

NEBRASKA LAND GRABBERS GUILTY

Bartlett Richards, W. C. Comstock, C. C. Jameson and Aquilla Triplett Convicted.

WERE THIRTY-SIX COUNTS.

Scores of Witnesses Testified to Filing On Land at Solicitation of Defendants' Agents.

Omaha, Dec. 20.—The trial in the federal district court of Bartlett Richards, president; W. C. Comstock, vice president; C. C. Jameson, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Nebraska Land & Feeding company, controlling the 400,000-acre "Spade" ranch, and Aquilla Triplett, their agent, ended this evening in the conviction of the four defendants on 36 counts of an indictment which charged conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands and subornation of perjury. The jury took but two hours to consider the evidence.

The accusation against the officers of the Nebraska Land & Feeding company was that they attempted to secure title to vast tracts of land within the "Spade" ranch enclosure, in Cherry, Sheridan and Box Butte counties, Neb., by means of fraudulent homestead entries under the Kinkaid law, which permitted the homesteader to take up a section of land in the semi-arid districts.

Scores of witnesses were introduced who swore that they filed on the lands at the solicitation of agents of the principal defendants, with the understanding that they would be paid all the way from \$200 to \$1,000 for their claim when titles were secured, and that all necessary improvements should be made by the company.

A year ago Richards and Comstock, who were counted in the millionaire class, were convicted in the federal court of illegally fencing government land, and fined \$300 each and sentenced to six months' imprisonment each. The latter part of the sentence was served at the Omaha club, in the nominal custody of their attorney, who had been deputized for that duty by United States Marshal T. L. Matthews. As a sequel to this episode President Roosevelt removed both the marshal and United States district attorney, Irving L. Baxter.

A few months later Rev. George G. Ware, an Episcopal clergyman of Lead and Deadwood, S. D., president of a big cattle company, and two of his agents were convicted on charges similar to the one on which Richards, Comstock et al. have just been tried. Ware's case is now before the United States court of appeals.

Fred Hoyt, T. M. Huntington and James Baird, officials of the Maverick Land & Trust company of Gordon, Neb., and Amel B. Todd of Denver, an agent, were included in the indictment found against Richards, Comstock and others, but elected to be tried separately. Their trial will begin early in January. M. F. Walcott, an attorney, who was also indicted, was discharged. A number of other wealthy cattle men, and their agents are under indictment for similar offenses. The maximum penalty for the offense is two years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine on each count.

PIERCE-WATERS HEARING.

New York, Dec. 20.—The hearing in the case of the state of Missouri against the Standard Oil company, the Waters-Pierce Oil company and the Republic Oil company, which began here Tuesday, ended suddenly today. The hearing was opened here at the instance of the defendant companies to allow them to introduce testimony in rebuttal. The next hearing probably will be held in St. Louis.

COL. MANN'S TRIAL.

M. E. Wooster Says He Saw Him Endorse the Reginald Ward Letter.

New York, Dec. 20.—Moses Ellis Wooster testified today in the trial of Col. W. D. Mann, editor of Town Topics, on a charge of perjury, that he saw Col. Mann endorse the so-called Reginald Ward letter "O. K. W. D."

It is on Col. Mann's denial of having signed the letter "O. K. W. D." and his initials that the charge of perjury is based.

FOURTEEN KILLED IN STEAMER EXPLOSION.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 20.—According to the latest news obtainable from places near Goldsboro Landing, where the steamer W. L. Scoville blew up yesterday, the list of dead and missing totals 14, and the injured include four white men and several negroes.

MINING SWINDLER ARRESTED.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Fred M. Colvin of this city was arrested today on the charge of using the mails in an illegal manner to further the sale of stock in a mining company located near Salida, Colo.

ALBERT PATRICK.

Dissatisfied With Commutation and Will Fight for Liberty.

Ossining, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Patrick announced tonight that he is not satisfied with commutation, and at once will begin a fight for freedom. A writ of habeas corpus will be applied for, it was said, in the United States court, making Warden Johnson the defendant.

WHAT'S

Worth doing is worth doing well. If you wish to be cured of Rheumatism, use Ballard's Snow Liniment and you will be "well cured." A positive cure for Sprains, Neuralgia, Bruises, Contracted Muscles and all the ills that flesh is heir to. A. G. M. Williams, Navasota, Texas.

Has removed to their new home, 41 East Third South St. Both Phones 445.

SCHOOL BOARD'S FIRE IS AROUSED

Hits at the President Over the Shoulders of Mrs. Harris, Missionary to Japan.

