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PERALTA-REAVIS GRANT CASE

Wonderful Structure Founded on Fraud, Perjury and Forgery About to Fall.

Baron Peralta a Myth—The Alleged Grant a Fraud—Pretended Baroness a Half-breed Indian.

James Addison Peralta-Reavis and Dona Sofia Loreto Macena de Peralta-Reavis de la Cordoba (husband and wife), petitioners, vs. The United States of America, respondent, set for hearing by the United States court of private land claims in Santa Fe to-day, is the title of unquestionably the most important case on the docket of that court.

It involves a tract of land seventy-five miles from north to south and 225 miles from east to west, rectangular in form, starting at the base of the Maricopa mountain in western Arizona as the center of the west boundary and extending eastward to a point in New Mexico nearly on a parallel passing through Silver City in Grant county. This pretended Peralta land grant contains 12,705,000 acres and embraces the richest agricultural and mineral lands of Arizona—the very heart of that territory—besides some of the finest mining, grazing and agricultural lands in Grant and Socorro counties of this territory. Fertile and fruitful valleys like those of the Salt and Gila rivers; the White Mountain, San Carlos, Pima and Maricopa Indian reservations; and such flourishing cities and towns as Phoenix, Florence, Maricopa, Globe, Solomonsville and Clifton, Arizona, and numerous settlements in western New Mexico, are included within its boundaries. The Southern Pacific railway taps it at Clifton, Solomonsville, Maricopa and Phoenix. Its value in dollars can hardly be computed. The bare acres alone at the lowest government price would be worth \$17,187,500, but when the reader is reminded that fully 40,000 people (exclusive of Indians) live on this alleged grant, that Phoenix is the capital of Arizona and has a population of about 5,000 people and six banks, and that thousands upon thousands of dollars have been expended in developing the mineral, agricultural and fruit growing resources of the four counties included therein, he will doubtless conclude that \$35,000,000 would be a low valuation to place upon the property in controversy.

READS LIKE A ROMANCE. The story of the elaborate, persistent, costly and audacious efforts put forth to rob the United States and the people of this vast tract of land reads like leaves torn from a romance of the middle ages. About fifty-five years ago, at a place not known to this writer, a baby boy was born into the world, whose presuming fond and dotting parents christened him James Addison Reavis. The youngster seems to have passed safely through the critical teething and measles periods of human life and finally matured into a man and a Missourian. About the beginning of the late 'sixties he bobbed up as a member of Capt. T. B. Catron's company of Confederate artillerymen, but, apparently concluding that "discretion was the better part of valor," Reavis soon deserted and returned to a safe and secluded spot in Missouri. Next he appears to have engaged in the peddling of patent medicines, and in the meantime a concern in New York and in this line of business he seems to have drifted into the "wild and woolly west" as far as he conveniently could without wading into the Pacific.

But, whatever may have been the occupation of James Addison Reavis during the fifteen or twenty years after he reached California, (and events prove that he must have been an uncommonly busy man), his history did not become interesting to the public until March 27, 1883. On that memorable day he filed with the surveyor general of Arizona a petition setting forth that he had become the owner, by purchase from the legal heirs and representatives of the original grantee, of a certain tract of land in the territory of Arizona measuring forty-nine and three quarters English miles in width north and south and 149 1/4 miles in length east and west, accompanied with muniments of title in detail professing to show that, on the 20th of December, 1748, a royal decree was signed by King Ferdinand VI. of Spain directing that, in consideration of distinguished military services rendered to the crown, such a tract of land as the one mentioned should be granted to Miguel de Peralta de la Cordoba, baron of the Coloradoes, in the northern portion of the vice royalty of New Spain; that on January 3, 1758, in accordance with this royal decree and the recommendation of the royal

tribunal of the Inquisition, in the City of Mexico, the viceroys located the lands granted to Peralta in Arizona so as to include the Gila river and described the same by metes and bounds; that this grant and the location thereof were subsequently confirmed by King Carlos III; that, on January 13, 1788, the original grantee willed the tract of land described to his son, Miguel Peralta; that Miguel Peralta deeded the same to George M. Willing on October 20, 1841; that, in 1867, the property was transferred to J. A. Reavis by F. A. Massol, attorney in fact for George M. Willing; that, in 1882, Mary Ann Willing, widow of George M. Willing, deeded the grant to James Addison Reavis. Upon this showing, sustained by pretended original documents from the government archives of the City of Mexico, duly attested transcripts of the record of such pretended grant in the City of Guadalajara, duly attested photographic copies of the record of the same and of the last will and testament of the so-called Baron Peralta at the ancient mission of San Francisco Javier del Bac, together with much other carefully prepared documentary evidence, Reavis petitioned the surveyor general to recommend the confirmation of the aforesaid alleged grant to him by the United States.

