

HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR COMMERCIAL CLUB HOME ON UNIT BASIS LAUNCHED

TABLOID OF LA GRANDE'S PROPOSED PEOPLE'S FIVE-STORY COMMERCIAL CLUB HOME.

Up-to-the-minute five-story structure at corner of Elm and Adams to be built thusly:

One thousand units to be sold in La Grande at \$100.00 per unit. Each unit to be guaranteed the first six per cent dividends payable from the rentals which conservatively estimated will be \$17,000 annually less \$7,000 (estimated) upkeep, taxes and sundry expense. Remaining \$10,000 to be issued in dividends to unit holders, first at the rate of 6 per cent and later at a rate that the Commercial club shall decide.

Plans and specifications already drawn, and business men clamoring for reservation of office rooms.

Property to give perpetual home on top floor for commercial club, to be perpetually a people's structure and all governmental power vested in a board of Commercial club directors elected by the club membership. Increase in rentals and rise in realty values to be beneficial to unit holders; the holder of one unit to have equal rights with holder of bigger sum.

Each unit individual and undivided interest; cannot be mortgaged, units easily transferrable without deed or abstract, increase in value reverts to unit holder and Commercial club jointly; unit rated as desirable collateral; is based on a people's plan, paying way for larger and modern building activities, and dividend sources; the unit cannot be hauled away on a railroad track; will cement business relations because of its extensive elements held in its makeup: "The enterprise is a lasting monument to the Commercial club's effort," is the way the plan is classed by those who have heard it; the management of the building permanently lodged in the business men through club membership. The membership will increase from 232 to 500 on the strength of the commodious quarters to be provided; propositions will be received for space in the new building; renters can own their office building by investing in units, thereby recouping their rent in dividends; seventy-five hundred dollars units were offered last night without solicitation in addition to the \$30,000 basic fund.

Construction of a community-financed five-story stone edifice devoting its top floor as a perpetual home to the La Grande Commercial club a structure that is to be built on a basis of guaranteeing to the investor the first 6 per cent interest, accruing from revenue sources—a structure built on what is known as the unit basis—became a probability and almost a reality before it was well announced, at an animated and almost unprecedented smoker of Commercial club members held in Honan hall last night to celebrate the addition of 232 members to the club. The propaganda was not planted until nearly 10 o'clock but it was near 1 this morning when the last guest left the hall. Gigantic yet simple, enormous in its scope, yet conceived on a basis that is fundamentally a people's plan, insuring a channel of investment for money owners that will bring at least 6 per cent net without subtraction to further taxation, the plan can be stated in epitome like this:

If the building is erected—those at the smoker say there can be no other conclusion than success—it will be done on the vacant lot now owned by Turner Oliver, the site to cost \$15,000 and the structure \$85,000. It will be built along class A plans, up to the minute in every respect in fact the last word in architecture. Plans and specifications are now virtually completed and are perusable in the office of Given & Richardson, local realty dealers who are the promoters, with C. E. Cochran, who adopted the plans locally from plans used elsewhere. To begin with the Commercial club will father and manage the project through an incorporated organization within the club. The \$100,000 needed will be divided into 1,000 units, saleable at \$100 per unit. The plan is so framed that the unit owner is protected. No one man can gobble up and squeeze out any other man's interest. The sum total will constitute a building fireproof in every way and as void of wood as the best engineers can make it, supply marble wallcoating, cement floor for the Commercial club, a first floor for store purposes and a basement. Once built the government will be vested in a directorate of the building association elected by members of the Commercial club. The remuneration or interest sources will come from rentals which computed on the very lowest and conservative basis will net \$17,000 annually. The upkeep, taxes and insurance will be about \$7,000, leaving \$10,000 to be cut into dividends to each unit holder. It is readily seen there will be on this basis \$1,000 over and above the amount required to supply the guaranteed 6 per cent. There are several ways of utilizing this balance; one is that the Commercial club retain a small per cent of it for its own financial welfare and subdivide the balance as added dividends, bringing the net profits to the investor up to, say 8 or 9 per cent. This, as an investment feature is far superior to anything yet offered local investors. The project is a business proposition pure and simple and not a matter of civic benevolence. It would be impossible to destroy the value of the unit, or to obliterate the corporation; it is next to impossible to sell the building for one unit holder

BOYD SEEKS ELECTORSHIP

Enterprise Attorney Only Announced Candidate for Republican Elector.

