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NEW HEAD OF CITY SCHOOLS NOW SELECTED

GLENWOOD SPRINGS MAN BECOMES SUPERINTENDENT OF LA GRANDE SCHOOLS.

BUILDING CONTRACT LET

Bartlett & Roth of Portland to be Given Contract for Construction of New Grade School on North Side—John Girdler, Glenwood Springs Educator, to Come to La Grande.

From Glenwood Springs, Colo., comes the next La Grande school superintendent. A successor to Prof. J. D. Stout, who has been in charge of the La Grande schools during the reconstruction period of four years, was selected at a meeting of the school board last night, the directors acting on laudatory recommendations and a long career as an instructor on the part of the new principal. His name is John Girdler and is now located at Glenwood Springs. The selection of a superintendent of schools which is always a delicate task slowly entered into and always with great precaution, was only a part of the directors' deliberations last night. The contract for the building of the new grade school was virtually closed up when the bid of Bartlett & Roth building contractors who erected the new high school building, was found to be the lowest. Some slight changes will be made in the plans and the contract with the Portland firm will mean between \$26,000 and \$27,000 outlay. George H. Sutherland of Walla Walla, it is understood, will be awarded the heating plant contract when the final deals are closed up at another meeting of the school board this evening.

Big Orchid Shipmen.

San Mateo, Calif., April 26.—The claim of this city to the title of "Champion Orchid Growing Section of the World" was made good here today when a local company shipped to King George of England the largest consignment even sent to the Sandringham gardens. There were 500 plants of the very choicest variety in the shipment and the price the British Monarch will have to pay represents a fortune.

BUSINESS MEN OF COUNTY WILL DEBATE THE MORTGAGE QUESTION

County Assessor U. G. Couch will be called upon by two score or more prominent and influential farmers, business men, professional men and bankers early next week—probably Wednesday—who have at heart the welfare of the county insofar as the state law regarding taxation of mortgages is concerned. At a meeting of the Commercial club directors last evening the matter of mortgage taxation came up for considerable discussion and a meeting of men vitally interested in investments in this

HER FIRST SPRING HAT.



—Briggs in New York Evening Sun.

Eight Frisco Detectives Face Arrest for Sharing in Bunco Games

San Francisco, April 26.—Indictment of eight San Francisco detectives on charges of sharing in illicit earnings off Italian bunco ringsters, in which was cleaned up more than \$300,000 here, is certain according to a representative of the district attorney's office. Only one difficulty is said to confront the grand jury

which has investigated the charges, and that is to bring the allegations against the bunco men down to specific dates. According to Fickert, the grand jury is greatly impressed with the stories told on the witness stand by members of the ring, telling how detectives shared in their earnings and in return failed or refused to arrest the ringsters.

County Meet Is On

Union and La Grande are fighting it out this afternoon at the fair grounds race track for supremacy in the ancient games—track and field sports. While the meet is in the nature of a county contest, the other towns, principally Cove which usually has a strong team, did not attend with the sole exception of Union. With several good men entered, Un-

ion and the home squad will have interesting competition judging from early indications.

MORE ARSON CHARGED.

Militants Burn Three Compartments of English Railroad Train.

London, April 26.—Militant Suffragettes burned three compartments of the London & Southwestern railroad train at Eddington station today. The carriages were empty. A can of oil was found in one carriage with suffragette literature scattered about. Miss Kennedy, a militant, was arraigned in the Bow street court in connection with the burning.

Belmont Seeks Position.

Washington April 26.—New York Democrats are urging the appointment of Perry Belmont as governor general of the Philippines. It is known that Belmont desires the appointment, and Mrs. Belmont, formerly Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, wants her husband named ambassador to France.

Imperator to Sail.

Philadelphia, April 26.—Imperator, the last word in ocean liners according to the newest ideals in the manner of safety equipment, will leave here for Hamburg tomorrow on her maiden voyage.

ANTI-JAPANESE BILL WILL BE CHANGED BY BRYAN

Generally Believed in Sacramento That Drastic Features Will Be Removed.

Sacramento, April 26.—While anti-land legislation is held in abeyance pending the arrival of Secretary of State Bryan on Monday, the probable effect of the visit on the pending legislation is overshadowing all other topics at the state capitol. Although freely predicted that Bryan's victory is primarily a diplomatic move made with the intention of assuring Japan that her interests will be looked after by the government, there is a growing conviction among some of the

legislative leaders that Bryan will materially succeed in changing the character of the land bill that will be eventually enacted.

"I think there will be a great deal of 'laying down' on the part of Democratic leaders and on the progressive side, too," said Assemblyman Benedict, a progressive leader close to the administration today. "I believe the effect of Bryan's visit will be to change the character of the anti-alien land law considerably."

