

\$27,500 FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY

CITY COUNCIL ACTS AND SETS A ONE-MILL LEVY

BIG LUMP AT FIRST WILL MEAN A SPLENDID BUILDING

First Levy Will Be Sufficient to Carry Maintenance Cost Over a Period of Two Years and Brings Increased Sum From Carnegie Library Fund—Site Is Donated.

Momentous steps toward realization of a splendid public library in this city were taken last night when the lot at the corner of Fourth and Pennsylvania avenue was dedicated to the library commission, and a one-mill tax levy ordered that will raise approximately \$27,500 for maintenance and pave the way for receiving approximately \$27,000 from the Carnegie library fund for the construction of a library building in La Grande. The council acted on the matter in precisely the correct attitude, following the appearance before the council by Dr. J. W. Loughlin, president of the library commission.

High Levy Explained.

One half mill or less will be sufficient to keep the library up, once started, but the requirements of the Carnegie donation system is that the Carnegie funds will be expended only at the ratio of ten times the amount guaranteed for upkeep of the library. Hence, if the city voted a half mill tax for upkeep, Carnegie would only give about \$15,000 for the new building while doubling the levy the first year brings sufficient funds to build a building adequate in size, fitting in ornament, and ample in its capacity. It would be the height of folly, it was agreed, to construct a \$15,000 building now, when, by increasing the levy slightly, a twice as good structure could be built. Working on this plan the council unanimously voted to make the levy one mill this year but next year and the year following, it is doubtful if more than a quarter mill will be needed each year. The first year little or none of the maintenance fund will be used up because the library can hardly be in working order under one year. The fund will accumulate, however, in the meantime. The next year, half of the amount will be about sufficient for all purposes and in this way maintenance for two or perhaps, nearly three years will be provided at one lump but above all, the library structure will be twice as large as if the levy was made smaller the first year and equal to it the next. A \$15,000 building would be inadequate in the course of a year or so. Friends of the library are indeed jubilant today—and friends in this instance includes the rank and file of the citizenship for not a single book is available for library purposes in a public way in this city. The site, the size of the building and the liberal maintenance will give La Grande a library equal exactly to that of Baker's, which is deemed the finest of its kind in the eastern half of the state.

STOKES IS SINKING.

Case Against Girls Who Shot Him Is Concluded.

New York, Dec. 14.—W. E. D. Stokes, who was shot by Miss Graham and the Conrad, is reported to be in a critical condition today. Tuesday he was operated on for an abscess of the kidneys. Stimulants were given today.

The state closed its case against the girls this forenoon when a motion for the defense to dismiss the case because the defense was unable to complete its cross examination, was denied. It is expected that arguments will be concluded today.

Brandeis Talks Trust.

Washington, Dec. 14.—"Regulation business is essential to preserve competition." This is the gist today of the argument before the senate committee on commerce by Louis Brandeis, the Boston financial expert. He said "No natural monopolies in industry, the oil trust got control by means of violations of law, by criminal rebating, bribery, and corruption." He declared that the dismembers of trusts will not work and said that a monopoly is efficient only temporarily in time the defective quality will creep into products of monopolies.

Warriner Wants Out.

Columbus, O., Dec. 14.—The state board at its meeting tomorrow expected to consider and act upon application for the parole of Chas. Warriner, who was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary following his confession to having misappropriated \$5,000 of the funds of the Big Four road. Warriner was for many years local treasurer of the Big Four. His arrest and trial, which evidence was introduced to show that Warriner had given alleged "money" in large amounts to Jeanette Stewart Ford, attracted country wide attention. With the us-

ual allowance of time off for good behavior Warriner would complete his sentence in three years, nine months and 28 days. He has now been in the penitentiary two years. During the whole of that time he has occupied one of the best clerical positions in the main office of the prison.

WOULD PENSION ALL "VETS."

California Senator Urges Pension for Southern Warriors.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Senator John D. Wadsworth, of California, in the senate today emphasized the obligations of the government to the civil war veterans and recommended that both union and confederate veterans be cared for. This, he said, would be a proper means of obliterating the sectional lines and make the good will of both north and south permanent.

Many La Grande veterans are pleased with the adoption by the house of the new pension bill which gives a majority of the La Grande veterans from \$15 to \$30 per month. They anticipate its passage by the senate.

Frenzied Finance Seen.

Seattle, Dec. 14.—Frenzied finance was revealed today in the slightest state by Hiram House, the government expert, who is working on the books of the Alaska Development company. The government today rested its case against A. H. and C. A. Moore, the promoters, who are charged with using the mails to defraud. Mr. House showed that the books indicated the agents received thousands of dollars from stock sales and a hundred was only turned into the company although the books showed that the company was indebted to them.

