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A GREAT CONSPIRACY.

The results of the grand jury work at Indianapolis reveal a conspiracy that is shocking to all law-abiding Americans. It would be a still greater sensation if it had not been preceded by the astonishing train of events at Los Angeles.

When we say a great conspiracy has been revealed, the answer may be made that nothing has been proved; that we have nothing but a batch of accusations. This answer would be more pertinent if the accusations had simply been filed by a prosecuting attorney upon the complaint of an individual accuser.

This much we do know in advance, that there has been a long series of outrages, that they could not have

been committed without a widespread conspiracy, and that they stopped when the McNamara were arrested and the rest of the terrorists put under surveillance. The fact that 54 men all over the country have been indicted amply confirms the theory of a widespread conspiracy.

EXPRESS COMPANY OVER-CHARGES.

It is of common knowledge that the express companies have been imposing extortionate rates they have fixed for their services. This state of affairs has been brought to light by the interstate commerce commission.

The more light that is thrown on the inner workings of the express companies the greater appears the necessity of placing them under government regulation and providing healthy competition in their business by the establishment of the parcel post.

There is not much comfort in the figures showing the fire loss in the United States and Canada for January. The total is placed at \$25,553,000, the largest on record for the month.

Lillian Russell says she cannot think of marrying again unless there is \$50,000 a year in sight, which puts Mr. Moore, a newspaper man, among the also rans.

Anyone wanting a second hand throne to place on the front veranda, should communicate with Pu Yi, Peking.

Gov. Bass of New Hampshire has come out for T. R., although the colonel has not been fishing for Bass.

China's "Iron Man" came out of the wash well ironed.

KILL 'EM ALL. La Grande, Feb. 23. — To Editor of Observer—I have just read your article dealing with a public benefactor! A public protector! A dog poisoner! And you term him or her degenerate! How differently we see things!

would be better to shoot them off, I think, but it would prove costly. I never did handle poisons, seldom firearms, and don't like to associate with people who do. The range of my killing is from fly to mouse—and I don't like to kill them; they have as much right to the pursuit of happiness as I, and it is solely to protect my pursuit of happiness that they become defunct at my hands.

Two days ago on Adams avenue a disgusting display by dogs was taking place to the intense amusement of some dozen citizens and the chagrin and dismay of a number of girls coming from high school. 'Mutton in parvo' is here.

Respectfully yours, I. M. DAWSON.

Cove Item in Error.

Union, Oregon, Feb. 22.—Editor La Grande Observer, La Grande, Oregon.—In your "Cove Items" under date of Feb. 21, I notice a misstatement of fact in one of the items, due, no doubt, to ignorance in the matter, but nevertheless it is a matter that needs correction, which I trust you will make in your next issue.

Here is a message of hope and good cheer from Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va., who is the mother of 18 children.

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Judge Knowles was taken ill Wednesday morning and had to adjourn court hurriedly until Friday and by

JUDGE RESUMES CIRCUIT COURT

COUNTY DAMAGE CASE COMES TO TRIAL AGAIN.

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above attention to his physical ailments was able to take up his official duties this morning.

FOR SALE—One hundred dollar share in Union County Co-Operative association. Will sell for \$75.00. Inquire Herbert Pattison. 2-23-12

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