

PUBLIC LAND SCANDAL

Three More Persons Indicted in Oregon.

ONE OF THEM A WOMAN

She Is Charged With Conspiring With Miss Ware, Already Under Indictment.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Secretary Hitchcock has received a telegram from Portland, Ore., announcing the indictment of three more persons in connection with the public land frauds in that state.

Upon being asked if he had anything to say apropos of the indictments, Secretary Hitchcock replied: "Nothing, except that the ball goes rolling on. There have been seven indictments within a week, and there will still be many more."

Flagrant Irregularities.

So far most of the prosecutions have been directed against those engaged in fraudulent proceedings under the timber and stone act, and it now appears that many very flagrant irregularities have been discovered in that connection.

In many instances people have gone to the Pacific coast states from the states farther east to enter lands under the timber and stone law. The arrival of car loads at a time have been reported, and many of the members of these parties were women.

So far as known no evidence of fraud has been discovered in these specific cases, but the officials of the department contend that in view of the fact that over \$100 is required to complete the acquisition of title under the timber and stone law, some of these entries are at least suspicious.

In other cases entries have been made in the names of purely fictitious persons. The connivance of officials is necessary to proceedings of this character, and this line of cases lend themselves most easily to discovery and prosecution.

Notes of Steamer Stearugna Lost.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 30.—The police are looking up the mysterious disappearance of Sydney Percy of Cape Vincent, N. Y., mate of the steamer Niagaruga, who disappeared while on his way to his boat last Friday.

Suffragan Bishops.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The missionary council of the Episcopal church has voted unanimously in favor of the appointment of suffragan bishops, who, subject to the presiding bishop, shall take charge of the work among the non-American races in this country.

Three Hammer Into Crowd.

London, Ont., Oct. 30.—At the annual games of the Western Medical and Huron colleges one of the athletes throwing the twelve pound hammer let it slip, and it landed in a crowd of spectators.

WAS INSTANTLY KILLED.

Bellows Falls Carpenter Falls 40 Feet to Pavement.

Bellows Falls, Oct. 29.—There were two serious accidents here this morning, one being fatal. John J. Smith, aged 36, a carpenter, fell from the third story of the new corporation building and was instantly killed.

Mr. Smith was engaged in laying wooden strips for laths around a window on the third floor fronting on Canal street. He lost his footing and fell some 40 feet to the pavement. He struck upon his head, fracturing his skull and was taken up unconscious. An ambulance was summoned at once and Dr. E. S. Allbee took the injured man to his home on Buckingham street, where it was found that he was dead.

George Fildes, employed at the Robertson Paper Co.'s mill, was caught in the calendar rolls today. His left arm was drawn in and was badly mangled.

Mitchell Orders a Strike.

Trinidad, Colo., Oct. 30.—The authority from President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers for the calling of a strike of coal miners in District No. 15 was brought by "Mother" Jones, who has returned from Indianapolis, and it is understood that next Monday is the date fixed for the lock-out. This could not be positively confirmed, but President William Howells of District No. 15 admitted that there will be a strike, but said the call had not been yet completed. It is understood that over 20,000 men will be involved.

Cruiser Tacoma's Trial.

San Francisco, Oct. 30.—The shentied protected cruiser Tacoma was given a contractor's trial on the bay and excelled all the government's requirements, including that of 10 1/2 knots. The Union Iron works management did not give out any figures, but professed to be highly pleased by the trial. The war ship will be given her official trial some time next week on the Santa Barbara coast. The Tacoma is the first of the large type vessels built on this coast to be sheathed with copper.

Battle on a Baggage Car.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 30.—A bloody battle was fought late at night on the blind end of a baggage car attached to a fast west bound Lake Shore train between Cleveland and Ashtabula, in which seven men participated. The men boarded the train at Ashtabula with the intention of beating their way to Cleveland. A row started, and revolvers and clubs were freely used on the narrow car platform while the train was running fifty miles an hour.

Gloucester's Death Rate.

Gloucester, Mass., Oct. 30.—Seventy-five lives and six vessels constitute Gloucester's tribute to the perils of waters of the north Atlantic during the twelve months just ended. The figures are obtained from statistics furnished by the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance company, whose annual meeting has just been held. The total financial loss was \$82,500 and the insurance \$57,508. In the past twenty-five years 2,306 lives have been lost in the Gloucester fishing fleet.

Cruisers to Seek Missing Steamer.