GUNNERS FIRE AT SENATORS

Washington, April 26.—Confirmation of the report that gunners on the monitor Tallahassee, engaged in target practice off Judith Sound, lower Chesapeake bay, sent an eight-hundred pound shell whizzing over the government yacht Dolphin by mistake, was received this afternoon. The report is verified by 11 members of the senate and house committee on naval affairs, who were on the Dolphin. The mistake was unexcusable say the senators. The Tallahassee gunners were confused with a white spot on the smokestack, of the government tug Hercules, which was believed to be the target. The Dolphin

was lying directly under the Hercules. The shell whizzed over the smokestack only 50 feet away and the concussion smashed every window in the Hercules.

Early Reports Startle.

Washington, April 26.—Frantic efforts to verify the report that gunners on the Monitor Tallahassee mistook the government yacht Dolphin with eleven members of the house and senate naval committee board, for a target and fired several shots in her direction, is being made by the naval department officials. The department either believes the report is an error or has been exaggerated.

PITTSBURG SCHOOL STRIKE IS UNHINDERED BY MONEY FINES

Pittsburg, April 26.—Despite the threat to fine each household \$2 each day that the children in each household are kept from the public schools in the school children's strike, over the acquittal of Supt. Heister on a charge of betraying one of his house servants, and despite activity

of the truant officers, attendance in the schools is less than 20 per cent of the normal. The children were called out of school, several thousand strong, by parents a few days ago when the superintendent was allowed to return to his duties after the trial had acquitted him. Indignation is rife everywhere.

WISCONSIN MAN ACCEPTS

Commissionership of Corporations May Go to Joseph Davies.

Washington, April 26.—It is stated at the White House that Joseph Davies of Wisconsin, has accepted commissionership of corporations. The president will probably send the nomination to the senate Monday.

Pope Is Improved.

Rome, April 26.—The pope sat up thirty minutes and through the window today watched five hundred children participate in a calisthenic drill. He frequently waved his hand.

Print Cutters Meet.

York, Pa., April 26.—The National Print Cutters' Association of America convened here today with representatives from all over the country present.

McKennon Is Home.

After transacting business matters in Portland for a few days, J. D. McKennon returned this morning.

LOW WAGES NOT ONLY CAUSE OF NATION'S VICE

SECRETARY REDFIELD OF WILSON CABINET EXPOUNDS VICE THEORY AND OPINIONS.

TRUTH LIES IN BETWEEN

Lack of Virtue Not Only Cause, Neither is Lack of Sufficient Wage the Only Cause—Secretary of Commerce and Labor Outlines His Opinions on the Wage Question.

BY WILLIAM C. REDFIELD.

(Secretary of Commerce and Labor in Wilson's Cabinet.)

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Washington, April 26.—I have been intensely interested in statements that have appeared in the public press in the course of discussions of the causes of immorality, alleging low wages themselves are the incentive of vice and others at the opposite extreme, saying, low wages have nothing to do with the vice question. There seems to be a truth lying somewhere between the two extremes.

Of course, lack of virtue is not a mathematical equation. The declaration that insufficient wage is of itself a temptation to do wrong, is in itself untrue. It is not the cause of a few dollars, so much vice, or so many dollars, so much less vice. It's absurd to say any different wages, of itself, alone, is the cause of crime and vice.

A vast majority, aye, more than a vast majority, of women, men—however humble their means, however hard their privations—are wholesome and pure in life. Strength of character which most working girls show under difficult circumstances, puts them against those who do not value their honor.

ROAD BOARD READY.

Meeting to be Held in May to Outline Final Plans Definitely.

Washington, April 26.—The interstate commerce commission has announced it has about completed the personnel of the board of engineers who will place the physical value on railroads. The board is scheduled to meet May 1 to outline its plans. Tentative values as fixed by the board, will be submitted to the railroads and the governors of the states wherein the properties are located. If no protests are filled within 30 days the value will become final. The commission is acting under the law signed by Taft when he was president.

which La Grande had the affirmative.

Each side put up an able debate according to those who heard it from here, but the principal arguments of the affirmative however were not successfully assailed by Pendleton. The crowd was not large but keenly interested and the losing team displayed excellent spirit. The visitors, who returned today, say they were treated with the greatest courtesy.

The members of the winning team were Serena Rohan, who handled the rebuttal duties remarkably well, Milton A. Stoddard the second speaker, and Gerald E. Moore the third speaker. The losers were Funnell, Williamson and Ferguson.

LOCAL DEBATE TEAM WINNER

PENDLETON FALLS TWO TO THREE LAST NIGHT.

Banking Question Handled so Well by Locals That They Win.

La Grande debaters decisively defeated Pendleton yesterday evening at Pendleton when the local trio combatted wits and skill against the wheat town exponents of the forensic game, winning two to three judges. The question with which La Grande downed Pendleton was a financial one, reading, "Resolved, That the state of Oregon should adopt a system of guaranteed bank deposits," of