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## MONEY MAKING SCHEME

Took Girs to Europe for a Purpose.

New York Dec 20.—That Mrs Chadwick's open-handed hospitality in taking 10 young women from the best known families of Cleveland society on a tour of Europe was really a cold blooded business proposition is the latest development of the case in which this remarkable woman figures as the high priestess of frozen finance.

According to a dispatch from Washington Mrs Chadwick used the young women in a gigantic smuggling deal. The young women didn't realize that

they were merely tools of a mercenary woman but thought that she was an obliging and kind hostess when she permitted them to conceal \$20,000 or more in diamonds to each of their respective persons and in their baggage all of which escaped customs duties. Treasury officials are questioning the young women as Mrs Chadwick's 10 young guests made the European tour in care of a well known excursion agency. The expenses were \$10,000. By smuggling \$200,000 in diamonds with the aid of the girls, Mrs Chadwick probably cleared a handsome profit on the trip. She bought the diamonds in France and Holland.

An accident occurred at the Electric Light Plant and the engineers leg was broken by a flying piece of the engine.

The Methodists have decided to exhibit their Christmas tree Saturday evening instead of Monday. It will be seen at 7 sharp as the German Church will use the same room after the Methodists are through. There will be two trees both church possessing one.

Blockland Brothers received another fine Poland China hog this morning from the Hazzelwood people. This is a spring hog and weighs 400 pounds. Mr Blockland was pleased when he saw his new purchase and freely expressed himself to the effect that this is the finest spring hog the firm has ever owned.

## GOVERNMENT HAS NET SET CLOSE

The Meshes are Arranged to Capture the Large Fish as Well as Small Ones.

[Portland Journal]

Behind the closed doors of the federal grand jury room began this morning the inquisition which is expected to result in the indictment of the greater criminals in the huge conspiracy to defraud the government of its public lands. Fear has seized the conspirators and confessions have been made implicating men high in public life and in the affairs of the state.

Senator John H Mitchell and Congressman Binger Hermann are hurrying home from Washington to face the grand jury and make an effort to clear themselves of complicity in the frauds.

S B Ormsby and C E Loomis, the former employees of the land department who made false reports upon the fraudulent homestead entries of the Pater-McKinley ring, must face a rigid examination before the grand jury and it is confidently expected by those familiar with the facts that they will both be indicted. State Senator Franklin Pierce Mays must explain his dealings with the conspirators and another state senator is also to undergo inquisition. Men of prominence in this city and in the state are deeply involved, and the army of witnesses subpoenaed by the government plainly shows that no guilty man will be spared.

### GOVERNMENT NET IS WIDE

Never in the history of the country has the government made more extraordinary efforts to sift crime and to bring the criminals to justice. The conduct of the investigation has been taken wholly out of the hands of the

district attorney's office and is directed solely by Francis J. Henry. The keenest detectives of the secret service have been detailed on the cases and they are now assembled in this city. Among them are men of national reputation whose skill in the detection of crime has made them famous.

Every man who is suspected of complicity in the land frauds is under the closest scrutiny. The utmost precautions have been taken to prevent the escape of any of the guilty persons. The extraordinary precautions that are being taken indicate the government's determined purpose to get to the bottom of the great conspiracy and to punish those concerned in it.

### MITCHELL AND HERMAN COMING

Interest naturally centers in the question whether Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann will be implicated by the evidence to be submitted to the grand jury. Both officials were interviewed in Washington before their departure last evening and both expressed themselves as confident of establishing their innocence. They refer to the investigation as "malicious persecution" on the part of Secretary Hitchcock.

Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann will arrive in Portland Friday evening, and will undoubtedly be given an early opportunity to appear before the grand jury. Against Hermann the government has some very strong evidence. Much of it relates to facts which were published last spring during his campaign for re-election to congress.

## PUBLIC BUILDING FOR BAKER CITY

Washington, Dec 19.—The Secretary of the Treasury today sent to Congress a recommendation that an appropriation be made for erecting a public building at Baker City, Oregon, on a site heretofore acquired. No amount is named.

### Hitchcock Confident

Washington, D C., Dec. 19.—Secretary Hitchcock was asked this morning about the charge made that he had been responsible for dragging Mitchell and Hermann into the land fraud cases, but refused directly to answer any questions. He contented himself with saying that the charges were more serious than Mitchell and Hermann believed, and that they did not pertain entirely to their connection with the case recently tried in Portland. He also declared other prominent men would be brought into the case before long. He is very confident that the evidence against Mitchell and Hermann will sustain his suspicions.