After thorough investigation Surveyor General Johnson positively declined to grant the prayer of the petitioner in an able and exhaustive report in the course of which he pointed out missing links and fatal defects in the pretended chain of title and many evidences of forgery and fraud on the face of the formidable mass of musty papers. While the aforesaid claim was pending before the surveyor general of Arizona, on September 2, 1887, the resourceful and cunning Reavis filed an amended claim to said property under the title of his alleged wife, Dona Sofia Loreto Macena de Peralta-Reavis, nee Maco y Silva de Peralta de la Cordoba, ALLEGED GREAT GRAND DAUGHTER of the deceased Don Miguel Nemeolo Silva de Peralta de la Cordoba y Garcia de Carrillo de las Flores, and signed himself thereto as James Addison Peralta-Reavis. This amended claim was substantially the same as the original one except that it

called for a larger tract of land and went deeper and more extensively into documentary details; and, instead of being granted or dimmed by the adverse report of Surveyor General Johnson, Reavis seems simply to have availed himself of the suggestions of that official to perfect and strengthen the pretended chain of title of himself and his alleged wife to the lands claimed in Arizona.

It thus happened that, when, on February 18, 1893, the pretended Peralta-Reavis grant claim was filed for confirmation in the United States court of private land claims in Santa Fe, it appeared very much like an impregnable legal stone-wall to the officers of the government appointed to contest the same. Reavis had enlisted the services of several attorneys of national repute in the preparation of the elaborate papers in the case; had expended between \$30,000 and \$40,000 in printing the same for filing in the court; had personally visited Spain and Mexico several times with his alleged wife in his pretended efforts to secure evidence from original sources; and generally had succeeded in making such a strong showing that he has been able to raise several hundred thousand dollars from the Southern Pacific Railway company, from settlers on the alleged grant and from sales of interests therein to defray the enormous expenses incident to prosecuting the claim and to enable him and his alleged wife to live like people of the greatest affluence wherever it pleased them to sojourn. It is said that while the aspiring and audacious twain temporarily resided in Phoenix they lived in princely fashion and received their callers with befringed, be-scoloped, bespangled and

CONDENSING POLITENESS. Mrs. Peralta-Reavis, a large, heavy-featured, plain looking woman of about 50, shrewdly dressed and glittering with jewels, calmly posed as the baroness of Arizona, and the great-grand-daughter and only living heir of Baron Miguel de Peralta, who easily traced her lineage back 700 years among the real grandees of Spain. When the ladies of Phoenix called upon her she would sometimes be found sitting luxuriously in her "drawing room" with an elegant bit of fancy work lying in her lap, and at other times she would appear, as if taken by surprise, in a negligee costume with a half finished painting on her hand and fingers. Not one ever saw her ply a needle or touch canvas with a paint brush.

Such was the status of the case when Mr. Matt G. Reynolds, attorney for the United States court of private land claims, began his investigation in behalf of the government. The outlook was not encouraging. Mr. Reynolds early became satisfied that the so-called Peralta land grant was a fraud, that the documents and records upon which it was founded were forged and fraudulent; that Baron of the Coloradoes and Miguel de Peralta was a myth and that the person posing as the baroness of Arizona and the lawful wife of James Addison Peralta-Reavis was an arrant and twaddling humbug; but so cunningly and ably had the case been prepared and such seemingly insurmountable obstacles had been surmounted in working it up that the work of unraveling the mystery and illuminating the case with the light of truth appeared like an almost hopeless task. But it was

COURAGEOUSLY UNDERTAKEN. The United States attorney general freely supplied Mr. Reynolds with such assistance and money as he needed to prosecute the investigation. Mr. S. Mallet-Prevost, an eminent legal expert in matters of the sort indicated, was sent on investigating missions to Old Mexico and Spain; Mr. Reynolds and Special Agents Tipton and Hughes spent months on similar errands in Mexico and California, and even judges of the court went to California, Mexico and Spain to take testimony.

