

MAY TAKE AWAY SUGAR FACTORY

FINAL DECISION COMING NEXT THURSDAY SOME TIME.

Timely Appearance at the Throne of the Sugar Company by Local Stockholders in Company Averts Immediate Removal of the Sugar Factory—Long Discussed as Likely, But Few Knew That Order Was Given to Move—Temporarily Withdrawn.

Next Thursday La Grande will ascertain for a certainty whether or not the Amalgamated Sugar factory is to remain in La Grande or whether it is to be removed to Ogden, Utah. It is a well known fact that the future life of the factory has been threatened as far as La Grande is concerned, but few realized the serious aspect which the matter has assumed.

It was the timely appearance of F. S. Bramwell in Salt Lake yesterday morning when the board of directors of the Amalgamated Sugar company was in session, that deferred immediate steps to remove the factory, and secured a parley period, during which David Eccles will come to La Grande. Mr. Bramwell returned from Salt Lake today and was frank to admit that the condition of things is serious. But he brings the news that Mr. Eccles will come here next Thursday to give the matter one more inspection at close range before giving the final order. It has been noised about for some time that the head officials of the company have been extremely anxious to make a change in the location of the local factory, but subordinates of the head offices that are located here have pleaded with the sugar magnate for a stay in proceedings. It is positively known that after Mr. Eccles confers with his officials

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House is Alarmed.
Washington, Dec. 11.—The first action to be taken by the house today was the adoption of a resolution introduced by Representative Perkins of New York, providing for the appointment of a committee of five to consider action to be taken by the house in reference to that part of Roosevelt's message intimating that members of congress need watching by secret service men.

MAY TAKE OFF THE TARIFF

JONES OF WASHINGTON BALKS AT NO COAL TARIFF.

Ways and Means Committee May Take Off Tariff on Coal Under Certain Conditions.

Washington, Dec. 11.—At the hearing of the ways and means committee on coal operations of the eastern states, they declared they will favor a removal of the tariff on coal shipments if a reciprocal relation can be established with Canada. Although Washington operators take no action in the matter, Representative Jones is inclined to oppose the removal of the tariff, believing it will place Washington mines in severe competition with British Columbia mines.

Draw Color Line.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 11.—Mississippi farmers affiliated with the Farmers' union are up in arms against the attempt of the colored agriculturists of the state to organize a similar union. It is feared that trouble may result from the attempt of the negroes to establish a union, and in some localities the white farmers are threatening night rider tactics, if necessary to put a stop to the propaganda of the negro organizers. The matter will probably come up at the next meeting of the state union, which will be held next month.

CALHOUN IS UP FOR PROSECUTION

NO MORE PROSECUTION OF RUEF AT THIS TIME.

President of United Railways in San Francisco is the Next Graft Object of Attack by Prosecution—He Will Be Brought Back and Tried on a Charge Similar to Ruef's Indictments—Will Rest Against Ruef Until Calhoun is Tried.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—The prosecution's plans are uncompleted in detail, but it is probable that Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, will be the next man to be tried, charged with bribing a supervisor," said District Attorney Langdon today.

"I am undecided what indictment to try him on, but will not try Ruef again immediately on the remaining indictments. It is probable the prosecution's energy will be centered on Calhoun."

Calhoun will be summoned back from New York, where he is said to be negotiating the sale of the United Railroads to E. H. Harriman. It is expected Heney will give particular attention to Calhoun in this trial.

Trouble Over Basketball.

Seattle, Dec. 11.—Trouble is ahead for the faculty of the Franklin high school and trouble for the girls playing basketball. The faculty positively prohibits the girls taking shower baths. The girls refuse to play if no baths are allowed. They threaten to start a great fuss.

Seattle Shipbuilders.

Seattle, Dec. 11.—It is highly probable that four of the eight submarines authorized by the last session of congress, will be built by the Moran company of this city.

UNDERSTUDIES OF HENEY RESIGNED

RUEF CONVICTION IS A PEOPLE'S VICTORY.

Men Who Took Up Work Where It Was Left Off by Heney, Resign From Further Connection in the Case—Ruef, the Arch-Grafter, Energetically on His Way to the Penitentiary—Heney Deeply Gratified at the Outcome—Jurors All Honest.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—The resignations of Attorneys Hiram W. Johnson, Matt I. Sullivan and J. J. Dwyer as special prosecutors in the graft cases will be presented to District Attorney Langdon today. The trio volunteered their services after Francis J. Heney was shot. With the conviction of Abe Ruef, the grafter, they feel their duties are ended. The prosecution is jubilant over the conviction that came last evening. Heney today issued a statement, saying the people of San Francisco owe a debt of gratitude to the jurors who have given more than three months' time to the case. Attorney Johnson said yesterday the victory means more to San Francisco than a score of triumphs in warfare.