Sydney, N. S. W., Oct. 30.—The British cruisers Pythias and Mildara and four merchant steamers have sailed in search of the British steamer Oranien, belonging to the Union Steamship company of New Zealand, eight days overdue from Norfolk Island between New Zealand and New Caledonia, with twenty-five passengers on board, including Lord Boringdon, eldest son of the Earl of Morley, and Judge Oliver, president of the New South Wales appeal court.

New Hungarian Cabinet.

Budapest, Hungary, Oct. 30.—The new Hungarian cabinet will be composed as follows: Count Stephen Tiesz, premier and minister of the interior; Dr. de Lukacs, minister of finance; Herr Hieronymy, minister of commerce; Count Michael Esterhazy, minister of agriculture; Herr Berzevichy, minister of instruction; Dr. Ploaz, minister of justice; General Myrty, minister of national defense.

Serious Riot in Paris.

Paris, Oct. 30.—A serious riot has occurred in front of the Bourse de Travail (Labor Exchange), in the workmen's district, in which several policemen and a dozen rioters were seriously wounded and many others were slightly injured. Numerous arrests were made. The trouble followed a meeting of 9,000 persons who protested against the establishment of municipal employment bureaus.

Packing House Cannery Strike.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—Packing house canners have walked out, joining the striking sausagemakers and increasing the number of idle men at the stock yards to 2,400. There are sixteen other branches of organized labor in the packing houses yet to make demands, and more than 32,000 employees are said to stand ready to support the strikers.

Mosely Commission at Wellesley.

Boston, Oct. 30.—The public schools of Boston again served as an attraction for the members of the Mosely educational commission of England for a part of the day. Later the commission went in a body to Wellesley college.

THE MYSTERY CLARIFIED

Suspected Man Committed Suicide.

CUT THROAT WITH KNIFE

Brother of Murdered Allentown, Pa. Girl Is Thought to Have Been the Murderer.

Allentown, Pa., Oct. 30.—There is no question now in the minds of the police that the suicide of Thomas Betschel in his cell in the Allentown jail was a confession of the fact that he murdered his sister, Mabel. It was evident that he killed his sister in a fit of fury for her indiscretions with certain men of the town. It is believed that other members of the family knew of the murder but kept it a secret until it was decided to make it known.

To this reason John and Charles Betschel, brothers of Mabel, are held in jail, on the charge of being accessories after the fact. Mrs. Betschel and daughter Martha, charged alike with the crime, were released on their own recognizance. Alfred Eckstein, the girl's suitor, was released on \$500 bail. The police believe him innocent of complicity in the murder and his chief value now is as a witness. David Weisenberger, suspected of complicity, is out on bail to appear Thursday next. Authorities believe he will then be released.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon Thomas Betschel called across the corridor of the jail to Alfred Eckstein: "Hello Al, are you there?" "Yes," answered Eckstein.

Betschel said: "I wish you were here with me now that we might die together." These were the last words heard from Betschel. A little later Eckstein called Betschel and got no answer, but he thought he heard an unusual gurgle. At 5.15 a horse sergeant entered the jail corridor, looked into Betschel's cell and was appalled to see a stream of blood running over the cell floor. Betschel had laid himself on his bench in his cell and cut his throat. He was dead when found. The knife with which he cut his throat lay near him on the floor. How he got the knife is not known. He was carefully searched when placed in the cell and no weapon was found. There is a story to the effect that a newsboy passed the knife to him in his cell.

Betschel was a single man, 20 years of age, and had done odd jobs about the town. He was a hard drinker, it is said, and when intoxicated was easily angered and prone to fight. He was of powerful physique. Intense excitement prevailed at police headquarters last night because of the suicide. Dense crowds reposed against the windows and doors and filled the street for half a block each way.

The police deny that a newsboy carried the knife into Betschel's cell and also that relatives and friends had been in the cell with him. They cannot account for the knife.

The funeral of the murdered girl took place yesterday afternoon at her home. As the girl lay in the casket her appearance told her story. Both eyes were discolored as though they had been struck by a clenched fist. There was a big bruise on the nose and several smaller ones on the cheeks and ears. The worst wound, on the forehead was hidden by the hair. On a finger was the engagement ring given her by Alfred Eckstein.

INVESTIGATING ALLEGED BRIBERY.

Alderman Trick of Burlington Is Official Concerned. Burlington, Oct. 30.—There was a hearing last evening at the city clerk's office before the special aldermanic committee, composed of Aldermen Coffey, Reeves and Parker, who were appointed to consider the charges that Alderman Trick had attempted to bribe F. C. Lyon by sending him a receipted bill for meat purchased.

