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## LA GRANDE TO GAIN PUBLICITY BY BOOSTING

OVER \$3,350 WERE SUBSCRIBED IN ONE HOUR.

As a Result of the Effort of Tom Richardson to Form a Live Boost Club in This City, Business Men Come to the Front in Commendable Manner Last Night and Pile Up Over Thirty-three Hundred Dollars for This Purpose—Great Address by the Booster—Impetuous That Children Help Boost.

La Grande was primed and shot off last night by Tom Richardson, manager of the Portland Commercial club. Following an earnest, straight from the shoulder discourse, in which he laid down the dire need of conservative advertising and the means by which it can best be procured, he attacked the purse strings of the business men present. Figuratively speaking, gold was heard to clink noisily, and before his campaign for boost funds was closed the roll showed \$3,350 dollars subscribed. This amount is to be paid in monthly instalments for 12 months. The La Grande National bank was the heaviest subscriber, with \$50 per month, but the Amalgamated Sugar company promised to take up the matter with the head offices, and until then, would pay \$25 monthly. The remaining \$25 will no doubt be forthcoming.

After Still More. A special committee was appointed, on motion of Mr. Richardson, to campaign on the trail of the business men who were not there, and to bring the total subscription up to \$6000 for the year.

**A Remarkable Man.** Tom Richardson is a remarkable man. Those who heard him listened intently for great truths were coming from the mouth of Oregon's king of boosters. He laid stress on the great importance of securing the co-operation of school children in all boost movements.

"Make every man, woman and child shout for Oregon, for Union county and for La Grande," he said, "then you will get results. Every child, every man and individual in this city should be as proud of the fact that he lives in La Grande, as he prides his highest fancy.

"Get the children writing letters to eastern friends," he advised. "But first tell them, acquaint them, and instruct them thoroughly in what the resources of the county are. To do this business men should at frequent intervals speak to the various rooms in the city's schools.

**Get Good Secretary.** "The importance of having at the head of this movement a new man, is paramount. There is money in this city, and there is boost; but what you need is a head—a leader. Get a live,

hustling capable secretary, and turn him loose with as much money as he can possibly secure. The results are certain.

"But, beware of fake secretaries. They are numerous. To get a man who will not squander the money on irresponsible methods, requires a good salary. Albany, Eugene, Medford, Roseburg and Grants Pass have all passed the tentative stage in this matter and are securing results."

Space forbids publishing all the strong arguments presented by Mr. Richardson, but the subsequent action of the meeting in raising the sum named, testifies to the reception which the address received.

**Campbell Speaks.** Briefly, President Campbell of the State university, spoke of what Eugene is doing. He also touched upon the appropriation question, laying forth several important reasons why the state cannot afford, in the face of the notoriety that has already been secured by the attack on the appropriation by grants of the state, to wreck the institution at Eugene.

Following the addresses, and a popular song by the L. D. S. quartet, the

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## WOOLY WOMEN AND COT JEWELS

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE HAVE CLEVER SWINDLER

George E. Littell, the Most Daring and Cunning Swindler on the Coast, Plays on Woman's Love and Then Robs Victims—Got Nice Sum From a Seattle Woman—Secret Service Men Find He Worked Similar Game in Other Cities.

San Francisco, April 23.—George E. Littell, said to be the most daring and cunning confidence operator in the country, appeared before United States Commissioner Hancock today for examination for removal to Seattle for trial on a charge of impersonating federal officers.

Littell was arrested in Oakland a week ago on complaint of Mrs. Josephine Daubney of Seattle, from whom he secured \$740 while representing himself to be in the federal service.

Littell, according to secret service men, has made a trade of woolly women and getting money and jewels. Women are said to be relating to secret service men in New Orleans, Chicago, New York, Boston, Denver and San Francisco, facts of former swindles of this nature.

**Union Draws Color Line.**

Jackson, Miss., April 23.—The Farmers' union of Mississippi, one of the strongest bodies of its kind in the country, has gone on record as opposing the admission of negroes to membership or of having any affiliation whatever with organizations of colored farmers.

## FIGHTING OVER LAND GRANTS

LOWER HOUSE INDULGES IN BITTER DEBATES.

Southern Land Grants of Oregon is Topic of Most Bitter Fight in This Session of Congress—An Amendment Introduced to Protect Inherent Purchasers—Enemies of the Amendment Say it Would Let Harriman Out on the Valuable Grants.

Washington, April 23.—One of the bitterest fights in this session of congress occurred in the house today over the adoption of the senate resolution instructing the attorney general to institute a suit to wrest the land in southwestern Oregon from the Harriman interests, which are alleged to have violated restrictions under which they received the grant.

