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## 23,000 ACRES UNION COUNTY TIMBER SOLD

### AUGUST J. STANG IS BUYER OF HUGE TIMBER TRACT

#### LAND LIES ALONG THE GRANDE RONDE RIVER BASIN

J. D. Casey, Hilgard, J. D. McKennon, La Grande, and J. D. McKennon, La Grande, are the principal owners of the land bought—Deemed One of Biggest Real Estate Deals in County History.

Final contracts have passed and the purchase price paid for 23,000 acres of timber along the Grande Ronde river in the vicinity of Hilgard, which without doubt constitutes the largest real estate transaction ever consummated in Union county.

This valuable property was purchased through John T. Williamson by August J. Stang, for the eastern people who a short time ago acquired large holdings in the Grande Ronde basin.

This increases the holdings of the eastern people very largely and makes them one of the biggest owners of standing timber in Eastern Oregon.

J. D. McKennon had owned considerable of the land and timber sold for a number of years. Mr. Casey has been in the Hilgard country for quite a while and has been conducting a lumber plant at Hilgard station, while Rugg Brothers are extensive sheep owners of Umatilla county.

Deal Means Much to La Grande. In the opinion of business men of La Grande this city is permanently benefited by the passing of this large acreage of timber into hands of men with extensive capital who, it is believed, will in the course of time manufacture it into lumber.

While there is no information given out as to how much standing timber the new people intend securing some believe that their transactions in this territory have not reached an end.

They now own about 55,000 acres of standing timber.

### SURPLUS IS INCREASED.

Directors of La Grande National Bank for Monthly Meeting.

To add \$10,000 to the surplus of the La Grande National Bank was one of the principal duties transacted at the last monthly meeting of the directors' board held yesterday. The annual election and meeting of the stockholders will be held next Tuesday. A healthy and sound condition of Union county and La Grande finances are shown by the annual reports read yesterday. The bank's surplus was \$105,000 up until yesterday, but today it is \$115,000, over and above the \$100,000 capital stock. Regular dividends were declared also at the meeting yesterday.

### HARVEY FUNERAL YESTERDAY

Three-Year-Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Laid Away.

Funeral services were held yesterday over the remains of Miss Edrie Alene Harvey, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Harvey, First and Grandy, who died Monday morning of diphtheria. Miss Alene was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and their many friends sympathize with them in the hour of their bereavement. A baby one year old still remains to offer comfort to the sorrowing parents.

The illness which claimed the daughter was short, she being taken ill only a few days prior to death. Always a sweet, kindly dispositioned child to her parents and to all her acquaintances, Alene's death is indeed cause for sorrow.

### OLDENBURG BUYS RANCH.

J. D. Stone Ranch in Fruitdale Sold to Barney Oldenburg.

Ten acres of orchard land in Fruitdale owned by J. D. Stone have been bought by Barney Oldenburg, through the Security Land & Trust company. Mr. Oldenburg went to the Willamette valley and looked that district over carefully before making this deal and is more confident than ever that this is a far more desirable locality to live in than any other section of the state.

### Marriage at Parsonage.

William Frall of Portland and May Rader of Salt Lake were married yesterday at the Methodist parsonage. Rev. J. D. Gillilan officiating. Miss Rader is a trained nurse of Salt Lake.

## PRUDENT ECONOMY IS URGED

### FALSE ECONOMY TO BE AVOIDED

#### BETTER FIRE DEPARTMENT IS URGED BY NEW MAYOR

#### FUTURE WELFARE OF THE WATER SUPPLY TOUCHED UPON

Saloon Licenses Should Be Left at the Present Number Believes New Executive—Daily or Stated Balances of City's Accounts Would Be Desirable—Plenty Drainage and Grading.

### SALIENT MESSAGE CHARACTERISTICS.

- ◆ Economy in street improvement
- ◆ except to "connect up" and grade streets, and provide adequate drainage.
- ◆ Fire department should be perfected as present system is insufficient to meet needs.
- ◆ Urges retention of saloon licenses to present number.
- ◆ Would keep out of labor troubles, but will maintain protection for everyone, urging non-street congregating ordinance.
- ◆ Urges reservation of more water rights and reserves to insure future water supply.
- ◆ Want daily or stated balances of city's financial status.
- ◆ Other messages to council are promised at subsequent dates.