Samples of the linoleum sold by W. G. Reynolds were compared with a sample of that sold by L. P. Wood to the city for the almshouse. The committee will not prepare their report on the case until they are ready to submit it to the board of aldermen on Monday evening. It is expected, however, that the report will exonerate Alderman Trick.

LAYING OFF MEN.

Already 12,000 Have Been Dropped in Chicago. Chicago, Oct. 30.—Organized labor in this city is beginning to feel the reactionary effect of the abnormal increase in wages gained during the last year. So heavy has the additional expense proved to the big firms that they have been forced to lay off 12,000 men and are preparing to drop 7,000 more. Labor leaders of the city are thoroughly alarmed.

PLAYED TO STANDSTILL.

Neither U. V. M. 2nd Nor St. Johnsbury Could Score. St. Johnsbury, Oct. 29.—The second eleven of the University of Vermont and St. Johnsbury Academy played each other to a standstill today, neither side scoring.

TEACHERS IN SESSION

Over 400 Teachers at St. Johnsbury.

PROFITABLE SESSIONS.

President Hyde of Bowdoin College Gave a Fine Address Last Evening.

St. Johnsbury, Oct. 29.—Over 400 teachers are attending the Vermont State teachers' convention, which is considered an unusually large number. The convention opened this afternoon with an address of welcome by Judge Walter P. Smith, to which principal Stannard of Barton, the president, happily responded. In his annual address the president urged State supervision, thorough training in essentials for both teachers and scholars and change in the constitution of the association so it could be doing something all the year.

Mason S. Stone spoke on "Education in the Philippines," and the great progress made along these lines since American occupation. Tonight President Hyde of Bowdoin college addressed a large audience on "Personality of the Teacher." He presented in brief review the doctrines of Epicurus, the Stoics, Plato, Aristotle and Christ and showed how no teacher would ever be successful unless he combined the qualities of all five of these great teachers.

STOCK BROKERS SUSPEND.

Firm of Buck & Flynn at St. Albans Has Stopped Business.

St. Albans, Oct. 29.—The recent financial troubles which have stirred up Pittsburg and St. Louis, seem to have also affected St. Albans for the stock firm of Buck & Flynn, in which Charles A. Buck and George T. Flynn were partners, has again suspended operations for the second or third time in an endeavor to make much needed repairs. Many rumors regarding the firm are about, one of which is that some of the customers did not pay up their margin on cotton, of which staple many are said to be "short" in a rapidly rising market. It appears that when the firm failed to make good their margins at the head office of the Metropolitan Stock Exchange in Boston, all accounts carried by them were closed out immediately, without warning to their customers, whose feelings can be better imagined than described. It is not thought that the firm will again resume business.

ASSURANCES OF SOLIDITY.

Car Tell French That Franco-Russian Alliance Is All Right.

Paris, Oct. 30.—At a meeting of the council of ministers today, former minister Del Casse read a letter today from the Car to President Loubet, in which the Russian ruler assured the president of the continued solidity of the Franco-Russian alliance. Del Casse also announced an agreement relative to the French railway concessions in the province of Yunnan, China, had been signed.

WILL STOP "LOVING."

Carroll College Faculty and Waukesha, Wis., City Fathers Against It. Waukesha, Wis., Oct. 30.—The Carroll College faculty has made it an offense worthy of expulsion for a college student to be found "loving" a girl in the college grounds. In addition the city council has instructed its officers to stop the use of the high and distant school steps by sporting couples. This college action is due to a report of too much kissing at that institution.

RUSSIANS MASSACRED.

Chinese Have Killed 45 in a Manchurian Station. Berlin, Oct. 30.—The Tagblatt reports that the Chinese have massacred 45 Russian soldiers and 20 Russian civilians at the Manchurian station of Fulard.

Prof. Mommsen Cannot Live.

Berlin, Oct. 30.—Prof. Theodore Mommsen, the eminent German jurist and historian, had an apoplectic stroke today and cannot survive many hours.

President Snow Resigns.

New York, Oct. 30.—Henry Sanger Snow resigned the office of president of the faculty of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute at the annual meeting of the corporation held in the Spier library of the institute. Mr. Snow has held the presidency since July 1, 1899, having been appointed after the resignation of Dr. Cochran. His resignation is due wholly to the fact that he has for some time desired to relieve himself of the care and responsibility attaching to the administrative headship of the institution.

Water Flowers.

