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MEETING BIG SUCCESS

NO NEWS FROM KIDNAPPED BOY

DEEP MYSTERY STILL SURROUNDS DISAPPEARANCE.

Father Will Spend His Entire Fortune Seeking to Restore His Son—News-papers Offer Reward for Information—No Ransom Money Paid Yet, Says Father—Another Letter Received From Kidnapers Raising the Ransom.

Sharon, Pa., March 20.—Attorney Whitla, father of the kidnaped boy, Willie, today declares he has no trace of his son for whom a heavy reward has been offered. He asserts the statement that a ransom of \$10,000 has been paid is untrue. The case is as big a mystery as ever. Whitla will spend his entire small fortune to restore his son.

Whitla says Frank H. Buhl, a millionaire uncle of the boy, will not defray the expenses of the search. Detective Ward of Philadelphia, a specialist on kidnaping cases, has arrived

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JAP DESERTS HIS WHITE FIANCEE

TAR AND FEATHERS AWAIT LOVER OF GLADYS EMERY.

Nation-Wide Interest Taken in Peculiar Case of Love at Corte Madera, Where Daughter of Archdeacon is in Love With Japanese—While Gossip is Rife, Lover is Believed to Have Fled From Sweetheart—Girl Undecided.

Corte Madera, Cal., March 20.—While the town of Corte Madera is agog with gossip about the engagement of Helena Gladys Emery, daughter of Archdeacon Emery, of the Episcopal diocese of California, to wed Gunjiro Aoki, a Japanese, there is a growing belief that the Japanese has fled from his fiancée. The mother of Miss Emery today denied all knowledge of the whereabouts of Aoki. Later she said she knew, but refused to tell. It was openly threatened that if Aoki visits the girl brickbats will fly, and tar and feathers will be applied if the

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Thirty Thousand Dollars Subscribed in Three Hours

CO-OPERATIVE PROPOSITION HAS BEEN ABANDONED

In less than three hours from the moment it was decided that the co-operative system should be dropped in favor of a corporation in manipulating the irrigation scheme, \$30,000 had been subscribed by farmers and a few of the leading business men and firms of the city. There are a score of men and business houses who are anxious to take stock but as yet the petition has only been circulated on the streets to accommodate the farmers who are in the city today. With a few exceptions the subscriptions up to date are small ones, representing the limited land holders. The \$100,000 needed to perfect the fondest hopes held out by the promoters will be raised in due time.

When President John Collier, of the La Grande Commercial club, called the meeting to order in the opera house at 11 o'clock this forenoon, there was an enthusiastic audience, who had gathered for the purpose of furthering the irrigation project.

The meeting had been called by the club, with the intention of securing further acreage, but after numerous consultations among the leaders of the movement, the past few days, it was apparent that the entire project was without any head or definite policy, and that the only thing to do was first to organize a corporation, capitalized at \$100,000, all of which is to be paid in regular installments, 10 per cent on May 1, 15 per cent on July 1, and 25 per cent on October 1, November 1 and December 1. This money to be used in securing the Meadow creek dam site, which Mr. Walter Pierce—who outlined the plan—stated would cost probably \$25,000, for the placing of engineers in the field and to run preliminary lines so the farmers would know where the ditches would run.

This corporation will deal direct with the water user; in other words, the farmer will contract to take the water from the corporation, and will mortgage their land to this corporation that they will take the water at a stipulated price for a term of 10 years, at the expiration of which the land owner will have a perpetual right to the use of the water, paying only a maintenance fee to keep the ditches, and running expenses of the corporation.

The mortgage will protect the land owner from any risk whatever. He does not pay for the water until it is delivered each year. To illustrate, in case the dam should wash out and the corporation could not deliver the water, there would be no charge, the land owner paying only for the value he receives.

This entire irrigation project was really the brain work of the late William G. Hunter. At his suggestion a corporation was organized a few years ago with such men as incorporators as Mr. Hunter, George Stoddard, Walter Pierce, F. S. Bramwell and a few others, who expended between \$5000 and \$7000 in securing a portion of the site and had competent civil engineers examine and report on the project.

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BOTH COOPERS ARE CONVICTED

SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS EACH, IS GIVEN THEM.

After Four Days' Deliberation Jury in Famous Cooper Case Reaches Verdict—Defendants Will Appeal Their Cases—Colonel and Son are Cool, But Daughters Broken-hearted—Conviction is for Murder in Second Degree.

Nashville, March 20.—Colonel Duncan Cooper, and son, Robin, were today found guilty of murdering former United States Senator Carmack, in the second degree, and were immediately sentenced to 20 years each by Judge Hart.

Four Days Deliberation.

When the jury filed in after a four-days deliberation, the Coopers were pale. Near the colonel sat his two daughters. The father and son showed no emotion when the verdict was read, but the daughters were broken-hearted. The court immediately com-

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ARGUES AGAINST NEW BUILDING

DIRECTOR HENSEN GIVES HIS VIEWS ON SUBJECT.