HIS ASSUMPTIONS ERRONEOUS

Refers to Metcalf's Report as Misleading Deductions of a Politician High in Authority.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—In reply to a communication from Mrs. Flora B. Harris, one of the most widely known of the American missionaries now residing in Tokyo, on the Japanese school question in this city, the San Francisco board of education, through its secretary, Elmore C. Leffingwell, has framed an answer which will be mailed to Japan. Mrs. Harris's letter is conceived in a friendly attitude, though she does not hesitate to criticize what she terms the "provincial spirit" of the local officials. She deprecates the attempt to classify the Japanese as "criminals" or anything else calculated to convey a derogatory implication, and has a number of suggestions to make, which she presents with the best of good feeling.

Mrs. Harris's communication has apparently aroused the ire of the San Francisco school board, which resents the interference but welcomes the occasion to put itself on record. Defiance seems to be the keynote of the reply, and the president of the United States is said to have misrepresented the local situation.

MRS. HARRIS'S LETTER.

In a portion of her letter Mrs. Harris says: "I deprecate the misunderstanding in San Francisco. The Pacific has become a mere ferry for travel and commerce, and San Francisco must therefore be cosmopolitan in spirit rather than provincial. I with many others, regret that she has shown a lack of knowledge as regards our treaty obligations. It is news to us all that the children of any foreign residents under our flag can be excluded from the public schools and segregated without their consent, solely on account of their nationality. To found special public schools of the diverse nations would be to establish a dangerous precedent."

THE BOARD'S REPLY.

In the reply of the board of education is found the following: "The Japanese have not been excluded from the public schools of San Francisco. Despite the fact that no less a personage than the president of the United States has employed a similar assertion in framing a message to Congress, and notwithstanding the wholly unfounded report made of the entire school incident by the secretary of commerce and labor, the Hon. Victor H. Metcalf, the declaration that the Japanese have been excluded from our schools is an error."

"The 'provincialism' of California, as you term it, is oddly enough reflected in the hearts and minds of people of Oregon and Washington—American citizens, whose patriotism does not place in the soft glow of a far eastern sun and whose life blood has been shed more times than once in defense of treaty rights of liberty, of justice and the protection of American institutions."

"Let me say in closing that the board of education has not set out to offend any race of people or visit hardships or even embarrassments upon them. The new rule in force would not even be commented upon, if the Japanese children were permitted by their elders and their mentors, quietly to accept the oriental school, which, as I have said, is as excellent as any in the city. "We are spared the superfluous debates of diplomats and statesmen and consent to refrain from scoring a diplomatic point by using this school topic as a pretext, there cannot be any question but that the Japanese children would today be attending the oriental school in happiness and content, and there would not be the slightest excuse for friction between the two great nations that have enjoyed friendly relations in the past, and let us hope may continue to harmonize in the future."

"The fact that the president of the United States, basing arguments upon erroneous assumptions and framing against a loyal people scathing criticisms, regarding a matter which is purely one of local concern, does not in the least deter the people of the Pacific coast, who, after all, are doubtless the best judges of their own immediate needs and welfare. Neither do the misleading deductions and recommendations of a politician through a document which plainly sought the light of favor and not of truth, impress the people of this locality with any sense of doubt as to their rights as free-born Americans or as to the justice of the stand they have taken. Without the intervention of misinformed or prejudiced public men, California would deeply have appreciated the opportunity to exercise the fundamental right to deal with this subject alone."

"I regret that I have not the opportunity here further to exploit this absorbing topic, in the hope that I might bring to former Californians to the views now entertained by every loyal citizen of the state, but at the same time let me assure you that I thoroughly appreciate your valued letter, and that I am not unmindful of the weight and authority of the information which you afford me."

"The greatest grievance in connection with this matter with the board of education and the people of California now harbor is that motives should be impugned, facts distorted and misapplied, and the entire subject be caught up as a flimsy excuse for a regrettable international debate, and a pretext upon which politicians may stir the people of two great countries."

"Yours respectfully,"

"E. C. LEFFINGWELL,"

"Secretary Board of Education."

SECY. HITCHCOCK.

Will Stand by His Order Withdrawing Public Lands.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Secy. of the Interior Hitchcock declared today that his order withdrawing 4,000,000 acres of land belonging to the five civilized tribes will stand, and the land will not be restored unless the investigation as to the legality of his act, now in progress, develops that he exceeded his authority.

CURTIS JETT ON STAND.

