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## BIG LAND STEALS UNDER THE GLASS

### Railroads And Individuals Engaged In Thefts

### Government Will Spare No One and Some Federal Officials May Be Affected.

### MANY MILLIONS ARE INVOLVED

Salt Lake City, Nov. 29.—The grip of the government and of justice is tightening slowly about the organized gangs which, it is alleged, have for years, with the connivance of the land department, robbed the public domain of coal, mineral and timber lands valued at many millions of dollars. In the end, it is stated, every member of these gangs, whether he be a plain citizen of the United States or whether he occupies high official position, will be made to answer in the criminal courts.

While the interstate commerce commission is taking testimony here tending to show that the Rio Grande railroad and its constituent companies, the Utah Fuel company and the Pleasant Valley Coal company, have been securing by fraudulent means all of the coal lands in the state of Utah and consequently building up their monopoly in this line, the federal grand jury here is awaiting the outcome of the hearing with a view to gathering all of the guilty ones into its net.

M. C. Burch, special assistant attorney of the department of justice, is preparing to bring suits in Wyoming for the recovery of many thousands of acres of land. He already has begun five suits in this state against the Denver and Rio Grande railroad, the Utah Fuel company and the Pleasant Valley Coal company, seeking to recover more than 29,000 acres alleged to have been taken illegally from the government. Owing to the statute of limitations the government cannot go back beyond a period of six years, but the land frauds already uncovered and which will be disclosed during this period are so stupendous as almost to stagger the imagination.

The peculations of which the government complains have been perpetrated in Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, California, Oregon and possibly in other states. The robberies of the public domain have been almost as extensive. It is charged, in timber lands as in mineral lands. For example, there is pending against the Denver and Rio Grande railroad an injunction to restrain that company from selling or cutting any more of the timber lands claimed to have been taken illegally. It is charged, for example, that this company has acquired illegally 120,000,000 feet of lumber in the state of Colorado alone.

### Marcus Daly Is Accused.

Marcus Daly, with his Anaconda Copper company, is charged with stealing 110,000,000 feet of timber, and Hyde and Benson of California, are about to be tried for stealing 50,000 acres of government lands in sixteen different states.

That such enormous frauds, extending through a long period of years, could not have been perpetrated without the complicity of the land department is said to be a patent fact.

The organization against the government seems to have been stronger and more systematically carried out in Wyoming than in any other state. During the hearing here today a glimpse of the real power behind the throne was given when it was stated by government land agents that they had been compelled to see Senator Francis E. Warren regarding official business of the land department. Senator Warren is charged with having ruled the land office for a number of years.

The evidence today showed that special agents of the government land department had been protesting for several years against the fraudulent acquisitions of lands in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah, but without avail, and that in several instances they were either suspended, transferred or told flatly that the irregularities of which they complained were none of their business.

Honesty is a virtue of which men boast most when they have the least of it.

## HIGH SCHOOL AND R. L. C.'S TODAY

### Struggle For Local Gridiron Championship.

### More Enthusiasm Over Football This Season Than Ever Before in History.

### LARGE ATTENDANCE EXPECTED

More enthusiasm has been aroused in football games this season than ever before, and the game this afternoon between the High School and R. L. C. teams probably will be largely attended.

In the High School, the girls are enthusiastic rooters for their gridiron heroes but the R. L. C.'s have many admirers in the gentler sex.

For the actual participants in the game on both teams, Thanksgiving dinner has had to be postponed until after the game. Neither of the stern captains will allow his men to eat heartily just before the game. They will have 6 o'clock dinner and the victorious team will not need any other seasoning in their food, but the fact of victory.

The two teams line up as follows:  
High School—Cheek, Cave, Scott, Elliott, Burton, Reeder, Bagby, Halley, St. John, Fisher, James.  
R. L. C.'s—Beyer, Wickliffe, Hayes, Elliott, Cope, Coburn, Orme, Owen, Henneberger, Martin, Kidd, Sights.

### Negro Department Store.

New York, Nov. 29.—A new enterprise along commercial and sociological lines is that of the Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty company, organized with a capital of \$1,000,000, and which proposes to operate a department store here for and by negroes. A large building at Forty-sixth street and Eighth avenue has been purchased and several hundred negroes will be employed. No white help will be used, and an appeal will be made for negro trade only. The company now operates several similar stores in the south.

