



A scene from The Isle of Mystery, at the Steward Opera House tonight.

DEEP SNOW ON BEAVER SHED

SEVERE STORM RAGING AT THE INTAKE TODAY.

All Mountain Ranges Under Thick Mantle of Snow Still.

Five feet of snow covers the watershed of Beaver creek and a heavy snowstorm is raging there today, say telephone communications from Careaker Ed Propeck to Water Superintendent L. M. Hoyt. This sum total of snow late in March leaves room for fear that once the thaw commences serious floods will result, as it is customary for some of the snow to disappear earlier than this.

On the other hand the tremendously deep snow for this period of the year, with no signs of melting in view, this summer as it saturates the ground melts splendid range in the mountains to considerable depth. The Beaver creek shed is not the only one well enveloped in snow for foothills much

near La Grande carry several feet of solid snow even this late, says hunters and wood haulers.

A LARGER, BETTER AND RICHER LA GRANDE.

La Grande, Ore., March 18.—(To the Editor)—For the betterment of all, I believe it would pay in the long run—even do I believe it would pay at the start—if the city would require by ordinance the employment of American white citizens, and its own citizens if possible, for all public works with a minimum wage of \$2.50. Naturally the more talented and more industrious men get more money. This is a fact which regulates business as most employers will keep the best men. This city as well as others consists of laboring, business men and professional ones. The business men want the other one's trade and that trade is no good without the trader is able to pay. Now if you want to give a good chance to labor to pay for goods bought in La Grande, to let them get your money and you get theirs, employ home people whenever possible. The workman will either spend his money here or keep it here. If this is worked out as it should be, this plan not only supports more peo-

ple but it builds more homes, makes more well-to-do people happier; makes a bigger, better La Grande with a better class of people. It looks all right to ship labor in because the workman who is shipped in works for 1-5 or 1-4 less wages and then claims he does as much work per day. In case he does, he eats while here but that is all. He sometimes buys a little something to wear, but the main part of what he earns he sends away or takes with him when he leaves La Grande. On the other hands our own citizens who could and should do the work, are unable to pay their bills for want of work. Other cities have done it. Let us try it right now.

Yours respectfully,
M.

ALLEGED FORGER CAUGHT.

Baker Official Receives a Suspected Criminal from Elgin.

Wanted in Baker county for alleged forgery, a man named Walter Canady was arrested in Elgin yesterday morning and brought to La Grande on the afternoon train by Marshall J. C. Christensen, the newly elected marshal of the "spud" town. Sheriff Rand of Baker was here to

receive the prisoner and last evening went on to Baker with the alleged check artist.

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