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GOVERNMENT PROCESS SLOW

FEDERAL BUILDING PLANS ARE YET INCOMPLETE

LA GRANDE AHEAD OF PENDLETON AND ALBANY

Senator Bourne sends copies of letters written to Albany Commercial Club pertaining to this city, explaining process in Treasury Department—Will sketch La Grande's building in October.

NO BUILDINGS LIST

La Grande 122
Albany, 143.
Pendleton, 152.
Now working on No. 70.

Following a wholesale letter writing campaign in which the local Commercial Club fathered a general community movement to learn the exact status of the federal building situation here, United States Senator Jonathan Bourne has written prominent business men and Commercial Club officials, making it clear just when La Grande can expect the commencement of construction of the proposed building. The red tape is excruciating, apparently, but the obvious thing for La Grande to do is to await the good graces of the department.

According to Mr. Bourne's investigation, La Grande's building will be sketched next October, and judging from what Bourne says of the procedure after that it will require about two or three months. Mayor F. L. Meyers, C. S. Dunn and others have received similar letters from Mr. Bourne today and in these letters he makes enclosure of copies of letters sent to the Albany Commercial Club, which throws light on the local situation. Mr. Bourne says to the Albany club in part:

"Upon receipt of your letter I cal-

led at the Treasury Department and inquired regarding the situation. I was informed that the construction of federal buildings for which appropriation had been made is taken up in the order in which the sites have been purchased, and among these La Grande, Oregon, is 122, Albany is 143 and Pendleton is 152. The employees in the office of the supervising architect are now making the sketches of No. 70 on the list and they are caring for about 10 a month which means that it will be seven months before they reach Albany. Whenever Albany shall be reached on the list a preliminary sketch of the proposed building will be made and then submitted to a board of review which will determine whether or not a building such as that sketched can be constructed within the appropriation. If approved, the project will then be turned over to the architects for the preparation of a complete drawing, plans and specifications which will require five or six months more, bringing the proceedings up to the letting of a contract.

"You will see therefore that the letting of a contract for the Albany building is now approximately 14 months away in the regular course of procedure. You will also readily understand that it is impracticable for the supervising architect to take up any project out of its regular order. For instance, if the Albany building was advanced on the list it might be at the sacrifice of the interests and rights of the La Grande building which is 122 on the list and ahead of the Albany building. I would not consent to the advancement of any building lower down on the list to a position ahead of Albany and I do not believe it would be fair that Albany be advanced ahead of other projects. I asked the supervising architect whether it would not be possible for him to use plans and specifications that have been used in some other city where a similar appropriation was made, and thus avoid the delay necessary in the preparation of plans and specifications. He replied that this had been found impracticable, for in the preparation of plans and specifications not only the business but the dimensions of the lot must be taken into consideration, and in addition to that the slope of the ground, the character of the soil and other conditions which vary in each locality.

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TED AND GIFF SHAKE HANDS

WARM GREETING BETWEEN THE TWO AT PORTO

TWO WANDER AWAY INTO WOODS AND CONVERSE LONG

On their return, both are silent but Pinchot is extremely elated over something—Shake hands like long lost brothers and immediately go into seclusion—Meeting by belated pretensions.

Porto Maurizio, Italy, April 11.—

"Hello Gifford, this is fine." Such was Roosevelt's exclamation today on meeting Gifford Pinchot, the bone of contention of the administration. The meeting which took place at the home of Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, is looked upon as pretensions and it is believed that Roosevelt's future political action will be guided by information furnished by Pinchot, the man Taft "tied a can" to because of insubordination.

Pinchot and Roosevelt clasped hands like two long lost brothers. After a few minutes conversation the two started on a stroll into the mountains, lasting two hours. On their return both declined to give out statements for newspapers.

Pinchot will remain here several days, and seemed in excellent spirits after his walk with Roosevelt.

Newspaper scribes who are clustered here, have formed the mental opinion that "talk in the hills" brought out some spoken thought which to Pinchot means much in assistance in the fight now being waged in homeland.