## MANY HUNTING

### WOODS RESOUND WITH REPORTS OF SHOTGUNS.

### Everything Closed Except Such Institutions as Are Necessary to Public.

Thanksgiving is being generally observed in Paducah. The railroad shops, banks, schools, postoffice and public offices with few exceptions are closed in observance of the day. Many stores opened this morning for business but closed at noon to give employees a half holiday. Mills and factories of all kinds are closed and only work of the most urgent necessity is being done today. Work on the sewerage system, street car tracks and on concrete pavements, which cannot well be delayed, is in progress but not a full force is employed.

Hunters are taking advantage of the holiday and the woods are full of them. Among the prominent hunters to go up the Louisville division this morning were W. H. Rankin and son, of the Langstaff-Orme Manufacturing company, and W. McCabe, chief dispatcher of the Louisville division of the Illinois Central.

### FORCE WORKS ALL NIGHT

### Filling in Paving Between Car Tracks on Broadway.

In order to rush the work of putting Broadway in condition between Fourth and Fifth streets, an extra force of laborers worked all last night. This morning but a few yards of concrete remained to be spread. The negroes' songs and shouts kept things lively all night long. Hot coffee was served them.

There is only one kind of a newspaper circulation statement that is worth any consideration and that is the daily detailed statement. The Sun is the only Paducah paper printing such a statement.



"GOT HIM!"

## MAROONED

### GEORGE ROBERTSON AND PARTY IN A PREDICAMENT.

### Surrounded by Water 25 Miles Across and Guns Only Reliance for Food.

Surrounded by an expanse of water any where from 25 to 45 miles, with no boat or means of escape, with no food save that secured with the gun and rod, George Robertson, the ice dealer, and his party of hunters are isolated in the wilds of Arkansas. Their predicament is due to the heavy rains which sent volumes of water down the Mississippi river and surrounded them before camp could be broken.

Information to this effect reached Paducah this morning. It was from persons in Marble, Ark., 45 miles from where Robertson and his party are camped. Former Sheriff L. D. Potter, who expected to go south and join the party tonight, but under the conditions he will be unable to reach the camp.

### FATAL WRECK TODAY.

Lawyers, Va., Nov. 29.—The Washington and Southern limited on the Southern railway, the fastest train in the south, was wrecked near here early this morning. Samuel Spencer, president of the road, and eight others were killed, and fifteen passengers seriously injured. It is reported that Watt Davis, manager of telegraph for the Southern, who was in Spencer's car was killed. A number of other officials and prominent men were in the car when the crash came. The train had stopped on a section of road protected by "Block" system, for slight repairs to coupling. Another passenger train following was given a clear block and ran into the Spencer train. His car on the rear received the full force of the collision. Officials say the collision was probably due to negligence of the telegraph operator. President Spencer's body was burned to ashes.

### MAYOR ARRESTED.

Schmitz, of San Francisco, Is Taken Into Custody.  
Truckee, Cal., Nov. 29.—Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, of San Francisco, who, with his wife, is returning from Europe, was arrested here yesterday afternoon on a charge of extortion found by the grand jury in San Francisco. Schmitz seemed to feel his arrest keenly. Mrs. Schmitz seemed entirely unnerfed at the arrest of her husband. Mayor Schmitz did not emerge from the drawing room where he was closeted with Abraham Reuf

## TO HIS WIFE

### HON. GIVEN CAMPBELL WILLS ALL HIS PROPERTY.

### Directs Her to Give Each Child Gold Watch to Cost \$100—Willed by Brother.

St. Louis, Nov. 29.—The will of Given Campbell, veteran member of the St. Louis bar, who died at the home of his son, Dr. Given Campbell, 3429 Morgan street, last Tuesday night, provides that his wife, Susan Elizabeth Campbell, shall invest \$100 in a watch for each of his children—Given, Susan W. and James Campbell. The residue of the estate goes to Mrs. Campbell. A clause in the will states:  
"I bestow my blessing upon my children and wish them at all times to love cherish and honor their dear mother and each other, and to look to their mother, in whom I have implicit faith and confidence, for counsel and advice in every contingency of life."  
The will was executed July 1, 1885 and witnessed by O'Neil Ryan, now judge of the St. Louis circuit court; William H. Bliss, former United States district attorney at St. Louis, and now in Paris, France; and Judge James Campbell of Paducah, Ky., a younger brother of the deceased.

