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FORECLOSE THE COMMERCIAL CLUB SATURDAY UNLESS THE DEBT IS PAID

ONE AVENUE OF ESCAPE IS LEFT CITIZENS

MASS MEETING FOR NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT.

Unless Seven Hundred Dollars Are Raised Immediately, by Saturday in Fact, the Commercial Club Will Be Attached—Orders to Do so in the Hands of Attorneys—Will La Grande Let the Club Go Into Oblivion?—United Support is One Way of Assuring Life of the Institution.

Unless the citizens of La Grande attend a mass meeting which is to be held in the Commercial club next Friday night at 8 o'clock and take suitable action, the La Grande Commercial club will be locked by the officers of the law, following foreclosure on a \$3000 mortgage by Mr. Stanley of Portland, who holds the note. This announcement was made to the board of managers at their Friday night meeting, by F. L. Meyers, who was merely a spokesman for the man who holds the mortgage. Mr. Stanley has notified attorneys of this city to foreclose at once, but through the intercession of Mr. Meyers, the action will not be taken until the citizens of La Grande have had one last opportunity of saying and doing what they feel is their duty.

Hence, if the business men of this city refuse to come to the aid of the La Grande Commercial club next Friday night, Saturday will see the establishment closed by foreclosure. The mortgage covers a sufficient amount

to take away practically all there is of the club.

Time for Action Ripe.

At this meeting Friday night, at which every one is urged to be present, the board will listen to suggestions of any description to float the club through its financial stringency. For the benefits of the readers and citizens at large who are not aware of the cramped condition of the club's coffers, the following data is published:

Liabilities.	
Mortgage indebtedness	\$3,000
Interest on same, overdue	125
Note to La Grande National bank	1,200
Due to stockholders	4,000
Total	\$8,325

Briefly explained, however, the club does not have to meet the mortgage indebtedness in full. It is believed, and practically assured, that the \$125 interest and \$500 on the principal will mean additional life to the organization.

Theoretically, the mortgage indebtedness and the amount due to the stockholders is a debt of the La Grande Building association. Practically, however, the club has to bear it as will readily be seen when facts are known.

No "Ifs" About It.

The foreclosure announcement is not a scare, it is stern reality, and it is simply a question for business to solve. The board of managers, naturally, is not willing to shoulder a debt of this enormity. Hence it might be well for La Grande to be hatching some scheme to raise the amount, about \$1000, at once. Aside from the \$625 which must be paid to the mortgage at once, there is a debt held by the La Grande National bank, but \$50 per month until it is paid, will suffice for that institution. In other words, and stated again, there must be placed before the holders of these debts and mortgages, by next Saturday morning,

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STANDARD OIL BITTEN AGAIN

NO ESCAPE FROM JUDGE LANDIS FINE.

Supreme Court Rules Today That the Elkins Law is Not Nullified by the Hepburn Act, in Deciding the Great Northern Rebate Case—John D. Rockefeller Must Pay the \$25,000, 000 Fine as Named by Judge Landis—Contention Was Groundless.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The contention of the Standard Oil company as to why it should not pay the \$25,000,000 fine assessed by Judge Landis, was given a death blow today by the United States supreme court when that tribunal decided that the Elkins law was not repealed by the Hepburn act.

The case in which this most important decision was handed down was that of the Great Northern Railroad company, which was recently found guilty of rebating to the W. P. Devereaux company of Minneapolis, Minn.

Learned attorneys of the oil trust, who have been groping for any technicalities that might save them from paying the big fine, pinned their faith to the contention that the Elkins law was repealed by the Hepburn act. It was under the provision of the former, that the trust was fined. Now that this position has been declared untenable, the Standard Oil legal sharps have been left high and dry.

Bryan to Address Editors.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 24.—Members of the Nebraska Press association assembled here today for an annual convention of three days. It is expected that William J. Bryan, who is a member of the association, will make a speech. A debate on the parcels post will be a feature of the convention.

BROWNELL RAPS SENATOR FULTON

CALLS FULTON CRAZY OR EXTREMELY "OFF."

If Senator Fulton Does Not Cease to Implicate George Brownell, Erstwhile Republican Boss in Oregon, the Latter Will Cause Another Controversy to Be Opened—The Ex-President Knows a Thing or Two He Says, About Senator Solon.

