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## PREFERENCE TO BALLINGER

### SECRETARY NEED NOT TESTIFY AT THIS TIME

#### BRANDEIS GROWLS AT THE DECISION OF COMMITTEE

Red letter day in Ballinger-Pinchot hearing will come early next week when Ballinger is called by his own attorney—Magasoe article attacking Secretary Ballinger is given contradiction.

Washington, March 26.—Ballinger will not be called on the stand until his own attorneys give the word. This is the decision of the committee of investigation in the Ballinger-Pinchot row. The committee came to this decision following a request of Attorney Brandeis, that Ballinger be called as a witness. Voortres made a vigorous protest. It is expected that Brandeis will complete the presentation of the case today. It is expected that Ballinger will take the stand early next week and it will be the red letter day of the hearing. Washington is anxious to hear the Secretary's statement and find whether the statement to the president will be modified in the light of facts brought.

Brandeis said, "Is this witness to be allowed to withhold his testimony so he may be allowed to frame it up to reconcile it with that of

other witnesses already heard, or is he to be treated as any other witness should be treated?"

Committeemen stopped Brandeis, and the taking of testimony begun.

John T. Steel, general counsel for the Morgan Guggenheimer syndicate took the stand. Steele said he had asked permission to testify because magazine articles had declared that the syndicate had paid large sums to Cunningham claimants. He produced an expense account showing only \$1000 had been paid in this connection.

#### TARIFF WAR ENDED.

Canada and Americans come to amicable agreement over tariff

Washington, March 26.—The settlement of tariff negotiations in a manner favorable to both countries is assured. Secretary Knox today issued an official statement declaring the matter to be settled and a friendly understanding reached.

#### COSTLY WATCH PURCHASED

J. P. Morgan pays \$525,000 for an old time piece.

Geneva, March 26.—Probably the most valuable of old hand worked watches is today in the hands of J. P. Morgan. Morgan purchased the watch from Herr Margels of Berlin for \$525,000.

#### American Boats Seized

Bluefields, March 26.—The American gunboat Paducah returned today from Greytown where it was sent to investigate the seizure of two American vessels by the insurgents. It is reported since the Paducah's arrival that the boats were seized by agents of the government and not by insurgents. A report has been sent to the government at Washington by the commander of the Paducah.

## COURT TERM NEARING END

### THREE MORE JURY CASES ARE YET UNTRIED

#### WISDOM CASE BEING THRESHED OUT TODAY

Chander case is next up for trial—Not likely the jury will get Wisdom case until some time Monday Matter re calling grand jury again seems to be undecided in the court circles.

The end of the present term of the circuit court is now in sight unless the grand jury should be called back in the near future.

After the hearing of the perjury case today, there are only three more cases to come before this term of court; that of the state vs. Chandler, the State vs. Lauder milk and Childs vs. Walker.

Opinions differ as to whether there will be a special session of the grand jury called during the present term. There are five men now boarding with the county, whom it will be necessary to keep over until the June term unless it is decided to call back the grand jury and have their hearing during the present sitting of the court.

#### Wisdom Case Today.

Prosecuting Attorney Ivanhoe up to a late hour this afternoon had called nine witnesses for the prosecution (Continued on Page 6)

## WEEK SEES REALTY ACTION

### FROM ONE END OF COUNTY TO THE OTHER

#### LOCAL DEALERS CLOSE UP A GREAT MANY SMALL DEALS

No section of the county escapes activity that has seized realty property in Union county—March, usually dull, marked with activity that is surprising to all of the local boosters and dealers

**\$25,000.00 CASH DOWN**  
Cove, March 26.—Special The Matt Mitchell place of 200 acres sold to Seattle parties for \$25,000.00 cash down. It is being cut up into ten acre tracts and 50 acres are being planted to choice apples.

From center to circumference Union county this week saw a more wide spread real estate movement than any one week of the month, which has itself been very active for March. The week ending tonight is religiously known as Holy Week, and in it many abstain from pleasures and amusements, but this week evidently had no particular holiness to men interested in consummating deals in real estate. Summerville, Cove, Imbler, Elgin, La Grande and Union real-estate men report a large number of sales, few of them, however, unusually large.

Colonist rates continue to bring in a few daily and these are being figuratively whisked hither and thither—which is all right—and few of the homeseekers are buying without inspecting all things on sale. March has been a remarkable month for real estate in Union county and it is apparent that the closing days will be more active than the opening.

#### Local Dealers Active

The La Grande Investment Company has closed up several desirable deals; McKennon, Phy & Roberts have closed nearly half a dozen very desirable deals; the C. J. Black agency has a half dozen or more deals to its credit; the Van Dusen company reports favorable action and other offices in the city that deal in apple tracts and special irrigation deals, have also had an active week.

