

LAND GRANT TITLES WILL NOT FARE WELL

Departments at Washington Oppose Resolution, and Its Author is Not Backing It Up.

TOTAL OF 15,000 CLAIMS OF VALUE ARE INVOLVED IN CASE

Professional Locators Have Reaped a Rich Harvest in Luring People to the Tracts.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Jan. 30.—The interior department and the department of agriculture have reported adversely to congress on the joint resolution introduced by Senator Lewis, of Illinois, proposing in effect to confirm the title of all persons who, with the aid of locators, have filed on or sought to enter lands embraced within the Oregon & California railroad grant.

These adverse reports alone would be sufficient justification for tabling the Lewis resolution, but Senator Lewis, in introducing the resolution, marked it for the junk pile when he indorsed it as being "introduced by request"—a term used in congress to indicate that the author of the measure intends that it shall not receive consideration.

Prosecution Promised. The introduction of the resolution and the attitude assumed by the departments, however, serve once more to attract public attention to the activities of the locators, and it now develops that it has been the purpose of the interior department and the department of justice for more than six months past to procure evidence against the locators who have been active in placing people on or inducing them to file on Oregon & California grant lands, with a view to prosecuting those of them who have resorted to fraudulent methods.

The records of the government departments disclose the fact that between 14,000 and 15,000 claims to Oregon & California lands would be approved if the Lewis resolution were passed by congress, and the only requirement would be that the claimant pay the government \$2.50 an acre for each acre filed on.

Moreover, it appears that professional locators who were instrumental in inducing the filing of nearly 15,000 claims have reaped a fine harvest, their locating fees to date having aggregated more than \$1,000,000 in the Oregon & California railroad cases alone.

Reames Ordered to Act. District Attorney Reames at Portland has been authorized by the department of justice to take steps to prosecute locators who have been defrauding innocent persons in connection with Oregon & California lands, such authority having first been given under date of July 31, 1913. The department of justice meantime has been advising all persons applying there for information that "no one can safely make any contract with the railroad company, and that no department of the government has authority to make disposition of these lands." In a letter to Mr. Reames, which he was authorized to make public, the department of justice said:

"Every effort should be made not only to prosecute those guilty of frauds in connection with this matter, but also to inform the public fully to the end that the practice of such frauds may be rendered as difficult as possible."

It was never the intention of congress to seek a forfeiture of any lands which had been sold in strict accordance with the terms of the original grant to actual settlers in quantities not exceeding 160 acres and at a price not exceeding \$2.50 an acre. Congress dealt only with lands sold contrary to law, or which have been withheld from sale altogether.

MURDERER HUMPHREYS HANGS THIS EVENING

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Columbus, O., Jan. 30.—Leslie Humphreys, Columbus murderer, will be

electrocuted at the Ohio penitentiary tonight, without ever having had a trial by jury. Humphreys is a self-confessed murderer. He pleaded guilty to the general charge of homicide and waived his right to a trial, hoping for clemency from the court. Because of the nature of his crime, the judge gave him the limit of the law. Humphreys gained the confidence of a comrade and learned where this friend had \$400 hidden. He got his victim to get the money, lured him from West Virginia to Columbus, took him to a deserted part of the city, and cut his throat. He shot the man afterwards to make sure of the job. Then Humphreys fled back to the West Virginia mountains, abandoning his wife and two babies. It was through his own little boy that the crime was finally fastened upon Humphreys. A few days after the murder the child found a bloody revolver in an old stove in the yard. The police were notified and Humphreys finally captured. Confronted with several of the murdered man's belongings found in his possession, Humphreys broke down and confessed.

TRIAL JURIES DISCUSSED.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Jan. 30.—The Deterioration of the Trial Jury was the principal topic scheduled for discussion at the thirty-seventh annual meeting of the New York State Bar Association, which today opened a two days' session. Former Judge A. T. Clearwater read a paper on this subject in which the defects of the system were pointed out, especially those which arise during criminal trials. Former Judge Alton B. Parker, once Democratic candidate for President of the United States, presided. The annual address was to be delivered at Carnegie Hall by former Chief Judge Cullen, of the Court of Appeals. Other subjects of discussion will be "Trial of Impeachments," and "Workmen's Compensation." A paper on "Some Features of the Income Tax Law," by Congressman Cordell Hull, of Tennessee, and reports from various standing and special committees were scheduled. The convention will close with a dinner in honor of former Chief Judge Cullen at the Hotel Astor tomorrow night. Former Judge Parker will preside and there will be many notable speakers present. The officers of the Association are Judge Parker, president; Frederick E. Wadhams, secretary and Albert Hessberg, treasurer.

MINERS TO DEMAND INCREASES.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Philadelphia, Jan. 30.—Demands for a ten percent wage increase for coal miners were to be formulated today at a district meeting of the United Mine Workers of America. Patrick Gilday, district president, was to preside. In sounding the keynote of the meeting today Gilday declared that the operators, with whom their contracts expire April 1, are practically certain grant the increases to be demanded. He predicted that the increases would go into effect by February 1, and that the same wage raises will be granted in other Pennsylvania districts. The operators today declared that the calling of a convention of the miners for February 24 was done in the hope of forcing a meeting of the wage scale committees of both sides later in the month in order that when the present contracts expire there will have been a month of disagreement over wages, which, according to the contracts, would give the men the right to strike without automatically breaking the agreements.

