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PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS, FIVE CENTS

## TITLE TO 200,000 ACRES OIL LAND IN CALIFORNIA, ESTIMATED TO BE WORTH \$500,000,000 LIES WITH S. P. CO.

Cleveland and Detroit Citizens, Who Sought Mineral Patents  
on the Property, Are Involved in Test Suit  
Brought by Burke and Lamprecht

## UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT ANSWERS SEVEN LAND QUESTIONS

In Decision of Court, Petroleum Is Defined as a Mineral and  
That Is So Classed in Legislation—Lands Granted  
on the Theory They Were Agricultural

Washington, June 22.—The United States supreme court today decided in the Southern Pacific railroad company's favor in the two test cases of Edmund Burke and J. J. Lamprecht, attacking the railroad's title to 200,000 acres of California oil lands estimated to be worth \$500,000,000.

Besides Burke and Lamprecht, there were involved in the litigation, California, Detroit and Cleveland citizens who sought mineral patents on the property, which the company held under oil construction grants.

Minerals Not Included.  
The court answered seven questions, as follows:

1. Did the land grants to the railroad include mineral lands, known to be such prior to the issuance of the company's patents in 1867?
2. Does a patent under a grant excluding mineral land, issued, however, without any federal investigation, convey lands afterward found to contain minerals?
3. Is a mineral reservation of patents void?
4. If a mineral reservation is void, then is a patent conclusive evidence that land is agricultural?
5. Is petroleum a mineral within the land patent law?
6. Is a plaintiff barred from claiming land because he had no interest in it when the railroad secured its patents?
7. Is the railroad barred from denying the validity of the mineral reservation clause?

**Railroad Title Good.**  
The court expressed the opinion that the railroad's title to land in controversy was at least better than that of "outside" persons advancing rival claims. The government was held, however, to have been practically negligent in granting patents to the lands without investigating to determine whether they contained minerals.

**Issue Is Grave One.**  
He pointed out that the issue involved was a grave one, inasmuch as it affected not only lands owned by railroad companies but millions of acres sold by them to farmers and for cities. Referring to the original land grants to the Southern Pacific, he intimated that the secretary of the interior should have inquired whether the land was subject to entry before issuing patents.

## AUTOS WILL PARADE EXCURSIONS ARE PLANNED

MOTORCYCLE RACES DRAW WELL

Decorated Auto Parade Will Be the  
Biggest and Best Ever Pulled Off in  
Capital City.

Interest in the Cherry fair in the smaller towns of the valley has resulted in the organization of a number of auto excursions which are planned for fair week, and on Friday, which will be Independence-Monmouth day, about 60 auto loads of people from these two towns will visit the Cherry fair. The autos will form in line of parade in West Salem, where they will be met by a committee from the Cherrians and will parade down Commercial street and out State street.

The automobile parade committee, which has charge of the floral parade to start at 1:00 p. m. on Thursday, reports that a large number of decorated autos will be in the parade, and that not only will it be the largest parade of autos ever lined up in this city but that the decorations will far eclipse any ever attempted in former years. Vick brothers have offered a special prize of \$25 for the best decorated Ford in addition to the \$175 in cash prizes offered by the auto committee. The prizes will be awarded as follows: First prize, \$75; second prize, \$45; third prize, \$30; fourth prize, \$15; fifth prize, \$10.

**Prizes for Beauty.**  
The committee states that beauty or design and originality will be considered in awarding prizes, and preference will be given to natural flowers, but both natural flowers and artificial flowers may be used for decorating. The judges will be strangers to all participants and the awarding will be made by number with the number of the car to be used for identification by the judges.

The following auto owners have promised to enter decorated cars:

- A. J. Anderson, Salem fire department; George H. Burnett, James W. Crawford, W. C. Knighton, T. B. Kay, F. A. Elliott, Ray L. Turner, Charles A. Glaze, Mem Pierce, W. H. Lerchen, J. H. Albert, Rees and Elgin, R. S. Nelson, J. P. Rodgers, William S. Walton, H. J. Wendroth, C. C. Foreman, H. C. White, W. C. Hamilton, McHenry and Eoff, R. F. Peters, George F. Rodgers, H. A. Cornoyer, H. W. Meyers, Dr. P. J. Byrd, Earl H. Anderson, W. Bullock, Dr. R. E. L. Steiner, C. M. Eppley, Thomas R. Townsend, F. E. Mangis, E. M. Howard, Miss Jennie Fry, Miss Mary Eckerlin, D. O. Olmsted, R. H. Wasson, L. H. Hofer, W. H. Darby, M. E. Pogue, F. G. Deska-bach, H. A. Johnson & Co., G. W. Gray, Mrs. Asabel Bush, Jr., George H. Graves, E. L. Ferris, Miss Jim Spaulding, Miss Paula Linn, John D. Coughill, J. C. Evans, L. J. Chapin, Ralph D. Moores.