Addressing a mass meeting of citizens last night, Johnson said: "We have completed the work for which we entered the prosecution, and now surrender the trust. We took up the case where Heney was forced to leave his office. We feel that our obligation has ceased with the conviction of Ruef."

He declared the real purpose of the prosecution should be not merely to punish persons and send the grafters to jail, but to purge the government so as to establish equality of men in the eyes of the law.

"We have disproved that our law is a sham and our administration of justice a travesty. Ruef's race has been run. His conviction sounds the death knell of his system and that of his accomplices. The public service corporations, a system by which the political boss sells to an equally guilty corporation boss privileges of rights which belong to the people. Henceforth Ruef's personality will be eliminated from this city."

District Attorney Langdon said the conviction was only the forerunner of others. "The arch criminal of San Francisco is now on his way to the penitentiary."

Detective Burns declared it was the people's victory, plainly, and that the people have been vindicated.

"The public is familiar with the evidence, which has made it apparent that no honest jury could do other than convict. The graft prosecution will continue until a demonstration is made that San Francisco is capable of enforcing the laws, and that the courts and juries are not a mockery and a sham."

Among other things in Heney's statement, he said: "It is needless to say that I am deeply gratified with the result. I expected a conviction if none of the jurors had been reached by Ruef's agents. It is evident that they are all honest."

ELIZA NODINE LOSES PRELIMINARY SKIRMISH

FAMOUS CASE ENDED IN CIRCUIT COURT AT NOON.

Townley Wins the First Round in the Fight for Dower Rights—Is a Case in Which Great Interest Has Been Taken—Defendant's Attorneys Produce Evidence.

At noon today the final finish, so

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Confesses to Bigamy.
Stockton, Cal., Dec. 11.—A laborer giving his name as H. G. Gilman, confessed to bigamy. He said: "I must give myself up because I am going to Jesus. I want to be right with God and atone for an offense of bigamy. I want the law to take its course." Gilman said he married Mrs. Helen Newcomb in Boise in 1904. He left her two years later and married again.

APPLES FOR BIG THE FAIR

GRANDE RONDE EXHIBIT IS SENT TO SEATTLE.

Will Be Held in Cold Storage for the Time Being—Many Varieties Displayed—Commercial Club Did the Work Through William Hall—Fine Display: One Intended to Win.

Union county's exhibit of apples at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition next year, consisting of 90 boxes, has been shipped to Portland, where it will be stored until the proper time for moving to the Horticultural building at the exposition grounds. William Hall has represented the Commercial club in making the choice of fruit to be sent. Ninety per cent of the boxes are 3 1/2 tier, while the balance are 4-tier. Special pains were taken in making the selections, packing and so on, in order that Union county may make the best possible showing. The varieties were picked from orchards in all sections of the valley, thus not making it a local exhibition.

The varieties sent away are numerous. Ben Davis, Gano, Oregon Winter, Canada Red, Willow Twig, Black Twig and Ben Davis are the principal ones included in the splendid display. The care taken in selection, and the grade of apples chosen, makes the display a prize-winner. Next year when Union county's population attends the fair, it can point with pride to the display from Grande Ronde valley.

GREAT RACE CONTINUES.

People Chased From Garden Where Six-Day Bicycle Races Are On.

New York, Dec. 11.—Madison Square Garden, the scene of a six-day bicycle race, was aired today. All spectators were required to leave the building. This was done to prevent the health authorities from ending the races. A brief rest refreshed the riders. At 8 o'clock three teams had some 2000 miles two laps; one 2008 and one lap; one 2008; the next 2007, and the last 2000 and three laps. They are behind the old record. Floyd MacFarland of San Jose, Cal., was thrown heavily from his bike this morning as the result of a bursting tire. He lay on the track several minutes, spectators fearing him dead. He revived and walked to his dressing room.

PARENTS MUST ACT TOMORROW

URGING SCHOOL BOARD MAY HURRY NEW SCHOOL.

School Board Meets to Fix School Levy—At That Time is the Opportunity Moment for Parents to Plead for Adequate School Facilities—Believed That Earnest Appeal Tomorrow Afternoon Will Aid Matters Greatly—Should Issue School Bonds.

