

NOTHING HELD BACK BY PUTER

Oregon Land Thief Frankly Tells of His Own Misdeeds on the Stand.

HERMANN IN THE DEALS

PROSECUTION CLOSING IN ON THE DEFENDANT.

Washington, March 21.—Again S. A. D. Puter testified for the government in the Hermann trial regarding fraud and bribery in many land deals.

"Were you ever promised immunity by any representatives of the government for your testimony?" "To a certain extent I have been," was the answer.

Puter explained that after he had been convicted in the case for which he is now serving a two years' sentence in Oregon, he had gone at once to the United States Attorney Henry and offered to tell him all he knew about land frauds.

Tried to Bribe Jury.

Puter said he received no special favors in jail, but was locked in a cell as any other prisoner. He was a witness for the government in land fraud cases in Oregon last September, and Attorney Worthington read from his testimony at that time a statement that he regretted he did not know more to tell about the Blue Mountain forest reserve.

"Did you try to bribe the grand jury that indicted you?" asked Mr. Worthington. "I did," was the answer. The witness explained that he had given a man named Brownells \$50 to influence two of the grand jurors to see that a "true bill" was not returned against him. This offer failed.

Crooked to the Last.

"Yes, to a certain extent. That is, I was dealing in a great deal of state land with alleged fraudulent title."

Questions by Mr. Worthington developed that Puter had not been asked about the correspondence he had with Hermann by United States attorneys until last January, although the witness said he must have told Henry about the letters, also the government attorneys would not have followed the matter up by coming to him in jail.

United States Attorney Baker said at this point that a search was being made for the letters written to Hermann by Puter, which had been referred to. Mr. Baker produced one letter written by Puter to Hermann, taken from the files of the office, but which related to two timber claims. This was put in evidence by Mr. Worthington, who, after reading it, turned to the witness and asked:

"Was that deal crooked, too?"

The witness assented with a nod of his head, but explained that it was a different character than the other matters. It was a timber claim.

Richards Not Mentioned.

Mr. Worthington dwelt some time on the statement of Puter that he had, while in Washington in 1902, regarding the "eleven-seven" claims, talked to Assistant Commissioner Richards. To the direct question, whether Hermann had not told the witness that the matter had been turned over to Richards, and that he would attend to the matter, the witness answered in the negative.

Regarding the two \$1,000 bills which the witness said yesterday he gave the late Senator Mitchell to fix things regarding these claims, Mr. Worthington brought out the statement that the witness got them from Charles Chaffee, president of the Wisconsin National bank of Milwaukee. The witness also said he had registered at various hotels in Washington under assumed names.

He said the lands he obtained on homestead patents in the Cascade forest reserve were all absolutely worthless, being 1,500 feet up in the Cascade mountains. He could get less and scrip from the government for the lands after patent, which had a value of from \$5.25 to \$6 an acre.

Hermann as a Witness.

After obtaining his patents to the "eleven-seven" claims in 1902, Mr. Puter said he next saw Mr. Hermann in Oregon at the time the witness was being tried for land frauds, two years later. He visited Mr. Hermann before the latter testified in the case. He said they discussed what would probably be asked of Hermann, and the conclusion was reached that he would likely be asked to identify Mrs. Watson, who had been in Washington with Puter and had met Hermann and made affidavits in the "eleven-seven" awards.

Puter said he suggested to Hermann that it was a long time since Hermann had seen Mrs. Watson, and likely he could not identify her. At the trial, he said, Mr. Hermann was unable to identify Mrs. Watson.

Advised Loomis to Confess.

The witness was then asked regarding the two payments of \$500 he had made to Special Agent Loomis concerning presentations he had made to Loomis about immunity. The payments were made by draft indorsed to Mrs. Loomis. Puter said he had talked many times to Loomis advising him to sell all he knew. He told Loomis that

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PARLIAMENT IN SESSION

"ASIATIC ORDINANCE" WILL BE RE-ENACTED.

