph Berler, pastor. Sixth Sunday after Holy Trinity. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Altar service at 10:30 a. m. Sermon at 11 a. m. Strangers welcome.

### Central Congregational.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Evening meeting at 7 p. m. No preaching services as tomorrow is pastor's day at Willard. Bible study meeting Thursday evening.

### Highland Avenue.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m. Evening prayer daily invited. Prayer meeting, Sunday at 8 p. m. Oliver N. Kenworthy, pastor.

### St. Paul's Episcopal.

Chemeketa and Church streets. Rev. Baer G. Lee, rector. Sixth Sunday after Trinity. Services at 7:30 a. m. and 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. There will be no evening service.

### First Congregational.

Preaching at 10:30 a. m. by Bro. Andrew M. Rockwood, of Portland. Sunday school at 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 o'clock. At 8 p. m. this church will join in union service at the First Presbyterian church.

### First Presbyterian.

Preaching at 10:30 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. H. T. Babcock. Theme: "New Birth." Sabbath school at 12 m. Union Senior and Junior C. E. at 7 p. m. Union sermon in Presbyterian church at 8 p. m., preaching by H. A. Deck.

### First Christian.

The First Christian church will hold its morning services in Tioga hall, over Barr's jewelry store at 10:30 o'clock. Theme: "Have You Departed from the faith?" Bible school at 12 m. Junior C. E. at 3 p. m. Senior C. E. at 7 p. m. Union services at the First Presbyterian church. D. Errett, pastor.

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