

COMMITTEES MEET WITH NEW DEFEAT

Secretary of Interior Decides California Cases.

Question of Forest and Mineral Land Location Settled.

Judgment Rendered a Year Ago in the Oil Company Controversy Adhered To by the Washington Authorities.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL BUREAU, 1406 G STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, April 12.—The lieuland selectors, or "scrippers," are again unsuccessful, for the Secretary of the Interior to-day decided against them.

The case of the Kern Oil Company against the Gray Eagle Oil Company against the same party, involving lands in the Visalla land district in California, was decided by the Secretary against the lieuland selectors almost a year ago. Upon the one hand the lands in controversy were claimed by Clarke and the Kern Oil Company.

After the principal decisions almost a year ago the lieuland selectors filed a motion for review in each case, accompanied by extended printed briefs.

On account of the value of the land in controversy and of the general importance of the questions presented Assistant Attorney General Van Devanter permitted oral arguments upon the motions for review and granted to the opposing parties time within which to file further briefs.

The decision announced to-day adheres upon every point to the one heretofore named. It elaborates the discussion of some questions, cites additional authorities upon others and discusses and refutes such new arguments as were presented in support of the motions for review.

The very great attention which has been given to the examination of authorities relating to these cases, and the elaborate and painstaking manner in which the final decision has been prepared, indicates that the policy and opinion of the Interior Department may be now considered as finally settled.

The principal matter decided in to-day's opinion is that the provision of the statute which declares that forest reserve lieuland selections can only be made on vacant lands refers to the physical condition of the land, and not to the fact that the lands which are occupied for mining or any other purpose, even though no entry of claim has been made at the local land office.

FRESH NOMINATIONS MORE FEDERAL OFFICERS

Name of Wynne for First Assistant Postmaster Generalship Sent to Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The President to-day sent to the Senate the following nominations: Treasury—William L. Kessinger, Surveyor of Customs for the port of Kansas City, Mo.

Justice—Walter T. Burns, United States District Judge, Southern District of Texas; James W. Ownby, United States Attorney, Eastern District of Texas.

METHODIST PREACHER CANNOT MAKE APPEAL

Rev. Granville Lowther, Convicted of Heresy, Is Denied the Privilege.

WICHITA, Kans., April 12.—The Rev. Granville Lowther, who was convicted of heresy at the recent session of the Southwest Kansas Conference of the Methodist church and who has announced his determination to appeal the case, cannot have that privilege, according to the statement of the Rev. W. H. Rose, who was junior counsel for the ministry. He is still a member of the Methodist church and has no authority to preach or exercise ministerial functions.

Railroad Building in Humboldt. EUREKA, April 12.—From Burnetts comes word that a crew is already at work at that point clearing the right of way for the extension of the Eureka and Eureka Railroad.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Hester's Stomach Bitters.

Try a few doses of this wonderful medicine in the spring when you feel run-down, tired and nervous. It is the best spring medicine known to science, and will purify the blood, and build up the system. It also cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, La Grippe, Malaria, Fever and Ague. Don't fail to try it. Our Private Stamp is over the neck of the bottle.

THE EMPORIUM.

Zephyr Gingham Sale Commences Tuesday.

Blanket Values

We have closed out 2000 pairs of white and colored California Blankets, from one of our local mills, at less than to-day's cost of manufacture.

- 10-4 Gray Blankets (cotton warp), pair \$2.50
11-4 White Blankets, 5-lb. weight \$2.98
Best Wool Gray Blankets, 5 lbs. weight \$3.65
Fine White Blankets, 6 lbs. weight \$5.95
8-lb. Gray All-wool Blankets, pair \$6.50
Extra White Lamb's Wool Blankets, 8 lbs. weight \$7.45

Newest Silks At Popular Prices.

Crepe de Chine—24-inches wide, extra heavy quality, soft rich crepe effect, complete line of colors and an exceptional value, at yard \$1.00

Guaranteed Taffetas—Our celebrated guaranteed Taffetas have the finish of silks that sell at twice the price; positively the best values in the market; our guarantee women in selvedge of every yard.

