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STORY OF INDIAN LAND FRAUDS

High Officials Charged With Having Tried to Fleece the Indians.

AFFAIR IS TO BE CLOSELY INVESTIGATED.

The Inquiry Will be Started at Once and Rapidly Pushed.

The St. Paul Globe publishes a special dispatch from Washington, which, if true, places Tams Bixby in a very bad position. Following is the dispatch:

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—Disclosures made through special agents who have gone to the Indian territory and Oklahoma indicate that the scandals in official life there will be more extensive in proportion to the number of persons involved than those in the postoffice department. Special reports on file indicate that the leading officials of the interior department and department of justice have become interested in various companies for the purpose of buying Indian lands at ridiculously low figures and selling them at their actual value. Members of the Dawes commission are said to be implicated in the alleged efforts to fleece the Indians, as also are several district attorneys of the department of justice.

The value of the land in question is several hundred million dollars. In the Creek nation alone the 20,000 Indians have 160 acres each, while the Choctaw and Chickasaw country the Indian allotments are for 450 acres each. Most of this land is agricultural and much of it is easily worth \$25 to \$40 an acre.

Calls Them "Trust" Companies.

Mr. Brosius, a special agent of the interior department, has submitted a report to Secretary Hitchcock reviewing in an exhaustive way the organization of the various "trust" companies formed to gobble the Indian lands, and mentions the names of all the United States officials who have stock in them. Guy P. Cobb, who was internal revenue inspector for Indian territory, is the largest stockholder in the Tribal Development company, of Tishomingo. In this same company is E. Pliny Soper, United States district attorney for the northern district of Indian territory. Soper is the vice president of the company. The government pays Soper \$5,000 a year to represent it, and he is one of the men who has always been consulted in Indian affairs. It is known that several months ago, when the rumors about irregularities in Indian territory were first mentioned in the newspapers, Attorney General Knox telegraphed for Soper to come to Washington. At that time it was stated that Soper's resignation would not be accepted and that he must confront any charges which might be brought against him.

Associated Press Corroborates.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—At the request of the secretary of the interior the department of justice has undertaken to investigate the charges of land frauds in Indian Territory, especially the question as to the propriety of government officials holding positions in connection with land companies operating in

REAL ESTATE

The Market is Passing Through its Annual Midsummer Lull.

The real estate market is passing through its annual midsummer lull, during which there are comparatively few deals closed, although there is usually more or less inquiry for bargains in city and country property. This summer has not been different in this respect, thus far, from others and dealers report a large number of prospective buyers who are looking for property as a safe investment. If anything, dealers state, there are more prospective buyers than is usual in the summer months. Interest still keeps up in Beltrami county lands and Bemidji lots and some sales are being made right along.

the territory. During his tour of the territory, two or three months ago, the secretary of the interior was informed that several officers of the government hold such positions and he immediately ordered an investigation. The result has been to confirm the report. The inquiry will now be proceeded with. The department also will continue its investigation into the allegation of fraudulent practices in the matter of the disposal of the lands of Indians.

WAS DISCHARGED

Jack Oringer was Given a Hearing at Cass Lake and Discharged.

Jack Oringer, a Nebish saloon-keeper, appeared before United States Commissioner McDonald at Cass Lake, charged with selling liquor to Indians. Messrs. Shaffner, Smith, Anderson and Benner were witnesses for the defendant, and County Attorney Loud was his attorney. There were no witnesses appeared against him, so Mr. Oringer was discharged and the case thrown out of court.

Gentleman And Judge.

Cass Lake Voice: Judge Spooner of Bemidji when he becomes tired of knotty legal problems betakes himself to the calmness and coolness of Cass Lake, and there while surrounded by some of the grandest scenery in Minnesota, solves perplexing subjects to the satisfaction of himself and with justice to the litigants. The judge made one of those trips last Saturday and while on his way to the lake stopped and conversed in the office on various subjects. Please come again. It is a pleasure to meet a gentleman, who is such an excellent judge.

Good for Bemidji.

Judging from a paragraph in the Groton, S. D., Independent, E. J. Willits believes in speaking a good word for his town at every opportunity. Following is the clipping:

"Elam Willits and family left for their home at Bemidji, Minn., Sunday evening. Elam thinks that Bemidji—a five-year-old town with about 4,000 people—is the best town he ever lived in. The town certainly made a marvelous growth, and its location promises to make it one of the largest cities of Minnesota.

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MAY BE LOCATED NEAR LAKE

W. H. Bracker Thinks Water Plant Might Be Better There Than Elsewhere.

GOOD LOCATION NEAR ST. ANTHONY HOSPITAL.

Plant Will Be Placed Where Best Water Can Be Obtained.

W. H. Bracken, chairman of the state board of health, who was in the city last week, returned to St. Paul Saturday. He will pay another visit to Bemidji in the near future, however, in the interests of the proposed sewer system and new water plant. On the state board of health will depend to a considerable extent where the new water plant is placed, and along what plans the sewer is laid, for the state board must pass favorably upon projects of this kind before anything can be done on the part of the village or city where the improvements are to be made. Mr. Bracken recommended that the plans for the proposed sewer be forwarded to the state board of health and his recommendations were carried out.

