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THE PERALTA CLAIM.

Array of Public Men Who Are Interested in the Scheme.

Opinions That It Is Bolstered Up by Manufactured Testimony.

(San Francisco Examiner.)

No scheme of modern times has been supported by such an array of eminent public men, and no undertaking has had such a vast amount of capital centralized for its success as presented in the syndicate formed for the purpose of securing possession of the Peralta land grant of Arizona. The vesting of the title in the corporation means the loss to the Government of the Pina and Maricopa and White Mountain Indian reservations, containing over two million acres of land and valued at many millions of dollars. It means the dispossession of thousands of settlers who have bought the land from the Government and erected homes upon it.

As the investigation proceeds it becomes a matter of wonder that a question in which the public has such a vital interest should so long have been kept suppressed. Mr. Henry S. Sanders, Secretary of the Bankers' and Merchants Mutual Life Association, was interviewed by an Examiner reporter yesterday. In answer to an inquiry he said:

"I have been looking up the grant myself in a small way. The first knowledge I had regarding the formation of this present syndicate I received from my friend John Hise, Surveyor General of Arizona. In his letter he informed me that articles of incorporation of the Casa Grande Land and Irrigation Company had been recorded in the office of the Recorder of Florence, Pinal county, Arizona, on the 17th day of May, 1887. He asked me to call upon the people whose names appeared in the corporation documents for information. I did as he requested, but have been unable to obtain anything of interest."

VERY VALUABLE PROPERTY.

"Have you ever visited the property, Mr. Sanders?" asked the reporter.

"Well, yes, I have land interests in Arizona, and have spent considerable time in the Territory. I have traveled through the Peralta grant and I pronounce it the most valuable piece of property of its extent that could be selected in Arizona.

"In the vicinity of Phenix a few years ago land could be bought for \$2.50 an acre which now sells for \$25 and \$50.

"The grant must at one time have been the home of the Aztecs. The crumbling ruins of the old cities now totally destroyed show that the property was in time long past settled by this extinct race.

"The old irrigation ditches and dikes may be easily traced by the furrows yet plainly discernible upon the surface of land, and shows that long before the advent of its present proprietors, it produced grain and fruit for the now departed people."

BIG MEN INTERESTED.

"You have just reached the part of that story which is interesting," remarked a gentleman yesterday who is thoroughly conversant with the plans and intentions of the syndicate.

Before this thing is over you will find members of Congress, United States Senators and Kings and Viceroy of foreign powers interested.

"The value of the property is so great (over \$100,000,000, I think, and rapidly increasing) that the syndicate will never relinquish their efforts as long as they have a chance of success. They will bolster it up with a mass of what I think is manufactured testimony, a great deal of which has been obtained from European Powers, tending to prove the genuineness of the grant. The expose given in the Examiner has caused the management of the great scheme a great deal of uneasiness. If you had held off about two weeks, they would have had all their details completed and would have laughed in their sleeves; but the publication of the facts disarranges all their plans, and is to them a very serious affair.

Many of the most promising and flourishing towns of Arizona are within the confines of the grant.

WHOLE TOWNS INVOLVED.

On the western boundary, and near the southern corner, Maricopa is situated, the point where the railroad enters.

Stannard another railroad town lies in the southwestern corner.

Phenix, probably the most flourishing town in Arizona to-day, is in the western part, while the lively town of Globe is situated in the center and toward the north.

Among other cities and towns embraced in the grant are Tempe, Hayden, Maryville, Sweetwater, Casa Grande, Cottonwood, Pinal, Florence, Dudleyville, Camp Goodwin, Pioneer, McMillenville and Riverside.

No section of Arizona is so well favored as regards water and means of irrigation. The Gila, Salt and San Pedro rivers run through the grant, while small

streams flowing into the larger ones honeycomb the entire property.

THE MINERAL BELT.

The most famous mineral belt of Arizona, that of the Pinal range, is situated in the center of the grant. The mountains yield large deposits of gold, silver, copper and lead.

The Silver King mine in the Superstition mountains has a large body of high grade ore and has yielded an abundance of very handsome and highly prized specimens.