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RAILROADS DO NOT CONNECT IS KICK

Charging that the defendants have declined to make physical connections of their lines at Albany, John Wills, W. L. Chambers and E. A. Chambers, of that city, have today filed a complaint with the state railroad commission against the Southern Pacific, the Corvallis & Eastern and the Oregon Electric companies.

A law compelling physical connections of railroads within the discretion of the commission was passed at the last session of the legislature, and it is believed that the larger companies have awaited the filing of complaints with the commission before filing suit to test the act.

An old state law provided in general terms for an interchange of traffic by railroads, but the United States court held that it applied to interstate as well as interstate commerce and was void. The new law was passed to remedy the alleged defect. The large lines fought the attempt to make the interchange of business compulsory under the old law, and there is reason to believe as determined a fight will be made under the new one.

It is alleged in the complaint that the defendants have not furnished the proper facilities for the interchange of traffic at Albany, and, as a result, the complainants are suffering damage. The Oregon Electric, it is said, does not oppose the physical connections. The complaint is the first of numerous ones which the commission may have to consider, and if the large railroads are of the same attitude as they were when the old law was attacked, a bitter court fight will result.

The complainants ask that the defendants be required to answer the charges, and that an order be made requiring them to provide the connections. It is charged that their failure to make physical connections is unreasonable and unjust and does not permit of adequate intrastate commerce between points in Oregon and on the defendants' lines.

GOMPERS DEFENDS LABOR FEDERATION AND COUNCIL

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 30.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, defended the organization and its executive council yesterday afternoon before the United Mine Workers' convention against the charges made by President Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners, Duncan McDonald and others. Moyer's charge was that if the Michigan copper strike is lost the inactivity of the American Federation executive board would be the cause. Gompers asserted that it would be impossible to levy an assessment for the copper strikers and denied that the organization is "reactionary, fossilized, worm-eaten and dead," and that the executive council is composed of "boozing fighters."

BUSINESS EXPEDITION RETURNS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Jan. 30.—The American "commercial expedition," composed of prominent manufacturers and financiers, members of the Southern Commercial Congress, was expected to arrive here today after the most extensive trip ever taken through South America in the interests of fostering trade relations between United States and South America. The "commercial expedition" sailed on November 1, from Mobile, where the 1913 Southern Commercial Congress was held. The expedition visited twenty-one of the largest cities of Brazil, Chile, Argentine Republic, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay, Bolivia, Ecuador and several Central American countries.

WANT SUFFRAGE CAUCUS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Jan. 30.—Petitions were in circulation today for a home democratic caucus on the suffrage question. Equal rights leaders asserted that they had enough signatures to force the caucus.

CHILD WINS BATTLE WITH IRATE ROOSTER

An unusual battle took place in the back yard of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marnach's home on High street yesterday, the combatants being Pauline, the 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marnach, and a pet rooster which the youngster had raised from a mere chick. The little girl had gone to the hen house after the eggs when Mr. Marnach's attention was attracted by some squawking and flopping of wings out in the yard. Upon investigation it was found that Pauline had armed herself with a switch and was baying the said rooster in great fashion, while the fowl, with all his fighting blood up, was flying at the girl and attempting to peck her face.

Finally the child drove Mr. Rooster to close quarters and after administering a good licking to the irate chicken, kicked him into the hen house and locked the door. According to Pauline, the rooster seemed to fly into a rage when she approached him and immediately began to fight her. Just what prompted the chicken to attack his small mistress cannot be explained by Mr. Marnach inasmuch as she had raised the bird and it was looked upon as a pet ever since it was a little thing.

VANDERBILT AND DUKE AND DUCHESS ARRIVE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Colon, Panama, Jan. 30.—The steamer Almirante arrived yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt, the duke and duchess of Manchester and Lord Falconer, who were rescued from Vanderbilt's yacht Warrior which ran ashore in a storm Monday off the Colombian coast.

Apparently the Vanderbilts and their guests are suffering no ill effects from their thrilling experience, which included a day and a night of uncertainty while the yacht was pounded by the high seas and a trip through the breakers from the stranded vessel. The Warrior's position is reported serious. The Almirante will return to the scene to rescue the crew if necessary. A wrecking tug has already gone to the aid of the yacht.

CONFUCIANISM MADE CHINESE STATE RELIGION

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Peking, Jan. 30.—The administrative council passed yesterday a bill making Confucianism the Chinese state religion. The council is the body, chosen by himself, which President Yuan Shi Kai set up as a substitute for the parliament he dissolved and it was by the president that the bill concerning religion was introduced.

MEXICANS EXCITED OVER ALLEGED TALK OF WILSON

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Mexico City, Jan. 30.—The Japanese minister had a long conference with President Huerta yesterday afternoon at which it was reported that the financial arrangements were discussed for any arms or ammunition Japanese traders may supply to the Mexican government.