WOOL GROWERS ATTACK PINCHOT

PRESIDENT GOODING IS BITTER IN HIS ATTACK.

Says Death of Sheep Industry in America Is Resultant From Free List

Omaha, Dec. 14.—Declaring that Pinchot's conservation policy is senseless, erratic and ruinous to the sheep and wool industry, President Gooding, of Gooding, Idaho, of the National Wool Growers' association in convention here today criticised the former chief forester in his annual address. He declared that Pinchot did his best to ruin the sheep and wool industries of the west by conservation policies and charged these policies indirectly responsible for the big Idaho forest fires which he said would have been prevented largely had sheep and cattle been allowed to graze through the forests. He demanded honest revision of the tariff, asserting that the free wool measure would kill the wool industry in the United States.

Death Claims More Miners.

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Death won in the high and seek game of Sam Miller and his four helpers in the mine. Following the chalk marks for four days the rescuers came upon the corpses of the victims today. Above them scrawled on the wall were the words, "Boys, the jig is up."

Families of others entombed in the mine now believe the missing 50 are dead. Sixty-one corpses were recovered up to noon today.

Five fires are raging in the mine depths. The families of the miners no longer crowd around the shaft mouth, but have returned to their homes, hopeless.

Russians May Give In.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Early recognition by Russia of the American Jews' rights for the purpose of avoiding abrogation of the treaty with the United States is expected to result from Sulzberg's resolution in the house. It is understood that Taft has tipped off the Russian diplomats that he will not sign the resolution until the diplomatic negotiations now progressing with Russia are concluded.

Bar Committee on Trial.

Denver, Dec. 14.—Following intimations that the acquittal of Mrs. Parsons was obtained by improper means the Bar Association of Denver today planned to employ a detective agency to make a full investigation. The grievance committee of the association will make a thorough inquiry and summon both Prosecutor Benson and Judge Hilton, chief counsel for the woman.

Lone Bandit Robs Bank.

Everett, Wash., Dec. 14.—The police of this town and Seattle have no clew yet to the young, smooth-faced stranger who entered the Riverside branch of the Bank of Commerce at closing time yesterday and made the book-keeper, Kroeger, hand over all the money in sight, \$1,500.00, and then made his escape. Kroeger was alone in the bank at the time.

Johnson Stays in Paris.

Liverpool, Dec. 14.—After announcing broadcast his intention of sailing, Jack Johnson, the champion, suddenly changed his plans and hurried to Paris where he is negotiating to re-enter the fight game.

CONDUCTOR HANCOCK LIVES WITH LUNG PERFORATED BY RIB BROKEN IN EXPLOSION

Engine No. 382, helping an extra west, No. 55, up the Kamela hill, exploded near Glover about two miles from Hilgard at midnight and killed A. D. McKinley, a stockman of Hansen, Idaho, fatally injured Conductor B. E. Hancock of this city and injured slightly two other members of the train crew.

The Dead and Injured. A. D. MCKINLEY, Hansen, Idaho. CONDUCTOR B. E. HANCOCK, La Grande. Fatally hurt. Rib penetrated lung, shoulder broken, face and arms scalded, severe laceration of scalp, laying bare the skull.

BRAKEMAN PERRINE, La Grande—Face and arms scalded and back injured. Not fatally. FIREMAN SPARKS, La Grande—Ankle dislocated.

The explosion is credited with being unprecedented in Eastern Oregon railroading on account of the peculiar turn of the explosion following the fall of the crown sheet of the engine. The locomotive which came to grief was pushing a train pulling up the hill, with two engines ahead, and when the concussion occurred, the force was turned toward the front of the engine and it threw its load of death-dealing iron, steel and steam against the caboose of the freight scattering the rear end of the caboose to pieces and involving its terrific havoc.

At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon Conductor Hancock is still alive with terrible bruises and injuries indicating that life will last but shortly. In fact his death has been anticipated momentarily and Drs. Bacon, Hall and Buckley, who have been at the bedside constantly since the wreck, entertain but few hopes for his recovery—there was a fighting chance at noon, said one of the attending physicians, but recovery was improbable.

THOSE AHEAD ESCAPE.

Engineers Brown and Parker on Head Engines of Ill-Fated Train.