This searching and laborious investigation was finally fruitful of the results expected and desired by the law officers of the government. The government goes into the hearing fully prepared conclusively to prove that no such Spaniard of noble birth and distinction as Miguel de Peralta ever existed; that such a grant as that alleged was never decreed by the king of Spain or located in Arizona by the viceroys of New Spain; that the baron and baroness of the Coloradoes and the baroness of Arizona, sole heirs of the imaginary Baron Miguel de Peralta and wife of James Addison Peralta-Reavis is really the daughter of one John Treasby, a Digger Indian squaw known as Kate, and that she was born in Sherwood valley, Mendocino county, Cal., and is in no wise related to any Spanish family. How access was obtained to the archives and records of Mexico and the church records of California to perpetrate the numerous forgeries and mutilations discovered is still shrouded in mystery; but that it was obtained is susceptible of abundant proof. The total downfall of the wonderful structure so painfully erected by James Addison Reavis will soon follow.

PERALTA CASE IN COURT. The United States court of private land claims convened at 10 o'clock this morning with a full bench, Chief Justice Reed and Justice Sluss having arrived from the east last night. United States Attorney Reynolds announced that the government was ready to proceed to the hearing. Judge McKinney, a lawyer of Phoenix, appeared as the representative of the alleged Peralta heirs in Arizona, whose case was filed in Arizona and subsequently consolidated with the Peralta-Reavis claim in spite of the fact that it was adverse to the latter claim. In entering his appearance this morning Judge McKinney expressly disclaimed any connection with the Peralta-Reavis claim, but explained that his clients had been relying on the Peralta-Reavis people to show the existence of a grant as alleged. "If Reavis has failed to do this," he added, "our case falls also." He stated further that, as the hearing proceeded, he might ask the court to annul the order consolidating the two cases. Mr. Reynolds then suggested that, as it was reported that Reavis had recently been seen in Los Angeles and might arrive with his attorneys on the next train from the south, the hearing be postponed until to-morrow morning. It was so ordered.

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MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

Program Arranged for Thursday Carried Out Yesterday Afternoon—Address of Judge Morrison.

The ritual service of the Grand Army of the Republic was performed at the National cemetery yesterday afternoon. Martial music was furnished by Drummer "Jim" Bentley, and Fifer "Jim" Harris, and the vocal music by Colonel George W. Kasebel, Rev. F. T. Bennett, Mr. Gulliford, Miss Morrison, Miss Gulliford and Mrs. Day.

Judge Francis Downs, post commander, Bishop J. Mills Kendrick, acting as chaplain, and Edward Krumpiegel, officer of the day, gave the G. A. R. service in a very impressive manner. Co. B, 1st New Mexico militia, under command of Captain William Strover are entitled to credit for their marching and soldierly appearance; while their salute to the dead, three volleys fired over the graves, could not be excelled by any company in the regular army.

Robert H. Odley Garrison No. 60, Army and Navy Union, was represented by George Detzel, W. F. Dobbin and Max Bernstein. JUDGE MORRISON'S ADDRESS. Judge A. L. Morrison delivered the address of the day. It was comparatively brief, but it was full of patriotic feeling and rich in thought and sentiment inspired by the occasion.

After mentioning that the men who served the union were "the grandest, the truest, the bravest men who ever faced the storm of death on the battle field," the speaker dwelt with particular emphasis upon the marvelous manner that 1,000,000 men, after spending three or four years in military life, laid down their arms and returned to the ways of peace without causing disorder. This he pronounced a miracle without a parallel in the histories of the wars of the world, an achievement more astonishing to Europe than any of our achievements on the field of battle. These remarks, he said, applied to the Confederate as well as to the Federal soldiers.

Proceeding he said: "We have a small remnant of the ages here with us to-day, and how do we know them from their other fellow citizens? In part by the measured martial step which, even in their declining years, clings to them, but peculiarly by the simple star or badge which every veteran wears over his heart. But to us even the brilliant stars of the Legion pale its ineffable fires in the presence of the more brilliant, more glorious American star of the Grand Army of the Republic. Hail! All hail! beloved star, taken from the center of our peaceful constellation and worn on half a million manly hearts to-day. Hail! All hail! meteor of freedom, emblem of victory, beacon light of honor and glory; may God bless here and hereafter every veteran who carries thee in life and death."