I went over the matter very carefully with a view of determining whether there was some way in which the letting of the contract for the Albany building could be expedited, but I do not see that there is anything that can be done."

DOCTOR HYDE NOW ON TRIAL

ALLEGED WHOLESALE MURDERER SCANDAL STARTS

KILLING OF MILLIONAIRE SWOPE AND HEIRS REVIVED

One of the most famous murder trials in history of crime in recent years Alleged grounds for the murders were to get rid of heirs to Swope's millions that his wife might get the benefit.

Kansas City, April 11.—Dr. Bennett Clark Hyde was placed on trial here today for the murder of Col. Thomas H. Swope, millionaire, and benefactor of Kansas City, who presented to the city before his death one of the most beautiful parks in the Middle West. The charge of murdering Col. Swope is but one of the many indictments found against Dr. Hyde, following the death of Colonel Swope, his nephew, Chrisman Swope and cousin, James Moss Hunton as well as the malady of typhoid fever that swept the Swope household and for a time threatened to exterminate the household. It is alleged that Col. Swope came to his death directly as the result of a strychnine capsule prescribed by Dr. Hyde. At the same time it is alleged by the state that he placed typhoid fever germs in the food prepared for the family with the intention of killing them. As a motive for these deeds the state claims that Hyde desired to kill off the heirs of the Swope estate, as each death increased the share which his wife, Mrs. Frances Swope Hyde, daughter of Col. Swope would inherit. Mrs. Hyde who is in no way connected with the charges against her husband, stands by him and refutes all charges as base slander.

The case is certain to be one of the most bitterly fought in the state of Missouri. Col. Swope was one of the wealthiest and most highly respected citizens of Kansas City. He died at his home October 3, 1909, but two days after Moss Hunton, a life long companion, had died in the same house. Hyde attended Hunton in his last hours and the death of Swope followed the administration of a capsule by a nurse, who later went to look for the box from which Hyde had taken the capsule and could not find it. Following this, eight members of the Swope household were stricken with typhoid fever. Colonel Swope's body was placed in the family vault but, at the request of the executors of the estate, the vital organs were removed and sent to Chicago, where they were examined by noted scientists. They reported that strychnine was present in large quantities in the stomach and liver. The coroner's jury then held Dr. Hyde responsible for the death of Colonel Swope and later the grand jury returned indictments against him not only with the death of Swope, but of Chrisman Swope his nephew, and J. Moss Hunton, as well as the poisoning by disease germs of the members of the household stricken with typhoid.

In the course of the grand jury hearing, every member of the Swope family with the exception of Hyde and his wife appeared and testified. Mrs. Logan Swope, sister-in-law of Col. Swope, appeared eight times, and related in every detail the death of her brother-in-law. She told of Dr. Hyde's visit to the house, of Hunton's death, of Col. Swope's death a few days later and of her son Chrisman's death. Then she related the story of the typhoid which attacked every member of the household. The defense sought to bring in Charles

Hatred Jordan, a Chilean "yarb doctor" into the case, but this move was considered so far from bearing on the actual charge that he was not called before the grand jury. It is admitted that he waited on the family, but his prescriptions are said to be harmless.

A curious feature of the case is that the Swope millions are being used both to prosecute and defend the charges against Hyde. The executors and heirs of the Swope estate are supplying money to aid the prosecution, while Mrs. Hyde has mortgaged her inheritance to fight for the liberty of her husband.

Most of the members of the family who will testify against Hyde, were alleged to be victims of his typhoid fever germs. Evidence was introduced before the coroner's inquest that Hyde had visited the office of the City Bacteriologist and as a reputable physician had no trouble in getting a typhoid fever culture, sufficient for the inoculation of hundreds.

The case has become more and more involved since the death of Col. Swope. Attorney Paxton, executor of the estate, being but one of the phases. On this account it has gained wide publicity and it will be days before a jury of unprejudiced men can be secured. With this in mind, Judge Latchaw has summoned two full panels and the examination of the veniremen was started as soon as the case was called.

