

EVERYBODY GRAFTED IN GREAT LAND GRAB

FREED SLAVES OF INDIANS GIVEN THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES WHEN THEY DISPOSE OF LAND ALLOTTED TO THEM—SOME SELL HOMESTEADS OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AND THERE'S A TERRIFIC MIX-UP.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Aug. 15.—As a result of the scramble for



THEY ALL BOUGHT THE SAME HOMESTEAD

lands of the freedmen there's a mixup unique in the history of the West. Federal and state officials are at loggerheads, and it is certain that the courts will be congested for years with land suits.

The freedmen are negroes who were held as slaves by the Indians and were released by order of the government after the Civil war. When congress a few years ago allotted something like 100,000,000 acres to the Indians of the five civilized tribes, it also allotted millions of fine acres to the freedmen. The latter were allowed to sell all their lands, barring homesteads of 40 acres each. In a majority of cases the negro not only sold his surplusage but bartered away his homestead of 40 acres many times over.

A few weeks ago the negroes received legal authority to sell their homesteads and the big show has just been pulled off in all the Indian territory county seats. The sights presented were worth coming miles to witness.

When "restriction" day came 5,000 negroes and perhaps 50 Indians were in Muskogee, all claiming to have lands to sell. Of the 5,000 negroes 90 per cent were from the states and never owned a foot of ground anywhere. Of the 10 per cent who had been allotted land, nearly all had sold it by contract months before. But every man and woman claimed to own a homestead and with the assistance of negro and white lawyers they "cleared" it to prospective purchasers.

The land grabbers who were here from Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and Texas points, together with the local grafters, were almost as numerous as the negroes. The bootleggers organized a union, and the land man who wanted whisky had to come across with his \$1.25 per pint in advance. All the whisky is sold in dark colored bottles, and in nine cases out of 10 the bottle had been refilled with Arkansas river water, and the land man was taken in at the very start.

Negroes were corralled in hotels,



WIND AND DINED UNDER GUARD DINE FOR LANDOWNERS

ed, but the pugilists secured bail and the men who owned the land were locked up. They also deeded their land.

A big republican leader is being sought by officers. To protect a full-blood Creek he took deed to 2,000 acres and now the company which claims to have bought the land says he has violated a state law by clouding the title.

One negro woman deeded 40 acres for four watermelons, and then did not have enough money to take herself and three children back to the home which she had parted with forever. Negroes who were known to own 160 acres were taken to Kansas City and St. Louis and entertained in regal fashion, the understanding being they would give the hosts the first deeds. Some negroes, as soon as they sold 40 acres to one man, would sell the same land to another, and now all is chaos and confusion. In Muskogee county 325 deeds for land were filed for record.

The Indians, as a rule, are holding onto their land. The negro and the Indian are getting the white man's education, and their motto is, "Get the money."

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FEATURE IN UNLISTED MAY LOSE ARM BY FALL

The activity of many unlisted stocks has been a feature of the market this week. Furnace Creek and Furnace Valley, two that were on the list last year, seem to be receiving some attention from the East. It is rumored that Patrick Clark is about to bring out a new proposition, generally supposed to be a Mexican property.

	Bid	Asked
Alameda	.01 1/2	.02 1/2
Alhambra	.07	.15
Ambergris	.13	.15 1/2
Bell	.05	.10
Enillon	.04	.05
Charles Dickens	.03 1/2	.04
Copper King	.01 1/2	.02 1/2
Evolution	.01 1/2	.03
Gertie	.02 1/2	.03 1/2
Happy Day	.02 1/2	.03 1/2
Hecla	2.00	4.00
Holden Gold & Copper	.08	.16
Humming Bird	.06 1/2	.08
Hypothek	.00 1/2	.01 1/2
Idaho Giant	.03 1/2	.04 1/2
Lucky Calumet	.02	.05 1/2
Mineral Farm	.02	.02
Missoula Copper	.05	.05 1/2
Moonlight	.02	.04
Nabob	.03	.03 1/2
Oom Paul	.03 1/2	.05 1/2
Panhandle Smelter	.05 1/2	.05 1/2
Park Copper	.01	.02
Reindeer	.02 1/2	.02 1/2
Rex	.05 1/2	.05 1/2
Snowshoe	.04	.05 1/2
Snowstorm	1.53	1.60
Sonora	.02 1/2	.03 1/2
Stewart	.60	.90
Tamarack & Chesapeak	.70	.85
Wonder	.01 1/2	.01 1/2
British Columbia		
Canadian Con. Smelters	68.00	75.00
Dominion Copper	2.00	2.75
Granby Smelter	95.00	105.00
International Coal & Coke	.57	.62
Rambler-Cariboo	.17	.21