Pretoria, Transvaal, March 21.—The first parliament of the Transvaal under the newly granted constitution met here this morning in the hall in which the late President Kruger presided for so many years over the sittings of the upper house of the erstwhile South African republic. In a speech at the opening of the legislature the Earl of Selborne, high commissioner for South Africa, dealt with the all-important question of Chinese labor. In the course of his remarks, Lord Selborne said:

Selborne's Promises.

"My ministers have resolved that the employment of Chinese in the mines shall cease at the earliest possible moment. As to the Chinese already employed there, my ministers will not take any steps to prevent their repatriation at the end of their indentures, unless they are convinced that such repatriation will have to take place before an effective substitute, either in the form of other unskilled labor or improved mechanical appliances has been found, in which case my ministers will be prepared to recommend to parliament such legislation as will render a renewal of their indentures possible. Excepting a small batch of 407, whose indentures expire at the end of June, no indentures expire before August. Therefore, as parliament will reassemble early in June, my ministers consider it unnecessary to make further announcement of policy at present."

Will Come Up Again.

The disposition of the new government of the Transvaal to exclude all Asiatics from work in the mines is shown by the fact that the Asiatic ordinance, recently disallowed by the Earl of Elgin, secretary of state for the colonies, after it had passed the late legislature, is again published in the Official Gazette here, indicating that among the first acts of the new parliament will be a re-enactment of this measure in spite of the opposition of the imperial government.

WILL WIN IN THE END.

Exclusion Demanded by Nearly All the Whites in Africa.

London, March 21.—The "Asiatic ordinance" which the Transvaal parliament proposes to re-enact, although at the present time aimed especially at British Indians, who were ousted the small white traders in the Transvaal, is equally intended to exclude the Japanese and other Asiatics who are emigrating to South Africa in increasing numbers.

Sir Gilbert Parker, conservative member of parliament, who represents the colonists in the house of commons, is quoted today as saying: "If, as I am sure it will, the Transvaal parliament re-enacts the Asiatic ordinance, the imperial government will hardly venture to disallow it again as over 99 per cent of the whites in South Africa thoroughly approve of it."

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as special agent he had been long connected with the land office and knew things, and if he would tell the government attorneys all he was sure they would be lenient with him. The witness said he had no authority from the government's attorneys to make any promises to Loomis, but he said the latter was an old man and he wanted to see him convicted. Loomis, he said, was constantly referring to the two payments made to him by Puter, and was very anxious to know whether the government attorneys knew of them.

Letters from Hermann.

Correspondence the witness had with Mr. Hermann was the next topic of inquiry of Mr. Puter. He had written Hermann several times, he said, and received two letters in reply regarding having a township included in the Cascade forest reserve. The two letters from Hermann he had either left in his desk in his Berkeley, Cal., home, or he had and placed in his attic. He was asked to say that the letters from Hermann told him to get petitions signed and to see State Forester Ormsby about the matter in question.

Lawrence Puter, the brother of the witness, had testified that he had made a search of the premises for these letters and could not find them, and Mrs. Puter is now on her way here to testify, according to United States Attorney Baker, that the letters cannot be found in the attic.

Puter dropped the proposition to get the township included because he could not buy the lands in it he wanted from the Union Pacific railway.

Blue Mountain Reserve.

The witness was next allowed to identify himself as one of the conspirators in the Blue Mountain forest reserve project, which he said was engineered through by Attorney Mays of Portland.

In discussing this scheme coming east on a train with Mays, the latter, said the witness, so he said, that he had everything fixed. Mays added, according to Puter, that "Mitchell will help me out, and you know how Mr. Hermann stands in."

Mays gave the witness his telegraphic address as "Washington, care of Hermann."

Court adjourned until Monday.

Denial from Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 21.—Officials of the Wisconsin National bank, from whom S. A. D. Puter at Washington today testified he received the money to bribe Senator Mitchell, said no such person as Charles Chaffee ever was connected with that bank.

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THIS IS FRIDAY AND NO FISH

Blocking of Pacific Coast Lines Causes Scarcity in Local Market.

