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## FRED J. HOLMES HEADS GRANDE RONDE RESERVOIR COMPANY

### DIRECTORS MET YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND SELECTED HEAD FOR THE CORPORATION

### DEFINITE PLAN OF PROCEDURE DISCUSSED MONDAY

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Oregon Reservoir company late yesterday afternoon, Fred J. Holmes was elected president of the corporation; George Stoddard vice; F. L. Meyers treasurer, and George L. Cleaver temporary secretary.

After the election of officers the meeting was adjourned until Monday, when the details for prosecuting the work with all possible speed will be taken up and discussed. Many things will come up before the Monday meeting, and at that time a definite course of procedure will be decided upon. This much is known, however, that every effort will be made to drive the project forward.

All the stock necessary for success-

ful prosecution of the work has been subscribed, and although it is probable that another \$5000 will be taken up in the near future, no anxiety is felt about the remainder of the \$100,000. That will be kept for the benefit of farmers who desire a voice in the management of the corporation as well as water irrigation.

Contracting firms have already sent representatives to La Grande to get in touch with the enterprise. Among those may be mentioned the American Light and Water company, and the L. D. Campbell Co. The latter firm had charge of all concrete work on the North Bank road. The others will install the Beaver Creek water system.

### How Men Escape Taxes.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—At the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Congress at the American House, today, Alderman Brand attacked the wealthy dodgers.

"Some men will draw checks to their own credit, and though the money is still in the bank, will swear that they have no money in deposit. Others will draw their money from the bank, and deposit it in form of specie, in the bank vaults, from now till May 2."

"Others will invest in government bonds for three days, at the end of which time they will dispose of the bonds and return the money to its former state of deposit. Others will leave the city for a residence in a day out of town in order to escape payment of a personal tax."

### Hearst Libel Case.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Today the trial of the Hearst criminal libel began in the Court of General Sessions. The complaint is John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

On December 1 last the New York American, which is published by the Star Publishing Company, printed a statement that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., ran a peonage system at the plant of the Corn Refining Company of Summit, a suburb of Chicago. Upon this statement the company is to be criminally prosecuted as a corporation.

F. K. Lowry, of the American Light and Water Co., left this morning for Portland and will return here Monday.

## SULTAN SOWED THE WIND AND WILL REAP THE WHIRLWIND

### FACES COURT MARTIAL--ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS

### NEW SULTAN ECONOMICAL--MOHAMMEDANS RAMPANT

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 29.—Imprisoned in Salonica, stripped of fortune and power, the deposed Sultan today faces court martial and death within the next few days; according to rumors. The new Sultan has inaugurated an economical policy. He has already discharged thousands of useless government employes, and the force at the palace is now the same as at the White House.

Messages received today say that the situation in Hadjin is desperate. It is not learned whether Miss Rose Lambert and the four other American missionaries are safe. No relief from threatened famine is in sight. Refugees from Badkah say that only Christians who escaped were those who were alarmed at the first sign of trouble and fled.

Mersina. The Christian village of

Badkah was completely destroyed today by a Mohammedan mob. Nearly all the inhabitants were murdered. It is known that 35,000 were murdered in Vilayet, Adana.

### Secret Journey.

VIENNA, April 29.—Neufreile press today prints an interesting story of the journey of the deposed Sultan from the palace at Constantinople to his new prison at Salonica. He was conveyed by special train with the utmost secrecy with his eleven wives and attendants. As he stepped from the carriage he faced rows of soldiers, who did not move hand or lip in greeting, attired in grey civilian coats the only touch of uniform was the fez. The Sultan raised his hand in a salute, which was returned by the officers present.

## SUGAR COMPANY TO PAY MONEY

### GOVERNMENT TO RECOVER MORE THAN A MILLION

American Sugar Refining Company, Accused Fraudulent Weighing of Import Sugar, Agrees to Settle. Will Pay Duty on Raw Material. Agrees to Forego Appeal on Suits Already Won by Government.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Collector Loeb today reached an agreement with the American Sugar Refining Company settling all pending suits against the company involving the alleged fraudulent weighing of sugar at the Brooklyn docks. The company is to pay the Government almost equal to full duty on raw material, had it been weighed properly upon arrival. The company also agrees to not appeal the verdicts which the Government has already recovered a considerable amount. The total sum involved exceeds a million and a quarter.

## IMPERSONATES U. S. OFFICER

### DESERTER TRIES NEW SCHEME TO MAWE MONEY

Ex-Convict Rents Office, Unfurls American Flag, And Advertises For Recruits. Operation Netted Large Amount. Carried Forged Checks For Thousands. Carried Business in True Government Style.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—George Lubenthal, said to be a deserter from the United States navy with a long prison record has been arrested here charged with impersonating a United States naval officer. Lubenthal rented an office, unfurled the American flag from the building, and his advertisement for naval recruits brought many applicants. When they passed the examination they were given a meal ticket in true government form. Lubenthal cashed checks on the United States treasury. It is estimated that his operation in San Jose netted him five thousand dollars. When they arrested he had two spurious treasury checks; one was on the name of Paymaster Wilson of Mare Island, forged for \$2,640. The other bore the forged name of Paymaster Elliott for \$3,768.

## JUDGE BEAN RESIGNS TOMORROW

SALEM, April 29.—Justice Bean, of the supreme court will resign tomorrow. Before his resignation is formally made a number of decisions, cleaning up the work undertaken during his incumbency, will be handed down. Judge McBride will probably be sworn in to succeed Judge Bean on the following day, as the supreme court is due to begin the Pendleton term next week, and McBride will have to sit with the court there Monday. If McBride is sworn in at Salem the oath will be filed with the secretary of state; if he is sworn in

at Pendleton, the oath cannot be filed before he returns.