### Against Railroads

Washington, Dec. 20.—In a decision handed down by Chief Justice Fuller in the case of Johnson vs the Southern Pacific Railway Company, the Supreme Court of the United States today practically held that all cars, including locomotives, should be equipped with uniform, automatic couplings. The court also held that dining cars cannot be exempt from the requirements of the safety appliance law when in use, even though empty.

The Lyle Tuesday Musical is giving a very entertaining program this afternoon.

## WILL MOVE HERE

La Grande will Soon Have a Foundry and Machine Shop.

Mr D Fitzgerald, of Dayton was who spent several days in our city with a view of opening a foundry, machine shops and general blacksmith shop has leased the Alexander property on Elm street for a period of five years and expects to arrive with several car loads of machinery about the first of February.

There is certainly a first class opening for just such an industry as this as there are thousands of dollars of repairs that annually leave this county and Wallows county that should be taken care here. Mr Fitzgerald has been engaged in this line of work for a number of years in Dayton and believes this a much better field or he would not move here.

The residents of some addition have made a much needed improvement for their section of the city by building a long line of cinder sidewalk. This will give them an opportunity to reach the main part of town without resorting to falt boats or stilts.

## Helpful Holiday Hints

See Our Ad Tomorrow

We wish to speak of our Holiday Line this early because many will appreciate the hint. Our goods are all here. They are ready for inspection. The line is by far the finest we have ever shown. Too many things to specify here, we don't want to specify just yet, we want you to see the goods while the line is unbroken. You know the advantage of early choosing. Prompt buyers always avoid the rush and get choicest picking. Prices are as low as they can be and the very article you would most prefer may not wait.

## See us about Books

We have provided for you. We have the books suitable for Xmas gifts. We have the newest and most popular publications, as well as choice editions of standard works. Books not in stock will be pleased to order for you.

## Libby's Cut Glass

Don't buy cut glass unless "Libby" is cut in the glass, then you know you have the best.

THE NEWLIN DRUG CO  
LA GRANDE OREGON

## LA GRANDE IS BOUND TO GROW

Every Indication Points to Rapid and Constant Increase---There is Plenty of Room to Expand.

The phenomenal growth, during the last nine months of the city on La Grande is unprecedented in the history of any town in Eastern Oregon or Idaho.

One can scarcely form any idea of what La Grande was a year ago of complete is the change by the number of new dwellings constructed and under construction in all sections of the city that the identity of the city as it was a year ago is almost lost, and while we notice with pride the enormous and substantial growth during the last nine months we can look with absolute certainty for the coming year to rival all expectations of the most sanguine believer in La Grande. The completion of the two electric power plants in the early spring will be a means of bringing in a number of new enterprises which will aid materially in the up-building of the city.

The assured building of the electric road to the Cove and other parts of the valley will stimulate the growth of La Grande and when construction will have begun in February, look for an impetus in sale of property and advance in prices which will be surprising. There is a good deal of property changing hands and a number of out-

side parties looking over the city. During the next two years real estate will increase in many instances five-fold. City property will never be low in La Grande again. Some parties will make money on real estate and that soon, for in no enterprises can money be made more quickly than in real estate in a rapidly growing town and that with perfect safety to the investor.

We will watch the outcome with interest.

### Contract Let

M L Causey this afternoon let the contract for Exhibit Hall to Pete Bosquet for a little in excess of \$500. The building will be forty feet in length by ten wide and the ceiling will be fourteen feet. It is expected that it will be ready by the 15th of February.

### SUMMERVILLE REVIVAL

The revival services being conducted by Rev Needman and Mr Powers becoming a great success. Much interest is being aroused and many converts are being secured. The singing by Mr Powers is a great aid.

## CHRISTMAS GOODS

The Big Line is at  
HILL'S, DRUG STORE  
A. T. HILL, Prescription Druggist

Lowest Prices Best Goods

## HATS

25 Per Cent off on all Hats

Until the first of the year every Hat in the store will be sold at a 25 per cent discount. This is your opportunity to get your Holiday Hat at a bargain.

### Novelties

The latest in braided handle purses and Peggy bags. Something new in combs and barretts.

### Ribbons

At a discount. The finest line of ribbons ever shown in the city.

### Handkerchiefs

Special line just received. From now until Jan. 1, for 5 cents up.

Perfumes, Toilet Soaps and Powders  
Switches, Pompadours and Bangs

### Collars

This is positively a new line and can only be secured here.

MRS. J. R. FORREST,  
Milliner