Portland, Feb. 24.—George C. Brownell, ex-president of the Oregon senate and a man who is generally credited with being the political genius who made Charles W. Fulton United States senator, this morning declared that he thought that Senator Fulton was out of his head.

"He must be," said Brownell, "to make the charges against me that he does in his reply to Frances J. Heney."

Brownell shied his castor into the ring in which the Heney-Fulton controversy is raging, this morning in an interview in which he makes a hot reply to Fulton's charges against him. Fulton, in his reply, charged Brownell with political duplicity and insinuated that at one time the republican boss gave perjured testimony in the recent Hall land fraud trial.

At the same time Brownell intimates that he does know a number of things about the senior senator from Oregon that would make interesting reading, and that Fulton will have a second dirty linen cleansing contest in his hands unless Fulton ceases using Brownell's name farther in his fight with Heney.

RAPID MEANS OF COMMUNICATION

FROM STEAMER ON PACIFIC TO FRENCH LINER.

Try-out Test of Rapidity and Usefulness of Wireless Telegraphy Was Made a Few Days Ago—Record Established—Sent Message From the Steamer Off Seattle to Steamer Far Out to Sea on the Atlantic—Answer Came Back in Three Hours.

San Diego, Feb. 24.—A new record for fast and long distance wireless telegraphing, attempted successfully a few days ago, states a wireless operator who arrived here on a steamer today, has been established. The operator was a passenger on a boat from Sitka to Seattle and had wired his wife, who was on board the Campagna several hundred miles off the Atlantic coast, and received a reply within three hours.

The message was sent to Seattle by wireless, then across the continent by wire. There it was again picked up by wireless and communicated to the passenger on the Atlantic. The answer came back over the same route. The remarkable feat was done as a test of the speed of wireless when used in conjunction with telegraphic wires.

ACCIDENTAL KILLING.

Portland School Boys Go Hunting With Pitiful Results.

Portland, Feb. 23.—Hector Brault was shot and killed late yesterday afternoon near Mount Angel in an accidental manner by a .22 rifle. With Lloyd Hohman and two other boys, he ran away from school and went hunting. A cartridge became jammed and exploded while the boys were working over the rifle barrel.

GRANGERS FEAR CRAFT

AFTER FREE PASS AND ARMORY APPROPRIATION.

Grangers of Oregon Have Today Filed Arguments Against the Appropriation of \$25,000 for Four Years to Maintain Armories in the State—Rich Corporations and Employers Are Always Causes of Disputes—Expect Grafting Would Result.

Salem, Feb. 24.—Oregon State Grangers today filed arguments against the "free pass" bill and the appropriation of \$25,000 for four years for O. N. G. armories. The grangers assert that the only active service to which the Oregon militia was ever called to settle was the differences between large corporations and employers, and that the former always evade, if possible, payment of taxes, and that additional appropriation would probably result in grafting.

Oklahoma Murder Trial.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 24.—What is likely to be one of the most sensational murder trials in the history of the new state is set for today in the criminal division of the district court. Mrs. Lila Meadows and her alleged paramour, Rudolph Tegeler, are charged with the killing of James R. Meadows, the woman's husband. Meadows disappeared from his home in this city on the night of June 4, 1907.

Tegeler and Mrs. Meadows were suspected because they were known to have been together a great deal. No arrest was made until letters ex-

plaining the crime was supposed to have been mislaid, were received by Chief of Police Post and afterward known to have been written by Tegeler, who in turn admitted that he had written them for another person, were produced. Tegeler was arrested and Mrs. Meadows was taken into custody shortly afterward. It is expected the trial will consume two or three weeks. It is believed the defense will try to prove that neither Tegeler nor Mrs. Meadows, but another person, killed Meadows.

CASE TO JURY TUESDAY.

Portland Scandal Case Has Heard the Defense Testimony in Full.

Portland, Feb. 24.—Minor testimony occupied the day in the Waymire conspiracy case. Councilman Frank Bennett and John Annand testified that they did not believe that the reputation of Mayor Lane was injured in the slightest by the Waymire incident and the ensuing publicity. E. E. Hadding was the last witness for the defense. The jury will probably get the case tomorrow.

