

NEW FEATURE OF LAND CASES

Federal Grand Jury in Oregon Returns More Indictments. CONSPIRACY TO DEFEAT ENDS OF JUSTICE. Men Charged with Other Crimes Must Answer for Attacking Reputation of District Attorney Heney.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12.—Indictments were returned by the federal grand jury this afternoon against former United States District Attorney John H. Hall, Private Detective H. P. Ford, former Mayor H. L. Rees, Deputy Sheriff John Cordano, A. P. Taylor, a local grain broker, and Salmon-Keener Fred Simpson.

The charge against Hall, Rees, Ford, Cordano and Taylor is that they conspired to defeat the ends of justice by attacking the reputation of District Attorney Heney. Heney was formerly connected with the paymaster general office in this city and was cashier for embezzlement.

The grand jury immediately after the indictments were returned was dismissed from further attendance upon the court until such time hereafter as it may be summoned. It is thought that it will be some time in March, after United States District Attorney Heney returns from Washington, where he will go tomorrow to argue before the United States supreme court a motion for a writ of habeas corpus in the Hyde-Minnott case.

The indictments charge the defendants with having entered into a conspiracy to blacken the character of United States District Attorney F. J. Heney by circulating and publishing a report in which the name of that officer is connected with the name of that of Marie J. Ware, one of the defendants in one of the first land fraud cases, and in seeking to induce the district attorney of Multnomah county, Oregon, to begin an action against Heney on the strength of this trumped-up scandal.

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and the dead animals were of all descriptions. The debris was encountered on January 23, in latitude 16.88 north and longitude 102.25 west. The stuff was eight or nine feet thick.

The officers of the vessel were unable to explain the strange condition, and when they arrived at Acapulco no light was thrown on the subject. It is supposed that the floating mass of debris was cast upon the waters by some gigantic volcanic eruption on the Central American coast.

PRESIDENT ON PUBLIC LANDS Chief Executive's Message to Congress Advocates Revision of Present Laws.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—A second partial report of the public lands commission was sent to congress today by President Roosevelt, who in his letter of transmittal, says that the report is a preliminary revision of most of the laws affecting the public domain if we are to secure the best possible use of the remaining public lands by actual home makers.

The president's letter follows: I submit herewith a partial report of the Public Lands Commission, appointed by me on October 22, 1902, to report on the final statement of the commission on the subject of one of such public lands to actual settlers who will build up the subject and most effective use of the resources of the public lands. The subject of one of such public lands to actual settlers who will build up the subject and most effective use of the resources of the public lands.

The report is signed by W. A. Richards, land commissioner; F. H. Newell of the geological survey and Gifford Pinchot, chief of the bureau of forestry. In a summary of his recommendations, Mr. Newell is writing on the strength of this trumped-up scandal. The purpose of this inquiry, according to the indictment, was to bring Mr. Heney into disfavor with the Department of Justice at Washington and ultimately cause his removal from office.

Mitchell Charged with Conspiracy. The United States grand jury today returned an indictment charging John N. Williamson and Binger Hermann and others with having conspired to have created the Blue mountain forest reserve in eastern Oregon, with the intent of defrauding the government of public lands and of also conspiring to obtain possession of more than 200,000 acres of public and school lands located in several states of the value of over \$500,000.

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Russians Are Active. TOKYO, Feb. 12.—(2 p. m.)—The Russians continued to bombard portions of Field Marshal Oyama's center and right on Saturday last, February 11. The Russians have been constructing a defensive work on their right, to the southwest of Mantapan, where they are erecting an emplacement for a battery of twenty-four guns.

Kaulbars Succeeds Gripenberg. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 12.—A telegram from Sachutin says General Kaulbars, commander of the Third Manchurian army, has taken over the command of the Second Manchurian army, recently vacated by General Gripenberg.

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RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR TO DATE. The following table shows the receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at South Omaha for the year 1904, compared with the same year 1903.

Table showing receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at South Omaha for the year 1904 compared with 1903. Columns include Year, Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep.

ST. LOUIS LIVE STOCK MARKET. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 12.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,000 head, including 1,800 Texans; market steady; hogs, 1,000 head, market steady; sheep, 500 head, market steady.

ST. JOSEPH LIVE STOCK MARKET. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 12.—CATTLE—Receipts, 100 head; market steady; hogs, 500 head, market steady; sheep, 100 head, market steady.

ST. PAUL LIVE STOCK MARKET. ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 12.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,000 head; market steady; hogs, 500 head, market steady; sheep, 100 head, market steady.

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