

CONGRESSMAN KINKAID'S CLAIM VALID

Taken Up Under the New Law Regulating Alaska Coal Lands. Gravis Swears There Was Nothing Wrong in Transaction.

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Washington, Jan. 30.—Gifford Pinchot, it is expected, will take stand tomorrow in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation. The references made by L. R. Gravis in his testimony to Representatives Kinkaid, of Nebraska, and McLachlan, of California, as coal claimants were discussed in Washington today. Kinkaid's claim is acknowledged to be valid, having been taken up under the new law, while the Cunningham claims are under the old law.

Gravis swears there was nothing wrong on the part of Congressman Kinkaid in the purchase of the Alaska Coal Claim.

In the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation the essential part of the testimony of Gravis as to the purchase of a coal claim by Congressman Kinkaid is as follows:

"Mr. Denby. That was when Mr. Ballinger was practicing law in Seattle?"

"Mr. Gravis. Yes, sir."

"Mr. Madison. What was the character of the employment—that is, what was he employed to do? You stated it generally but now state it more particularly."

"Mr. Gravis. He (Ballinger) was employed to examine some papers, I think, preparatory to buying out a coal claim in the Green group of claims, and he (Kinkaid) was buying his interest out in that claim, and was then going to put his claim with others in a consolidation, under the act of May 28, 1908."

"Mr. Madison. Well, now, was there anything in that transaction that was wrong?"

"Mr. Gravis. No, sir; there wasn't anything wrong at all in that transaction; unless he (Kinkaid) had had some agreement or interest prior to the passage of that act of May 28, 1908 there would not be anything wrong at all."

"Mr. Madison. In other words, Kinkaid would have had a right to buy an assignment of a claim that had been legally entered, and would then have a right to take advantage of the law of Congress of May 28, 1908."

"Mr. Gravis. Yes, sir; and it was after the passage of that act, I am quite sure; I know it was."

"Mr. Madison. So that there was not anything, either on the part of Mr. Kinkaid or Mr. Ballinger in that particular instance, that was wrong in any way, that you know of. If there was, tell it, because that is what we want to know."

"Mr. Gravis. That was part of the work which he (Ballinger) did for the Green group during the period he was out of office and which he had knowledge of while commissioner."

"Mr. Brandeis. (Attorney for Pinchot and Gravis) It has a bearing on the statement of Mr. Ballinger that he only acted in the Cunningham cases in the matter of incorporation."

A Farewell Party.

Sunday 1st at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Noble, in Dry Valley occurred a farewell surprise party which will be long and pleasantly remembered by the participants. Mr. Noble and wife, who have resided on the old homestead since 1880, have sold their home and will soon remove to Palacios, Texas. The neighbors who have known them for years decided to pay them a visit, and on Sunday, they came in on them bearing well filled baskets and proceeded to one of those kind of visits that kept up the courage of the early settlers in the trying times of grasshoppers and drought. Old neighbors who had gone through the trials of early settlers with Mr. and Mrs. Noble were there with their children, numbering over forty. Tables were spread from the baskets and a merry party sat down to do justice to the finest feed that has ever graced a Custer county table.

Old reminiscences were indulged in and the old folks grew young again, while the young folks regretted that the experience was not for them. Among the neighbors of the early 80s were: John Welch and wife, F. D. Miller and wife, Tom Wilson and wife, Mrs. Allen and family, John Scott and wife, Mel Stinman and daughters, Wm. Burke, wife and daughters, all of Westerville, and Dr. C. H. Shoemaker, of Broken Bow.

Mr. Noble had one of the finest homes in Custer county, which he and his family had carved out of the virgin prairie, but like a number of other Custer county pioneers, he decided that he wanted to get away from the Nebraska winds, and purchased land in Texas. His quarter section, which he lately sold for \$8,000, could not be purchased of the present owner for \$10,000. While regretting to see him leave, his old neighbors, and friends throughout the county, will follow him with their best wishes.

Golden Wedding.

On Saturday, February 5th., 1910 occurred the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Cole at their home in this city. A number of relatives and friends assembled to help them celebrate the occasion. A four course luncheon was served by four of their grand daughters at two tables. The decorations in the dining room were gold and white. An appropriate program was rendered consisting of choice readings and favorite songs, after which E. G. Cole in a few well chosen words presented Mr. and Mrs. Cole, on behalf of the children, two very beautiful chairs, at the same time telling of their appreciation of being permitted once more to assemble under the parental roof, afterwards closing his remarks with a short prayer.