On the head engines were Engineers Brown and Parker. Brown was on 507 and Parker on 515 and Forester and Culbertson were the firemen. Of course, they escaped all injury, being further up ahead and away from the troubles. Engineer Chandler and Fireman Sparks have good fortune to thank for their existence today. The concussion usually in such instances forces backward, destroying the cab and almost invariably involves great, if not fatal, injury on the fireman. Chandler escaped with almost no bruises, whatever, while Sparks was slightly cut and scalded. Chandler, however, was able to remain on the scene and assisted Assistant Superintendent Fred B. Schilke and Division Foreman Watson in clearing the wreck. They, too, assisted in having the wrecking train and assistance brought from La Grande by walking to Hilgard where word was dispatched to this city.

Capula Gone, Occupant Hurt.

Brakeman Perrine escaped death miraculously. He was riding in the cupola of the demolished caboose when the crash came and he wears as marks of the accident, burns and scalds on the face and hands and his back is injured to some extent though

BLANKET WARRANTS TO BE ISSUED FOR TIMES CRIME INSTIGATORS

Los Angeles, Dec. 14.—Two indictments will be returned by the grand jury Saturday against two prominent labor leaders of San Francisco. It is said they are responsible for the order which caused James McNamara to dynamite the Times. Two other San Francisco laborites are likely to be indicted also.

The names of the two men who will be indicted are already in the hands of the United States marshal and bench warrants for their arrest will be issued Saturday.

Missing Men Wanted.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—It is believed that Olaf Evietmoe, secretary of the San Francisco building trades council and Antone Johansen, his companion, who have been missing for two weeks, will soon be found by the federal authorities who want them to testify before the federal grand jury at Los Angeles. It is expected that Johansen will appear as his little daughter, Loreta, died suddenly at their home at Corte Madera. Evietmoe's attorneys say he will be here Christmas.

Secret Probe Starts.

Indianapolis, Dec. 14.—Secret investigation by the United States grand jury began here today of the dynamiting plots in which the McNamaras participated. None except government employees are allowed to approach within 300 feet of the jury room. Detective Burns will be among the first witnesses called.

The dynamiting inquiry here will cover the entire country and testimony will be taken from all available sources even if it concerns offenses outside of the court's jurisdiction.

whose disappearance today and ask breakfast. He was at Waldron said he was worried over and homesickness, and was brought to Portland by the judge began an examination to determine whether the jury could be discharged. Waldron's mental condition is believed weak.

Judge Porterfield dismissed the jury this afternoon on account of Waldron's mental incapability. The retrial will probably be ordered immediately.

Second Highest Tower Planned.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Plans were accepted today for the memorial tower of the Panama-Pacific exposition of 1915 which will be 850 feet high, the tallest building in the world, except the Paris Eiffel tower. The structure will be permanent and revert to the city after the exposition.

Poultry Show in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 4.—The third annual exhibition of the Mid-West Poultry and Pet Stock association opened in the coliseum today and will continue until next Tuesday. Cash prizes amounting to more than \$5,000 will be distributed.

King Reviews Troops.

Delhi, Dec. 14.—The king today held a grand review of all troops in Delhi. More than 51,000 British and native troops marched past the reviewing stand. Twice this number witnessed the review which was held on the parade ground outside the outside military encampment.

CENTRAL OPENS HOT LAKE LINE

ASSURES COMMISSION THAT OLD STATION IS DOOMED.

Railroad Commission Yesterday Hears Complaints Against the Central.

Immediate service between Hot Lake and Union town, with the abandonment of Union station, danger of the railroad commission holding the roadbed of the Central Railroad of Oregon unsafe between the station and the town of Union, and avowed purposes by the Commercial club and other interests in Union to fight the railroad in the courts, are some of the immediate results of a hearing held by the state railroad commission at Union yesterday. A decision will be made known on the matter December 26th but the service between Hot Lake and Union is to commence at once.

Complaints were heard by the commission yesterday as to the safety of the old roadbed, but General Manager and Vice President R. H. England answered by saying that in lieu of the abandonment of the road he would open service direct to Hot Lake and take Union off the railroad map. Clyde B. Atkinson, president; Frank Miller, commissioner, heard the complaints and will make the decisions, although the inspector and commission engineer, Mr. Earle, was present and testified. James W. Crawford, assistant attorney general, appeared for the commission and Attorney C. E. Cochran of this city for the railroad company.

The bed from Valley Junction to Union was held by Mr. England to be in good shape and he said the service between Hot Lake and Union would be perfected at once. This was answered by the promise of the business men to take the matter to court at once.

It is within the realm of the commission to order the road discontinued. The next few days should see the final developments in the issues.

Triangular College Defobe.