The forgetmenot, marsh marigold and water lily live longer in water than almost any other flowers.

IT IS AN OUTRAGE

Says Montpelier Alderman On Granting Telephone Franchise.

Alderman Gutshall of Montpelier thinks the giving of a franchise by Montpelier city to the Orange County Telephone Co. was an outrage. In an interview yesterday Alderman Gutshall said:

In all my aldermanic experience I have never before seen a matter of such importance put through as that was put through last night, without at least giving 24 hours to the aldermen to consider and the citizens of the city time to appear. The city council in my opinion has given away a valuable franchise without even a hearing. We have heard a great deal of criticism over the electric road franchise, yet this franchise was sold through without even being referred to the license committee, a recognition that is accorded a permit to build a hen house.

This company, under the guise of a permit, has been granted a right to enter the city with no way to get out. It is my opinion, although I may be alone in it, that in all questions by which the city council gives away a right or franchise to individuals or corporations there should be given a public hearing to all citizens and tax payers to appear and make known their wishes. We as members of the city council are the servants of the people, and have no more right to give away such a franchise as this without a proper hearing than we have to give some corporation the right to lay tracks in our city streets without proper hearing.

No alderman should be so fast to grant any franchise without giving the citizens a chance to at least know what is going on. I always supposed that I was dealing with business men on the council, and I believe that I am still except they are mistaken in their judgment. No citizen of the town outside of the stockholders and paid officers of the company appeared before the meeting. As to the merits of the petition I have nothing to say. My objection is to the means of procedure, which I do not consider fair to the citizens of the city.

BARRE BOYS PASSED.

E. L. Scott and F. D. Burgess Admitted to Vermont Bar.

Montpelier, Oct. 30.—The results of the examinations for admission to the Vermont bar, which have been conducted during the past three days, were announced this morning. Out of 20 aspirants all passed with a single exception and were sworn in today. The leader of the class was John N. Harvey of Montpelier, son of attorney E. M. Harvey, and a graduate of the University of Vermont in the class of 1902. He led by one-twelfth of one per cent. The Barre young men, who tried, E. L. Scott, and F. D. Burgess were successful, both being well up in the list.

REPORT IS DELAYED.

Grand Jury Cannot Finish Before Next Week.

Montpelier, Oct. 30.—Indications point to the fact that the special grand jury cannot get through this week. Some of the killing cases have been brought to their attention and are being investigated. A report was looked for today but will probably not be made until next week. The carpenters will be set at work on the interior of the court room Saturday, putting in the new steel ceiling, and when the grand jury gets through the report can be taken by the assistant judges in the grand jury room.

BUCK WEIGHED 410 POUNDS.

L. W. Lippitt of Hardwick Got a Big Fellow.

Hardwick, Oct. 29.—L. W. Lippitt secured an extremely fine buck first of the week near West pond. The animal weighed 410 pounds, and had very wide antlers.

Jerry Douglas was the first Hardwick hunter who secured a deer this season. His was what is termed by sportsmen an "eight point buck." It had a magnificent set of antlers, and weighed undressed about 300 pounds. He shot it on West Hill.

INVOLUNTARY BATH.

Horse Carried Montpelier Men Into the River.

Montpelier, Oct. 30.—William Stratton and Charles Benjamin took an involuntary plunge in the Winooski river last evening. They were driving on lower State street when their horse became frightened and plunged over the river bank. The water is shallow there and outside of a bad wetting the men escaped harm.

Who Will Claim Them?

The following letters appear on the advertised list for Oct. 30, 1903:

Men—Wm. Anderson, Alex. Conits, C. E. Clark, F. M. Colby, Wilber Clark, N. W. Dutton, Olin Gould, A. R. Hayden, August Hohn, Edwin McLeod, F. A. Oakes, E. G. Stewart, Jos. Rogers, S. S. Spear, Don A. Villa, E. A. Whitney. Women—Mrs. E. D. Coffin, Ethel Clogston, 2 Mrs. Gertrude Farnsworth, Nellie Foley, Mrs. Elmer Henryetta, Mrs. Adelle Ladd, Mrs. Wesley Laraway, Eliza Shors, Mrs. Jas. Rogers, Alice Wylie.

Death of Woodstock Man.

Woodstock, Oct. 29.—Owen P. Marsh, an old and highly respected citizen of this town died today of heart failure. Mr. Marsh was 65 years of age and leaves a wife, daughter and one brother. The deceased was a prominent Mason, being a member of the local lodge, also a member of Windsor council, Royal and Select Masons, and of Vermont Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 4, of Windsor.