Those present from out of town were, Mrs. L. J. Cole, of Greenfield, Ohio, E. G. Cole, of Garden City, Kansas, W. E. Cole, of Kansas City, Missouri, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Cole, of Lincoln, Nebraska, Mrs. W. J. Dutton and grand daughter, Miss Clara Neville, of Gravitv, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Morris, of Tennant, Iowa.

Joshua Cole and wife were married February 6th, 1860, near Wehershfield, Illinois. Mr. Cole was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, October, 1837. Mrs. Cole was born in March, 1837, near Clinton, New York. Both came with their parents to Illinois in 1851, their entire life being spent near the home of their adoption, until four years ago when they came to Broken Bow and where they have since resided. But one death has occurred in the family, that of Mrs. Martha Cole Kenival. All of the children were present on this occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole, are members of long standing in the M. E. church and have made many warm friends during their residence in our city.

Commercial Club's Standing Committees.

The executive committee of the Commercial Club of Broken Bow beg to report as follows: The work outlined for 1910 will be evidenced by the list of committees appointed Saturday evening, to wit:

Alfalfa—Cadwell, Bowman, Mullins, Eastham and Bruce.

Photograph—Taylor and McGraw.

Sewer—Molyneaux, A. J. Elliott, C. L. Mullins, Pennington and Bowen.

City Hall—Martin, Haerberlee, R. B. Mullins, Humphrey and Andrew Snyder.

Literature—Cadwell, House and Turner.

Membership—Hayes, Burke and Cross.

Free Express—George, Federal Building—George, Humphrey, Konkel, Rublee and Molyneaux.

Railroad North and South—Cadwell.

Circus—Kern, Lucke and Lee. Good Roads—McGraw, Dillavou, Weisenreder and Frey.

The committee on alfalfa are instructed to begin a systematic canvass among the farmers to double the acreage of alfalfa this year.

Then if the committees on sewerage and city hall make good, with electric lights and a few more things there will be something doing in Broken Bow this year A. D. 1910.

Every citizen wants to get in and play the game this year. WILLIS CADWELL, Sec'y.

Miss Minnie Johnson, of Ortello, visited relatives in town a few days this week.

Doings in District Court.

Frank Day, charged with stealing a horse and saddle from his uncle, living near Anselmo, plead guilty to the charge Tuesday and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Dick Shute, charged with the same offence, plead not guilty and was bound over to the jury term of court. His brother-in-law and Attorneys Sullivan and Johnson are his bondsmen.

Will Edwards, the man who is charged with stealing some cattle over near Arnold, and who was under arrest and jumped his bond, and was only recently re-arrested, and plead guilty as charged. His attorney, Gov. Holcomb, plead for a short sentence, referring to the fact that the prisoner was not gifted with the average amount of brains, and the judge, taking this fact into consideration, gave him one year in the penitentiary.

As we go to press the time of the court is taken up with the Woods divorce case, which will probably require several days in the hearing. A large number of witnesses are in attendance and it is said some "upper ten" testimony will be presented.

Patriotic Citizens.

To the patriotic citizens, and business men, of Broken Bow, I wish to call your attention to the fact that February the 12th is the anniversary of the birth of "Our Martyr Lincoln," and I hereby request that the residences and business houses, be decorated on that day with the flags and bunting, that the young and rising generation be taught to revere his name and to love a United Country.

Very Truly Yours,
JOHN REESE,
Patriotic Instructor.

County Supt Lewis has made arrangements for a series of Teacher's Meetings in the different corners of the county to discuss some questions of importance to all teachers, and also to consider some plans for the Eighth Grade Commencement to be held here this spring and the coming Junior Normal. The first meeting will be held at Broken Bow Feb. 26th, at the College building. All schools in the vicinity of this place as well as those in the vicinity of Merna and Anselmo are asked to take part in this meeting. An invitation is also extended to all patrons of those schools to come. The questions to be discussed are such as will interest all.

Rev. N. T. Harmon, a former pastor of the Christian church in this city, now a resident of Julesburg, Colorado, arrived last Friday for a visit. He filled the pulpit at the Christian church Sunday evening. Rev. Harmon is well pleased with his new home. About two years ago he purchased 160 acres of land for \$8.00 per acre which he lately sold for \$27.00.