## FIGHT DRAW

### TWENTY TERRIFIC ROUNDS FOR BURNS AND O'BRIEN.

### Burns Assumes Aggressive From the Start, but O'Brien Rallies Toward Finish.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 29.—Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Tommy Burns, of Los Angeles, last night fought 20 terrific rounds to a draw. When the end came it found the two men in the center of the ring engaged in a terrible struggle. The whole upper part of their bodies were covered with blood.  
Burns, who fought like a bull dog from the beginning to the end, was always on the aggressive, crowding his opponent to the ropes and frequently rashing him about the ring almost to the end.  
Towards the end of the fight O'Brien seemed to rally and did some effective work. Both were severely punished.

## MANAGER

### OF FATHER AND MOTHER, BLIND STREET MUSICIANS.

### Dutiful Son, Overhauled by Police, Deposits Watch for Their Board—Paid His Own.

John Jeffries left C. W. Meacham's boarding house at Fourth and Adams streets yesterday piloting his aged blind parents to the river, intending to take the Bettie Owen to Brookport. He had paid his board bill but forgot to settle for his parents. The proprietor secured a warrant and Patrolmen Cross and Johnson caught the trio just before the boat pulled out. The young man stated that he was in no regular business and has just been acting as "manager" for his parents. To show he meant the right thing by his landlord, a gold watch was deposited with the police captain until the bill is settled.  
The parents of Jeffries have been conspicuous on the streets for several weeks. Both are blind. The father plays a violin and sings. His wife sits by his side holding his hat, into which the donations are dropped.

### SHOT WRONG MAN.

### Negro Brakeman Receives a Bad Wound in Leg.

A shift in railroad scenes caused a white man to shoot the wrong person at Cecilia, Ky., Tuesday night. John Pitts, a colored student brakeman, was brought to the city last night to the Illinois Central hospital with a wound in the calf of his right leg received from a shoign in the hands of a white man. The regular brakeman at Cecilia got into a quarrel with a white man at the station, and the white man left to get his gun. When he got back the regular brakeman had left and John Pitts, a student brakeman had arrived on a freight train. Mistaking Pitts for the man he had quarreled with, the white man blazed away with the shotgun.

### Police Gambling Graft.

New York, Nov. 29.—The investigation of gambling houses in this city, which has been in progress for some time, was given added interest today when "The" Allen, one of the most widely known pool-room operators in this city went to the district attorney's office in response to subpoenas. This procedure was the result of the search of "The" Allen's house in Eighth street yesterday and the seizure of correspondence which it is said implicates various police officials of varying degrees.

## LLOYD LOOKS FOR BASEBALL REVIVAL

### Hopes To Induce Backer To Take The Team.

### Association Will Donate Park but Will Not Assume Expenses of Indians.

### WAITING FOR WARM WEATHER.

Will Paducah have a league ball team next year? is a question bothering local fans even this early in the winter season.

Chief Lloyd, the veteran manager, can throw no light on the subject, and is only waiting for the first touch of warm weather to feel the pulse of local sports and learn whether there is any baseball fever in their systems.

"If someone will put up the coin I will have a team here," Lloyd declared. "Mr. Keller stated to me several weeks ago that the association would not support a team this season, but that if I could find a backer—some one to stand the expense—he would assure me that the baseball park would be donated.

"In plain words I will have the park gratis if I put in a team. What I want is some one who will stand for the expenses. It means a great deal, but with the proper support baseball can be made to pay in Paducah as it has in years gone by. I have convictions that this season will be a good one. Interest lagged last season all over the country, even in the big leagues, to a certain extent. I think this year will see a revival."

### Frankfort Call Sold.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 29.—The Frankfort Call, edited for years by the late John B. Dryden, has been sold by the executor to W. P. Walton, of Lexington, editor of the Kentucky Journal. Mr. Walton will discontinue publication of the paper. It had no plant, being printed by the George A. Lewis Publishing company. This leaves the state capital with but one daily paper.