The land lies along the Oregon-California railroad an 8th grant was made in 1886. Representative Foreney of Michigan, introduced an amendment to protect the "innocent purchasers," including inhabitants of the small towns and 45,000 acres purchased by lumbermen. This amendment is savagely attacked, the charge being made that it would operate to let out E. H. Harriman.

**Asleep Seventy-Eight Days.**

Los Angeles, April 23.—This is the 78th day of continuous sleep of Mrs. Beulah Hawkins, and physicians have given up hope of ever awakening her by artificial means. Nature will be allowed to take its course. There is no change in the condition of the woman, except a slight variation in weight.

## NEVADA MINERS LYNCH BAD MAN

MURDERER SWUNG TO A TELEPHONE POLE

Free Trial Taken From a Bad Man in the Skiddoo Mining Camp in Nevada When a Mob Overpowered the Deputy Sheriff and Guards, and Swung to Telephone Pole a Man Who Had Committed Murder Sunday—Victim of Mob a General Hair Character.

Rhyolite, Nev., April 23.—A mob of the Skiddoo, Nev., mining camp lynched Jos. Simpson, last night, gambler who shot and killed James Arnold Sunday. Simpson was being held a prisoner in a vacant building guarded by a deputy sheriff. Last night, secured the prisoner and within 10 minutes his body was hanging suspended from a telephone pole. Simpson was a hard character. Sunday he went on a rampage and, after attacking Cashier Dobbs of the Southern California bank, went to Arnold's shop and in a quarrel killed him.

**Fire in Bellingham.**

Bellingham, Wash., April 23.—Fire supposed to be of incendiary origin destroyed the Independent Asphalt plant this morning and by burning the wires carrying electricity from the power plant of the Whatcom County Railway company, shut off the city of all power, and traffic is paralyzed. Not until noon were street cars and many of the industrial concerns able to proceed. The loss was about \$5,000.

**Naval Officers Entertained.**

Los Angeles, Cal., April 23.—After three days of continuous round of social duties of a formal nature, Admiral Thomas and 250 of his officers threw off all "tuss and feathers" today and went out on an informal automobile spin through the beautiful foothill towns near the city. The trip included Pasadena and San Fernando valley. Luncheon was taken at the Annadale Golf club.

## ASSASSIN AFTER FORMER BOODLER

ABE RUEF CLAIMS TO BE TARGET FOR BOMB.

Following the Attempt on the Life of Ex-Supervisor Gallagher and the Destruction of His Oakland Home, Comes a Story From Ruef That the Bomb Throwers Are After Him—Thought to Be a Crank Who Plans to Kill Off All Alleged Boodlers.

San Francisco, April 23.—Abe Ruef's life has been threatened according to a story by the ex-boss. This statement, coming immediately after blowing up of Gallagher's home yesterday in Oakland, leads to the belief that some crank has decided to do away with the graft regime in this city.

Ruef and Gallagher are no longer friendly, Gallagher giving the prosecution all the aid he can, and Ruef is lining up with the higher ups.

The Gallagher affair is causing much apprehension among other ex-supervisors who have testified in the graft trials.

**Attempts Gallagher's Life.**

Oakland, April 23.—The mystery of the attempt to blow up the home and person of James L. Gallagher, chief witness in the prosecution of the graft cases in San Francisco and the former go-between for Abe Ruef, has not yet been cleared up by the police. The entire force of detectives in Oakland is employed on the case, and so far there have been no results. Crowds of people are about the house all day. The front of the house is effectually wrecked.

## \$1,200 MORE ARE SUBSCRIBED

TWELVE HUNDRED ADDED TO LAST NIGHT'S SUM

The Special Committee Which is Canvassing the City to Double the Subscription of Last Evening for Booster Purposes, Meets With Great Success—More Places to Hear From and Subscriptions Coming Easy—Everybody Enthusiastic.

Twelve hundred dollar subscribers in addition to the \$3350 which were raised last night, and "several precincts to hear from," is the highly encouraging report the special soliciting committee appointed last evening, reports at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Early today, when the virus of enthusiasm injected last evening was still active, Messrs. F. L. Meyers, W. Scriber, George Stoddard and Ma Wood commenced a canvass to double the amount raised last evening for boosting purposes. There luck an fortune thus far has been of extremity to those who believe in boosting. Their object is to raise the subscription to \$6000, and this afternoon it stands at \$4500. And they will succeed. The gentlemen who are included in the committee are individuals who will not rest until their goal is reached, and judging from today's success, they will not have so tremendous a task as might be thought.

Here is a crisis where the business men have arisen nobly and will stand shoulder to shoulder in the movement, united, and imbued with one aim—to give the county's resources the right kind of publicity.

