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PARK SHARES SELL RAPIDLY

LITTLE QUESTION BUT
THAT MOVE IS SURE.

During One Afternoon Share List Was Presented to 10 Persons and as Many Have Subscribed Shares—Money Must Be in Sight First—Schools Will Take Lump of Stock—No Dividends and School Will Repurchase Stock at Will.

For the brief period of an hour this afternoon the athletic park share list was passed to business men and others and out of 10 presentations as many purchased, or rather promised to purchase shares in the proposed park. The solicitors are elated over the first day's success. Everywhere thus far, the list is meeting with favorable comment. Every business man and sport-loving individual realizes the dire need of an athletic park and hail with joy any legitimate scheme to promote the project.

Money, to a greater or less degree sufficient to finance the project, must be in sight before incorporation takes place. Business men realize this and willingly subscribe as much stock as they deem best. The high school, according to the present plans, can purchase at any time any share in the corporation, and will take a goodly lump of stock itself. Just how much, has not yet been decided. The shares are selling at \$10 each and if the proper spirit is shown, the required amount will be forthcoming with ease.

With nearly one hundred and quarter dollars subscribed in one afternoon promoters are jubilant, indeed. But it will take several more hundred dollars, in fact many of them, and it will become necessary for the younger element to separate themselves with \$10 pieces if the scheme is promulgated successfully. Every man, boy and woman, for that matter, that helps build the park can feel justly proud when it stands complete, that he or she has given his little mite to meet

the required end. Following is the contract which subscribers sign:

We, the undersigned, agree to purchase the number of shares opposite our names, (at ten (\$10.00) dollars each, for the purpose of purchasing and fixing up athletic grounds for the use of the young people of La Grande, Oregon. It is understood and agreed between those signing, that no dividends shall be paid and no assessments made, and that the city high school shall have the privilege of purchasing at any time at par, the shares of any stockholder.

It is evident by the scarcity of farmers in the city today that they are taking advantage of this fine weather to prepare for their spring work.

THE PURE FOOD LAW

PRESIDENT WILL APPOINT
A SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.

Scientists From Several of the Leading Universities Having Power to Pass on Problems Brought Up by the Enforcement of Law—University of California, Johns-Hopkins, Yale and Chicago University Will Be Represented.

Washington, Jan. 18.—President Roosevelt today announced that he had decided to appoint a commission of scientists from the leading universities, to pass upon the varied and many problems that are constantly being brought up by the enforcement of the pure food laws.

There has been no general legislation in years that has been passed by congress that covers such a large field, in which every citizen of the United States is directly interested, as the passage of the pure food law. The University of California, Yale, Chicago university and Johns-Hopkins will be the institutions represented on this important commission.

BANKER WALSH IS FOUND GUILTY OF MISAPPROPRIATING BANK FUNDS

Promoted Individual Enterprises With His Depositors' Savings to the
Extent of Seven Millions.

HAS A DRAMATIC LIFE HISTORY IN AMERICA

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Banker John R. Walsh, former president of the Chicago National bank, and the Home Savings bank, proprietor of the Chicago Chronicle and a prominent factor in many middle west railroad and quarry interests, was found guilty this morning on 53 counts in an indictment charging him with misappropriating funds of his bank. The jury reached this verdict after midnight last night and it was in court at 10 o'clock this morning. Practically all hope had been abandoned of the jury reaching a verdict.

It was charged that Walsh used the funds of his bank to finance his railroads. He gave as security the speculative and often marketless stocks and bonds of these roads, and it was also charged that he had the books of the bank tampered with to prevent bank examiners from discovering the condition of his institution's finances.

Jury Out Thirty hours.
The jury was out 30 hours. The case has consumed two months in hearing and trial and the verdict is based on 53 of 150 counts against the banker.

Ends Financial Drama.
This is the end of a financial drama

Secretary Wanted at Home.
Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 18.—K. Zwana, secretary of the Japanese consulate at this city, has been called to Tokio to confer with the foreign office in relation to the immigration question. He will leave Vancouver early next month.

depicting the Irish lad who came to America in 1849 and set out to build up an immense fortune and to wield political power in the world in which he lived. He became a money king, but never became a real dominant political factor, although he sunk many thousands of dollars in the Chicago Chronicle to achieve his end. The collapse of the Chicago National, the Savings and Equitable banks, all controlled by Walsh, created tremendous sensations.

Promoted Railroads.
Bank examiners found upon investigation that Walsh had juggled \$7,000,000 of his depositors' savings in promoting railroad properties and his other enterprises. Then the banker was indicted. He made a desperate, despairing fight with the best attorneys that could be secured, but the evidence was direct and overwhelming, although Walsh, when on the stand, testified that he did all for what he believed the best interests of his bank.

When told of the verdict, he remarked: "The fight has only just commenced."

JAP FLEET AT HOME.

Marine Minister Affirms That Japanese Fleet is Not at Sea.

Tokio, Jan. 18.—All doubt concerning the whereabouts of the Japanese fleet was removed by a statement officially made by Salto, the Japanese minister of marines, who says the warships are at home. He declares the vessels have not gone on a secret mission and offers to make a more lengthy statement if necessary.