The speaker followed an apostrophe to the stars and stripes, "bedewed with the holy tears of widows and orphans and crimsoned with the blood of the brave and the true," that touched the hearts of all. Most fittingly he closed by saying "We will leave this sacred as we came with solemnly suitable questions." It was listened to with absorbing interest by all within reach of the speaker's fine voice.

MONDRAGON IN STRIPES.

The Embezzler of Public School Funds Goes to the Pen for Six Years.

Narciso Mondragon, the defaulting ex-city treasurer, was taken to the penitentiary late on Saturday afternoon. He will serve six years. Having been convicted and sentenced to five years imprisonment for robbing the city public school fund of \$3,937.33, he failed to secure bondsmen or perfect an appeal, and so concluded to make a clean breast of it. Accordingly, on Saturday afternoon, Mondragon appeared before Judge Laughlin, entered a plea of guilty in the other case against him, and he was charged with embezzling \$662.67 of Santa Fe city funds, and the court sentenced him to one year more. He stole \$4,600 and goes up for six years. Justice is not doing much crying over his fate.

A GOOD GAME.

Despite yesterday morning's rain the game scheduled to take place in the afternoon between the Santa Fe and Athletic's was played, the grounds being in very good condition. The chilly weather kept the crowd down to about 150, who were well rewarded by witnessing the best game of baseball seen on the home grounds for many a day. From the start and up to the fifth inning the Santa Fe had very much the best of it, when the Athletic's put on their batting clothes and played a wonderful up-hill game. When they came to bat at the end of the ninth the score stood 10 to 5, and by clean hitting, after two men were out, tied the score. The tenth inning made no difference, both teams failing to cross the home plate. The eleventh brought the Santa Fe two runs, who white-washed the red stockings in their half. The features were numerous, and to no particular player belongs the honor; everybody had numerous chances and everybody accepted nearly all of them. The score by innings was as follows:

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ROUND ABOUT TOWN.

Mrs. T. A. Goodwin has assumed control of the Clair hotel cafe.

The Ladies Aid society has postponed their annual June social until July 4.

At the expiration of his license, on Saturday, Mr. Foraha concluded to close the Exchange hotel bar.

The ladies of the Santa Fe Social club will entertain the members at a social hop at the club rooms to-morrow night.

Gov. Prince returned from Colorado last night. He delivered the Memorial day address at Idaho Springs, when the services were held in the opera house on account of the storm.

U. S. Marshal Hall returned from Socorro yesterday and brought to the penitentiary Sosteno Jaramillo and Solome Jaramillo, sentenced to eighteen months and one year for violation of the Edmunds act.

Johnson & Co. have moved their shoe store into the Delgado block, on San Francisco street, opposite the First National bank, where they will continue to increase their stock of fine boots and shoes until they have just what the people of Santa Fe need and wish.

The only fire hydrant on lower San Francisco street is causing no end of trouble to residents down that way. It is so located that the citizen invariably falls over it on a dark night and as there are no street lights down that way this sort comes pretty often.

The restaurant of John Conway & Son was closed, on Saturday evening, and the property passed into the hands of Nesario Gonzalez, owner of the building, and the saloon adjoining will hereafter be carried on by the Santa Fe Brewing company.

The plaza concert brought out another large crowd yesterday afternoon and the music was excellent. These concerts are not given under the direction of the Woman's Board of Trade, as originally suggested, that worthy organization having all it can attend to in other directions; but they are given by Prof. Perez on his own account, he having received very liberal subscriptions from citizens of the community.

Farmer Twitchell is back from Española valley and is much pleased over the growth of the American colony there. At a strawberry social given the other night there were about seventy-five people present and a meritorious program was given in the way of literary and musical exercises. Mr. Twitchell adds that green peas and strawberries are now in their glory. There will be a heavy fruit crop of all kinds, except peaches. Alfalfa is being cut the first time, and there will be a fine crop of grain and vegetables as well as fruit.

Gov. Prince reports from Denver that, in an interview with Gen. Wheaton, the latter evinced much interest in the condition of Fort Marcy and the return of troops to the post. Gen. Wheaton requested him to say to the people of New Mexico that he had always had the pleasant feeling toward the territory as his first experience was with the boundary commission in 1850 when he was but 17 years old, and he would be glad to do everything in his power to protect and advance our interests.

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