Teeming with recommendations for prudent economy everywhere and economic betterment of streets other than that of paving until the present batch of improvements are properly cared for, and handling several municipal problems with brief but clear-cut and well-defined policies Mayor W. J. Church last night pleaded to the council some of the theories and policies that will govern him in his administration of La Grande's affairs. Vociferous applause greeted the concluding sentence of his message last night. He said: Gentlemen of the Council:—

Section 36 of Chapter 6, of our charter, requires the mayor at its annual meeting to communicate by message to the council a general statement of the condition and affairs of the city, to recommend the adoption of such measures as may be deemed expedient and proper, and make such special communications from time to time as he may think advisable. In complying with this duty I shall briefly refer to some of the conditions and affairs of the city reserving others to be made the subject of communication hereafter. Having been a member of the council for the past three years and more or less familiar with the present affairs of the city, I shall comment upon the following matters:

#### Many Issues Touched Upon.

Public improvements, fire department, licenses, police protection, water supply and finance. For the past two years with the consent of a majority of the property owners interested, the council has made a large number of improvements, streets have been paved and macadamized and sidewalks of cement and boards built. A complete sewer system has been provided for, including one of the most successful and up-to-date disposal plants of any city in the northwest. The septic tank has been examined by the state Health Officer and pronounced by that department to be as nearly perfect as present skill can devise. While these have been more or less expensive and in some instances have proven a severe burden to the property owners, yet these necessary improvements are permanent and of inestimable value and I feel certain that the immediate

### RICHARDSON REGIME ENDED

#### TERM REPLETE WITH MANY MATTERS OF MOMENT.

#### F. L. LILLY IS NEW THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN

Second Street Pipe Line Charges Are Dug up and Expunged Records Are Restored to the Minute Book. Many Affairs of Much Importance Handled Before Old Council Dies.

Inaugural ceremonies that scrolled the Richardson regime on history's pages and introduced to the municipality the Church administration were enacted at the council chamber last night. Announcement of appointments tonight and segregation of the council into committees will complete the organization of the new governing body into a law making and law enforcing body.

Transaction of business of far more than passing moment marked the passing of the 1911 city administration last night. Refusal to allow another saloon in the city as asked for by D. C. Bricheux, action looking toward a financial fight with insurance companies, referring back to the Second street pipe line charges, accepting the resignation of W. J. Church as councilman from the Third ward were only a few of the more important issues coming before the retiring council.

From a date about the middle of October until last night the minute books have stood expunged of all minutes relating to the proceedings of the council meeting of Aug. 24, 1910. When Councilman G. T. Fleming introduced his much-touted resolution asking that a committee be appointed to investigate the charges which he preferred during the October last meeting, he slipped a joker into it evidently for it became evident last night that the council voted inadvertently on the resolution. Supposing the Fleming resolution was merely to empower the mayor to appoint an investigating committee, the council voted for it unthinkingly. It appears on more detailed consideration that the same resolution called for expunging of the minutes detailing the Second street pipe line question. But this was overcome last night when the council passed a resolution taking reconsideration of the original resolution, and passing in its stead a resolution to continue the investigation of the fraud and forgery charges, without expunging any records. Councilmen Dunn, Finley and Davis were the original committee in this respect and Mayor Richardson reappointed them, leaving Mayor Church to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Dunn from the council.

Councilman Dunn, chairman of the probing committee, reported that he and his committee have been helpless without subpoena powers. They have tried to get the principals in the investigation together but have never been able to do so for they had to await the convenience of all and not compel the attendance of any. Mr. Fleming who preferred the charges, has not been in the city for several weeks, and consequently it has merely been to outline the mode of procedure that the committee has met heretofore. The new committee will probably pick up the work where the retiring committee left it.

The fire and police committee to which the fire ordinance which created such a stir at head offices of insurance companies doing business here and who said they would not pay the \$25 annual tax, reported again last night, saying that Portland and Salem have such ordinances and that they are enforced. It seems very probable that the new council will take favorable action on the matter.

A petition signed by taxpayers asks for a fire hydrant at Second and F

streets. It was referred. Bills and a considerable budget of expenses were referred to committees and reported on and will have to be acted upon by the new council.

