

**INVESTORS MAY GET CASH BACK**  
 PORT ORFORD INVESTORS MAY YET SURVIVE SHOCK  
 La Grande Investors See Chance to Get Returns From Investment in Curry County Project—Oldenberg Out of a Job Unless Resurrection Occurs—Was President of Hedge Concern Before Bubble Burst—New Capital is in Sight.

Possibilities of recuperation in the financial centers of the Port Orford concern in Curry county, wherein a half dozen capitalists of La Grande invested heavily and, until the last day or two, were alarmed lest they lose all their money due to alleged mismanagement by the directors, are bright this week. Sometime ago the company solicited investments here to make the tract the largest in the world, and also secured E. Oldenberg of this city to take the field superintendency of the enormous fruit orchard that was to be. Mr. Oldenberg moved to Denmark and with the aid of his sons, soon had things cleared away and considerable acreage set to trees. No salary was forthcoming however. The directors are said to have misapplied the funds. To find a suitable cutspaw whereon to lay the blame, the directors, named Mr. Oldenberg as president of the company with all its bright futures. Recently Mr. Oldenberg discovered what he and others could term "crooked" work among the influential officials, and he immediately withdrew from any connection with the company. He is now in Portland with his sons, awaiting some release or rehabilitation of the concern. An influential capitalist has come down to look over the project, and if he finds things to his liking he will pick it up and thereby will become savior to the La Grande men who are interested. Several local people were interested one way or another, but withdrew immediately on learning that the administration was thought to be of color.

**Elks Give Circus.**  
 WASHINGTON, June 16.—Elks of the national capital opened at Benning track today a big circus and exhibition which promises to eclipse any similar event ever held in this country.

**ELGIN HERE ON 4TH.**  
 Huntington Will Not Play in La Grande on the 4th.  
 The schedule for games in the Amateur league on the 4th has been changed and instead of Huntington playing here they will play at Baker City and Elgin team will cross bats with the home team. It is reported that Elgin will play at a new stadium

**LITTLE DAMAGE DONE.**  
 But Trifling Amount of Cured Hay Hurt by Early Morning Showers.  
 Light showers which fell this morning did but little damage to hay fields already covered by the mowers. Some of the hay down and cured partially, and it may have lost some color by the light soaking, but there was so little of this kind, that the damage is very trifling. J. W. McAllister is among those who continued to cut as soon as the rain was over.

**Bankers go West.**  
 CHICAGO, June 16.—Eastern and southern members of the American Institute of Banking met here today to begin the trip to Seattle, where the annual convention will be held next week.

**JEFFERSON TO BE RACE COURSE**  
 STREET WILL BE SCENE OF FAST EVENTS.

**Conferences With Wallowa "Sports" Next Sunday Are Planned.**  
 Jefferson avenue will be the course over which the foot, hub and hub, and various other races of the Fourth of July celebration will be run. The marathon race, if it takes shape, will also finish on that street. The athletic committee will hold a meeting immediately after Sunday at which time conferences will be held with Joseph Enterprise and Wallowa sporting elements, and as that meeting steps will be taken to prepare Jefferson avenue in a suitable manner for the races on the big day. The exact nature of repairs and preparation cannot be determined until the first of August, of the council has been conferred with and the actual plans for the races are certain.

**Retain Duty on Zinc.**  
 WASHINGTON, June 16.—An amendment offered by Stone, of Missouri, providing for all manufactured zinc to be put on the free list was defeated, 50 to 15.

**ASK FOR A GRANT OF SUGAR**  
 A splendid 22 rifle is the prize this week at the Redford Rifle Range. The stock is nicely finished and checked. It shoots short, long, and long rifle shots. The shooting is on the handicap plan giving an equal show to contestants.

# TAFT PRODS AT SENATE

**Urges Amendment to Constitution that Will Vest More Power in the United States Senate**

**SPECIAL MESSAGE SENT TO CONGRESS BY PRESIDENT TAFT EXPLAINS EXECUTIVES STAND.**

WASHINGTON, June 16.—President Taft today sent to congress a special message recommending the adoption of a joint resolution by two thirds of both houses proposing to the states an amendment to the constitution granting the government a right to levy and collect an income tax, and it also recommends as a part of the pending tariff bill and excise tax upon all corporations amounting to two per cent of the net income.

# PRIMARY LAW INVADDED SAYS COURT

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 16.—The Supreme Court of Illinois today for the second time since Illinois dabbled with primary laws, declared the measure unconstitutional and the state is now without a legal method of nominating its candidates. Ordinarily the legislature passed a primary law designed to suit the needs of the state.