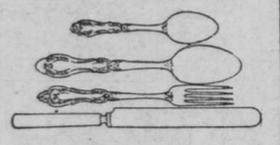
21-inches wide, \$5.00
23-inches wide, \$1.00

Silk Grenadines—46-inch all silk black Grenadine, plain and striped effects, in many different designs, per yard \$1.00

Wash Silks—This is the season that wash silks has the greatest demand. A new importation that arrived last week came at a most opportune time; entirely new designs in white and colors, a very choice assortment, in the best qualities for summer evening wear, per yard \$1.00

Monday Sale of Rogers Tableware.

Another sale of the celebrated Wm. A. Rogers Spoons, Forks and Knives, guaranteed full standard plate of silver, on 21 per cent



nickel silver base, and warranted to give entire satisfaction. 200 sets Teaspoons (six), at \$3.00
200 sets Table Knives (six), at \$1.66
200 sets Table Forks (six), at \$1.66
120 dwt. Table Knives (set of six) \$1.33

Fishing Tackle.

Trout Rod—Split bamboo, for fly or bait, nickel mounting, silk wrapped cork grip, with extra tip, two sizes (10 and 10 1/2 feet), put up with wooden term and bag \$3.50

Striped Bass Rod \$1.25 and \$2.50
Eras Click Reels—Yard. . . 25 40 60 80 100
Each . . . 10c 15c 20c 25c 30c

Von Heffe Bass Reels \$2.50 and \$3.00
Silk Trout Lines—Coil 25 yards. . . 25c, 40c, 85c
Water-proof Baited Silk Lines . . . 65c, 70c, 75c

Bass Lines—On 50-yard block—Thread. . . 9 12 15 18 21
Price. . . 35c 40c 50c 55c 60c

Three-foot Single Gut Leaders—3 for 5c and . . . 12c
Fish Baskets—75c to \$2.50; Straps . . . 25c, 50c
Landing Net—25c; Bass Spoons. . . 50c, 75c
Leader Boxes—50c, 75c; Bait Boxes. . . 15c, 25c

Groceries--Liquors

Monday's big bargains in the pure food section of the big department store:

Lennax Soap—Monday, 9 bars . . . 25c
Pearline—1-lb. packages, Monday 3 packages . . . 25c

Fels Napha Soap—Monday, 5 bars . . . 25c
Sapallo—Enoch Morgan Soap, Monday, 4 bars . . . 25c

Maple Syrup—Log Cabin, pint tin, Monday . . . 20c
Victory Mush—The popular breakfast food, Monday, 4 packages . . . 25c

Extra fancy Appricots, Moorpark, 10-lb. box \$14.00; 1b. 15c.
Sago or Pearl Tapioca, 5 lbs. . . . 25c

Comb Honey—White, best quality, 2 combs for 25c
Port or Sherry—Good sound wines, Monday only, gallon . . . 55c

McBayer Whisky—Guaranteed bottled at the distillery, high grade, full quart, Monday only, bottle . . . 75c

Old Sonoma Cider, extra quality, gallon . . . 40c
A. B. C. Beer, pints, dozen . . . \$1.40
Berk's Ale or Porter, dozen . . . \$2.15

Cocktails—Crown brand, Manhattan or Whiskey, bottle . . . \$1.00

THE EMPORIUM.

Watch the "Talking Sign"—a great electrical novelty—new facts every night.

Odd Sizes and Broken Lots Sale Clothing, Furnishings, Hats and Shoes.

\$10 to \$17.50 Suits for \$7.40.

Your unreserved choice of many hundreds of Men's Suits, worth \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$17.50 each, irrespective of cost and value beginning Monday and during this sale

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These suits are the balance of a very large purchase—Spring and Summer goods—made of strictly all-wool Worsteds, Tweeds and Vicunas. Cut in the most fashionable pattern, broad shoulders and shape retaining fronts; new nobby striped effects, overplaits, checks and mixtures. Some double breasted coats among them; not a suit in the lot but what is good value at \$10.00—dozens upon dozens of them worth \$15.00 and \$17.50—choice to-morrow and during this sale . . . \$7.40

Youths' Suits \$4.65.

All small and odd lots left over from the Easter business, for young men 13 to 19 years of age; blue chevrons, nobby stripes in blue and green; regular \$6.50 values; Monday and while this sale continues . . . \$4.65

Sailor Suits Cut to \$2.19.