Sheriff Kennedy took the prisoners, Day and Edwards, to Grand Island jail Tuesday, where they will be confined until court adjourns, when he will take them to Lincoln and turn them over to the state penitentiary authorities.

Abraham Edministen, of Eddyville, was in the city Tuesday the guest of H. Lomax. Mr. Edministen filed on a Kinkaid homestead while here in the vicinity of Thedford.

Col. Laserve has recently located at Dublin, Colorado, and is in the city this week arranging to ship his household goods to his new home.

CITY WILL GET NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS

Electric Light Franchise Granted and Contract Let for New High School Building Let. Now a Sewer System.

The city council Saturday evening granted an electric light franchise to Edgar P. Steen and Charles C. Gibson. The franchise is to run twenty years, and the interests of the people are amply safeguarded in the franchise. A certified check is on deposit guaranteeing that the work will be commenced within ninety days and completed by September 1, 1910. After \$2,000 has been expended in construction the check reverts to its makers. A \$15,000 bond is also held by the council to indemnify Broken Bow for any damages that might accrue from construction.

A minimum charge for lights of \$1.25 per month, or fifteen cents per kilowatt hour is exacted. Meters will be installed for which a cash deposit of \$5 will be required. The charge for lights above the minimum amount will be thirteen cents per kilowatt hour.

Bids for the construction of the new high school building were opened by the school board Tuesday. Ten bids were on file ranging in amount from something over \$36,000 down to \$29,885. The latter bid was submitted by John Neptune, of Aurora. The contract was signed up at the office of the supervising architect in Omaha yesterday. Mr. Neptune agrees to complete the building ready for occupancy by November 1st., 1910.

Mr. Neptune is a prominent contractor and builder and has several fine buildings throughout the state to his credit. He makes a practice of employing all the home labor he can use and will no doubt do so here.

The Republican will endeavor to get a photograph of the building as it will appear when completed for publication in the near future. It will be an elegant structure and a credit to the city.

A New State Law.

A law went into effect in the state of Nebraska August 16, 1909, which will be of interest to parties having public sales or those interested in buying stock at sales. The law is relative to the Rules and Regulations covering public sales in Nebraska. On page four of section seven of the said Rules and Regulation it is stated that all dairy or breeding cattle offered for sale at public auction should be tested for tuberculosis before being removed from the premises. This covers farm sales as they are advertised to the public and stock sold at public auction and therefore come under the regulations. Any registered veterinarian can test the cattle and it would be well for all persons to attend to this before having their sale as there is a heavy fine attached to the disobedience of the rules and regulations.

Commercial Club Gets Busy.

The Commercial Club met Saturday night and appointed committees with a view to taking up the question of public sewerage and a city hall. This is certainly a step in the right direction, and with proper energy behind the move we see no reason why Broken Bow should not have both of these before the close of the present year. The columns of the Republican are open to the club for any matter of publicity it may desire to present to the public. Keep the wheel rolling.

CHURCH COLUMN.

M. E. Church.—R. H. Thompson, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.; morning sermon 11:00 a. m.; Junior league 2:30 p. m.; Epworth league 6:30 p. m.; evening sermon 7:30 p. m.; E. L. Mission Study Class, Wednesday 7:30 prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m. Come and worship with us you will be a stranger in the church but once.

Baptist Church.—A. T. Norwood, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.; preaching 11:00 a. m.; Junior union 3:00 p. m.; B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m.; preaching 7:30 p. m.; teachers' meeting Monday 7:30 p. m.; Agoga class Tuesday 7:30 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.; Amoma class first and third Saturday of each month 7:30 p. m.

Christian Church.—Z. O. Doward, Pastor.
Bible school 10:00 a. m. Preaching and Communion services 11:00 a. m. Special services at the morning hour for the old folks. Special song service and sermon 7:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor hour 7:30 p. m.

U. B. Church.—S. M. Zike, Pastor
Quarterly meeting Saturday at 3:00 p. m.; preaching Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.; Junior C. E. at 3:00 p. m.

Cordial invitation to all who desire to worship with us.

Joseph Slegel, Frank and Albert Krol, of Sargent, had business in district court Monday.

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Pig Souse, good eating 2 pounds for 25c

Luscious new Mackerel, 2 for 25c

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6 cans Utah Table Peaches \$1.02
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