#### Campbell Home Sold

A house and lot belonging to Ezra T. Campbell, situated in North La Grande, was sold yesterday through the C. J. Black agency to John Hiatt. Mr. Campbell has been away for some time, and will return to Star Valley, Wyoming, in a day or two, where he has other interests. Mr. Hiatt bought the property for a home, and will improve the place and take possession immediately.

#### Fruit Land Sold

A tract of 40 acres of choice apple land was purchased recently through the agency of C. J. Black by the Nunn Fruit Company of Utah. This was the J. E. Woodruff place near the foot of Mt. Emily. The land, which is not all cleared, will be planted to fruit trees in the near future. The price was about \$4000.

C. J. Black reports sales to be good this week, having closed six deals, four of which involved property worth large sums.

#### Starr Place Sold

Mrs. Eva Starr sold her place yesterday consisting of a house and lot on Fourth street in South La Grande to Mrs. Evans, who will improve the property and make her fame on the

place. The property brought a good price. It was sold through the C. J. Black agency.

#### MORE HOME SEEKERS

Three families arrive from Kansas. Will look at land.

H. E. Moore and wife, J. M. Thompson and Earnest Buckley and wife, all of Independence, Kansas, are here today in search of land, and a suitable locality in which to make their home.

They went to Elgin today but will return and look over the offerings in this end of the valley.

They will be taken over the country about La Grande by the La Grande Investment company.

If they decide to locate here they will bring others from their old home to this country.

#### ANOTHER NEW HOME

Well known resident of Cove builds seven room bungalow

Cove, March 26.—(Special)—F. T. Sanford, a well known fruit grower of the Cove district, is beginning this week the construction of a new seven room bungalow, at his place about a mile above the city.

The work is in charge of Al Daniels, the well known carpenter and builder.

#### AMERICAN TO AID ESTRADA.

Former Brigadier recruiting men to fight against Madrid

New Orleans, March 26.—General Gordon of Texas, formerly a Brigadier in the Spanish war, announced today that he had recruited 8000 men here to aid in restoring the fortunes of Estrada. Agents of Madrid are attempting to prevent the sailing of Gordon's men.

#### NURSES SAVE PATIENTS.

Reno fire threatens to burn all the patients in the building.

Reno, Nev., March 26.—Patients in the Red Cross sanatorium here were saved from death early today by the heroic work of Matron Mott and of Nurse Alice Hopkins when a fire broke out twice and threatened to destroy the buildings. The upper floor was burned. Loss about \$10,000

#### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

To be held this evening to consider reservoir bids

Mayor Meyers has issued a call for a special council meeting to be held this evening to consider the bids, three in number, for the construction of the reservoir and also to provide a pest house. It is also understood that the new near beer ordinance passed at the last meeting is to be discussed with a view of modifying it.

## AETNA HAS CEASED ACTION

### TOURISTS RISK LIVES TO VIEW SPECTACLE

#### WONDERFUL SPECTACLE IS WITNESSED LAST NIGHT

Soldiers establish dead line threatening to shoot any tourist daring to cross it—Tourist so anxious to get a good view of the eruption that they disregard all dangers to life by approaching too close

Catania, March 26.—Internal fires in Mount Aetna subsided slightly today. The violence of the eruption has decreased and the flow of lava from the rifts in the mountain sides began to slacken. Scientists avow the greatest danger is over for the present.

Scenes throughout the night on the mountain and its vicinity were awe-inspiring. The skies were lit by flames from the craters, while cavernous rumblings and sharp detonations broke the silence. The molten flood, congealed and rock like by day, was alight with the red glow of internal fires and lambent flames played over the mass.

The greatest danger to life now is the recklessness of tourists who are besieging the authorities for passes through the lines in order to get a nearer view of the eruption. So little fear is displayed by the tourists that troops have been obliged to establish a dead line and threaten to shoot any person who passes it without permission. Many persons were rescued by soldiers after they had been overcome by sulphurous fumes or partly suffocated by ash laden vapors.

#### ENTERPRISE MAY JOIN

Business men subscribing money to meet expenses of club.

Enterprise business men and the Enterprise Commercial Club are today canvassing the business districts of that city in an effort to get subscription sufficient to guarantee professional base ball team in that city this summer. Enterprise holds the situation to the four club league in class D protection planned for this section of the country and it is a possibility that the Inland metropolis will support that kind of baseball. If it does formation of the four club league with Boise, Baker City, La Grande and Enterprise will proceed.

# LOADED DOWN

With new Shoes and Oxfords just received, still warm, right from the factory, with a style that won't grow old



Shoes  
Oxfords  
Slippers  
Sandals  
for  
Men  
for  
Women  
for  
Children

THE FAIR

## Worthy Toilet Articles

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Our line embraces all of the best domestic and imported goods and our prices put them within reach of all.

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