Williamstown, Mass., Dec. 14.—Arrangements have been concluded for the annual debate tomorrow night of teams representing Amherst, Wesleyan and Williams colleges. The election of United States senators by direct vote of the people will form the subject of debate.

Civil Service Reform Meeting.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 14.—The 14th annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League began in this city today with many distinguished lawyers, educators, financiers and government officials in attendance.

Asquith Still Opposed.

London, Dec. 14.—Premier Asquith today assured the delegation of anti-women suffrage societies that the government would make every effort to prevent an amendment to the proposed franchise reform bill, giving the women the right to vote.

For International Peace.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—The board of trustees of the Carnegie endowment for international peace held its annual meeting in the capital today. The annual report of the executive committee was received and plans discussed for the future work of the organization.

Runaway Juror Returns.

Kansas City, Dec. 14.—Tired and haggard as the result of dodging the police for three days, Juror Waldron,

IMBLER APPLES SENT TO BERLIN

EMPEROR TO BE PRESENTED WITH A CHOICE BOX

RECORD PRICE FOR CAR LOAD LOT ALSO SET

Northwestern Exchange Sells Carload of Newtons Grown at Imbler to Berlin Buyers—Opens Up New Trade Channels With European Capital Fruit Centers.

Berlin is the destination of a carload of Newton apples grown at Imbler. Cable contracts were negotiated this week by the Northwest Fruit exchange at Portland and the Thronson Fruit company of Imbler will fill the order at once. So far as known this is the first shipment direct from Grande Ronde valley to Germany and it is also said that the price realized for this consignment outstrips all records for carload lots. At the same time that the carload consignment is shipped to Berlin a choice box, especially prepared and tuned up, will be donated to his majesty, Emperor William II.

Early in the season of 1911, the Imbler Fruit association contracted with the Northwestern Fruit exchange to handle their output, with the result that all their fruit that could be handled in carloads has been sold at splendid prices.

The last sale was a carload of Yellow Newtons from the Wilson orchard, which is the 100 acre seven-year-old orchard joining the town of Imbler on the north, and said by experts to be the finest commercial orchard in the Pacific northwest. It is owned by the Thronson Fruit company—Geo. L. Cleaver and associates, operated by C. W. Cleaver, president of the Imbler association of Fruit Growers.

This is a new orchard district for Oregon and has 1,800 acres of commercial orchard now planted, of which some 400 acres will bear in 1912.

The varieties are principally Rome Beauty, Gano, Newton, York Imperial and Jonathan, and the orchards are receiving such expert attention from their owners that the future of the district is assured.

The car of Newton apples just sold are for shipment direct to Berlin, Germany, and are said to have brought the highest price ever paid for a carload of apples from the Grande Ronde valley, \$1.85 for extra fancy and \$1.75 for standard, f.o.b. main line Oregon.

The Northwest Fruit exchange has this to say about the sale: "So far as we know this is the first sale direct to Berlin that has ever been made, by anyone at any time, of northwestern apples. The trade in Berlin has been in the habit of securing their supplies through the auction markets of Hamburg and Bremen. We have labored patiently to secure this opening for Oregon fruit in Berlin—the great European capital—a city of several million population, which offers an enormous market for our fruit."

The following is an extract from a letter received by them from their agent in Berlin.

"This is to be a trial business, that would be the opening of important shipments from your place to ours, in case the result is pleasing. I take it for understood that my friends will get only good and lasting fruit."

This sale of non-irrigated Newton apples means much to the Grande Ronde valley, and especially to the Imbler district, where the growers take such great pride in their beautiful orchards and magnificent fruit. The altitude and climate of the Grande Ronde valley gives its fruit the keeping qualities for export shipment.

Georgia Hotel Men Meet.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 14.—The annual meeting of the Georgia Hotel Men's association opened for a two days' session in this city today with an attendance of several hundred of the leading hotel men of the state.

The Delhi Carries Riches.

Gibraltar, Dec. 14.—Tugs are trying to reach the steamer Delhi, which has the mails and \$100,000, mostly in bullion, aboard. The gale is yet raging and it is feared the ship may go to pieces.

Deposed Sultan Near Death.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—Abdul Hamud, the deposed Turkish sultan, is reported to be critically ill at Constantinople. Little hope of his recovery is entertained.

Honor Memory of First President.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 14.—In accordance with an annual custom a delegation from the Masonic lodge of Fredericksburg, Va., visited Mount Vernon today and placed a wreath of flowers on the tomb of Washington, in commemoration of the anniversary of the death of the first president.