### FINE MUSIC FOR BIG CARNIVAL BALL

As is the custom at the Dancing school dances, fine music will be the special feature at the Carnival Ball, Thursday night during the carnival.

Another feature will be the charge of ten cents a number, allowing those who wish, to dance a few times without pay for the entire evening.

Meadowbrook, the water that made La Grande famous.

# House Cleaning Time Is Here

### Will You Need New Curtains?

#### 3 DAYS SPECIAL.

A beautiful line of 3 yd and 3 1/2 yd white lace curtains for \$5e per pair.

#### 3 DAYS SPECIAL.

Another line of all 3 1/2 yd lengths in elegant patterns and materials for \$1.19.

#### 3 DAYS SPECIAL.

A special price on every curtain in the store this week, that will save you money.

### Thursday, Friday and Saturday

## Today We sold

CORSET COVERS, WORTH UP TO 75 CENTS FOR

# 39c

### At the COME AND FIND OUT SALE

### A NEW SPECIAL TOMORROW

# THE FAIR STORE

## PAPER CLAIMS

### NAVY NO GOOD

### NEW YORK WORLD PRINTS

### VERY SEVERE STRICTURES

Says 16 of Ships That Made World Cruise Must be Remodeled Before of Any Use. Masts Sprung, Plates Loosened, Machinery Damaged. Says Plan Considered of Making Over Into Old Monitor Type. Myer Replies.

NEW YORK, April 29.—The World today prints an article, saying: "The navy department has announced that sixteen of the battleships that formed part of the fleet on the world cruise will be remodeled. This is regarded as practical confirmation of the current report that the long voyage practically wrecked the navy." The correspondent says that the masts of many ships are sprung, plates loosened and the machinery equipment badly damaged. According to plans which it is believed are receiving attention, sixteen of the vessels will be transformed into monitors similar to the old type and all cumbersome superstructure will be removed.

### Myer Replies.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Replying to other criticisms of the World Secretary of the Navy Myer said today, "The Fleet will be united in June in as good condition for war as ever."

## ATTORNEYS CHARGE CORRUPTION

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—That witness James F. Kelly, a member of the hoodlum board of supervisors was instructed by the prosecution concerning his testimony, was the contention of the defense in today's session of the trial of Calhoun. Kelly spent an

uncomfortable half hour in the hands of attorney Rogers, who asserted that the witness gained possession of a copy of his testimony before the grand jury and insinuated that it was provided by the district attorney. The charge was denied by Kelly.

## SHOOTS HIMSELF THREE TIMES

MARSHFIELD, Ore., April 29.—Suffering from consumption, and despondent, Andrew Jakela, a miner, shot himself three times in the head last

night. The body was found in his room this morning. Physicians say they do not understand how he shot himself so many times in the head.

### LAMBDA PHI ALPHA CLUB.

Presbyterian Boys Entertained by Mrs. J. M. Berry Last Evening.

Mrs. J. M. Berry last evening entertained the members of the Lambda Phi Alpha club, composed of the boys that belong to the Presbyterian church. The boys are enthusiastic in praise of their hostess, and Mrs. Berry says that losing the opportunity of having them often at her home adds to the regret which she feels at leaving La Grande. During the evening the boys debated the subject of Woman Suffrage, and their remarks on the subject were absorbingly interesting. Before leaving they were served with refreshments dear to the heart of a boy, salad and punch and lots of other good things.

### WELL KNOWN BUSINESS MEN FORM REAL ESTATE COMPANY

J. D. McKinnon, J. Frank Phy and A. A. Roberts have formed a partnership and will open a real estate and general investment office next Saturday, May 1, in the building formerly occupied by the Eastern Oregon Trust and Savings bank. All of the members of the firm are known to everybody in Eastern Oregon, and all are perfectly acquainted with land values and with the opportunities for profitable investment in this part of the state.

### AMBASSADOR WHITE WOULDNT ATTEND DAUGHTERS MARRIAGE.

PARIS, April 29.—Despite due efforts of both families to obtain permission, the Catholic authorities have forbidden a Protestant ceremony for the marriage of Miss Muriel White, daughter of the American Ambassador, and Count Henri an Scherr-Enoss. As a result Ambassador Henry White has announced that he will not at-

tend the services to be held in the Roman Catholic church, but at the civil ceremony.

The Whites, therefore, were compelled to give up their plan. It was announced today that the civil marriage necessary under French laws was performed at the office of the Mayor of the Fifth Arrondissement yesterday, and the religious ceremony today was held in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church in the Avenue Hoche. Only near relatives of the young couple were present. Miss Margaret Rutherford, daughter of Mrs William K. Vanderbilt, and Miss Lucy Buckler, daughter of the Secretary of the American Legation at Madrid, were the bridesmaids.

### MISS BLOOD MARRIED.

Popular Employee of Golden Rule Married to Patrick Burns.

Miss Bessie Blood of this city and Patrick Burns, of Umatilla county, were married this afternoon at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Edna Schrock, on Third street, by Rev. C. E. Deal. Mr. Burns is in the employment of the O. R. & N., in Pendleton. Miss Brooks for several years has been employed in the Golden Rule store in this city and enjoys a large circle of friends who wish the young people many happy years. They leave this evening for Pendleton where they will make their home.

### Central League Begins Today.

TERRA HAUTE, Ind., April 29.—The Central League opens the season today with Dayton at Terra Haute, Fort Wayne at Evansville, Grand Rapids at Wheeling and South Bent at Zanesville.

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