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## FIRST MEETING A GREAT SUCCESS

The first of a regular series of business men's meetings, which was inaugurated last evening, demonstrates what united action can accomplish.

The spirit manifest and the desire to have these meetings held once a week, shows that the basis has been laid for La Grande to live up to her possibilities during the present year, which is fraught with so many possibilities.

President of the Commercial Club, Wm. L. Miller, called the meeting to order with the statement that this meeting, like all similar meetings to be held of this character, was largely for the purpose of the free and open discussion of all matters of public interest, and suggestions of this nature were always in order.

### LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR

F. L. Meyers, cashier of the La Grande National Bank, asked for information regarding what Union county was doing with reference towards being properly represented at the Lewis and Clark fair.

Upon being informed by the chair that aside from an appropriation of \$500 made by the county court, that nothing towards an organized effort had yet been perfected or attempted; that the court had through him, as president, requested the Commercial Club to collect, prepare and see that the exhibit was properly installed, Mr. Meyers made a motion that the chair appoint a committee to carry out the wishes of the county court. The discussion brought out the fact that Union county had not applied for any space. A committee was appointed to see that this was done immediately.

### FREE DELIVERY

Another important matter that is about to fall into La Grande's lap, if we are alive to the situation, is, that the city is now entitled to a free mail delivery system. But custom demands that we ask for it, and after asking, see that such conditions that are necessary to its successful operation, prevail. Those conditions are that the houses of our city must be numbered and the side-walks passable.

An appeal was made that every member of the club do all in his power to

bring about these conditions by seeing that his house is numbered and his individual side-walks placed in proper condition.

A committee consisting of J. H. Pearce, F. S. Ivanhoe and W. B. Sargent was appointed to prepare petitions asking the department to install the system just as soon as possible.

### LITERATURE ON TRAINS

Another very important subject was brought forward and received general discussion, and that was to have literature, descriptive of the varied resources of Union county, distributed on the trains, with the view of acquainting the thousands who pass through, of the fact that there is such a place of Grande Ronde valley. The president was empowered to appoint a committee to make investigations along this line.

### DISTRIBUTION OF LIGHTS

Dr. C. T. Bacon thought it would be advisable to have the business portion of the city better lighted, even if the lights now in use would have to be moved closer in. On motion, the chair appointed Dr. Bacon, Geo. Palmer and W. J. Church to investigate and report at the next meeting.

### NEXT MEETING

It was decided that these meetings should be held every week and that the next meeting would be Friday evening, April 21, and it was presumed, but not finally decided upon that hereafter the meeting nights would be on Friday evening of each week.

## CHILD IS BURNED TO DEATH

By Scripps News Association

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 12.—As a result of a fire in a boarding house and saloon, on the corner of Broadway and Elizabeth streets, today, May Herrick, aged eight years, is dead, and Mrs. Charles Herrick, the child's mother, is fatally injured. Beside these casualties, five others are seriously injured.

## SMITH AND WIFE ARE ARRAIGNED

By Scripps News Association

New York, April 12.—Simon Stern, a pawnbroker who, it is alleged, sold the pistol with which Caesar Young was killed, was this morning taken to the office of the assistant district attorney Rand for the purpose of identifying J. Morgan Smith as the man to whom the pistol was sold. The prosecution now claim that their case is complete. Smith spent the night at police headquarters, and his wife at the Mercer street station. Both were arraigned before Judge Foster this morning on an indictment charging them with conspiracy.

### HEARING POSTPONED

On the plea of attorney Lumberger, counsel for the Smiths, that he had not had time to prepare for the hearing, the case was adjourned until Friday. The question of bail also went over until Friday, and the Smiths were remanded to the toms.

### NOT THE MAN

(Later) It is stated that pawnbroker Simon Stern, failed to identify Smith as the man who bought the pistol which killed Caesar Young.

## THURSTON FOR MITCHELL

Scripps News Association

Washington, April 12.—Ex Senator John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, has been retained as chief counsel for Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, in the trial of the indictments for alleged land frauds.

### Brady Answers

Washington, April 11.—Secretary Hitchcock has received a cablegram from Governor Brady of Alaska in response to the secretary's letter of a month since asking the governor to explain his connection with a mining promotion company. The governor merely says that he has set an explanation by mail. The president of the governor's company, who is a clergyman, called upon the secretary and explained the governor's connection with his company, but he was told that this showing was not sufficiently clear to relieve the governor of the charges.

## HAVE NOT YET CLASHED

By Scripps News Association

Saigon, April 12.—The French cruiser "Des Cartes" and five torpedo boats, keeping close watch near Cape St. Jacques, stated that the gunboats Achéron and Styx will leave Saigon to protect neutrality in French waters. The Japanese war ships are cruising along the coast of Cochin China to prevent the Russians from provisioning or coaling.

### LLOYD'S ASSERTION

London, April 12.—A dispatch to Lloyd's from Singapore sets at rest the reports that Admiral Rojestvensky had divided his fleet. Lloyd's asserts that the fleet which passed Singapore Saturday consisted of seven battleships, two armored cruisers, five unarmored cruisers, three converted cruisers, seven destroyers, seventeen steamers, one hospital ship and one tug.

### BATTLE IMMINENT

St. Petersburg, April 12.—The probability of a general battle between the Russian and Japanese fleets is not regarded as imminent, and hence, the reported engagement today is discredited by the admiralty. It is contended that the first news of the battle will come from Singapore and not from Batavia.