Cynthiana, Ky., Dec. 20.—Curtis Jett took the stand today in his own behalf and surprised the commonwealth by confessing to the murder of Town Marshal Cockrell in Jackson, four years ago, for which he is now on trial. Jett had made a previous confession, implicating Judge Hargis and Sheriff Ed Callahan.

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MORE LIGHT ON TRUST METHODS

American Ice Co. Correspondence Shows That it Played a Two-faced Game.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Atty.-Gen. Julius Meyer, in the name of the people of the state of New York, today began an action against the American Ice company in the supreme court of New York county, for the dissolution of the so-called "ice trust."

The complaint alleges as a principal feature of the "scheme and arrangement" by which the company secured a practical monopoly of the natural and artificial output and distribution especially in Greater New York and the communities in that vicinity, that it secured control of the Maine ice field, and caused a reduction there last year of the usual harvest from a million

and a half tons to one-third of that amount. The sources of supply are alleged to be similarly controlled.

The key to the ice situation in New York City is pointed out as lying in this company's control of the "ice bridges" or landing depots, by which means it is alleged the company is enabled to fix the price of ice, resulting last summer in an increase from \$1.20 a ton at the bridges to \$4 and \$4 a ton to the independent dealers, who are alleged to be controlled by the company and who supply the retail trade.

It is said that by the time the ice reaches the poorer customers it costs at the rate of from \$16 to \$14 a ton. Correspondence of the company with its agents and others is quoted to show that at the very time when the company was urging its customers to be careful in their purchase and consumption of ice, owing to the shortage of supply, it was informing its agents that the ice situation from the company's standpoint was satisfactory, and that offers were being received from various sources, especially from Maine

independent producers, of ample supplies, and the company was at that time refusing to accept these offers on any terms.

It is declared by the attorney-general that on the Hudson river the American Ice company owns all but 17 of the 141 ice houses, and that it contracted with the Mountain Ice company, operating in New Jersey and Pennsylvania to restrict its sales in Brooklyn, whereby the free pursuit of the ice business in the borough was prevented; that it had like agreements with various independent concerns along the Hudson river and elsewhere to prevent their entering the field of competition in production or distribution of either natural or manufactured ice.

The methods alleged to have been pursued by the company include purchase, lease, traffic agreements, control of capital stock and other devices to restrict the output of both kinds of ice and limitation of distribution and sale.

The court is asked to declare that the alleged agreements and arrangements between the American Ice company and other corporations and dealers are null and void and against public policy, and to prevent continuance of the acts and transactions complained of.

Merry Xmas Furs And only three more shopping days in which to get them. McHesey, the Furrier, Knutsford.

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HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS

Via D. & R. G. Dec. 24, 25, 31, Jan. 1.

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DELINQUENT NOTICE.

DAGMAR NORTHWEST MINING CO. Principal place of business, Salt Lake City, Utah. Notice—There are delinquent upon the following described stock, on account of assessment No. 5, of one-fourth cent per share, levied on the 17th day of October, 1906, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective shareholders, as follows:

Name	Cert.	Shrs.	Amt.
Geo. E. Blair	200	100	\$2.50
Mrs. N. M. Blair	40	20	.60
Geo. L. Betts	12	1,000	2.50
Sander Elquist	100	1,000	2.50
Oscar Forslund	11	500	1.25
A. J. Hall	18	800	2.00
W. H. Holman	4	200	.50
A. E. Hall	104	100	.25
Albert Hall	114	100	.25
Holman & Payne	1,000	2,500	6.25
J. L. Johnson	56	550	1.40
J. H. Lamont	113	100	.25
Elizabeth Peterson	102	2,000	5.00
Elizabeth Peterson	120	2,000	5.00
W. R. Peterson	119	500	1.25
Thomas Pells	56	1,000	2.50
L. O. Scofield	79	600	1.50
C. M. West	111	500	.49

And in accordance with law and an order of the Board of Directors made on the 17th day of October, 1906, so many shares of each parcel of such stock as may be necessary will be sold at public auction at the office of the secretary of the Dagmar Northwest Mining Company, 213 City and County Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Saturday, the 18th day of December, 1906, at 12 o'clock noon, to pay the delinquent assessment thereon, together with the cost of advertising and the expense of the sale.

J. E. JAYNE, Secretary Dagmar Northwest Mining Co.
By resolution of the Board of Directors of the Dagmar N. W. Mining Co., passed December 14, 1906, the above sale is postponed until Saturday, December 22, 1906, at 12 o'clock noon at same place.

