

## REHEARSE OLD WAR

PORTLAND, May 28.—Reminiscences of days when in Eastern Oregon, when the rancher hated the settler, was the theme of the trial of William Hanley, accused by the government of illegally "fencing" 80,000 acres of public land in Harney county. William E. Reider, a rancher, was called to the stand by the defense, which desired to show through him the bad condition of the fence around the government land. Reider said when Peter French was master of the land, nobody dared enter it. During grazing season the stock of others were kept out. He told of continual antagonism between sheep and cattlemen.

### Greeks Return.

The Greeks employed on the Wal-lowa extension, or two score of them, returned this afternoon from the front.

### Damon's to go to Portland.

A very pleasant event occurred last evening at the home of Mrs. M. H. Kirtley, when nearly two score of friends gathered to bid Mr. and Mrs. E. Damon God-speed and to spend a social hour with them before they leave for Portland, where they expect to spend a good part of the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Damon will leave tonight. They will make a trip of investigation to several coast cities, and may decide to locate in a lower altitude.

### Miss McCall Ahead.

Miss McCall 430 votes and Miss Rayburn 408 is the standing this afternoon at 4 o'clock, of the carnival queen vote, though one ballot had not been counted. The voting ends tomorrow night at 12 o'clock.

**Will Enjoy Vacation.**  
Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe will leave tomorrow for a month's stay in Enterprise. After concluding her visit there she expects to visit the Seattle fair. During the summer Mr. and Mrs. Ivanhoe will not keep house and have stored their household goods preparatory to taking just as much of a rest as possible while the weather is warm.

## SOLDIERS SLAIN TODAY BY MOROS

### SUDDEN ATTACK ON OUTPOST OF 18 INFANTRY.

Reserves Chasing Marauders After Reports Arrive.

MANILA, May 28.—A sergeant and two privates of the United States army were killed by Moros, who surprised the outpost of the 18 infantry near Keithley, firing before the soldiers could defend themselves, according to reports received at headquarters today. Two columns of infantry are pursuing the Moros.

### Two Funny Pictures.

All new pictures, two of them crackerjack comics—is the lineup for the scenic this evening. The comics are really comical. Miss Grobe is better than ever before last evening and entertained with splendid satisfaction. The Scotch Macks are no less popular today than when they opened the week. The crowd which they draw grows larger every evening and Manager Gardiner is fortunate in having such teams here this week.

### "The Gambler And The Girl."

People who have seen this great western comedy-drama, say it is by far the best western play ever written.

The Taylor Stock Co. plays this and two others during next week, when they are at the Pastime.

## HURRY WORK ON CANALS

Decidedly contradictory to current rumors on the street that the irrigation project is still in its infancy, is the authentic announcement of a member of the board of directors today that within a month, permanent canal routes will have been selected by Engineer Drowly and the contract for construction of same, let to parties with instructions to hurry the work. Just as soon as Mr. Drowly has made his final report to the directors, and has again visited the dam site, he will commence to run the main canal lines. This will take about two weeks. The lateral ditches will not be actually

constructed until the canals are finished. There is to be no loss of time, but complete the ditches and commence construction of the dam this summer, has been the slogan of the directors for several days.

The complete report from the engineer regarding the location of the dam will undoubtedly be accepted. When this is done, a portion of the \$75,000 paid-in capital of the corporation will be used to construct the canals. In the meantime, bonds will be floated for the construction of the dam just as quickly as the land titles can be secured.

## Conway Given Two Years

Two years in the penitentiary was the sentence imposed on E. S. Conway, a stranger from Colorado, who on May 15 entered and robbed the Island City flouring mill and burglarized several other stores and shops of the suburb.

Conway was arraigned this morning at 9 o'clock before Judge Knowles and immediately pleaded guilty. His sentence, when pronounced, had little effect on the fellow's nerves, for it is

evident that he had already ascertained the penalty in such cases. Immediately after being captured, red handed he resolved to plead guilty, and the finding of the true bill, the arraignment, and the sentence, were all in accord with his wishes.

It is still believed by some that if the fellow's past were known, jail-bird records would be disclosed, but as the local authorities know nothing about his past, the case in hand could only be dealt with.

## NEW FACTS CONCERNING DEAD MAN

Although the man who was killed at Telocaset Tuesday night carried passports of three different persons

all made out in Spain, it is probable that the one bearing the name of Damian Alonzo is really his, and that that is his true name, for several letters addressed thus were found upon his person. He seems to have been something of a leader among his people, else he would not have been carrying papers belonging to others, and he would not have received so many friendly letters. One of the letters, addressed, "My Very Good Friend" was written from Camp 16 of the Utah Construction company, at Oroville, Cal., September 26, 1908, and is signed by Jose Bameroz. All the letters upon the dead man expressed the warmest friendship for him. He also carried, in addition to the passport issued at Albox, Province of Almena, Spain, a letter of introduction from the alcalde of Albox.