## COMPULSORY ARBITRATION

[By Scripps News Association]

Chicago, April 12.—Mayor Dunne will initiate steps to obtain the appointment, in Chicago, of a permanent board of arbitration to decide all disputes between labor and capital. He declared today that he favored such a board, and that he would use his influence to secure the passage of a law making arbitration compulsory.

### ARBITRATION CALLED OFF

All the negotiations in regard to the settlement of the teamsters strike was declared off today as noon, after the failure of the employers and the labor men to come to agreement. The union men refused to arbitrate the teamsters' strike alone, but insisted that any settlement must include the garment workers also. Following the failure of the conference, a gigantic merger of the business interests of the city was effected for the purpose of presenting a solid alliance against the trades unions. An attempt will be made to force several associations to ignore the international brotherhood of teamsters. There is also a plan to make a demonstration down town with a mammoth caravan manned by union drivers and loaded with merchandise for Montgomery Ward Co.

## IS REFUSED CLEARANCE PAPERS

Scripps News Association

Singapore, April 12.—The German collier "Hindoo," with a cargo of Cardiff coal, has been refused clearance papers for Saigon, unless the commander agrees to deliver the cargo through the British consul here.

## WILL EMPLOY CHINESE AND JAPS

By Scripps News Association

Washington, April 12.—At a meeting of Secretary Taft and the executive committee of the Isthmian canal, it was decided to at once employ two thousand Chinese and two thousand Japanese laborers for work on the canal. Should the experiment prove successful, practically all the work will be done by these two classes. Arrangements are completed for the reorganization of the directors of the Panama railroad which will take place next week.

## TO ARGUE PLEAS NEXT FRIDAY

(By Scripps News Association)

Portland, April 12.—Chas. A. Watson, E. D. Bernard and Clarence B. Zachary, indicted by the Federal Grand Jury for perjury in connection with the land frauds, were arraigned today in the Federal District court and filed a plea in abatement on the same grounds as did Senator Mitchell. This plea makes it evident that all the indicted parties are making a common cause, as the same attorneys appear in each case so far, with the same defense. All pleas will be argued Friday.

## Court Martial Granted

(By Scripps News Association)

St. Petersburg, April 12.—The demand of Rear Admiral, Prince Outskomski for court martial has been granted. The court will consist of four admirals, Admiral Dikoff being the president.

## Famous Actress Dead

[By Scripps News Association]

New York, April 12.—Mrs. Crabtree, the famous actress died here today. Mrs. Crabtree was her daughter's manager from the time she first she appeared upon the stage in California in the early fifties until the end of her stage career, a period of forty years.

## Beats Standard Oil

By Scripps News Association

Lincoln, Neb., April 12.—An independent oil company has captured the oil contract for all the state institutions. The Standard Oil Co., has hitherto enjoyed the exclusive monopoly of this business.

## WALLOWA DOUBLE TRAGEDY

A dispatch to the Oregonian from Wallowa states that J. H. McBane, an engine driver who lives in Grand Junction, Col., shot and killed two brothers named Straut at West Grossman, a place 25 miles west of Wallowa. McBane was found standing over the bodies of the two brothers today by Thomas Brady, a timber locator who advised McBane to come to Wallowa and surrender himself to the authorities. This McBane did.

According to McBane's statement, he returned recently from Colorado to visit his ranch near West Grossman. When he got there he asserts that he found that the Strauts had "quitted" on it. McBane says that he ordered the Strauts to vacate, and was attacked by one of the brothers with an ax. McBane shot this man. Straut's brother at this juncture commenced shooting at McBane, and McBane says that he returned the brother's fire killing him also.

Officers have gone to West Grossman after the bodies of the Straut brothers who are unknown here.

Mr. H. T. Smith of Kansas who has been in this city for some time, left this morning for Elgin to look at some property in that section with the intention of investing.

## FOR HOUSE CLEANING TIME

DENNISON'S DECORATED CREPE PAPER  
the latest spring designs

ALL SIZES OF WIRE PICTURE RACKS  
10c, 15c and 25c

SHELF PAPER,  
YELLOW, BLUE, GREEN, PINK AND WHITE.

NEWLIN DRUG CO.

## ATTEND HEWITT'S Auction Sale

At 2:30 and 7:30 Daily,  
Four Prizes Given away at Each Sale

Goods at Auction Prices Between Sales  
Diamonds Watches, Cut Glass and Silverware  
Seats for Ladies

H. W. HEWITT.

A. L. LOWENSTEIN,  
Auctioneer

Haworth Building,  
Adams Ave. and  
Fir Street



## MAMMOTH SHOE SALE FOR FOUR DAYS

Commencing Wednesday morning we will place our ENTIRE STOCK OF SHOES on sale at specially reduced prices. This does not mean a few pair of odds and ends, but embraces our entire stock of shoes without any exception. Incidentally let us mention the fact that our shoes—made by the Peters shoe company—received the highest award at the St. Louis exposition.

Remember every pair of Shoes in the House at Reduced Prices for Four Days, Commencing Wednesday Morning.

Lot No. 1 95c  
Consists of about 65 pair of Misses and children's shoes in stocks of vici kid, box calf and kangaroo calf. Value up to \$1.60  
the pair 95c

Lot No. 2 \$1.25  
125 pair of men's, boys', ladies' and children's shoes in all the style and all the best and most wanted leathers, values up to \$2.00  
the pair \$1.25

Lot No. 3 \$1.85  
About 100 pair of men's work shoes (the best values in our stock) boy's and women's dress shoes and Oxfords, values up to \$2.75  
the pair \$1.85

Lot No. 4 \$2.35  
50 pairs of men's and women's dress shoes, also a few pairs of extra quality of men's work shoes, values up to \$3.50  
the pair \$2.35



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