He was of the opinion that the best place for the water plant to be established would be within eighty or one hundred feet of the lake shore somewhere in the vicinity of the St. Anthony hospital, probably to the north of the building. He thought that pure water could thus be obtained, for the water from the lake would be thoroughly filtered by the time it reached the pump points and would be more apt to be pure than would be the case if it was taken from some spot farther from the lake and more centrally located as regards the business and residence section.

Tests from all likely spots will be taken and the plant will be located, in all probability, where the purest water is found, even though the expense to the city be greater, for it is figured that in the long run this action would be cheaper. It is believed that the people want the best water at any cost.

W. S. Brannon is in town from Northome on business.

James Brennan is down from Northome.

GARDEN THIEVES

Several Garden Plots Were Stripped of all Growing Vegetables.

Garden truck-thieves are getting in their work in Bemidji. Last week several garden plots about town were entirely stripped of all growing vegetables in the night time. The robbers did their work well, for scarcely anything except weeds was left when their work was done.

The heaviest losers were Messrs. Harris, Focault, Wallace and Decaire, all of whom live in the same vicinity. Each of these had gardens sufficient to supply the needs of their families and just as the vegetables were getting fit for use they were taken. It is not known who the thieves were.

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HORRIBLE DISASTER.

Gas in a Sulphur Mine in Sicily Becomes Ignited.

Rome, Aug. 16.—A horrible disaster has occurred in the sulphur mine near Caltanissetta, Sicily. Gas in the mine became ignited and obstructed the exit of a hundred miners. The mine boss directed all the employes to save themselves if they could, while he, with five others, bravely remained on the spot in order to try to extinguish the fire. Three of the miners have died and many others, although they succeeded in reaching the open air, are horribly burned and maimed. The mine boss and his five companions found an unused exit and escaped, but their condition is desperate.

FARMERS IN DESPAIR.

Much of New York State Harvest Is Lost for Want of Help.

Hoosick Falls, N. Y., Aug. 16.—A large farmer near here says that farmers are losing much of their harvest owing to their inability to get sufficient help. The farmers are in despair. Several talk of selling their cattle to help solve the difficulty.

Terribly Hurt.

Belle Plaine, Minn., Aug. 16.—John Hurlitz, a farmer living at East Union, was caught in a threshing belt and is so badly hurt in the head that he is not expected to live.

Police Chief Missing.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 16.—M. Delaney, chief of police of Denver, who came here last Wednesday, has mysteriously disappeared. Delaney had considerable money and some valuable diamonds in his possession.

HE STEALS HIS CHILD.

Pittsburg Artist May Be Compelled to Face an Angry Judge in Illinois.

Pittsburg, Aug. 16.—Extradition papers from Gov. Yates are expected here to-day by Robert Sydney Smith, cartoonist of the Pittsburg Post. Smith and his first wife separated and were divorced and their child, Agnes, was given into the custody of Mr. Smith's parents in Bloomington, Ill., pending a decision of the courts as to who were entitled to keep her. Mrs. Smith married again and she is living in Illinois. Smith has also married again and he is living at Ingram, near here. He was fearful the decision would be against him, so he stole the child from his parents at Bloomington. The court ordered his arrest, but he refused to go to Illinois without being extradited.

Makes a Long Fast.

New York, Aug. 16.—News has just reached Columbia university of a remarkable fast of Wellington Putnam, formerly instructor in elocution in the department of English. Putnam succeeded in going without food for forty days near Silver City, N. Mex. The fast was undergone to cure a kidney affection. Putnam believes that he has been entirely cured of his malady.

Uncle Sam May Step In.

Holyoke, Mass., Aug. 16.—It is said that steps are being taken by which the United States authorities may act if there is any attempt to prevent work by intimidation or force at the outside mill, where government contracts are held. The government is waiting for paper from this mill. A mass meeting of strikers last night voted to continue the strike.

Schwab's Backs Tailors' Trust.

New York, Aug. 16.—The latest thing in trade combinations is to be known as the "United Tailors." Charles M. Schwab's millions are said to be behind the scheme, which it is understood will be launched in this city in a week. The projectors say that within thirty days their stores will be in operation in large cities all over the country.

HEARTRENDING SCENES.

Terrible Destitution as a Result of Hurricane in Jamaica.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 16.—There are heartrending scenes all over the eastern and northern portions of the island of Jamaica. At Port Antonio thousands of homeless and starving people have sought shelter in the old prison and the few other buildings which survived the hurricane. Those who could not be thus accommodated are covering in the lee of ruined walls and dismantled piazzas. The railroad sheds and waiting rooms are filled with women and children. The merchants of the place are feeding the hungry to the best of their ability but the majority are depending upon green bananas knocked down by the storm. Similar conditions prevail at Annotata Bay, Bull Bay, Orange Bay, Port Maria, Manchionol, Morant Bay, Bowden and other smaller seaports. In the interior district distress is equally acute. Scarcely a peasant's home is standing. Unless immediate shipments of foodstuffs come from America deaths by starvation are inevitable.

