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SANDRIDGE IS ENTIRELY WILLING

LIBERAL REWARD FOR MAN WHO WILL SECURE LIST.

Alice Meeting One of the Most Enthusiastic Yet—Nearly Fifty Farmers Leave Spring Work to Express Their Desire to Secure Water Rights—Meeting at Imbler Promises Big Results—Need for La Grande to Attend En Masse.

PECUNIARY INDUCEMENT.

Four men of means—George Stoddard, L. L. McKennon, J. D. McKennon and C. R. Beckley—will give their personal checks of \$500 each to the man who will secure 10,000 acres of subscriptions to the irrigation project, the land to be located on the Sandridge.

Alice, March 15.—(Special.—) Old Sol beamed down with balmy rays on the Sandridge, scattering pessimism abroad and creating in its stead a unanimous demand for irrigation.

The first of a dual set of mass meetings at Alice today and Imbler tomorrow was successful beyond the fond anticipations of the tireless workers who have strived early and late for months to inculcate into the minds of all Sandridge farmers, the dire need of water. Between 40 and 50 farmers left their urgent spring work to attend

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Grand Jury "Stung."

Spokane, March 11.—The grand jury investigation of the Gordon-Root matter, resumed this afternoon after the court had been requested to permit a stenographer to take notes or discharge the jury. It was decided to continue work despite the restrictions ordered by the court.

PEACE ENVOY IS READY TO START

DISQUIETING REPORTS ARE STILL ORDER OF THE DAY.

President Taft Has Special Peace-Maker Ready to Go to South America at a Moment's Notice—Ships Are Rapidly Mobilizing in Waters of Nicaragua.

Washington, March 15.—Charles E. Magoon is preparing to start for Central America at a moment's notice, President Taft having decided to send him to act as peace-maker, unless conditions improve there immediately. Disquieting rumors were received from Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Salvador today.

The cruiser West Virginia has arrived at Acajutla, Salvador, according to advices received at the navy department. The supply ship Glacier is at Amalpa and Nicaragua, and the armored cruisers California and Pennsylvania have sailed from Amapala for Magdalena Bay.

ELECTED MAYOR FOR ELEVEN DAYS

CORDON OF POLICE GUARDS COUNCIL DURING ELECTION.

Los Angeles Mayorality Muddle Temporarily Settled—People Must Elect Their Own Man on March 26, Says Stephens, the New Mayor—Recall Election Will Be Held on That Date to Choose People's Choice—Stephens Qualified.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 15.—Surrounded by a cordon of police called to preserve order among the hundreds of citizens assembled at the city hall today. The city council unanimously elected William D. Stephens mayor, to succeed Mayor Harper. Hundreds of citizens were outside the city hall before the doors opened, and it was finally necessary to call the police.

In his speech of acceptance Stephens said he would serve only until March 26, the date of the recall election invoked against Mayor Harper, resigned. He was forced to oppose George Alexander, the candidate under the recall. Stephens should serve until January 1, next year, when Harper's regular term would expire, but he preferred the matter be submitted to the people. Stephens is 50 years of age, a retired grocer, wealthy, and a republican.

On March 26 the people will elect a mayor to serve out Harper's full term.

LEGISLATURE MEETS AT SALEM

NORMAL SCHOOLS FIRST QUESTION TAKEN UP.

Memorial Introduced and Accepted Dealing With Freight Rates—Normals Schools Warned to Keep Away From Legislature—Senators Want a Short Session—All Members Present When Both Houses Convened at 10:30 This Morning.

Salem, March 15.—The legislature met in special session at 10:30 this morning. President Bowersman called the senate to order and Speaker McArthur did the same thing in the house. All members were present.

One of the first resolutions in the house was to submit the question of maintaining one, two or three of the State Normal schools to a vote of the people. The delegation from Umatilla, Jackson and Polk counties, demanded the schools be maintained until the question was submitted to vote.

The legislature met in joint session to hear the governor's message reciting the purpose of the session. The principal reason is the unintentional failure to appropriate money for the expense and repairs of state institutions at Salem.

Senator Nottingham introduced a memorial which was adopted, asking congress to extend government aid to the steamship line from Panama to Pacific coast ports, calling attention to the freight rate advances by railroads. The senate also places its stamp of approval on the line aided by the United States government.

The senate adopted a resolution warning the Normal school advocates that they need not apply.

The senators are indicating they favor a short session. Senator Bingham, in charge of the program, shut out all new questions, and was backed by a strong majority.

ADMINISTRATION CHANGES TONIGHT

MAYOR WILL FILL MANY APPOINTIVE OFFICES TONIGHT.

Really Few Changes in City—Council and Official List—Formality Will Mark Event Just the Same—One Change in Councilman's Circle—Only Few Others.