#### "OFFICIAL OBJECTOR" GONE.

Retiring Council Takes Away "Peppery Speech Maker" From Council. Councilman Bernard Logsdon was the center of a string of because he has long since been the official objector and fiery speechmaker of the old council. Just as his subsidiary office resigned, yet for all that Mr. Logsdon's sentiments of the council and audience which his final speech last night he averred that what ever he had done while in the council had been done conscientiously. Many a dreary session of the last council has been enlivened by peppery oratory from the Fourth Ward councilman.

#### Harmony Is Complimented.

Before Mayor A. L. Richardson left the dais upon which he has presided for an even year he very briefly but warmly complimented the council and the different heads of departments for the harmony and co-operation prevailing. "It is with regret that I leave office," said the mayor in stepping down, "and I want to thank every member of the council for the co-operation manifest throughout the administration."

Mayor Richardson's term has indeed been an active one. Inauguration and launching of the sewer system was one of the chief matters coming up during the past year and the mayor has persistently given his time and attention to the careful performance of the work. It was primarily his vigilance that caused B. S. Davis to repair faulty work on the original sewer work. Street improvements have been extensive, paving and street side walk, and few years, if any, in the history of the city have seen as big a volume of business transacted with as little discord as the reign of Dr. Richardson.

The strenuous thankless job calls for a great deal of personal sacrifice of time and business. The new disposal tank, and a half dozen other important deals have been closed.

#### New Mayor Waited Upon.

At the conclusion of the business necessarily coming before the old council, Mayor Richardson sent out the retiring councilmen, Dunn, Logsdon and Orvis, to escort the new mayor to the chair. Councilman Logsdon introduced the new executive to the outgoing mayor; Councilmen J. F. Campbell was ferreted out of the audience and left at his seat as representative of the First, W. R. Jones from the Second, R. L. Lincoln from the Third and J. K. Fitzgerald from the Fourth wards. Working backwards, Mr. Logsdon then introduced his successor, Mr. Dunn his, Mr. Mackey his colleague and Mr. Orvis his successor. Church rapped the gavel and the new council was under way.

#### F. L. Lilly in Council.

On motion of Dr. R. L. Lincoln, the name of F. L. Lilly was suggested to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of W. J. Church and the first official action of the new council was to elect Mr. Lilly as successor to C. S. Dunn. This places two hardware men in the council, Mr. Jones occupying a seat at one table and Mr. Lilly being slated to occupy the seat formerly held down by G. T. Fleming. Claude Mackey and E. C. Davis and Mr. Finley are the only ones who retain their old seats—all others—new and old—are shifted about.

#### Will History Repeat?

If history repeats itself Claude L. Mackey will be the next mayor. W. J. Church was president of the council at the time that he was elected mayor, and last night the new council chose Claude L. Mackey as its president.

#### Church Is Brant of Joke.

Mayor Richardson got off on the new executive that caused a ripple of mirth and then unstinted laughter. The retiring executive had reached that state in the custom-established routine of business where old and new business, bills, communications and the like had been disposed of and it was not until the "Good of the City" head was reached that the resignation of W. J. Church from third ward councilship came. The humor didn't "soak in" for a bit but soon percolated to the remote corners of the council chamber. Mr. Church, in the meantime, seeking an obscure seat behind the money counter. He emerged shortly afterwards, however, as the new mayor in fact.

## "TEDDY-BOB" COALITION IS NEW RUMOR

### ROOSEVELT TO BACK OUT AT THE LAST IS REPORT

#### WHITE HOUSE ASTIR OVER RUMORS OF ROOSEVELT "BUG"

Alleging That Roosevelt and La Follette Have Taught Understanding and That the Senator Is to Remain in the Race but Colonel Withdraws, Washington Writer Advances Theory

Cleveland, Jan. 3.—In a Washington dispatch to the Cleveland Press, Gilson Gardner says "La Follette and Roosevelt are working in harmony to control the next republican convention. Between them they have enough progressive delegates to write a platform and name a candidate. La Follette will remain a candidate, for Roosevelt favors La Follette and is not himself a candidate, but he declines to eliminate himself as a political factor."