These pretty Sailor Suits for boys 3 to 10 years of age, in either blue cheviot or blue serge; strictly all wool, collars braided with either black or white soutache; embroidered shields; worth regularly \$3; the sale price beginning Monday and during this sale . . . \$2.19

Boys' Two-Piece Suits—For ages 7 to 15 years, double breasted jacket and knee pants, all-wool fabrics, new spring and summer patterns, regularly \$3.50 and \$4.00; Monday and while this sale continues your choice for . . . \$2.68

Boys' Laundered Waists—Fast color Percal's, extra well made, sizes for boys 5 to 13 years; the regular 50c values, Monday and while quantity . . . 29c

Astonishing Offering of Best Floss Cushions.

On Monday only—1500 of the best, purest, cleanest Floss Cushions, in five different sizes, will be offered at special sale for fully a quarter less than the ordinary every-day prices. This is the biggest and best Cushion offering we have ever yet made:

18x18 inch for. . . 23c 24x24 inches, for. . . 41c
20x20 inch for. . . 29c 26x26 inches, for. . . 49c
22x22 inch for. . . 34c

For Home Gardens. A list of some of the most necessary articles for planting and caring for the flower beds and home gardens at Emporium Cut Prices:

Large Shovels and Spades—\$1.00
10-inch Lawn Mowers. \$3.00
Rakes. 25c.
35c, 40c
Hoes. 35c.
40c, 50c
Solid Steel Trowels. 25c
Spading Forks. 20c
Weeding Hooks. 10c

Hand Trowels. 10c
High-grade Double-Handed Spade, for boys' and ladies' use; light work, a new article. 50c
Garden Hose, per foot. 8c, 9c, 12c
Try our Carabao High-Pressure Hose, per foot. 12c

Rubber Plant Sprays, metal tips. 75c
Terra Cotta Hanging Baskets—Fancy decorated, with chains. 50c, 75c, 80c
Terra Cotta Flower Pots—From 12 inch; prices. 3c to 42c
8-inch Jardinieres, highly glazed, shaded tints, for. . . 60c
50 different styles, up to. . . \$7.50 E. C.

75c Homespuns 47c

Another Big Dress Goods Bargain Commencing Monday.

47-inch Striped Homespuns, made of excellent worsted yarn, a popular, much-in-demand fabric for street and outing suits and separate skirts; a great cut repellent; the assortment comprises eight stylish mixtures—grays, tans, browns, etc.; the stripes are about half an inch apart; regularly 75c a yard, and good value at that price; on special sale Monday . . . 47c

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Men's Unlaundered 75c Shirts 53c.

250 dozen Heavy Muslin Shirts, the best wearing grade; 2100 fine Linen Bosoms, re-enforced back and front and bosom, gusseted sleeves and back and patent protector and better shirts cannot be produced; would be an unusually good value at 75c, the sale price, beginning Monday . . . 53c

Boys' Golf Shirts. Good quality Percal, with cuffs to match, in striped effects and plain tan; on special sale, beginning Monday, each. . . 47c

Boys' Overallis 18c. Boys' Overallis—Sizes 3 and 4 only, of a good quality brown duck and well made and finished, on special sale Monday and while quantity lasts (sizes 3 and 4 only, remember), per pair . . . 18c

Men's Fency Hosiery. In blues and blacks, in polka dots, drop stretch and open work effects, on special sale beginning Monday, per pair. . . 17c

Men's Good Quality Maco Yarn Hosiery. In solid color, blacks and tans, good weight, seamless and fast colors, on special sale, beginning Monday, per pair . . . 11c

Men's Flannelled Night Shirts—Nice quality flannel neck, medium weight, cut full size and well made, a sample line in 15 out, on special sale to-morrow, each. . . 41c

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs—Nice soft finish Japan with silk embroidered initials, on special sale beginning Monday, each . . . 8c

Men's Silk Handkerchiefs—Good quality Japanese silk, large size, hemstitched border, good weight of silk, two grades on special sale beginning Monday each . . . 27c and 37c

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Embroidered White Plans Vapit.

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