The following is the route of the parade:  
Automobiles decorated for the parade will form on North Commercial street, commencing on Marion street, moving south on Commercial street to Trade street, countermotor north on Commercial street to Perry, east on Perry to Liberty, north on Liberty to State, east on State to Twelfth, north on Twelfth to Court, west on Court to Liberty, south on Liberty to State, west on State to Commercial, north on Commercial to Court, east on Court to Liberty, north on Liberty to Chemekeas, east on Chemekeas to Cottage, south on Cottage to Wilcox Park and disband.

**BURGLARS GET JEWELRY.**  
Los Angeles, June 22.—Burglars smashed a plate glass window of the Nordlinger Jewelry company early today and stole jewelry valued at \$300. The window cost \$500.

## Latest Action Photos of War Operations in Mexico



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**MARKING TIME HAS BEEN THE PROGRAM FOR THE UNITED STATES FORCES IN Mexico most of the time of late, the soldiers speculating a great deal on just how rapid will be General Villa's advance on the federal forces at Mexico City. The Constitutionals have made important advances southward during the last few weeks. In the illustration (at the top) is shown the advance guard of Villa's army entering the city of Saltillo, and the lower photo shows two federal fighters making their escape from the rebels by means of a railway handcar.**

## FIGHTS WITH MANIAC FIERCEST BATTLE OFFICER MAY GET MEDAL OF THE REBELLION IN MEXICO SOON

INSANE MAN PLUNGES INTO BAY  
Patrolman Struggles With Maniac For  
Three Minutes and Finally Brings  
Him to Shore Fifty Feet Away.

Seattle, June 22.—It is believed Patrolman W. M. Gilley of the local police department will be recommended to Police Chief Griffiths for a medal as the result of the successful attempt by Gilley Saturday night to rescue Alex McLennan, insane from a determined effort to drown himself in the waters of Elliott Bay.

**CITIZENS OF VENICE  
THREATEN RACE WAR**  
Negroes With White Girls Are Object  
of Ire of Mob—Knives Are Flourished  
and Officers Use Night Sticks.

Venice, Cal., June 22.—Serious race trouble was threatened here today when a mob of white citizens surrounded four negro men who had come from Los Angeles with two white girls. The negroes flourished knives and were being shouldered by the crowd when Chief of Police Nettleton and four patrolmen fought their way into the mob and arrested five of the party. The officers were compelled to force the crowd back with their night sticks before they could clear a way for their prisoners.

**BOYS OUTNUMBER GIRLS**  
GIRLS LEAD IN BEAUTY, THOUGH  
Committee Working for the Biggest and  
Best Baby Show and Children's Parade  
Name List of Prizes.

Judging from the entries that are coming in rapidly for the baby show and children's parade to be held on Friday next, the tiny misses of Salem participating in the event are apt to be outnumbered by the boy babies. The list of entries to date shows a considerable larger number of boys than girls, though doubtless in a heavy contest the representatives of the fairer sex can score a victory with fewer numbers.

**MAYOR OF COPPERFIELD  
IS SHOT THREE TIMES**  
While Building Fence About His Place  
Former City Official Is Wounded  
from Ambush by Parties Unknown.

Copperfield, Ore., June 22.—Believed to have been the victim of enemies he made while mayor of Copperfield, from which position he, along with other town officials, was removed by Governor West last December, and the town placed under martial law, Henry H. Stewart was shot and probably fatally wounded by an unknown person or persons while building a fence on his ranch near here today.

## Decision of Interstate Commerce Commission Is Victory for Oregon R. R. Commission--Rates Lowered

Washington, June 22.—The interstate commerce commission today ruled in favor of a reduction of railroad rates on wool, hides and other commodities of a similar nature eastward from western points, and ordered the railroads to refund to shippers "unreasonable" charges plus six per cent. The decision was a victory for the Oregon railroad commission and the National Wool Growers' association.

## The Weather

Generally fair east, unsettled west tonight and Tuesday, probably showers; warmer east; report Tuesday; winds mostly southerly.



## 18 Union Men Walk Out at Ryan's New Market Early Today

Eighteen union men walked out of the R. R. Ryan market building this morning, striking because Mr. Ryan refused to discharge a non-union painter who showed up on the job today.

The men declare they have offered Mr. Ryan every concession and have further assured him that if he discharged the non-union worker that they would finish up certain pressing work free of charge in order to enable the Cherry fair committee to hold its show in a completed quarter of the building.