The time is here for taxpayers to urge the city school board to action in the matter of a new school building—or a county high school. Tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock the school board holds its annual meeting for the purpose of fixing the school tax. The board has no power to issue bonds to build the high school building with, but it has power to levy a tax sufficient to pay for the bonds required to build the structure. The Observer firmly believes that if a representative body of local taxpayers appear before the board tomorrow afternoon and use convincing arguments, calling attention, as it has been so often, of the cramped and entirely inadequate facilities existing here that form a black eye to a community of this proportion, the board will take the steps that are needed. The board cannot levy a tax, consistently, sufficient to build the structure, but by fixing an additional tax levy large enough to pay interest on a subsequent issue of bonds, reach the same end more expeditiously.

The procedure necessary to secure adequate buildings will be for the board to levy the interest tax, and then advertising a special bond election for at which time the citizens decide by vote whether or not the city is to have a decent building. The Observer has so persistently called the attention of the parents to the deplorable condition existing in the high school building, and all know the necessity of a new home for scholars.

By appearing before the board tomorrow with urgent requests for action, there is every belief that the board will act favorably.

Convention of Hoboes.

St. Louis, Dec. 11.—A call for a national convention of the unemployed, to be held in this city on January 15, has been issued by James Eads How, founder of the Brotherhood Welfare association. It is expected that during the convention week St. Louis will be the mecca for hoboes and unemployed men from all over the country, and standing room will be at a premium in box cars and other conveyances utilized by the men of the road. How intends to secure a monster petition, to be sent to the president, asking that the petitioners be given employment in public work and on farms under the direction of the government.

Important Holiday Facts

First: You save money on everything purchased here, at a time when such saving is apt to be appreciated. Second: You find an unusual assortment of those goods which make practical, sensible gifts. Third: You get quality. Whatever it is, large or small, it is worthy and contains real value for every cent of cost. Fine Perfumes, Imported and Domestic, in packages of all sizes and in bulk. Toilet articles, Brushes, Mirrors, Combs, etc. singly and in combinations. Latest goods direct from the maker. Pocket Books and Purses in fancy leathers especially suited for gift purposes. Better see first whether we have not what will answer best. If so you can buy yourself a gift with what you save.

Newlin Drug Co.
La Grande, Ore.

Bargains in Ready-made Goods

Prices Cut in Two. Last of the seasons ready made goods must be closed out regardless of cost. Our stock is being reduced very rapidly

<h4>Ladies' Suits</h4> <p>We have only a few ladies' Suits left to be closed out at ridiculously low prices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 \$15 black Serge goes at\$1.95 1 \$12.50 black Serge goes at\$2.25 1 \$25.00 black Cheviot goes at\$9.85 1 \$18.50 black Cheviot goes at\$9.85 1 \$47.50 brown stripe goes at\$28.85 	<h4>Misses' Coats</h4> <p>Our stock of Misses' Coats is very large and we have decided to make prices that will move them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lot 1—Children's Coats, values to \$3.50, at\$1.90 Lot 2—Misses' Coats, values to \$6.50, ages to 14 years\$2.85 Lot 3—Misses' Coats, values to \$8.50, ages to 14 years\$4.85
<h4>Millinery</h4> <p>All ladies' Trimmed Hats Half Price.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10.00 Hats, to close, at\$5.00 \$8.50 Hats, to close, at\$4.25 \$6.50 Hats, to close, at\$3.25 \$4.00 Hats, to close, at\$2.00 \$2.00 Hats, to close, at\$1.00 	<h4>Ladies' Skirts</h4> <p>You know our reputation on the famous "Beverly Skirts." To buy these at the prices we are offering them is surely an inducement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skirts, in value to \$5.00, to close \$1.95 Skirts, in value to \$8.50, to close \$4.85 Skirts, in value to \$12.50, to close at\$7.65
<h4>Ladies' Waists</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$8.50 wool and silk Waist, reduced to\$4.35 \$6.50 all-wool and silk Waists, reduced to\$2.95 Wash Waists, lot 1, reduced to95c Wash Waists, lot reduced to\$1.95 	<h4>Ladies' Coats</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lot 1—Ladies' Coats, values to \$10.00\$2.50 Lot 2—Ladies' Coats, values to \$15.00\$4.85 <p>This is a reminder. If you want a coat, decide quickly.</p>

THE FAIR STORE

La Grande, Oregon.