Enterprise, March 23.—(Special)—Attorney Daniel Boyd, who sometime ago was urged to run for congress, but retired for business reasons, has decided to become a candidate for one of the presidential electors to go to Chicago. Thus far he is the only avowed candidate for this office in this section and it is believed he will poll a big vote. His petitions are now being circulated throughout the territory.

C. E. Business Meeting.

A business and social meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church was held last evening at the home of J. K. Wright. Officers were elected and plans for the work of the society were discussed. The following were elected to office: Miss Ethel Wright, president; C. B. Pickens, vice president; Lee Reynolds, treasurer; Miss Marjorie Silverthorn, recording secretary; Miss Hulda Anderson corresponding secretary and Miss Lillian Baker, pianist. Refreshments were served.

"Father of House" Dead.

Philadelphia, March 23.—Congressman Henry Harrison Bingham, of Pennsylvania, died here today. He was the "father of the house," a member since the 46th session.

Appoints Deputy Sheriff.

John Rogers was this morning appointed to act in the capacity of deputy sheriff. Mr. Rogers will confine his activities to the vicinity of the Palmer Lumber company's mill and yards.

ON TO PENDLETON, SLOGAN.

Commercial Club Will Deputize Anyone Wishing to Join Delegation

The La Grande Commercial club is in receipt of an urgent invitation from the Pendleton club to be in attendance at the laying of the corner stone of the Eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton on March 26th. A large delegation of the La Grande men are already planning on going and more names are daily added to the list. The Commercial club wish everyone who would like to go to give their name to P. S. Robinson who will see that the proper credentials are given. This is to be a big event and La Grande will be in attendance with all colors flying and feel sure to be well represented.

"APPEAL TO REASON" SUSPENDS.

Leading Mouthpiece of Socialists Can't Weather Storm.

Kansas City, March 23.—Announcement was today made that the Appeal to Reason, the leading socialist periodical in the United States, will soon cease publication. Editor Fred Warren says it is hard work to keep the paper going and the quietus is given the Appeal because of the fight with the United States courts and the post-office department over the alleged Leavenworth prison scandal, published at Girard, Kans.

Joseph Antolits Return.

On this morning's train L. Knapper and W. G. Belth of Joseph, the last of the Joseph party going to Portland to purchase automobiles, returned. The others were Polk Mays, E. T. Roup F. V. Bowman and J. A. Richardson. They each purchased a machine.

New Homesteaders.

At the United States land office today the following made homestead entries: Leslie L. Haller of Telocast, Oregon; Walter M. Anderson of Prairie City, Oregon; Alfred Tanler, of Long Creek, and Allen McKinnon, of Flora, Oregon.

ALLENS OFFER PEACE.

Are Disappointed When Authorities Won't Compromise With Them.

Hillsville, Va., March 23.—Dismayed by the capture of Sidney Edwards, a member of the band the Allen outlaws today retreated deeper into the fastnesses of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The outlaws are disappointed at the refusal of the state authorities to accept a proposition of compromise. They are willing to surrender if allowed to plead guilty of second degree murder and also stipulated that the trials be removed from Carroll county where the shooting occurred. The state authorities will not consider this proposition, but are redoubling their efforts to capture the bandits. Additional indictments will be returned against the outlaws Tuesday.

Infirmary Inmates Killed.

Norwalk, Ohio, March 23.—Six inmates of the Huron county infirmary are dead and seven are in a critical condition by being overcome by gas last night. They were discovered today when attendants opened the wards. Physicians are working hard to save the patients.

HUNGRY HORDE BATTLES BEFORE SOUP KITCHENS

SOUP KITCHENS ONLY
SUSTENANCE TO
THOUSANDS

INFANT MORTALITY IS
HORRIFYING TO THE NATION

While Coal Mine Owners and the Miners Are Disputing Their Rights Millions, Probably Ten Millions, Are Suffering From Hunger throughout the Kingdom.

London, March 23.—Appalling suffering exists in England, Scotland and Wales as the result of the prolonged coal strike. Every district in the three countries is affected. Thousands of families in the cities have pawned all their property including furniture and are living in bare rooms with no fuel. In the Hanley district 100,000 men, women and children are dependent on charity. Soup kitchens exist in all communities and the infant mortality is appalling. In hundreds of thousands of homes, weak gruel made of moistened meal is the only sustenance given the babies. Vigorous defense against the charge that the miners are unreasonable in their demands in respect to the minimum wage schedule was made today by Vernon Hartshorn, a leading member of the executive committee of the miners' federation. "It was due to the owners' stubborn refusal to concede in the early stages of the trouble that the revised rates fixed by our executive committee were made sine qua non of further negotiations. We cannot allow these rates to be cut. They are the lowest possible figure, and we refuse to arbitrate, not because the demands are unjust but because the arbitrators might cut the rates and this is impossible for us to submit to."