J. E. JAYNE, Secretary Dagmar Northwest Mining Co.

NOTICE.

A meeting of the members of the "Latter-day Saints University," was held at Room No. 12, Brigham Young Memorial Building, in the City of Salt Lake, State of Utah, on Wednesday, the 20th day of December, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing seven trustees for said corporation, and also for the purpose of determining whether or not the following real property belonging to the corporation shall be sold, viz:

Part of lots four (4) and five (5), block seventy-four (74), plat "A," Salt Lake City survey, commencing seventy-two (72) feet south of the northwest corner of said lot four (4), running thence north ninety-four and one-half (94 1/2) degrees; thence east ten (10) rods; thence south ninety-four and one-half (94 1/2) degrees; thence west ten (10) rods, to the place of beginning.

Dated December 20, 1906.

ANTHONY H. LUND, President of the Corporation.
ANDREW M. CANNON, GEO. H. TAYLOR, JOHN NICHOLSON, Trustees.

REDEMPTION OF CHURCH BONDS.

SERIES A.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 5, 1906. Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the terms of the Bonds of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Series A, No. 1,000,000, dated December 20, 1906, there being sufficient money in the sinking fund for that purpose, the following described Bonds of Series A, are hereby called for redemption on the 1st day of January, 1907, to wit:

Bonds must be presented to the undersigned Trustees on or before January 1, 1907, at the Deseret National Bank, Salt Lake City, Utah, with coupons Nos. 17 to 22 attached and interest who cash on all above described Bonds on January 1st, 1907.

LEWIS S. HILLS, DAVID ECCLES, Trustees.

DELINQUENT NOTICE.

THE JONE MINING & MILLING CO. Principal place of business, Salt Lake City, Utah. Notice—There are delinquent upon the following described stock, on account of assessment No. 5, levied on the 1st day of October, 1906, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective shareholders as follows:

Name	Cert.	Shrs.	Amt.
John G. Schmen	218	1,000	\$5.00
Henry Dinwoodey	6	10,000	20.00
Henry Dinwoodey	26	2,000	4.00
Henry Dinwoodey	52	2,000	4.00
Henry Dinwoodey	106	8,000	17.00
Peter Johanson	18	1,000	2.00
Peter Johanson	312	500	1.25
J. A. Anderson	28	1,000	2.00
J. A. Anderson	82	2,000	4.00
A. H. Adkinson	44	1,000	2.00
Arthur Wright	58	10,000	20.00
Arthur Wright	126	2,000	4.00
Arthur Wright	227	1,400	2.80
Mrs. Lizzie Vissel	53	200	.50
Mrs. Lizzie Vissel	124	500	1.25
Mrs. Lizzie Vissel	190	200	.50
Mrs. Lizzie Vissel	198	200	.50
Mrs. Erika Olsen	110	1,000	2.00
Mrs. Erika Olsen	311	500	1.25
Mrs. Emma Lingle	58	400	.80
Mrs. Emma Lingle	112	200	.50
Walter E. Meyer	66	200	.50
Walter E. Meyer	125	150	.37
Margaret Wagner	68	500	1.00
Margaret Wagner	174	200	.50
Nora Christensen	73	200	.50
John Ditz	75	100	.25
John Ditz	148	1,000	2.00
F. M. Hooper	74	100	.25
F. M. Hooper	111	50	.12
C. Cramer	83	2,000	4.00
C. Cramer	145	1,200	2.40
I. Glaser	147	2,000	4.00
Jacob J. Vissel	148	1,000	2.00
Jacob J. Vissel	149	1,000	2.00
A. W. Smith	150	1,000	2.00
Paul J. Falgout	154	1,000	2.00
Mrs. Frank R. Rock	159	500	1.00
W. P. Kiser	173	400	.80
Joseph Bishop	175	200	.50
Frederick Peterson	217	500	1.25
Chas. A. Miller	212	2,100	4.20
W. J. Armstrong	213	2,000	4.00
Dr. E. R. Keeler	220	500	1.25

And in accordance with law and an order of the Board of Directors made on the 1st day of October, 1906, so many shares of each parcel of stock as may be necessary will be sold at the office of the company, 1st East First South Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 29th day of December, 1906, at 3 p. m., to pay the delinquent assessment thereon, with costs of advertising and expense of sale.

Dated December 12, 1906.

Jos. E. Taylor,
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Of Utah. Open day and night. Factory and warehouse at First and South streets and one-half block east of Temple.