Take Measure for Taft.

Chicago, April 11.—Attorney General Wickersham, enroute to Washington today, suggested a second term for Taft just before leaving late yesterday. Politicians look upon the suggestion as a feeler to ascertain the exact temper of the West in regard to Taft.

Alaska Sweepstakes Over

Nome, April 11.—The famous Alaska sweepstakes, the derby of the far north from Nome to Candle and return, 408 miles, ended today. Col. Sir Charles Ramsey's dog team with John Johnson driving, won in 74 hours and 14 minutes. All records were broken. Fifty thousand dollars changed hands on the result.

Earthquake in California.

San Diego, Calif., April 11.—Two earthquake shocks were felt here last night. Buildings rocked but there was no damage. A peculiar atmospheric condition followed.

ANOTHER ELECTRIC SIGN

Newlin Drug Store will soon be embellished with new sign. A 16 foot electric sign, with 122 incandescent lights reached here today and will be erected perpendicularly in front of the Newlin Drug Store at once. It will give a glare of light to the corner store.

Sunday's Scores

Portland 1-4, Vernon 4-4.
San Francisco 2, Oakland 6.
Los Angeles 5, Sacramento 2 (8 innings)

RAP AT TRUST BUSTERS

SUPREME COURT HOLDS THAT 7 CAN'T ACT

DEATH OF BRFW'S SOURCE OF TRUST TO GOVERNMENT.

Most important action of the supreme court of the United States taken in many years when it is announced that Standard Oil and the Tobacco Trust suits may be given a retrial.

Washington, April 11.—Because of

only seven justices now sitting, the supreme court today decides to rehear the appeal of the Standard Oil and the Tobacco Trust from a decision of the United States Circuit Court, ordering the dissolution on the grounds of illegal combination in restraint of trade.

The cases are considered among the most important the court has handled in recent years. They will give the department of justice precedent in future trust prosecutions and decide the most important of the questions in the present form of big combinations and legality of the holding company.

The court's action means there will be no decision in these cases until next fall. All suits under the Sherman Anti-trust law which may be contemplated by the administration must be held in abeyance as the Sherman law itself is practically on trial.

THRILLING PICTURES

At the Isis Theatre pictures will show beautiful love story.

A special feature will be "The Girl and the Judge," a thousand feet of life like pictures, thrilling with heart interest, telling the story of a beautiful Southern girl whose lover is accused of her father's murder. He is vindicated at last, making a touching love romance complete.

MRS. SAYLOR GUILTY

Watseka, Ill., April 22.—Dr. William A. Miller and Mrs. J. B. Saylor were today convicted with manslaughter in connection with the murder of Saylor, who was shot to death in his home at Crescent City in July last year. John Gruden, Mrs. Saylor's father, was acquitted.



Buy Your Candy Here

The Children's Store

We have made a special effort to select our Spring wear for the Children. You will find the Prices lower on the Ready-to-wear goods than you can afford to take the time to make them yourself.

Girls' Dresses

Mothers spend your time with the girls instead of sewing when you can do it for the same price.

Boys' Suits

The newest and best to be had you will find here. Bloused Sailors, Norfolk and other styles up to young men.

Boys' and Misses' Shoes

You positively owe it to yourself to see these excellent wearing and stylish shoes.

THE FAIR

We Have the Goods

We have the greatest selection for your choosing. Silk Hoods, Straw Bonnets, Straw sailors, Caps dress hats and felt hats.

We Have the Goods

Positively See Us First

Why Our Business Grows

That our business is constantly growing is obvious to all our customers. However the fact that it grows is of less importance than the cause of this growth. Stores don't grow by chance; growth is always the operation of some vital principle, and in this case the vital principle is quality—quality of goods, quality of service.

For 25 years this store has been doing business on the basis of quality—each year showing an increase over the previous one; each year adding new customers and continuing to hold the old ones. All of them have stayed because they found it paid to trade here. They find here a larger stock, a better assortment, better goods than are to be obtained elsewhere for the money and better service throughout.

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