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The recognized importance of the west is signally reflected in the committee appointments in congress. The west has received recognitions as never before. It took us quite a while to even get on the map, but we will be in evidence from this time on. The Spanish-American war gave consideration to the west that otherwise would not have been attained at this time. Another war might place us where we belong unless through lack of proper coast defense we would lose several of our large cities.

We are of the opinion that President Taft would make at least a few Oregon appointments if he fully realized to what extent the public is interested, not so much for the good of the public service as is the curiosity to learn to whom will fall the plum.

Los Angeles will be the new field for the explosion of the grafter. Same old story, officials suddenly disappearing, grand jury returning true bills, later will come the details of the municipal officials' malfeasance in office.

Ex-President Roosevelt has been leading a strenuous life the past week. He has been learning to shave himself.

### BOTH CONVICTED

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manded the Coopers to stand up and then pronounced the sentence. The only sound in the room was the sobbing of the daughters.

When they were led out the defendants' counsel announced an appeal from the verdict and judgment would be taken. In support of the appeal the defense caused copies to be made of the court's ruling to the jury when it announced it could not agree regarding the Coopers and subsequent instructions to the jury that it must convict or acquit.

Eighteen ballots were taken, the first resulting in the acquittal of John Sharpe, and the same vote showed the jury standing five for conviction of murder in the first degree, and six favoring conviction in the second, one holding for acquittal. After several ballots, 11 jurors voted for conviction in the second degree.

Finally Hyde was won over. Under the laws of Tennessee the jury fixes the penalty in all cases except convictions in the first degree. The minimum for the crime for which the Coopers are convicted is 10 years. The jury decided on a maximum of 20 years.

After the release on bail, the Coopers were driven to the home of Mrs. Burch, the colonel's daughter. The arguments for a new trial will begin April 3.

### MEETING BIG SUCCESS

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At the conclusion of Mr. Pierce's explanatory remarks, he called upon George Stoddard, who simply replied that in his opinion the ideal way was to form a mutual concern, but after the long delay in bringing this to a successful issue, he was positive that the new plan was the next best way and the only way to bring about the

desired result and that he would take \$5000 in the proposed corporation, which he did.

A general discussion followed in which it was brought out conclusively that this new corporation was not a charity organization by any means, but that it was the intention and expectation that the stockholders in the corporation would receive substantial dividends and that it was desired to have this stock as widely distributed as possible, and with this in view it was decided to limit the stock subscriptions to \$5000 until it was ascertained that no more of the stock would be taken in small holdings.

After those present began to realize the importance and business methods that were being perfected, the great majority of the land owners readily saw the advantages over the former plan and that this meant something. The land owner had some responsible corporation to deal with and at the same time would receive ample protection.

It is expected to have this corporation formed within the next few days and then a committee will go out after acreage and if anywhere from 12,000 to 20,000 acres can be secured by the first of June, the entire matter can be financed and active work on the dam begin during the early part of the summer. Within 10 minutes after the meeting adjourned, which was 20 minutes past the noon hour, the voluntary stock subscriptions reached over \$12,000, in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$5000. A committee was appointed to work on the street this afternoon and several thousands dollars were added to the list which at noon contained the following:

George Stoddard ..... \$5,000  
J. A. Thomson ..... 200  
W. S. McMillan ..... 100  
C. M. Riddle ..... 100  
J. D. McKennon ..... 2,000  
S. L. Brooks ..... 500  
Fred Hall ..... 100  
W. M. Barnett ..... 1,500  
J. G. Lambert ..... 100  
B. W. Grandy ..... 1,000

The meeting was largely attended. Though the representation did not include the most wealthy land owners, the farmers in attendance represented a large scope and many smaller holdings. On the streets this afternoon general satisfaction has been expressed at the new turn of events and the objections raised previously have been dropped.

In addition to the list named above the following this afternoon signed up as follows:

W. V. Carbine ..... \$ 100  
T. H. Crawford ..... 500  
C. J. Black ..... 100  
William Hall ..... 200  
Logan-Sherwood ..... 500  
J. H. Millering ..... 200  
Amalgamated Sugar Co. .... 5,000  
F. H. Tatman ..... 500  
J. B. Stoddard ..... 200  
J. P. Thomas ..... 100  
E. S. Norris ..... 100  
D. C. Carbine ..... 100  
T. A. Day ..... 100  
T. Muellenburg ..... 100  
John Spikeshart ..... 200  
Thronson Fruit Co. .... 2,000  
W. M. Pierce ..... 5,000  
P. A. McDonald ..... 500  
D. M. McDonald ..... 500  
Robert Clark ..... 500

**Terms of Contract.**  
The terms of the contract which is to be signed, follow:

La Grande, Ore., March 20, 1909.