**MORE ELECTRIC LINES.**

**Willamette Valley to Be Gridironed With Additional Lines.**

Portland, April 23.—Work is to commence next week on the extensions to the present lines of the Oregon Electric company, which will lay a network of 361 miles of new track in the Willamette valley within the next three years. It will put the en-

tire northwestern portion of Oregon, from Eugene to Columbia, and from Tillamook bay to the Willamette river in direct touch with Portland. New lines will cost \$10,000,000, and the capital of the company has been increased to meet it. George Barclay Moffat, William A. White and A. C. Bedford are handling the financial end of the deal in New York city.

The interurban road extension will open up some of the richest dairying and fruit country in Oregon.

**HORACE KNAPP HOME.**

Accounts for Action of Pet Dog Which Started Worry Yesterday.

Horace Knapp is home again and all the anxiety occasioned by peculiar circumstances pertaining to his trip in the mountains are cleared. This morning he returned to his home in South La Grande and accounts for the unusual behavior of the dog, which heretofore has never left, by saying that he had whipped the animal and it had gone home. He was somewhat surprised to learn that the dog's appearance in South La Grande yesterday without his master occasioned much worry.

## SAY GALLAGHER PAID FOR VOTES

MANY SUPERVISORS ON STAND IN FORD CASE.

Dr. Charles Boxton on the Stand to Complete His Story Relative to the Boogie Board's Action in the Overhead Trolley Affair—Many Ex-Supervisors Say They Would Have Voted for It Anyway, But That Gallagher Paid Them All.

San Francisco, April 23.—When the P. L. Ford trial opened this morning, Dr. Charles Boxton, ex-supervisor of the old boogie board, again took the stand to finish his testimony, his story being uncompleted yesterday when court adjourned.

Yesterday Daniel Coleman, Max Hemlock, James F. Kelley, C. J. Harrigan, J. J. Furey and Edward Walsh, ex-supervisors, all testified. All reported that they were in favor of the overhead trolley ordinance and would have voted for it whether money was paid them or not. All admitted that Supervisor Gallagher had paid them for their vote.

**Wife Murderer to Hang.**

Sparta, Ga., April 23.—Porter Cooper, a negro who killed his wife last month and was given an immediate trial, convicted and sentenced to death, will be hanged tomorrow. After crushing his wife's skull with an ax, remembered the body severed the head and lower limbs from the trunk. He is said to have placed the fragments in crocus sacks, buried and fired his house to conceal the evidence. In the court room he made a full confession.

**President Alexis Angry.**

Port au Prince, April 23.—Although affairs in Haiti are tranquil at present, hostility against the government is increasing daily and the better class of citizens are hoping for intervention by the United States. "If this is attempted President Alexis declares he will saturate the island with blood of foreigners on the island. 'They may send me to hell,' he is said to have remarked, 'but I won't go alone.'"

## DEAL IS FOUND GUILTY BY JURY

JURY OUT SIXTEEN HOURS BEFORE AGREEING.

R. W. Deal of La Grande is Found Guilty of Horse Stealing Before a Umatilla County Jury—Deliberate for 16 Hours Before Reaching a Verdict—Will Appeal for a New Trial—Is Out on Bonds—Argument Early in May.

Pendleton, April 24.—Observer special.—R. W. Deal, the pioneer resident of Union county, was this morning convicted of horse stealing by a jury which was out about 16 hours. Late last evening the jury went into retirement, and commenced to ballot at once. After the first three were taken the vote stood 9 to 3 for conviction. Later on the vote stood 11 to 1 for conviction and this morning became unanimous. At 9 o'clock the foreman reported a verdict of guilty.

The horse which Deal is accused of stealing was the property of Ed Halley of Union county. The theft was made about August last year, and the horse was found at Salem recently. Mr. Deal is said to have taken the animal and sold it.

Following a change of venue the trial was heard here with F. S. Ivanhoe of La Grande, as prosecuting attorney.

**Appeal for Retrial.**

A motion will be filed by the defense for a new trial. Hence, if the motion is denied, the sentence will not be pronounced on Mr. Deal until early in May, for the arguments in the new trial will not be heard before the supreme court until the first week in May. Mr. Deal is out on bonds. The maximum sentence that can be imposed is seven years.

**CONFESSED TO THEFT.**

**Officers Made No Mistake—Stolen Goods Located.**

Smith, the box car thief, confessed late yesterday afternoon to having entered the box car and taking therefrom. He informed the officers where the rest of the booty could be found and this morning Officer McLachlin went to the designated spot and succeeded in finding three grain bags full of ladies' shoes. Smith is still in the city jail awaiting the further action of the officers.

IT IS THOUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY of every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

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