# DEAF MAN PUNISHED FOR TALKING

TACOMA, June 16.—A deaf man who had been in prison for several days, and who recovered his voice only to be arrested for using it, was punished for talking in his cell. The court accepted the complainant's word.

# PRISONER BROKE CELL

Deputy Sheriff Lindgren has an interesting reminder of the sojourn of a man who robbed the Island City bank. The man was in a cell at the county jail, and he was punished for talking in his cell. The court accepted the complainant's word.

# SHOOTING AT SHANKO

SHANKO, Ore., June 16.—B. H. Trumbull, representing the Illinois Central as commercial agent in Portland, was shot and probably fatally wounded early today by a drunken colored porter, R. E. Brooks. J. S.

and went upward. McLaughlin tried to grab the negro, and was shot in the leg. Brooks escaped, and a posse is pursuing. A white jacket and a hat were found a mile from the city, but the negro is not caught. Trumbull and McLaughlin was taken to the hospital. Physicians here say that Trumbull has a slight chance.

**To Entertain Friday.**  
 Mrs. Vincent Palmer entertains the Kaffee Klatch Friday afternoon.

**Divorce Suit Filed.**  
 Harry Brooks has filed suit for divorce against Myrtle Brooks.

**Nine Hours Per Day.**  
 O. R. & N. shop and round house employees will work but nine hours per day beginning tomorrow. Notices have been posted in the shops to that effect.

**Birth Record.**  
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ray, at the Grande Ronde hospital this afternoon a daughter.

# NEW FIRE LAWS EFFECTIVE SOON

**STRINGENT ENFORCEMENT IS ORDER OF OFFICIALS.**

Within Three Days, New Fire Escape and Protection Laws go into effect. Owners of opera houses, play houses, theaters, churches, halls and all other places in which people congregate, or are used for public purposes must comply with the provisions of the ordinance before the 19th inst. or they will be liable to fine or imprisonment, or both. The ordinance specifies the number of exits, the width of aisles, etc., and it complies with will make the places designated as safe as any building of the kind commonly are. The penalty for refusal or neglect to comply with the provisions of the ordinance is a fine of not less than five, nor more than 100 days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

**Morse Out on Bonds.**  
 NEW YORK, June 16.—Charles W. Morse was released on \$125,000 bond from prison today on \$125,000 bond.

**Bronson-Alexander Wedding.**  
 Mr. Wallace Bronson, of St. Paul, Wash., and Miss Maggie Alexander, of this city, will be married this evening at half past five at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Alexander, 910 1/2 Second street.

# BAKER SUPPLIES THE LAST LINK

**ROAD TO PRAIRIE CITY ASSURED LAST NIGHT**

**Vast Territory Will be Tapped by Continuance of Sumpter Road—Raise Money at Once That Construction May Proceed—Baker City Anxious to do its Part—Total Cost of road to be \$325,000—Principally carried by Eccles.**

Bonus money to the extent of \$10,000 will be raised by Baker City according to an ultimatum reached by the businessmen of that city in mass meeting assembled last evening. It is the connecting link between the present terminus of the Sumpter Valley road, at Austin near Sumpter, and a line to Prairie City that will tap one of the most fertile spots in all that section of Oregon. The sum required to complete the road from Austin to Prairie City, a distance of 23 miles, is \$325,000 and Eccles will bear this expense after the John Day Valley raises \$20,000. The Dallas Military road \$10,000 and Baker City \$10,000. The Baker figure was the only missing link, and now that sum being assured, nothing stands in the way of quick development of the vast territory.

# COMMENCE SOLICITING

**Baker City Merchants Beginning to Solicit for Road.**  
 BAKER CITY, June 16.—(Special)—Local businessmen went on record last night as very anxious to have the new road completed and during the large mass meeting, \$1000 were voluntarily subscribed, without soliciting. The sum will be raised immediately, as the construction work will not be started until the money is actually in the hands of the promoter.

**Lawn Social.**  
 The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will give a lawn social at the home of Mrs. William Hesse on Cedar street. Every one cordially invited to come and have a good time. Cake, sherbets and ice cream will be served.

**W. H. BOHNENKAMP Co.**  
 Sewing Machine Supplies  
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 Simple, durable, automatic. It threads and needles itself in the disk. Most valuable of all attachments. No twisting, biting or cutting thread.

**Hand Bags**  
 ALL THE NEW STYLES  
 We have a large line of new hand bags that we are going to sell at one-half price and less. We have displayed this line of bags on the big table in our store, and have marked them "Your Choice for Two Dollars." Whether or not you need one at present, you cannot afford to miss this sale. Twenty or more different kinds. Call and see them.  
**HILL'S DRUG STORE**  
 LA GRANDE, OREGON