Resume Standard Suit.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Hearing in the government's suit to dissolve the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, alleged parent concerns of the "oil trust," was resumed in Washington today. Since the adjournment of the hearing on February 1, testimony has been taken in other cities relating to the alleged unfair competition of the Standard in New York and New England.

Trial Trip for South Dakota.

San Francisco, Feb. 24.—In the Santa Barbara channel tomorrow the new armored cruiser South Dakota, sister ship of the California and other armored cruisers in Pacific waters, will be given its first government trial trip. It is expected that the vessel will have been placed in commission by the time the fleet of Admiral Evans reaches here and will make the eighth ship of its class on this coast.

George Sand Eliot's Husband.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 24.—That the seismic theory relates to the separation of Norway and Sweden, that Geo. Sand was the husband of George Eliot and that Florence Nightingale was the wife of Henrik Ibsen were among the curious assertions made by Detroit young people in an examination for assistants at the public library.

Trial of Hitchcock.

New York, Feb. 24.—The trial of Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, under six indictments charging assault upon little girls, is set for today before Justice Dowling in the criminal branch of the supreme court. If the actor fails to appear his bail of \$7,500 which was furnished by Martin Engel, will be forfeited.

Is 1600 Years of Age.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 24.—Claiming to have been born in Egypt 6000 years ago, and that he superintended the building of the pyramids, Solomon's temple and the Roman forum, a man who gave his name as G. B. Hagan appealed to the Atlanta police for protection against enemies bent on sending him to an untimely grave.

FIREMAN DROPS TO INSTANT DEATH

TACOMA FIREMAN FALLS FROM FIFTH STORY.

While Working on a Fire That Commenced Early This Morning and Was Still in Headway at Noon, Fireman Hill Falls Five Stories and is Dashed to Pieces on the Pavement—Had Reached the Roof, But Fell While Leaving the Fire Ladder.

Tacoma, Feb. 24.—Reeling backward to the edge of the roof just as he was crawling from a high ladder, George Hill, a fireman, fell from the fifth story of the Davis-Smith building this morning, and his life was dashed out upon the pavement below.

The fire started in a building occupied by the Davis-Smith Furniture company and by 7:20 o'clock had gained great headway. The flames are supposed to have started from electric feed wires.

Several firemen had ascended the ladder before Hill, and as he neared the top he was lost sight of in the dense smoke. Hundreds saw his twisting body shoot downward to the asphalt pavement. Life was extinct before medical aid could arrive.

The blaze interfered with power wires of the Interurban line and delayed traffic. The fire was still burning at noon.

Great Carnival in Havana.

Havana, Feb. 24.—With the Prado illuminated as never before, the streets a riot of gay colors, flags flying, bands playing and joy-mad crowds shouting their glee in true Spanish-American style, the annual Mardi Gras carnival was ushered in last night. Today the merriment continues in a more subdued manner, to break out anew when night falls. The carnival will continue until the latter days of March, and will have its counterpart on a smaller scale in every city and town of Cuba. This year Havana hopes to gain international fame with her carnival, and several hundred thousands of dollars have been spent decorating the city and furnishing prizes for various events. A race track, which is to be a permanent affair, is being built to the west of the city.

Market Day

To the Public, Friends and Patrons:--

It is our firm conviction and prediction that the "La Grande Market Day" will be a splendid success.

People from afar and near will be here to buy and sell; you will not only be able to dispose of anything you may want to sell, but there will be splendid opportunities to renew old friendships, discuss questions of mutual interest and have a general good time.

Speaking for ourselves, individually, let us say, that we are not only going to take part in the jollifications, but will do our utmost towards making you feel that you have spent one of the most pleasant and profitable days in years, by offering for that day Special shopping, and money saving opportunities, such as you have seldom if ever enjoyed.

Watch for further announcement.

Yours for A Successful Market Day,

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY.

Prescriptions

There is no more vital question to be considered in the family than that of the compounding of the doctor's prescription. There should be no half way methods regarding prescriptions. We use pure drugs, compounded just "according to the doctor's orders."

HILL'S DRUG STORE

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