From June 24, 1907 until October 11, the same year, he resided in New York, and then evidently started west, for he spent some time in Colorado, at Trinidad and other places, and in all probability he was traveling west when killed, for memoranda among his papers contained notes of distances and fares from Colorado towns westward into Idaho. The gun generally considered as being Alonzo's may not have been his at all, but

the property of the man or men who killed him. There is very little ground, if any, for the belief that he was a man of low character. That he was a laborer seems certain, for his passport classes him as one. But that he was above the general run of Spanish laborer is also certain. He carried a picture, taken in Spain, of two ladies, plainly Spanish, well dressed and of intelligent countenance.

## OFFICIALS WRECK TELEPHONE LINES

### THROUGH MISTAKE CRITICAL CONDITION EXISTS

Fire Alarm Included Among Mistakes by Officials.

LOS ANGELES, May 28.—With 893 working lines out of commission, by order of the civil authorities at Pasadena, and with the Pasadena policemen guarding the severed lines to see that no repairs are made until the people pay the franchise obtained of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, officials of the company met this morning to discuss the outlook. Between 2400 and 4700 telephones in Pasadena are not working. The city officials intended only to cut local wires but made a mistake. Cables were cut, and include two lines to San Francisco, one to Pomona, one to Covina, and the Postal Telegraph circuit. They also put the city fire alarm out of commission.

## MONDAY IS MEMORIAL

Monday, May 31, La Grande will celebrate Decoration Day in a fit manner. A complete program for the day has been prepared. At 10 o'clock a procession will form at the G. A. R. hall, and march to the Masonic cemetery where exercises will be held and the graves of dead soldiers decorated. Exercises are invited to take part in these rites. The post and corps will return to the hall and will partake of a banquet at 12 o'clock. During the afternoon, these services will be held at the Central church.

### PROGRAM.

Opening Prayer by Post Chaplain.  
Song, C. C. of C. Choir.  
Recitation, Katherine Riddle.  
Vocal Solo, Mrs. Silverthorn, "Star Spangled Banner."  
Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg by Rev. J. W. Oliver.  
Song, by the Presbyterian Choir.  
Reading, Mrs. E. C. Moore.  
Vocal Solo, Mrs. T. J. Scroggins.  
Address, Rev. C. E. Deal.  
Song, C. C. of C. Choir.  
Song, "America, by Audience" led by Hon. Chas. Cochran.  
Benediction.

S. R. Haworth went to Enterprise on the morning train.

## M. & M. OCCUPIES ITS NEW QUARTERS

Possession of the \$60,000 brick building corner of Elm and Jefferson, was taken today by the M & M. company, when supplies previously stored in the Slater building were moved to the new quarters. The splendid structure is ready for occupancy, and for general details of perfection, can be duplicated but seldom in this part of the state.

eral wholesale and retail line of farm implements, harness and hardware goods. While the old quarters were cramped and inadequate, the new location will afford ample floor space for the large line of goods carried by the company.

Manager Clarke was the busiest mortal in town today, supervising the "moving in."

## MARATHON RACE DURING THE FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

The Marathon craze has struck La Grande, and the athletic committee of the Fourth of July celebration, headed by J. H. Peare is now considering the advisability of conducting a marathon of approximately

seven miles—on the day of the Fourth. If indications of sufficient entries to make the race interesting, are procurable from Union County Amateur circles, the race will be pulled off for suitable prizes.

It is planned to have the gallopers start from some convenient place up town, and run to Island City by one road, and return to La Grande via Fruitdale, a distance of approximately seven miles. There are amateurs enough in the county to run the distance, and run it well.

At a meeting to be held in the near future, the definite action regarding the race will be decided on.

### SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY.

Games Slated For Next Sunday Brings Outsiders Here.

Cove and Elgin will cross bats in La Grande next Sunday. La Grande goes to Union, while Baker City will tackle Huntington at Huntington.

## BELLAS FOUND GUILTY

Chris Bellas, by attorney, virtually pleaded guilty to one of the charges preferred against him by the city officials, charging him with bootlegging, and as a consequence, \$150 has been paid to the city treasurer, and the other charges against Bellas are dismissed. While one jury hung in trial of Bellas on the first charge there was another hearing this morning, though not by jury. The city, through Attorney F. J. Baker, introduced evidence similar to that pre-

sented to the jury a few days ago, and at the conclusion of the city's case, Attorney Cochran left the matter in the hands of the court, Recorder Cox. In default of contradictory testimony, Bellas was found guilty and fined. The city immediately moved for dismissal of the second charge.

Bellas was not present and during the litigation going on about him, he has been at a distance, the exact location of which is not publicly known.

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