ABE RUEF CHEERFUL.

Delighted Over His Escape From Prison Cell Because of Immunity.

San Francisco, Jan. 18.—Abe Ruef and District Attorney Langdon held a conference this morning in which the final details were settled concerning Ruef's immunity. Ruef was very cheerful and his manner indicated that he enjoys the relief from danger of a prison cell at San Quentin.

New Cardinal for U. S.

Rome, Jan. 18.—Announcement was made today of another consistory, to be held by Pope Plus shortly before Easter, at which it is intimated that a new American cardinal will be named. Despite the pressure brought to bear in favor of Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, it is not thought he will be selected. Archbishop Farley of New York, Archbishop O'Connell of Boston, Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia and Archbishop Riordan of San Francisco are most prominently mentioned in connection with the disposal of the new red hat. A new South American cardinal and a successor to the late Cardinal Tascheran of Canada will also likely be appointed at a consistory to be held later in the year.

Big New Labor Union.

New York, Jan. 18.—That the new union of building trades will have a membership of over 1,000,000 is the statement of its officials, who will apply for a charter for the body when the executive council of the American Federation of Labor meets on Monday. By means of this organization a strike in one branch of the building trades can be followed by sympathetic strikes in all parts of the country, and thus force employers to agree to a settlement. The leaders

in the movement which was initiated by Samuel Gompers, declare that employers have a similar organization, and that they are simply emulating their tactics.

New Russia Deal.

Paris, Jan. 18.—The financiers and other "plans" of the Russian government, which will be completed within a few weeks. The loan, as usual, will be guaranteed by the fact that the coupons are legal tender for the payment of customs dues. The Russian government has been sound on the proposition of a temporary alienation of her revenues as security for a loan but this has been refused. This is in line with the past action of the czar's government, which, during the war with Japan, repeatedly rejected all offers of loans guaranteed by one of the various government monopolies.

EXCLUDE LETTERS FROM HITCHCOCK

HALL AND MAYS WIN
A TEMPORARY VICTORY.

Judge Hunt Rules in Portland Trial of Alleged Land Frauders That Hitchcock's Letter Advising Investigation of Alleged Land Fraud, Be Held Out of Court—Holding Follows Testimony of E. A. Putman, Who Testified Yesterday.

Portland, Jan. 18.—The defense in the Hall-Mays land fraud case won a slight victory this morning when Presiding Judge Hunt ruled in favor of the defense, excluding for the time being, the introduction as evidence of a letter from ex-Secretary Hitchcock of the interior department, to Special Agent A. B. Green of Portland, directing that agent to be sent into the Butte creek district to look into alleged land frauds in that country.

This action has been brought about by E. A. Putman of Fossil, who was on the stand the entire time yesterday, and who had advised Secretary Hitchcock that frauds were being committed.

Putman was on the stand again this morning for a short time, but was followed by D. M. Walton of Maysfield. He testified to the fencing in of the public lands.

Matches Cause Fire.

Columbus, O., Jan. 18.—That the "parlor" match in common use must go, and be replaced by the "safety" match, which strike on the box, is the conclusion of State Fire Marshal Creamer, who has been making a thorough investigation of the causes of fires. Careless use of "parlor" matches is responsible for 12 per cent of the fires in the country districts and 18 per cent in large cities, according to Mr. Creamer, who has collected statistics relating to 40,000 Ohio fires. The death of 20 children in this state within the last year is directly attributed to the use of "parlor" matches.

WE SINCERELY THANK

Our many customers for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us, which has enabled us to make this the foremost drug store in this section of the country. All can rest assured that our gratitude will be further shown by giving the most scrupulous care and conscientious attention to every detail of our business.

IF YOU

Are not yet one of our customers let this be your invitation to become one. Get the habit of coming here with your prescriptions and for your drug wants; you will never care to change

HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande Oregon

Another Week of Matchless Bargain Opportunities

We have Decided to Continue our January Sale for another week and will give you six full days more of the greatest Dollar Saving Opportunity you have ever enjoyed.

UNDERWEAR GREATLY UNDERPRICED FOR THIS WEEK

\$1.25 Mens Ribbed Wool Underwear in Natural Grey, this week	73c	Boys, Misses and Childrens odd Wool Garments worth up to \$1.00, this week	29c
\$2.50 Australian Lambs Wool, this week	\$1.38	75c Ladies Heavy Ribbed Fleece lined Underwear	43c
\$2.00 values, in Tan Ribbed Medium Weight Wool, this week	\$1.29	\$1.00 Ladies Union Suits, Fleece lined	78c
75c values Heavy Wool Fleece, this week	52c	\$1.75 values in Ladies fine ribbed All Wool Underwear, this week	\$1.38
\$1.25 Heavy All Wool Men's Flat Knit Underwear	69c	\$2.50 values in White ribbed All Wool Underwear	\$1.97
\$2.50 Mens fine Ribbed Worsted Underwear, this week	\$1.77	Childrens Heavy Fleece lined ribbed Underwear, regular price 25c to 50c, this week 19c to	33c
50c Heavy Fleece this week	38c		

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