Local Japanese were intensely excited today over the local publication of the following utterance, attributed to President Wilson:

"The Japanese are supplying the federals with arms; we must supply the rebels with the same."

Huerta has notified American Charge d' Affaires O'Shaughnessy that he has nine United States army uniforms, taken from the bodies of rebels at Ojinaga.

ROAD VOTES ON LEASE.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Stuttgart, Arks., Jan. 30.—Stockholders of the Rock Island, Stuttgart and Southern railway company met here today in special session to vote upon the lease of the road to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific company for 99 years, from February 1. The line was originally built by the Rice Belt and Southern railway company, the Rock Island being interested later.

CLARKE AT BIBLE CONVENTION.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Centerville, Iowa, Jan. 30.—Governor Clarke, of Iowa, was the principal speaker and guest of honor at the Iowa State Bible Convention here today.

IF BACKACHY OR KIDNEYS BOTHER

Eat Less Meat and Take a Glass of Salts to Flush Out Kidneys—Drink Plenty Water.

Uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish, ache, and feel like lumps of lead. The urine becomes cloudy, the bladder is irritated, and you may be obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night. When the kidneys clog you must help them flush off the body's urinous waste or you'll be a real sick person shortly. At first you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, you suffer from backache, sick headache, dizziness, stomach gets sour, tongue coated and you feel rheumatic twinges when the weather is bad.

Eat less meat, drink lots of water; also get from any pharmacist four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will be the next fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink, which every one should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active. Druggists here say they sell lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

THREATEN TO DESTROY ORANGE PACKING HOUSES

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 30.—Anonymous threats to destroy the orange packing houses at Rialto unless all Japanese pickers are driven from the Rialto groves are contained in letters received by Sheriff Ralph and the San Bernardino newspapers. The letters were written in red ink and bore rudely drawn coffins.

"We are white citizens of Rialto and we owe money to the butcher and the grocer; we can't pay because we have been fired from our jobs and Japs hired for 50 cents a day less," the letters said.

Japanese labor has supplanted white labor almost entirely in the Rialto orange groves this year.

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Silk Umbrellas
Women's Silk Umbrellas, best of covers, fitted over Paragon steel frames, finished with neat handles. Regular \$5.00. Special \$4.00

Tailored Waists
Women's and Misses' high grade tailored waists in a variety of pleasing styles. Special \$1.98

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Good weights, fast black cotton ribbed hose, just the thing for school. Special 2 pairs for 25c

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Lace Curtains One-half Price

QUALITY POPULAR
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MERCHANDISE LOCALITY STREET BETWEEN STATE & COURT PRICES

POPE HAS DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Rome, Jan. 30.—Pope Pius is again in troubled waters as a result of European politics. Serbia, whose territory has been doubled as a result of the two recent Balkan wars, has just sent to Rome a commission to negotiate a concordat with the Vatican. Personally, the Pope is most favorably disposed toward Serbia. Austria, however, which is the Vatican's strongest friend amongst the big European powers, has for the past century been trying to crush the little state that is always trying to create a big Slav empire on her southern border. Austria also enjoys from the Vatican the position of protector of the Catholic church in the entire Balkan peninsula. She has looked an emphatic protest with the Pope against the diminution of her power and the increase of that of Serbia which would result from a concordat with the Vatican. Pope Pius gives no indication of just how he is going to get out of the difficult position.

PROHIBITION IS ENDORSED BY WOMEN'S FEDERATION

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 30.—Unanimous indorsement of proposed state-wide prohibition, for which a proposed initiative measure is now on file at the state capital, was the last important act of the executive board of the State Federation of Women's clubs in the mid-winter conference here, which ended yesterday.

An arrangement was made whereby the Woman's League of the University of Washington, which will be come affiliated with the organization. Delegates and alternates to the biennial general convention in Chicago were named, committee vacancies filled and the date of the state convention at Raymond fixed at July 20.

CITY CAN CONDEMN LINE.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Olympia, Wash., Jan. 30.—Reviewing the condemnation proceedings brought by the city of Seattle against the Seattle, Renton & Southern railway, the supreme court today specifically upheld the right of a city to condemn an existing street railway for operation as a municipal line.

The court, however, sent the case back to the lower court because the present receivers of the company had not been made parties to the action.

A few people might like to see another panic but they can't "pull it off."

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MR. HENRY PECK AND HIS FAMILY AFFAIRS

By Gross

HENRY JR. SAYS

IN WHICH DOC PECK FINDS OUT ABOUT THE SWIFT CHANGES IN THE GEOGRAPHY OF NEW YORK

GOSH, BUT THIS IS A PUNK NEIGHBORHOOD! GUESS I'LL GO HOME

SH! BEWARE—TIS JUST 5 MINUTES TO TWELVE

SH! BE STILL WAGER—(JOKE) 'TIS JUST TWELVE AND ALL THESE PRETTY STENOGRAPHERS ARE GOING OUT TO LUNCH

WELL, ITS 5 MINUTES TO TWELVE

SH! ITS JUST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS LATER

PAWD BETTER BEWARE OR MA'LL BE WEARIN A BECK OUT ON HIS BEAN

HENRY PECK