SEVENTY PERSONS KILLED

And Five Hundred Injured in Hurricane on Island of Jamaica.

London, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to the Daily Express from Kingston, Jamaica, says that seventy persons were killed and over 500 injured by the hurricane that swept over the island on Tuesday. It is believed that the total number of dead will reach 200. The damage to property approaches \$12,000,000. Thousands of homeless people are wandering about in a condition of extreme misery.

YOUNG PASSENGERS.

Twins Come Into the World on an Iron Mountain Train.

St. Louis, Aug. 16.—Among the patients admitted to the city hospital yesterday was Mrs. Lucy Murry with twin baby boys, who were born on the Iron Mountain train as it passed Piedmont, Mo., early yesterday morning. Mrs. Murry claims to have been sent to St. Louis by the Little Rock authorities, who refused to admit her to the hospital there because she had not resided in that city six months.

WOMAN WHO CAN SHOOT.

Tramp From Illinois Makes a Fatal Mistake in California.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 16.—A tramp who became offensive when he visited a ranch and found no men at home was shot and fatally wounded by Mrs. S. D. Davis, wife of the owner of the ranch. The man gave his name as John Stuck, and said his home was at Peoria, Ill.

Barn Burned.

Bathgate, N. D., Aug. 16.—B. Demarse, seven miles east, lost his new barn by lightning; also four horses, 300 bushels oats, 400 pounds twine and 40 tons of hay. The barn cost \$2,300.

Gasoline Brings Death.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Aug. 16.—Mrs. Clyde Park, aged twenty, a bride of a few months, died yesterday after two days of suffering, the result of a gasoline explosion while cleaning a hat.

Held on Murder Charge.

Janesville, Wis., Aug. 16.—Tom Jones, charged with having caused the death of Herman Zimmerman May 24, was held to the criminal court for trial yesterday, and Ernest Bluhm was held under bonds as chief witness.

Hail Destroys Crops.

Sioux City, Iowa, Aug. 16.—A severe hail and wind storm destroyed crops in a wide strip in Sac county yesterday afternoon. In an about Lytton buildings were destroyed, but no one reported hurt.

A want ad in the Daily Pioneer is a winner. Try one.

KILLED MARCUM

JETT AND WHITE ARE FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER AT JACKSON.

GIVEN IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE

ONE JUROR HANGS JURY FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS ON SENTENCE.

WILL ASK FOR A NEW TRIAL

CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST JUROR WHO ATTEMPTED TO HANG JURY.

Cynthiana, Ky., Aug. 16.—Curtis Jett and Thomas White were yesterday found guilty of the murder of J. B. Marcum at Jackson May 4, and sentenced to imprisonment for life. At their trial held in Jackson last month one juror hung the jury to the last on the question of guilt and this time one juror hung the jury for twenty-four hours on the question of sentence.

During the afternoon Judge Osborne heard the motion of the defense for a new trial. The grounds set forth consist of objections to evidence admitted for the commonwealth and rejected for the defense, and also the ruling out of affidavits made by the defendants saying that a fair and impartial trial could not be had on account of the military display which

Inflamed the Public Mind.

The attorneys for the prosecution were in consultation during the afternoon and last night as to whether they will oppose the motion for a new trial. As to Jett, they say if they can get a new trial in this case, they will have enough new evidence to convict. Prosecuting Attorney Byrd said that if they concluded to oppose the new trial, that at the next term of the Harrison circuit court before Judge Osborne, which begins three weeks from next Monday, they will put forward the case of the commonwealth against Curtis Jett, one of the defendants for the murder of Town Marshal Jim Cockerill, to which murder there are said to have been six eye-witnesses. The features in the case yesterday were the charges that have been preferred against Juror Jasper King for attempting to hang the jury. King lives in this city and was until two years ago a deputy sheriff of the county, and a man who has been highly esteemed.

The prisoners are still at the jail, guarded by soldiers in relays of ten.

SIXTY KILLED IN BATTLE.

Maya Indians Attack Mexican Troops and Drive Them From Field.

Mexico City, Aug. 16.—The bloodiest battle of the Maya Indian rebellion has just occurred in Yucatan, according to dispatches received here. It is stated that a large body of Indians who were supposed to have been subdued made an unexpected attack on a detachment of government troops. Sixty of the latter were killed and seriously wounded. The soldiers were forced to withdraw from the field, leaving their dead and wounded behind. A number of Mayas were killed. It is thought that the Mayas received their arms and ammunition from British Honduras traders. The government has taken strenuous steps toward quelling this new uprising.

Mixed Lynching Bee.

Albany, Ga., Aug. 16.—A white man named Thompson and King Wrightman, a negro, were lynched yesterday at Hartsfield, sixty miles from here, for assaulting Mrs. Mathis, a white woman.