The home office has estimated that at least 2,500,000 persons are out of work as a result of the strike. Counting other dependent on these for a livelihood the total facing starvation is 10,000,000. Heads of municipalities throughout England have sent word today to the government officials, saying they will be unable to maintain order unless the strike is speedily settled. Food riots have already occurred in Scotland and the situation is hourly becoming more acute. The home office had admitted that thousands are being fed at the municipal soup kitchens in North Wales. The strikers' funds are exhausted. The Durham miners have little money. A majority of the cotton mills of Lancashire and Yorkshire are now closed down. Gas works are guarded by the police because they are besieged by people begging. The foundries at Lincoln are closed and 1600 are out of work there. The police reserves are on constant duty at Manchester. Hungry men and women fight for leading place in the food lines. The government officials are hopeful the conference held Monday will result in a settlement of all difficulties. Great pressure has been brought to bear on the mine owners to accept the minimum wage scale, five shillings a day for adults and two shillings for minors.

Banker "In Bad."

Monte Carlo, March 23.—Within a short time after his wife named Theodora Gerard, an actress, a correspondent in her divorce suit against him, Edwin R. Thomas, a former New York banker was deserted by the actress, according to reports here today. Thomas is roaming about Europe in jealous rage, with a divorce suit on his hands.

Car Crews and Commuters Fight. Los Angeles, March 23.—A clash occurred last night between 100 citizens of Eagle Rock, a suburb, car crew and police, against citizens who tried to force the car company to carry them into the city for 5 cents. Protesting, the citizens stayed on the car well into the night after the current was turned off. Women served them hot coffee.

Edmonton Opens Land Show. Edmonton, Alta., March 23.—The Edmonton Land Show, devoted to an elaborate display of agricultural and other products of the Edmonton district, was opened today and will be continued through the coming week. Present indications point to a large attendance of prospective settlers and other visitors from points throughout eastern Canada and the United States.

TAFT TO CARRY INDIANA.

Four Delegates at Large to Be Named by Taft Crowd.

Indianapolis, March 23.—Incomplete returns from 25 counties indicate that adherents of President Taft will control the republican state convention which assembles here next week and which will name four delegates at large to the Chicago convention.

Show Pleases Grange.

The show that was played at the Riverside grange hall in Fruit last Thursday night was an entire success. With a crowded house probably more people saw the play than was ever in the hall at any one time. The grange people cannot help returning many thanks to those people who came so far to give them two hours of entertainment that proved to be such a wonderful nice show. It took ten people to perform the play. Little Willis Campbell deserves special mention for the recitation he so beautifully recited before the show began. After the play the show people went and partook of hot coffee and other nice eatables at Jack Chandler's and Lorenzo Stillwell's homes. After refreshments they departed for home very much pleased with the congratulations they received and their night's work. The grange people of Riverside grange and other onlookers cannot speak into much praise of Lorenzo Stillwell for succeeding in getting the people who came and gave them a fine entertainment from near the Iowa school house.

Civic Committee Active.

The newly organized department of the neighborhood club, known as the civics department, is preparing to enter upon practical work with earnestness. Clubs having a civics department have found that this department has been instrumental in the accomplishment of great and permanent good along the lines of civic improvement. The civics department is to become active at once. Mrs. Fred Schilke is the chairman of this very important department. She has called a meeting of the members of the department to meet at her home on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock when plans for the work of the department will be laid and put into operation.

Boston's New Subway Opened.

Boston, Mass., March 23.—The new subway system for the handling of the heavy passenger traffic between Boston and Cambridge was formally opened today. The tunnel, which is three and a quarter miles in length, starts at the Park street station of the old subway and passes under Boston Common, Beacon Hill and the Charles river to Harvard Square in Cambridge.

Texas Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

Austin, Tex., March 23.—A large and representative attendance marked the opening of the annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Texas. The sessions are being held at the University of Texas and will continue over Sunday and Monday. Prominent among the scheduled speakers are Judge Selden P. Spencer of St. Louis, Rev. George W. Truett of Dallas, Dr. W. D. Weatherford of Atlanta and E. C. Mercer of New York.

Fanny Crosby's 92nd Birthday.