Lime, gypsum, chrome and iron are found in abundance. Vast coal beds are scattered over the property. An expert, after examining these deposits, pronounced them more extensive in area than the coal fields of Pennsylvania and Ohio.

A POWERFUL SYNDICATE.

The agricultural lands are drained by the Gila, Salt, San Pedro and San Carlos rivers. They are highly arable, and with the opportunities for irrigation, are destined to furnish all products of temperate and tropical climes. Oranges, lemons, limes and bananas flourish, while the nominal crops of cereals can be raised.

The government of the United States claim the grant, but repeated decisions against its claim, have not discouraged Reavis, and he has persisted until now as his friends express it, "He has everything straight as a string." The immense amount of capital interested in the claim bears testimony both to its validity and value.

The agricultural lands of the grant are now quite closely settled. Men with their families have here built up homes and are busily engaged in the raising of cattle and the growing of grain. To these people the vesting of the title of the grant in Reavis, means the loss of their homes and farms. It means a process of eviction and ejection without parallel in the history of America. The Mussel Slough evictions would not be a comparison. To drive settlers off and place Reavis in possession would require the services of the entire standing army of the country.

THE HUMBLE MAID.

Mrs. Isaac C. Smith, of No. 712 Sanchez street, was a friend of Sophia Treadwell when she was engaged in Mrs. H. K. Reavis's household. She was visited by an Examiner reporter, who asked if she had a portrait of the girl.

"No," she replied. "I have not, I kept one so long as I thought she was a nice person, but after her actions in the house of a friend of mine I destroyed it."

"When I knew Sophia she was as poor as anybody, but I have heard she has got on lately. That man Reavis took her to Europe and polished her up. He first taught her to read and write decently, after which she took lessons in the arts. I hear she paints now. Well isn't it funny the way people spread themselves when they get hold of money?"

THE PORTRAIT.

When asked if she thought she was the granddaughter of Don Peralta she laughed and said:

"No, I do not. I have always thought she was the daughter of an Indian squaw and never in the world considered her to be an aristocrat."

"In all our conversation she has never laid claim to being a Peralta, and I think she has always considered Treadwell her father and the Digger woman her mother."

THEIR SIDE.

LOS ANGELES, July 21.—The Baron of the Colorado and his high-bred Baroness were discovered in this city to-night. He was not very communicative, and started in by saying that he had dodged the Examiner representatives in San Francisco, and had no desire to be interviewed here. He had nothing to say about the Peralta matter.

"I have got my case in a shape that suits me, and I do not care about its being made public except through the legal tribunal before which it will be presented," he said.

At the question as to the Examiner's stories about him, the Baron made a grimace and rather thought the reporter had been trying to inflate a very small gas bag.

HIS HIGHNESS' PLANS.

"It really amounts to this," said his Lordship, "they have taken up the evidence in the case at a certain point and presented it from there on. I have traced back far beyond where the Examiner started in and have established facts and worked up evidence that will speak for itself when the proper time comes. It would not do to disclose my plans now, as I have public sentiment in my behalf through the newspapers. I don't care to do this. I have a good case and I shall let it go through on its merits. In Arizona they favor my suit. Why, at every election there, those that favor me and my claims are elected."

WILL LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED.

He related the history of his connection with the claims he is now advancing. He said he took up the matter about fourteen years ago, when he first became aware of Mrs. Reavis, rights to the estate interested him deeply and he resolved

not to leave a stone unturned until he had secured complete and unassailable evidence establishing her claim.

"The work was long and tedious. Many difficulties had to be conquered and many obstacles had to be surmounted before the long chain of evidence, in the shape of documents, could be forced into shape. I have it complete now."

REALLY HIS WIFE.

Referring to the Examiner's story that he traveled with a woman whom he had introduced as his cousin, and with whom he was expelled from a boarding-house, he said in a mildly explanatory tone:

"I was already married to the lady, and at the time referred to was in possession of documents proving her my wife. I was married to her by civil contract on December 31, 1882, but it was our policy to keep this a profound secret from every one, for the reasons which I will explain to you now.

"I intended visiting Spain in the interest of our claims to obtain conclusive evidence from the records on file there. A part of my work was also to interview my wife's relatives. You see, here comes a crucial point, which in itself should be convincing.