The only available fish on the local market today will be halibut, white fish and Utah lake fish. The scarcity is due to the recent washouts in Nevada, rendering the railroads powerless to transport freight and express from the Pacific coast to Utah points. All the staple varieties of fish since the opening of the fishing season on the Pacific coast, have been coming from California. Yesterday the market was almost barren of fish, and today's demand will put the market out of business unless by some turn of good fortune a large supply is received from some roundabout route, which is hardly possible.

As is usual just before Easter the farmers in their greed to boost prices, are holding back on the egg supply with the result that the local merchants raised the price yesterday to 25 cents a dozen. This price eggs will remain until after Easter, when they will drop again to 20 cents a dozen.

For some time past California shippers have been advancing the price of bananas, claiming that they are unable to ship at the old price by reason of the shortage of cars. As a result of this increase in the price of oranges the demand for bananas has increased almost double. The price of bananas has not changed for a long time and with the increased demand for them the merchants are making up for the decrease in the demand for oranges since the skyward advance in prices.

The sugar speculators have run up the price on both cane and beet sugar from 30 to 25 cents a hundred pounds, the advance becoming effective on the local market the early part of the week. No reason is given for this advance in sugar. The latest quotations:

Timothy, per cwt. \$.32

Alfalfa, per cwt. .25
Corn, per cwt. 1.49
Cornmeal, 10 pounds .25
Wheat, per cwt. 1.50
Oats, per cwt. 1.45
Barley, rolled, per cwt. 1.50
Family flour, per cwt. 1.50
Flour, straight grade, per cwt. 1.50
Flour, high patent, per cwt. 2.15
Cane sugar, per cwt. 2.50
Beet sugar, per cwt. 3.50
Maple sugar, per pound .20

Meats and Poultry.

Dressed beef, pound .12
Dressed pork, pound .15
Dressed mutton, pound .17
Lard, pound .10
Dressed springs, pound .25
Dressed hens, pound .18
Turkeys, per pound .25
Geese, per pound .25

Dairy Products.

Butter, pound .40
Cheese, pound .25
Eggs, per dozen .25
New York cream cheese, pound .20

Fruits and Vegetables.

Dried figs, per pound .10
Oranges, per pound .15
Pineapples, per pound .15
Apples, per peck .40
Green peas, per pound .15
Brussels sprouts, per pound .20
Beets, per peck .10
Potatoes, per bushel .10
Dates, per pound .15
Green onions, four bunches for .10
Parsley, per bunch .10
Red cabbage, per pound .05
Radishes, per bunch .05
Carrots, per peck .10
Celery, per bunch .10
Utah lettuce, per pound .05
Texas lettuce, per bunch .15
Hered, per pound .15
Kraut, four pounds for .25
Dill pickles, quart .20
Sour pickles, quart .20
Cauliflower, per head .20
Imported figs, per pound .25
Cranberries, per quart .10
Sweet potatoes, per pound .15
Pineapples, each .25
Parsnips, per peck .25
Florida tomatoes, per pound .15
Rhubarb, 2 pounds .25
Artichokes, each .15
Florida tomatoes, per pound .25

Fish.

Shad, per pound .15
Oysters, per can .40
New York cutlets, per dozen .25
Sea bass, pound .15
Kipped salmon, per pound .20
Smelts, per pound .15
Catfish, per pound .15
Striped bass, per pound .25
Codfish, per pound .15
Flounders, per pound .15
Kingfish, per pound .15
Rock cod, per pound .15
Lobsters, per pound .30
Crabs, each .25
Little neck clams, dry .25
Blue points, shell dozen .25
Foke points, shell .25
Pinnan haddies, pound .15
Eastern brook trout, each .15
Patterson trout, each .15
Herrings, pound .20
Sturgeon, per pound .20
Perch, per pound .15

Wholesale.

Creamery butter, pound .55
Cheese, per pound .15
Ranch eggs .25
Eastern fancy cheese .15
Dressed springs, pound .18
Egg hens, pound .15
Broilers, per pound .15
Turkeys, per pound .25
High patent flour, per cwt. 1.85
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