Bridgeport, Conn., March 23.—Fanny Crosby, writer of gospel hymns which are known the world over, will be 92 years old tomorrow. She lives with a niece in this city at whose home her birthday anniversary is to be fittingly recognized. Miss Crosby, whose full name is Francis Jane Crosby Van Alstyne, has been totally blind ever since she was six months old. She has written more than 3,000 hymns in all. She was married in 1858 to Alexander Van Alstyne, who died ten years ago. He was a musician and set some of his wife's best known verses to music.

OREGON VICTIMS FOUND.

The Dalles and Portland Women's Bodies Found by Posses. Riverside, Cal., March 23.—Officers have returned to Riverside, after finding the bodies of Miss Julio Francois, of the Dalles and Mrs. Harriet Guyot, of Portland, alleged to have been murdered by Frank Baerwaerts near here in a mining camp. They found melted gold and it is believed that the motive of the crime was not robbery but jewelry passion.

Floods in Illinois.

Cairo, Ills., March 23.—The stage of the Illinois river is standing 47 feet of water and rising an inch every hour. The lowland sections are flooded, and farmers are moving to higher ground.

Grange Lecturer in City.

H. A. Darnall, publisher of the Mt. Scott Weekly at Lents, and state lecturer of the Oregon grange, was a guest with Riverside grange today and went to Summerville this afternoon. At Riverside range at noon Mr. Darnall was a guest at a dinner served by the women in true grange fashion and the lecturer addressed the gathering during the sessions.

FINAL TRIBUTE PAID 3 VICTIMS

IMPRESSIVE OBSE-
QUIES LID BY OF-
FICERS

CASKETS CONTAINING REMAINS
BORNE OVER AVENUES

Big Crowds See Last and Solemn Tributes Paid to Victims of Havana Disaster When Caskets Are Lowered in Graves at Washington Cemetery—President Taft at Hand.

Washington, March 23.—With impressively military rites, 34 caskets covered with flowers containing the bones of victims of the Maine, Havana harbor, explosion 13 years ago were buried in the Arlington national cemetery this afternoon.

President Taft, his cabinet, diplomats, high army and navy officials were present. All flags in Washington were at half-staff.

Buildings on Pennsylvania avenue were draped in crepe. Twenty-five thousand persons watched the procession as the caskets were borne along the avenue toward the navy building where the obsequies were solemnized. One thousand soldiers and sailors, wearing crepe, escorted the caskets from the navy yard where the remains were taken from the cruiser Birmingham, which brought them from Hampton Roads. Chaplain Bayard of the Washington navy yard, offered a brief prayer and President Taft delivered an eulogy. The coffins were lowered as taps were sounded, and the blue jackets presented arms.

RUMBLE FUNERAL TOMORROW

Deceased for Many Years Prominent in Joseph Circles.

On this morning's Joseph train the remains of Miss Eva B. Rumble, former postmistress at Joseph, Oregon, and for a number of years a prominent figure in Joseph business and social circles were returned from Santa Barbara, Cal., where death took place, early this week. The funeral party consisted of her parents, Hon. and Mrs. John A. Rumble, her brother Edward W. Rumble and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. F. D. McCully, of Joseph. The funeral will occur at Joseph, tomorrow, from the Methodist church of which the deceased was for many years a member, J. D. Gillilan, D. D., officiating.

About two years ago, the family removed to California for the benefit of Miss Rumble and for a time she was much improved. Later developments terminated in the result stated.

La Follette Leads by 9,519. Grand Forks, N. D., March 23.—Three hundred precincts, with 50 to be heard from, give La Follette leads over Roosevelt in the state primaries 9,519 votes.

Western Contractor Dead.

New York, March 23.—John Laimber, aged 80, and a wealthy contractor well known in the west, is dead here today.

FIELD EXTENSION REACHES HERE

Back to the Farm Movement Takes Shape in Children's Contests.

N. C. Maris, field assistant in the extension department of Oregon agricultural college, is in the city today conferring with Commercial club directors and business men relative to conducting a contest here this fall and offering prizes to children who produce the best agricultural products during the summer. The movement is being conducted under the general direction of the state superintendent and of E. B. Bragg county superintendent here.

Merchants last night at the Commercial club heard Mr. Maris discuss the plan and have taken to it with vigor.

J. W. Simmons Visits Camp.

Deputy Head Consul Simmons is in La Grande today visiting with the local camp of Modern Woodman. He will be present this evening and all members are urged to be present.

Klaus-Dillon Fight on.

San Francisco, March 23.—Frank Klaus of Pittsburg is a 10 to 8 favorite over Jack Dillon, in the middleweights fight this afternoon and both are in good condition. Both made 158 pounds.