Goes Into Details of Taxes, Advising Deferment of Action—Explains the Bond Issue—Realizes Need of New Facilities—Would Install Laboratory in the New White Building After It Had Been Moved From Present Location to Brick.

La Grande, March 19.—(To the Editor.)—If you will grant me the privilege I should like to have a chat with the taxpayers, and others who are interested in our district public schools, through the medium of your paper, and I want to talk about the proposed bond issue that will be voted upon Saturday, the 27th of this month.

Now, it appears to me this is a very important question, and every good citizen should give his or her attention to it before casting a vote for or against the bond issue of \$25,000. Let us investigate, let us dig right down

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The Beverly Skirt-The Skirt

We want to talk to you about our new shipment of the above famous skirts just received.

The Stylish Skirts

JUST PLAIN TALK. THERE IS NO BETTER LINE OF SKIRTS MADE. ELEVEN YEARS' TRIAL CONVINCES US. A TRIAL WILL CONVINCE YOU.

The Quality Skirts

YOU ASK, HOW IS THE QUALITY? THE MANUFACTURERS STAND BACK OF EVERY SKIRT, AND WE STAND BETWEEN YOU AND THE MAKER AND SEE THAT YOU GET THE BEST.

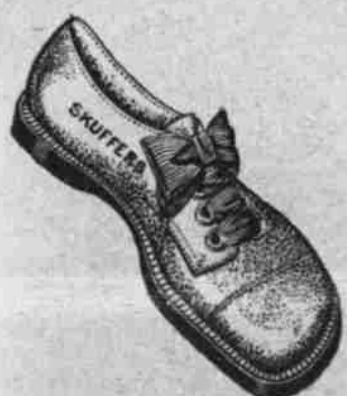
Economical Skirts

YOU SAY, WHAT IS THE PRICE? WE TELL YOU WITHOUT HESITANCY, THAT YOU WILL BE SURPRISED AT THE VERY REASONABLE PRICES. OUR PRICES TALK FOR THEMSELVES.



Engle Cone Scuffer Shoes

These are the children's shoes you have been looking for. They are made to fit the little feet, wide soles, soft uppers.



SEE THE SHAPE

THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT TO ALLOW THE CHILDREN'S FEET TO GROW NATURAL.

SEE THE STYLES

WE HAVE THEM IN TANS, BLACKS AND PATENTS.

Oxfords and Shoes



For Quality

THE FAIR

For Style

DISMISS IDAHO FRAUD CASES

WICKERSHAM WILL NOT PROSECUTE SEN. BORAH.

Members of the Barber Lumber Company and Several Private Individuals Will Not Suffer Prosecution—Heyburn Intercedes With Taft for Fulton.

Washington, March 20.—A formal statement regarding the dismissal of the land fraud cases in Idaho in the jurisdiction of the federal court, was published today by Attorney General Wickersham. The statement says Wickersham directed the dismissal of the indictments against Senator Borah, members of the Barber Lumber company, and others. Trial in this connection were to be held at Portland next week.

Heyburn Works for Fulton.

Senator Heyburn of Idaho, today interviewed Taft to recommend the appointment of General Warren Pruitt, of Idaho, to the new fourth district judgeship in Alaska.

Heyburn also urged the appointment of former Senator Fulton to the new judgeship of Oregon.

SPOKANE JUDGE MUST ANSWER

IS OUTCOME OF ROOT-GORDON GRAND JURY FRACAS.

Superior Judge Huneke Must Show Cause for Refusing to Allow Prosecution to Take Stenographers' Notes at Grand Jury Hearing—Hear Case Friday.

Olympia, Wash., March 20.—Superior Judge Huneke of Spokane county, has been cited to show cause here next Friday why he prohibited the prosecuting attorney from taking stenographers' notes of the Spokane grand jury proceedings in the Root-Gordon scandal.

A writ of certiorari returnable Friday was issued by the supreme court after the petition was presented, and was argued by Prosecuting Attorney Pugh.

SHINGLEMEN WILL RAISE OBJECTION

NORTHWEST MANUFACTURERS AFRAID OF COMPETITION.

Claiming Duty is Not High Enough, Shingle Men of This Section Will Carry Fight Into Congress Over the Rates—No Definite Announcement of Status.

Seattle, March 20.—Lumbermen are not only going to carry the fight for \$2 on lumber into congress, but the shingle men are not satisfied with the present schedule, left intact, by the new tariff bill. They will ask congress for an increase of 20 cents per 1000.

Many shingle men are still in the dark regarding what the ways and means committee did with the shingle

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CIGAR FACTS

We have the constant patronage of a large share of the critical smokers of the city. Sometimes they drift away for awhile, but they are back shortly and seem glad to come. We have no corner on good cigars, and believe that the secret of our hold on is that we pay more for our cigars than most dealers think necessary. Once convinced that a brand is exceptionally fine, we stock it no matter if the margin is slender. While we pay liberally for our cigars, we see to it that we get full value for our money, which means unusual quality for our customers.

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LA GRANDE, OREGON