CONVINCING PROOF.

"Had I disclosed that we had been married by civil contract instead of under the formal ceremonies of the Catholic church, it would have militated strongly against our claims and would have strongly prejudiced the Peraltas against us. I also wanted the people to believe that I was simply her guardian, as this was to our advantage. On our arrival in Spain these roles were sustained, and it was only after our claim had been considered perfectly recognized and fully acknowledged by her relatives and the authorities at Madrid, that I exposed our true relations.

"I presented such sufficient evidence of our marriage to the United States Consul-General at Madrid, that he had no doubt upon the subject. To satisfy my wife's relatives, we were again married according to the rites of the Catholic church.

"The high position of the Peraltas made this a most memorable and important event, and it was followed by a grand festival."

THEIR CLAIMS SUSTAINED.

When asked if he met with any difficulties in inducing the Madrid authorities to entertain his claim, the Baron said: "Very few, or, in fact, none at all, for aside from the many documents with which I was armed, the striking personal resemblance my wife bore to the living and pictured Peraltas was so positive that there was absolutely no room for doubt; nor indeed did they think it worth while to entertain any. She was received with open arms and treated as one of the family at once."

THE BARONESS DE COLORADOS.

"But—" said the Baron, interrupting himself, "here she is now," as the Baroness de Colorado entered the room. The lady has quite a high type of Castilian air and a most pleasant genial presence. She is apparently about 30 years of age, medium height, with clear creamy complexion, already inclining to fleshiness. She greeted the correspondent pleasantly.

Mr. Reavis, referring to her resemblance to her long line of the Grande ancestry, said: "I could show you any number of portraits of her ancestors which would substantiate what I have told you and convince you how remarkable the likeness is. I thoroughly established what I went to Spain for and received an official acknowledgment there from the royal courts in Madrid. Armed with these convincing proofs of the justness of our cause we came back to the United States in November last."

MUST KEEP IT A SECRET.

In response to the question, where and when this evidence was to be made public, Reavis said: "I must keep this secret. I could avail myself of either Washington or one of the Arizona courts, but I decline to state which I have decided on. I have already granted titles to about nine-tenths of the settlers on the lands we claim, in fact all of the lands having water-rights attached, which is practically the only desirable part of our claim. The granting of our claims will affect but few, as they are practically recognized now."

He explained the formation of the Casa Land Company, which is supposed to represent the grant at length, which amounts, according to his version, to this: A great deal of money was needed to carry on his researches, and as he had but little means he had a deed of usufruct granted to a number of capitalists, and by this consideration sufficient means to carry on the work was secured.

These men have had the right to develop their property, and recently they thought it best to incorporate in order to better carry out their plans. This corporation embraces many of the original men to governed by the same constitution and with the same rights.

ALL IN THE INTERESTS OF HIS WIFE.

"Everything I have done has been in the interest of my wife and not for any claim preferred by me. I have nothing to do with it except in my character as

her husband. It is my duty to see that her rights are given her, and you can rest assured that I intend doing it."

The Baroness had but little to say except to occasionally interpolate a few words in support of her husband's story. It was evident that her story was identical with his and that what talking there was to be done in the case was to come from him. The claimants have with them a young girl who they assert is a cousin of the Simon-pure Peraltas whose native heath is in Andalusia. The noble pair have with them also two male servants, while the Baron seems to deem an amanuensis necessary, as he has one in his train.

OFF AGAIN.

They are in a private residence and leave to-morrow.

Their destination could not be learned. Both exhibited evidences of having money, if good clothes and a well-satisfied air can be taken as indications.

Notice.

The American Bakery will be closed on Sundays from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

New Store.

Paul Bahn is offering to the people of Tombstone and the county in general, some of the best bargains in groceries and liquors ever offered in this county. His stock is new fresh and desirable canned goods, wines, candel, in fact every thing sold in a first class grocery store is being sold by him at Fairbank prices.

Occidental Hotel.

This is the only first-class hotel in Tombstone. It is handsomely furnished with all modern improvements. Travelers who stop at this house will find every comfort and attention. Private rooms for commercial travelers at reasonable rates. A splendid billiard table and a card room. The bar is supplied with pure brands of wines, liquors and cigars.