Secretary Root Leaves For Home.

London, Oct. 30.—Secretary of War Root, who has been one of the Alaskan boundary commissioners, left here today for New York.

GOLF MATCH FINISHED

L. J. Bailey Wins Mackay Medal.

HE WON THREE MATCHES

City Clerk James Mackay, Donor of the Prize, Won Yesterday's Contest.

The golf tournament of the Barre Golf Club, which has been played weekly during the summer, for the medal presented by City Clerk James Mackay, was completed yesterday. The winner of yesterday's contest was Mr. Mackay, the donor of the prize, and the winner of the medal was declared to be L. J. Bailey who has won three times.

There were only six players in the match yesterday and the scores were poor owing to the fact that the course was partially covered with snow. One putting green was almost entirely covered with the white substance. Mr. Mackay's net score for the 18 holes was 89.

The tournament has consisted of 20 contests, one each week since June 18. The winners of these with the number of times won and their net scores are as follows: L. J. Bailey, three times, 76, 74, 84; W. H. Pitkin, two times, 73, 77; C. A. Dodge, once, 83; T. C. Peters, once, 85; G. H. Anker, once, 70; D. W. Smith, once, 83; Homer Pitts, once, 79; F. W. Nichols, once, 69; H. G. Woodruff, once, 87; George Christie, once, 71; George A. Ross, once, 74; L. B. Dodge, once, 76; C. S. Winslock, once, 69; J. Gould More, once, 71; James Reid, once, 80; A. A. Sargent, once, 74; James Mackay, once, 90.

The trophy which was offered to the winner by City Clerk Mackay, is a beautiful gold medal. On the obverse of the medal is the words "Barre Golf Club," and on the reverse is the name of the donor, which is decorated with suitable golf emblems are the words "Weekly Handicap 1903."

O. E. S. SALE.

Largely Attended and Successful Fair Held in Miles' Hall.

The ladies of the O. E. S. held an afternoon and evening sale in Miles' hall yesterday with very satisfactory results. The hall was as prettily arranged as if the ladies were holding a week's fair, with booths and stands on which were displayed useful and pretty articles for sale. These were presided over by the following ladies:

Fancy work: Misses Lena and Blanche Morcroft and Ida Chiness, Mrs. Charles Walters, Mrs. E. G. Briggs. Apron booth: Mrs. Clayton and Mrs. Charles Morcroft. Candy booth: Mrs. D. V. Stone and Mrs. E. L. Smith. Refreshment booth: Mrs. M. L. Melver, Mrs. G. J. Hawes. Album quilt, Mrs. B. H. Wells, Mrs. Joseph Murphy, Mrs. James Gow. Walnut tree, Mrs. Wetmore, Mrs. Sheplee.

The articles found a ready sale among the large number of persons present and a goodly sum will be realized.

AUTHORIZED TO CANCEL.

Telephones Manager of Montpelier Foot Ball Eleven. Manager Melver of the Montpelier seminary foot ball team telephoned Captain Dunham at the Goddard eleven this morning that he was authorized by the management of the school to cancel the return game with Goddard scheduled for November 2.

This announcement was received with much disappointment by the Goddard team and school as they have done everything in their power to satisfy the alleged grievances which Montpelier has been presenting since the first game. Goddard does not know on what grounds Montpelier cancels the game.

A SUDDEN DEATH.

Mrs. E. J. Hatch of Montpelier Died Last Night. Montpelier, Oct. 30.—Mrs. Jennie F. wife of Estes J. Hatch, died from an apoplectic shock at about midnight last night, aged 37 years. She leaves a husband and four children. The deceased was a sister of Mrs. John H. Senter, from whose house the funeral will be held tomorrow at 10 a. m.

THE VOTE TO CANCEL

Carried by Montpelier Seminary Students by Close Margin. Montpelier, Oct. 30.—It has been learned that the vote to cancel the foot ball game with Goddard, by Montpelier seminary, was carried by only a narrow margin. Out of 25 votes cast 14 were for cancelling while 11 of the students wanted to live up to their obligations and act as sportsmen should.

H. J. SMITH GOT A BUCK.

Shot One On His Own Land Which Weighed 175 Pounds. H. J. Smith brought down a buck on South Brook pasture land in Berlin yesterday afternoon. The animal weighed 175 pounds. The day before a man named Reesor, got a buck near the same place, which weighed in the vicinity of 250 pounds.