In technical terms a change of administration, yet in practical application merely a formal good-bye to the old year and a welcome to the new term—a short one of 10 months—will take place this evening when Mayor Hall calls the retiring council together and reorganizes the new one, with the aid of Recorder Cox. In the council chamber there will be but one change, J. T. Williamson, for several years identified with council matters, will formally vacate from the Fourth ward to John Sheak, who was elected at the last election. Three other councilmen who are new, so-called, succeed themselves and so does Mayor Hall and Recorder Cox. But there will be a color of formality just the same.

For the first time in the present decade at least, the mayor appoints the officers formerly elected by the council. The appointive offices include the night policeman, the city attorney, city physician, street superintendent, water superintendent, postmaster and garbage master.

The mayor appoints and the council ratifies. It is supposed Mayor Hall will present these nominations tonight that the council may take action on the matter at once. A regular message, outlining the ensuing year's work in municipal affairs is also slated.

After tonight the following elective

officers will be at the head of La Grande executive, administrative and judicial affairs during what is deemed by all to be the most promising year in its history: Mayor, M. K. Hall; city recorder, D. E. Cox; treasurer, R. W. Logan; marshal, Lou Rayburn; councilmen, First ward, S. N. Bolton, W. N. Monroe; Second ward, S. M. Curtiss, John Sheak; Third ward, George Krelger, F. L. Meyers; Fourth ward, David Bay, A. V. Andrews.

298 ARRESTS IN THE PAST YEAR

RETIRING CHIEF WILL FILE DETAILED REPORT.

Report of Chief of Police Walden Shows That Past Year, Ending March 15, Saw Only 26 Contagious Diseases in La Grande—The Report in Full.

Retiring Chief of Police John Walden tonight files his annual report with the old council, that during the evening will disband and re-form as the new council. The report is an interesting one, pointing out data that is extremely interesting. The report will say:

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, Gentlemen:

I beg to submit my annual report, commencing March 16, 1908, and ending March 15, 1909:

Number of—	
Arrests	298
Contagious diseases	26
Cases of smallpox	12
Cases of diphtheria	5
Cases of scarlet fever	9
Cases of smallpox released	12
Cases of diphtheria released	5
Cases of scarlet fever released	9
Contagious diseases at present date	0
Money received from city pound	\$198.60
Money turned into city treasurer on pound funds	\$198.60
Two horses in pound at present date.	

J. W. WALDEN,
Chief of Police.

Mr. Walden today closed a successful term as marshal and tomorrow Lou Rayburn, who has been in the harness before, will wear the chief's button.

Editors Plead Not Guilty.

New York, March 15.—Formal pleas of not guilty were entered today by the publishers of the New York World, to indictments charging them with libel in connection with the publication of articles on the purchase of the Panama canal by the government.

CZARDOM BROKEN BY INSURGENTS

STRIKING VICTORY SCORED BY THE REFORMER SOLONS.

Speaker Cannon Elected Speaker of Sixty-First Congress, But His Powers Will Be Trimmed Down Materially—Is Great Victory for Insurgents—Back Office Legislation Will No Longer Be in Vogue—Clark Leads Minority.

Washington, March 19.—The question to adopt the rules of the previous congress was lost. The vote stood 189 for, to 193 against. This is a great victory for the insurgents, who now hope to force a change in the rules, taking much power from the speaker.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Promptly at noon both houses of the 61st congress convened, Vice-President J. S. Sherman calling the senate to order, and Clerk McDowell the house.

"Joseph G. Cannon was re-elected speaker of the house without a fight.

The republican insurgents held a special caucus at 10 o'clock this morning and completed plans for fighting for a change of house rules.

Representative Payne of New York, announced the tariff bill will be presented to the house after receipt of President Taft's message. No word from the White House saying the message will go to congress tomorrow, as is generally expected. The ways and means committee, which made the tariff investigation, is putting the finishing touches on the bill this morning.

Ovation for Champ Clark.

When Champ Clark, the democratic nominee for speaker, entered the democratic house caucus today, he was greeted with loud cheers. He said:

"Last December the democratic caucus elected me the minority leader by unanimous vote, but a moment ago you unanimously nominated me your candidate for speaker. For the flattering evidences of your confidence and esteem I am deeply grateful. In the last 60th congress we won some notable victories and can in the present congress win more easily because there is a majority of only 47 against us. The country expects us to stick together and fight. You must remember we have in our keeping—to a very large extent—the immediate future of the democratic party.

Democrats Attack Cannon.

McDermott of Illinois, was the only absentee from the democratic caucus accounted for. Underwood

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We are ready to show you the very best to be had in all men's wearing apparel. For style, quality and economy you need go no farther.

Clothing

The best clothing manufacturer supply us with our stock. Just Received—

\$8.00 to 25.00

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Shoes that please is the inducement that we offer you for your money. Nothing but standard makes.

\$2.50 to \$5.00

Hats--Caps

GET UNDER OUR HAT! All the very best shapes in the very best shades

\$2.00 to \$3.50

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50c to \$1.50



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