Notice.

All outstanding accounts due and to become due the Tombstone Democrat are payable to me.

BEN JAMES.

Constable.

For Sale or Exchange.

Three thousand shares of stock of the Huachuca Water Company. Par value, Ten dollars per share. Inquire of C. T. BRITTON, Minneapolis, Minn.

Take it in Time.

Dr. Flint's Heart Remedy should be taken at once when slight exertion or a hearty meal produces shortness of breath or a pain in the region of the heart. At all druggists or J. J. Mack & Co., 9 and 11 Front st., S. F.

A full line of Spring and Summer goods have just been received by Harris, the Tailor, and they will be made to suit customers or no pay demanded. Call and examine my stock before ordering elsewhere. HARRIS The Tailor.

Heart Disease!!

Read the hospital reports, read the mortuary reports, read the medical publications, read the daily newspapers, and learn how wide-spread is heart disease, how difficult of detection it is to most people, how many and how sudden are the deaths it causes. Then read Dr. Flint's Treatise on Heart Disease, and learn what it is, what causes it, what diseases it gives rise to, what its symptoms are and how it may be attacked. If you find that you have heart disease, ask your druggist for a bottle of DR. FLINT'S HEART REMEDY. The treatise may be had on application to J. J. Mack & Co., Nos. 9 and 11, Front, San Francisco.

Whiskey brings more misery upon the human family than war, famine and pestilence combined. There is but one rational course to pursue for the inebriate and that is a treatment that destroys the appetite for rum. Such is the Acme. Read their advertisement in another column.

Notice.

On and after April 1st, weekly ice tickets will be sold for \$1 and upwards. Ice weekly customers will not be delivered without tickets. SOUTHWESTERN ICE CO.

Races!

Races at the old track on Sunday next at 2 p. m. Single dash for a quarter four starters; free for all. The stake is a \$45 saddle and a bridle. Old Fashion, McLean's roan and other noted horses will be entered. Entrance fee, \$7.50.

Indigestion or Constipation.

A few HAMBURG FIGS are all that is necessary for the cure of the severest cases of indigestion or constipation and one taken occasionally will prevent the development of these afflictions 25 cents. At all druggists. J. J. Mack & Co. proprietors, S. F.

Swimming Baths!

The swimming baths at the foot of Fifth street will be open to the public every day. Pure running water from the Huachuca Water Company's reservoir at all times.

Notice!

The Board of Equalization of Cochise County, Territory of Arizona, have raised the assessments of the following named persons in the amounts affixed to their names:

Aitchison T A, merchandise	500 00
Arnold C H, lot 9, block 3	100 00
Brunner Fred, personal property	60 00
Bell & Stevenson, stock cattle	1,000 00
Cook Men, lot 22, block 19	250 00
Castanada A A, lot and imps	150 00
Costello M, lot 13, block 47	300 00
and lot 4 block 61	600 00
Costello M, merchandise	100 00
Callahan M M, lot 23, block 18	100 00
Cochise Cattle Co, stock cattle	1,000 00
Crane Bros, stock cattle	400 00
Cole B J, stock cattle	1,500 00
Childress A W, stock cattle	300 00
Chiricahua Cattle Co	10,000 00
Crouch Robt, stock cattle	750 00
Copper Queen Mining Co	23,995 00
Cochise County Bank, cash on hand	2,700 00
Eyimar A, lot 17, block 18	500 00
Edmunds Anson estate of stock cattle	2,000 00
Everhardy & Etz, stock cattle	1,500 00
Erie Cattle Co, stock cattle	5,000 00
Fall John C, merchandise	3,000 00
Foster J L, stock cattle	2,250 00
Gotgens Bros, stock cattle	300 00
Goldwater I & Co, merchandise	1,500 00
Gray R E, lot 18, block 19	200 00
Goslin A B, merchandise	500 00
Hooker J D, lot 3, block 6	250 00
Hoeffler Jos, lot 9, block 21	200 00
Hare & Page, horses	400 00
Hill Jno, ranch and imps	200 00
Hildebrand Harry K, stock cattle	2,000 00
Herrera & McClure, stock cattle	3,400 00
Hooker C M, stock cattle	450 00
Hudson T F, stock cattle	750 00
Hunsaker D N, printing plant	200 00
Israel Sol, merchandise	300 00
Jacobs L M, lot 16, block 19	300 00
and improvements	300 00
Kansas Cattle Co, ranch	200 00
Layton R, stock cattle	500 00
Logan D H, stock cattle	350 00
Linderman Henry, stock cattle	1,000 00
Montgomery Jno, horses	400 00
McCoy J S, lot 6, block 18 and block 5	800 00
Macneil & Moore, merchandise	725 00
Miller Mrs M C, improvements	300 00
McKittrick W H, stock cattle	2,300 00
Norton Jno H, merchandise	3,000 00
Ohnick H, lot 24, block 19	150 00
Page L E, improvements	200 00
Peto H J, merchandise	500 00
Pascholy & Safford, hotel	1,000 00
Reese Maggie, stock cattle	300 00
Riggs Bronnock, stock cattle	1,000 00
Sprunce Wm, lot 15, block 18	500 00
Safford A P K, lots 1, 2, 3, blk 19	300 00
Steins Peak Cattle Co, stock cattle	1,000 00
Steele Thos, stock cattle	1,000 00
Slaughter J H, stock cattle	600 00
Summers Land & Co, stock cattle	550 00
Severin H C, stock cattle	1,000 00
Shultz Bros, stock cattle	1,000 00
Simas Manuel, stock cattle	200 00
Stave Henry, stock cattle	700 00
San Simon Cattle Co	13,500 00
Toquet A, 16 1/2 lot 30, block 18	200 00
Tombstone Land & Cattle Co	300 00
Tribolet Godfrey, lot 18, blk 18	367 00
Trask J J, stock cattle	500 00
Todd Geo W, stock cattle	900 00
Tarbell C B, merchandise	150 00
Vickers J V & S P, lot 11, blk 18	200 00
Vickers & Blinn, lots 21, 22, block 18	500 00
Vucovich E, real estate	500 00
Van Alstine N, stock cattle	500 00
Watts F H, stock cattle	600 00
Witbeck A Land & Cattle Co	5,000 00
Wasson C L, stock cattle	200 00

July 21, 1887.

W. D. MONMORIER,

Clerk.

PROPOSALS.

For Building an Operating Room at the County Hospital.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Cochise Co., Territory of Arizona, will receive sealed proposals and bids, for building and operating room at the County Hospital in accordance with specifications on file in their office. Such proposals and bids to be filed with the Clerk of the Board at or before 2 p. m. at the first meeting of the Board in August 1887, at which time such bids will be opened. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

D. COHN, Chairman.

Attest: W. D. MONMORIER, Clerk.

July 19, 1887.

Unnecessary Misery.

Probably as much misery comes from habitual constipation as from any derangement of the functions of the body, and it is difficult to cure, for the reason that no one likes to take the medicines usually prescribed. HAMBURG FIGS were prepared to obviate this difficulty, and they will be found pleasant to the taste of women and children. 25 cents. At all druggists. J. J. Mack & Co., proprietors, S. F.

TWEED'S STORE



Corner Allen and Fourth Streets, TOMBSTONE, ARIZONA.

Goods for the People at Popular Prices!

H. K. Tweed desires to call the attention of the Tombstone public to his immense and varied stock of

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Which he is now offering at prices that place the goods within the reach of everyone.

All Eastern Goods purchased direct in the East, not second hand through California firms.

Among the thousand and one articles which fill this mammoth store will be found

FAMILY GROCERIES

Of every description. Finest California canned goods. European and California dried fruit. Table delicacies. Choice coffee roasted and ground on the premises. Colgate's toilet and other well known brands of soap.

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Of which a large assortment of both Eastern and California goods will be found at very moderate prices.

The latest styles of everything in these lines cheaper than you can purchase in San Francisco.

Wines, Liquors and Cigars

Of choice imported and California brands by the cask, bottle or gallon. Finest American and imported liquors. High grade cigars, tobaccos and cigarettes. Also a full assortment of staple articles of

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Most Complete Stock of Goods in Arizona.

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