

### LAND FRAUD KING HELPS UNCLE SAM

S. A. D. Puter, Himself Once Convicted, Will Assail Others.

### WANTS ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNG LAWYER

Aids in Recovery of Oregon Timber Land and Has Revenge on False Friends.

S. A. D. Puter, known as the "King of the Oregon Land Fraud Ring," one of the men whose testimony helped to convict the late Oregon Senator, John H. Mitchell, who has served seventeen months in jail for his own land grabbing exploits, arrived in Washington yesterday full of desire to aid the Government in its further prosecutions of land grabbers in Oregon.

For Francis J. Heney, the famous prosecutor of the San Francisco graft cases and the man who has secured the conviction of many "big" men in the Pacific northwest, Mr. Puter has the highest regard, in spite of the fact that it was Heney and William J. Burns, one of the best of the Secret Service men, who sent him to the Multnomah county jail for almost a year and a half.

It is because he would like to see Heney continue his good work—and because he would like to see John McCort, the United States attorney for the Portland district, win the civil suits directed against many alleged land grabbers, that Puter has come all the way to Washington.

#### Seeks Assistance.

He intends to appear before the officials of the Department of Justice, and probably before President Roosevelt, in order that he may urge that Mr. McCort may be aided in the prosecution of these suits, the winning of one of which, he says, will mean the return to the public domain of almost 15,000 acres of fine timber land.

Puter, with Horace McKinley and several others, was indicted for conspiracy to defraud the Government of certain timber land in 1904, but was not brought to trial for almost two years. He is the man who made a sensational escape from Secret Service Agent Burns in Boston, in March, 1905, by turning a gun on him, making this famous elude acknowledgment that he was beaten.

In July, 1906, however, after a well-fought trial, Puter was convicted of conspiracy to defraud the Government, and was "sent up" for two years. He was pardoned by President Roosevelt in January, 1908, and since that day he has been working to aid the Government in

### HARD ON LAND GRABBERS



S. A. D. PUTER, Pardoned by the President, Comes From Oregon to Urge Prosecution of Others

the fight against other land-grabbers in Oregon.

According to Puter's story, he had been long engaged in business deals with a lumber company of Minneapolis. In a book he has just issued, telling of all his experiences in land-grabbing, Puter gives many letters and documents, which, he maintains, show that the concern is mixed up in land grabs.

#### Civil Suit Entered.

The statute of limitations interfering, however, with criminal prosecutions, the United States attorney, Mr. McCort, has instituted civil proceedings to recover title to the 14,000 acres involved. This land is at present estimated to be worth at least \$1,400,000, and it is believed that in a few years more its value will double.

According to Puter, the lumber company, like other concerns caught in the Government dragnet, will fight to the last ditch, and will procure the aid of the best lawyers in the entire coast country. His object in coming to Washington has been, he says, to interest the proper officials in the cases so that

the Department of Justice may so aid McCort that all this land shall come back into the public domain.

Puter does not haggle over terms. He admits that he did conspire to defraud the Government, and was convicted justly. He has a great admiration for Heney, for Burns, and, to a lesser degree, for McCort.

#### Doesn't Look "Bad."

He does not look like a "bad man," although his escape from Burns in Boston shows that he wasn't afraid to pull a gun when necessary. When asked by a reporter just why he had come to Washington to urge that the Department of Justice aid its young assistant McCort with other counsel, he said that he wanted to see these thousands of acres go back into the public domain.

But a little later, when asked the same question, he said that several men "high up" deserted him when he was on trial. For these two reasons it is possible that the company, the head of which is possessed of a round million or two, may lose some of the finest timber land in the State of Oregon. Puter looks as if he would fight long and hard.

### SOCIETY INTERESTED IN THE HORSE SHOW

Indications Are That Event at Benning Will Be a Pronounced Success.

With the opening of Washington's first horse show only a week off, society is manifesting much enthusiasm in the project to bring the Capital City into the list of horse show towns, and not only the local smart set, but horse lovers from Maryland, Virginia, and New York will be present in large numbers at the first annual exhibition of the Washington Horse Show and Racing Association to be held at the Washington Jockey Club's grounds throughout the week beginning October 12.

Many Washington families are returning earlier than their wont to be present at the show, and all indications now point to a pronounced success. Among the most prominent entries will be the horses from the stables of Reginald Vanderbilt, which will include some of the most famous winners in the country. Sidney J. Hallway will have a big entry of hunters, and Paul A. Sorg will show his famous Dignity and Respect.

Miss Helen Hibbs is expected to show several horses. Other local exhibitors will be C. C. Glover, Senator Forsaker, Charles F. Carusi, and William M. Dove.

Mrs. Allen Potts, of "Castle Hill," Cobham, Va., will show her famous mare Moonstone, winner of two blue ribbons the only time she was shown. E. H. Weatherbee will show his champion saddle mare, Irish Rose, winner of seventeen blues, and the celebrated hunter, David Gray, which has won the championship and more than 100 blue ribbons. Julian Morris' hunter team, which won last year at Madison Square Garden, will be on hand to compete for further honors.