We the undersigned, do hereby subscribe for and agree to take and pay for the number of shares of corporate stock set opposite our respective names, in the Grande Ronde Reservoir company, a corporation incorporated for the purpose of impounding the waters of Grande Ronde river, and using said impounded waters and other waters of the Grande Ronde river in the irrigation of lands in the Grande Ronde valley, and we do hereby mutually agree with one another that each will take the number of shares of stock set opposite his name at the par value of One Hundred Dollars per share, and will pay for the same in installments as follows:

Ten per cent thereof on the first day of May, 1909; fifteen per cent thereof on the first day of July, 1909, and twenty-five per cent thereof on the first days of October, November and December, 1909, respectively, and we agree to form ourselves into a corporation and organize with One Hundred Thousand Dollars capital for the purpose of carrying out this enterprise. It is hereby mutually understood and agreed that no individual subscriber can take more than \$5,000 of the corporate stock in this corporation until everybody who desires to subscribe stock shall have the privilege of subscribing, provided that this privilege will not be extended beyond the first day of May, 1909.

## STEWARD'S OPERA HOUSE

Event of the Season

MONDAY, MARCH 22nd

ENGAGEMENT OF THE DISTINGUISHED ACTOR

MR. CHARLES B. HANFORD

Accompanied By Miss Marie Drofna

IN A BRILLIANT SCENIC PRODUCTION OF

"The Merchant of Venice"

MR. HANFORD as "SHYLOCK"

MISS DROFNAH as "PORTIA"

And a Company of Thirty

Seats on Sale Saturday Morning, March 20. Prices: \$1.50; \$1.00; 75c; 50c.

## Accuracy the Key Note

When you are installing a new plumbing system or making the minutest repair. We do this at the time you want it and at prices you can afford to pay.

BAY & ZWEIFEL  
211 DEPOT STREET

## For Sale

Ten Room House, Stone Foundation, Stone Cellar, Two Blocks from Depot, Furnished Throughout

\$2,400.00

One half cash, balance on two years time at 7 per cent interest

## Logan-Sherwood Realty Company

#### Married.

In St. Peter's church, March 20, 1909, William Donaldson and Miss Elma Mills, both of Summerville, Ore. Rev. Upton H. Gibbs officiated.



#### Bids Wanted.

Sealed bids will be received by the board of directors of the Joseph Warehouse Co. of Joseph, Oregon, up to Saturday, March 20th, 1909, at 10 a. m., for the construction of a warehouse at the City of Joseph. Said warehouse to be completed on or before Tuesday, May 25, 1909. Bidders to furnish a good and sufficient bond to be approved by the board of directors of the Joseph Warehouse Co. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of Caviness & Wagoner, Joseph, Oregon.  
Dated at Joseph, Oregon, March 10, 1909.  
Board of Directors of Joseph Warehouse Company.

## DRILLING

There are several kinds of drilling but the kind the kind that makes the farm pay is the drilling which makes water available. There is no need of a dry farm. The task is not so great as you may think. I have had years of experience and understand the well business thoroughly.

D. M. HUNT

LA GRANDE, OREGON

house Company.  
ALBERT WURZWEILER,  
Secretary.

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## DRUGS

We Guarantee the Purity of all Drugs sold here : : :

HILL'S DRUG STORE  
LA GRANDE, OREGON

Complete equipment for resetting and repairing rubber buggy tires.

## LA GRANDE IRON WORKS

D. FITZGERALD, Proprietor

Complete Machine Shops and Foundry

## HOT DRINKS

Just the kind of drinks for cold weather.

CLAM BROTH BEEF TEA  
CHOCOLATE With Whipped Cream

SELDER, THE CANDY MAN : : :

## FISH FOR LENT

Nice smoked Finn and Huddy Bloaters. Extra nice GodFish, Mackerel. All kinds of canned Fish.

Fresh vegetables are arriving. Spinach, Asparagus, Cauliflower, Lettuce, Radishes, Celery, Rhubarb and Green Onions.

## City Grocery and Bakery,

E. PCLACK, Prop

Bell Phone Main 75. Independent 241

N. K. WEST, Pres. T. J. SCROGGIN, Cash  
Wm. MILLER, Vice Pres. H. E. COOLIDGE, Assl. Cash

## ADDING NEW ACCOUNTS

We are constantly adding new accounts and our business is increasing at a very satisfactory rate. Probably you might be glad and join us.

## The United States National Bank Of La Grande

#### DIRECTORS

N. K. West Wm. Miller J. L. Cavines  
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