## LAST DINNER

### IN PADUCAH WILL BE FEAST FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS.

### Train Schedule Prevents Marshal Taking Them Away Before Big Meal in Jail.

It will be with well filled stomachs that H. H. Davis, Frank R. Richards and Wallace Woolfort, three federal prisoners at the county jail, start on their journey to the government prison today. William Blades, the deputy United States marshal, arrived this morning on the early train from Louisville, and by a fortunate schedule of trains, the prisoners did not miss the Thanksgiving dinner they had been anticipating for several days.

Davis got six years in the Atlanta prison for counterfeiting. Richards got one year for breaking into the post office at Mexico, Ky., and his partner, Woolfort who received stolen stamps knowing they had been stolen got six months.

### RELIGIOUS RELICS

### Found in Egypt Are Thought to Be Important.

London, Nov. 29.—Religious relics and documents of value relating to Jesus and the new testament have been brought to light in Egypt. The most important find is a fragment of the new gospel, containing 45 lines, written on vellum, describing the visit Jesus and his disciples to the temple in Jerusalem. Other finds include an unknown version of the acts of the gospel of St. John.

### WEATHER — Fair tonight.

Thursday partly cloudy. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 50 and the lowest today was 32.

## OWENSBORO SMALL BESIDE PADUCAH

### Nearly Twice As Many Men Employed Here.

### Not Including Over Thousand at Illinois Central Shops and Yards.

### LOCAL PAYROLL MUCH LARGER.

A few Paducah people appreciate the importance of the city as a manufacturing center, and few, too, appreciate what this business is to the city. Paducah has made great strides in the past five years in the number of factories, the increase in value of the finished product, and every other item entering into the cost of productions.

A comparison between Paducah's manufacturing interests and those of Owensboro, the only Kentucky city in this section that rivals it, is interesting.

Manufacturing industries—Paducah \$4, Owensboro 63.  
Invested — Paducah \$4,393,176, Owensboro \$3,327,263.

Wage Earners—Paducah 2341, Owensboro 1418.  
Wages — Paducah \$1,185,2555, Owensboro \$514,008.

Paducah pays for raw products and materials \$1,543,201. Owensboro \$2,025,300.

The value of products—Paducah \$4,443,223, Owensboro \$4,187,700. Owensboro makes a splendid showing in the comparison of the value of its finished products, but when it is taken in consideration that the character of goods it manufactures cost more to make and sell for a great deal more than Paducah's products, it is easily accounted for.

One-third larger than Owensboro, Paducah has twice as many employees and pays out twice as much for laborers. The wages paid out by the Illinois Central at the shops are not figured in these statistics, so if the number of railroad employes and its pay roll were considered the showing made by Paducah would be much better, as the Illinois Central employes over 1,200 men and pays out \$1,000,000 a year in wages.

### ASSISTANT PASTOR.

### First Baptist Church Will Secure One Immediately.

On account of the growth of the First Baptist church an assistant pastor is to be procured immediately. This was decided last evening at the prayer meeting of the church, when the deacons recommended that the assistant be procured. The congregation by a unanimous vote concurred in this recommendation and the following committee was named to secure the assistant: Joseph E. Potter, John R. Puryear, J. T. Reddick, W. E. Covington, L. L. Bebout and Rev. Thompson.

### Threatens to Kill John D.

New York, Nov. 29.—Charged with threatening to kill John D. Rockefeller unless he paid her a million dollars, Mrs. Rose Delim Beauvois Handfield, 40 years of age, was arrested today in front of the office of the Guardian Trust company, in lower Broadway. Mrs. Handfield is charged with having forced herself into the office of Mr. Rockefeller's secretary last Friday and declared she wanted a million dollars, and that if she did not get it forthwith, she would kill Mr. Rockefeller and burn down the building where the company's offices are located.

### Marries Miss Brooklyn.

New York, Nov. 29.—Theodore Barrett, the young Louisville millionaire, who figured recently as a victim of a gambling loss of \$62,000 to Nat Goodwin, the actor, when they cut cards for \$2,000 a cut, again is in the limelight. Today Barrett was married to Miss Brooklyn, who appeared in several musical plays.

### Feltner Is Discharged.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 29.—At Beattyville, Lee county, this afternoon, Mose Feltner, of Hamilton, O., formerly of Breathitt county, was dismissed by Circuit Judge Riddle on the charge of confederating to secure the assassination of Judge James Hargis. This case had been called three times and the commonwealth's witnesses failed to appear.