and Snowstorm. There is an undertone of strength in Tamarack & Chesapeake due, undoubtedly to the management's intention to start the concentrator in the early fall. The difficulties between D. H. O'Brien and Harry L. Day have caused a tedious delay in the operation of the Tamarack, which has a reputation of being an exceptionally good silver-lead property.

Brokers seem to be satisfied with the week's business and most of them predict a steady increase from now on. The weakness in copper yesterday came as a surprise, but it is generally believed to be only temporary.

Turner was unconscious when

While supposedly intoxicated about 2 o'clock this morning J. H. Turner, a structural iron worker from Butte, either fell or leaped from a second story window of the Warwick hotel block. He was taken to the emergency hospital and Dr. Elkenbary discovered that his left arm was badly fractured and his left leg broken. The arm is shattered so badly it is believed amputation will be necessary.

Robberies were reported by G. S. Jant of 203 Fourth av., who was robbed of \$27. J. M. Carlock, a farmer, \$16, and Mrs. J. H. Long of Hilliard, whose purse containing a few dollars was snatched out of her hand. In the excitement of getting tickets she did not realize what happened in time to make any outcry.

Butte comes to Spokane Tuesday for the last week local fans will see of Northwest league ball.

St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 5; Pittsburgh 2, Boston 1 (13 innings).

The Outcasts won at Seattle yesterday 3 to 2. Although Seattle bumped Harkness for 12 hits they all were scattered. The Outcasts found Allen for nine hits, one a home run by Johnny Bender. Johnny plays a better game with his hair cut.

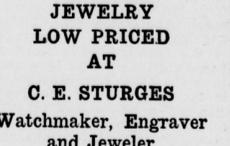
Spokane grand lodge has made a dispensation in fees for the campaign. Since coming under Spokane jurisdiction the brotherhood is doing business all along the line. Over in Everett they recently put in a class of 125.

Pickpockets were busy yesterday. Pickpockets haunted the circus crowds last night. Patrolman Wallace caught Fred Wilson, whom he claims had his hand in a man's

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SOFT DEVILISH VOICE HAUNTS HIS HEARING

I WILL RUIN YOU

GEORGE J. HEISER, WHO IS HAUNTED BY THREATS TO RUIN AND KILL

Special Correspondence to The Press
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 15.—"Telepathic" threats and "psychic" curses by a master of occultism have haunted George J. Heiser, formerly of Boston, and now living on Bismark st., this city, he says, to the verge of despair, and he has appealed to the scientists and the police department for protection from his unseen tormentor.

Heiser is a musician and a member of a well-known local band. Held in the intangible meshes of a will infinitely stronger than his own, Heiser says he is in a state of pitiable slavery, compelled to do his master's bidding and work his own undoing.

"I am haunted by this soft, devilish voice," said Heiser. "It rings in my ears all the time and drives me to distraction. Sometimes it talks of the wife who has left me and our little girl, of whom he claims to have secured possession; sometimes, when I attempt to converse seriously, he chuckles at me, and says something which caused me involuntarily to burst into a laugh."

"I wrote to Elbert Hubbard at East Aurora and found that such a thing was possible through telepathic influence. I think this man, whose name I know, got an old hat of mine and by means of this exercises this terrible power. I shall not live long if this thing keeps up."

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