#### Other Rumors Contradict.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The white house today is apparently puzzled over the political situation which revolves about the report that Roosevelt's silence indicates he is waiting to see if popular demand is strong enough to warrant his acceptance to the presidential nomination. Friends of Taft deny that he will withdraw from the race and quote him as saying that nothing but death can prevent him from remaining in the race.

#### La Follette Not Shaming.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Reports that La Follette would retire from the presidential race in favor of Roosevelt or anyone else was denied today by Walter Houser, La Follette's manager. He said: "The campaign will continue until the national convention. La Follette will not withdraw."

#### Gov. Osborne Plays Senator.

Grand Rapids, Jan. 3.—Leaving for Kalamazoo, R. M. La Follette began his last day of his Michigan tour. Tonight he speaks at Chicago. La Follette's friends today insist the vitriolic nature of Governor Osborne's attack on La Follette at Lansing, Michigan, yesterday will help his candidacy instead of damaging it.

Progressives accuse Osborne of deliberately stealing La Follette's crowd when it was learned that La Follette, owing to a train mixup, could not appear, and the stand patters regard Osborne's speech as a trap deliberately laid by the progressives to arouse sympathy for their candidate, by causing an attack when he couldn't defend himself.

#### Labor to Pick Counsel.

Los Angeles, Jan. 3.—With Olaf Tveitmo and Johannsen in San Francisco today, conferences here and at San Francisco are expected to determine who will defend the labor leaders when they are brought to trial for the dynamiting conspiracy. Although they will plead Jan. 12, it is believed the big criminal calendar will delay the trials for some time.

## LINA CAVELERI GIVEN DIVORCE

#### \$100,000 ALIMONY AND TRIAL COSTS WON.

#### Gotham Clubman Has "Had Enough" —Is Now Free.

Paris, Jan. 3.—Lina Cavaleri, the singer, was granted a divorce today from Robert Chanlor, the New York clubman. Chanlor did not oppose the suit.

Lina alleged Chanlor refused on several occasions to live with her saying, when served with the summons, "I've already had enough. If, to spite me, my wife would enter the room, I would jump out the window."

The costs of the action are assessed against Chanlor. It is understood he gave his wife \$100,000 alimony.

## LAUNDRY STRIKE MENACING

New York, January 3.—With 25,000 laundry workers out and another 10,000 to strike tonight, New York is facing one of the most serious laundry famines in history. Tomorrow it is expected that 60,000 workers will be out. They want better wages and less hours.

William Armour, who is conducting the strike, said today it would spread to the laundries in the nearby cities. It will be hard to put on unskilled workers as the claims for torn clothes

would make expenses high. Margaret Hinchey, speaking for the strikers, said the conditions are wretched and that labor laws are consistently violated and that the low wages of four and five dollars weekly forced girls into immorality. The rooms are filthy and unsanitary. Tuberculosis is common among the New Yorkers and they demand a reduction of the working day to ten hours, and safeguarding of machines, as well as an increase in wages.

## HARD COLD SNAP STRIKES TOWN

One above zero was the low record mark reached by the mercury in the government thermometer last night. The cold snap was several degrees more severe than any of the present winter as 8 or 9 above zero had heretofore been the lowest point.

The sudden drop came not without forewarning for the drop was pre-

dicted yet some were caught napping even at that. This, however, did not exist for long as the morning sun quickly dispelled any Alaskan propensities of the atmosphere.

Various readings are reported about the city for the night but the read announced by W. A. Worstall come from the government machine and are authentic.

## WILL RESUME CHINESE WAR

Shanghai, Jan. 3.—Renewal of war is presaged here today by Wu Ting Fang's refusal for the rebel to negotiate further with Premier Yuan unless Yuan comes to Shanghai. It is believed that Yuan will not come. Backed by funds of the dowager empress and the Manchurian prince's private fortunes, it is believed he will fight to a finish soon. Wu charges

Yuan with bad faith in making no attempt to comply with the peace terms which Tang Shao Yi, the premier's representative, partially agreed on.

#### Mrs. McCreary Dead.

Mrs. R. McCreary of Hilgard died at the Grande Ronde hospital this morning. The funeral will be held Friday at Hilgard.

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