Hermann Ullman, of Warrenton, will enter Lord Golden. C. W. Watson will bring on Lord Baltimore and My Maryland from the Fairmont Farms. Mrs. Blair Johnson's Robin Adair, the champion saddle horse of Virginia, which has won more than 112 ribbons and championships will be one of the attractions of the show. David Travers, of Culpeper will show Nedra.

The show will be followed by a daily racing program.

#### HOW GIRL STUDENTS HAZE.

SWARTHMORE, Pa., Oct. 3.—Not to be outdone, the young women of the sophomore class of Swarthmore College have adopted a novel form of hazing, declaring that the girls of the freshman class shall not imitate their high forms of pompousness by wearing puffs or "rats." The freshmen are, therefore, having a strenuous time. A few of the young women objected, but the "rats" came out just the same.

### LUNCHEON GIVEN IN BRICK PLANT

A luncheon was given by the Cranford Paving Company in its brick plant, 2620 E street northwest, yesterday afternoon, and a chance was given those interested in building and decorating to inspect the establishment.

From noon until 4 o'clock crowds of friends, including some of the brick experts of the country, visited the plant. L. F. Kwiatkowski, president of the International Sand-Lime Brick and Machinery Company, of New York, the inventor of a new kind of brick, was present, and explained his patent.

John Stewart, formerly well known in Washington business circles, has returned here to become manager of the plant.

### MAID IS ARRESTED ON THEFT CHARGE

Annie Bealor, seventeen years old, colored, is under arrest at the Tenth precinct police station, charged with the theft of clothing and silver spoons from Mrs. Otto Heidman, of the Whitney apartment house, 1323 Park road northwest. The girl had been employed by Mrs. Heidman as her maid.

People living in the Whitney have reported several times during the past three weeks the loss of various articles of clothing and jewelry, and the police believe that the young colored woman was responsible for these. When arrested she was wearing a green silk skirt which the police say Mrs. Heidman identified as one that was stolen from her.

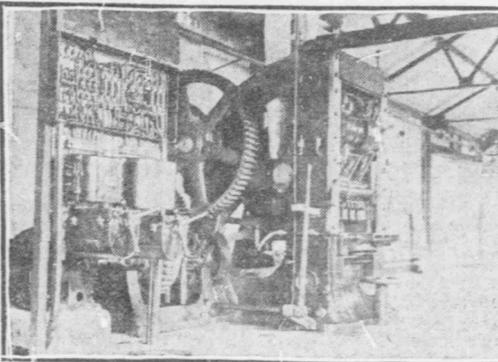
### WILL ASK DIVORCE, "BIGAMIST," SAYS HE

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Daniel F. Colahan has been appointed referee in the separation suit of Minnie F. P. Hemingway against her millionaire husband, Louis M. Hemingway. Mrs. Hemingway charges her husband with cruelty.

A peculiar feature of the woman's suit is that Hemingway charges that she was already a wife when he married her.

He declares that she had a husband living in Kansas, and that therefore her suit is not valid. Mrs. Hemingway, who has been getting \$50 a week alimony, now asks for \$100 a week. She was formerly Minnie Fern Green, a society belle of Battle Creek, Mich.

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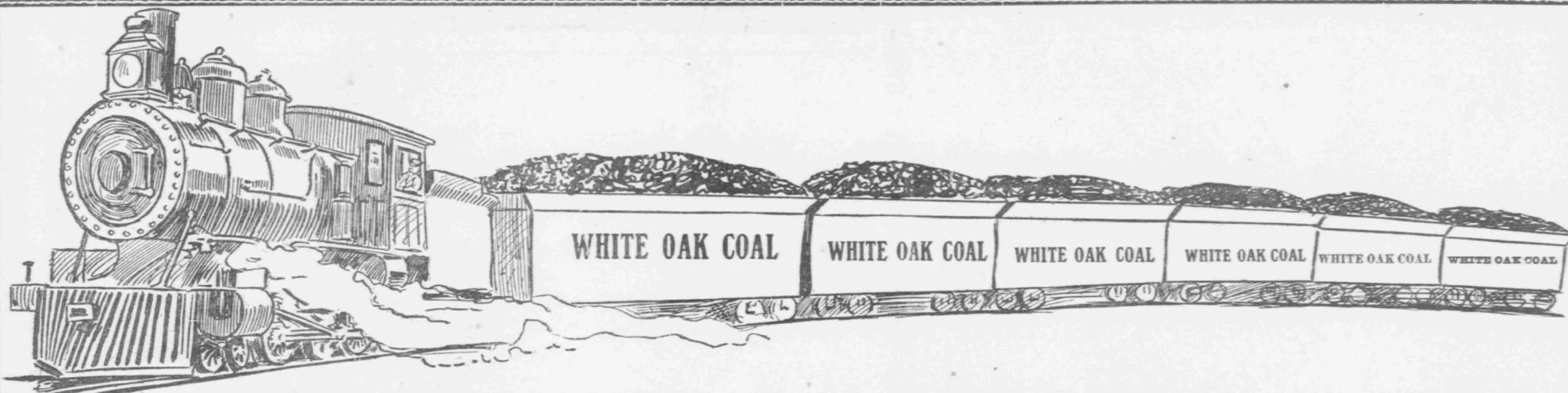
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