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IT DOES NOT PAY

Down in Portland today the federal court called the case of the United States vs. Conway and Ritchie, and the case bears directly on Union county property.

When the stampede was on in this part of the northwest for fruit lands, when the Pat Laveys and the Hillmans were in their prime; when the Lakeview crowd were unloading a lot of worthless land on anxious easterners, then it was that the scheme was framed which will have its ending soon in federal court by the government determining whether or not these two men shall be punished for fraudulently using the United States mails.

They came to Union county and secured options on a great deal of worthless land. Along with it they had some fair land. But the bulk of their holdings, or options were lands on rough mountain sides possessing only grazing value. Then they began to sell the land in the middle west and east at prices good land would command.

They swindled their victims—there is no question as to that. And what did it buy them? Wherein did they profit by their "get-rich-quick" schemes? A case in federal court, all earnings used to pay attorneys and court costs, with a possibility of a term on McNeill's Island. Not only that but Richea, who apparently has been a pretty square Frenchman most of his life, has taken the whole matter to heart and has been confined in the hospital a great deal of the time since he was indicted by the federal grand jury.

What we want to impress is that such a game is not worth the candle. Money acquired by those methods does one no good, and the grief that follows is sure and certain.

We have seen mining men entrusted with the capital of eastern people. We have seen these men spend it like water when they should have been developing their mine. In every instance we have noticed that the man who thus betrayed his trust has failed to profit by it. In most instances he acquired lavish habits and when he was broke he was the most miserable man in the community. For it is better to have never had, than to have had and lost—

especially when it is lost through gratification of vicious habits and the squandering of unearned wealth.

No, it does not pay to play a crooked game. No matter how seemingly sure there is no danger of detection, for after all there is an electric light on every post when you are trying to get away with something that does not belong to you.

THE LOW PRICE OF GOOD ENTERTAINMENT

How such picture shows as La Grande has can give the shows they do for ten cents is almost beyond comprehension. Each playhouse is fitted up in a costly manner, the service is first class and the reels of films are marvelous when one stops to think of what such picture service costs. While it is true in the east there is the 5-cent theatre, yet the show given there in no way compares with one-half of the program at either of La Grande's theatres. This statement is made from personal observation.

While there may be some who condemn the "movies," we can not agree with them. We can see nothing but education and first class entertainment in the kind of programs that are rendered in La Grande. Every person, no matter how well read, will learn something if he attends these theatres and it is little wonder that the general public watches with great interest to see what the next bill will be.

Assessor Strain of Pendleton is laying a lot of blame on the corporations regarding the state tax board's views of values. But, Assessor Strain has to blame someone, and so long as he doesn't charge it up to the newspapers of the state—well, let him blame.

"Well, isn't it cute," remarked a La Grande lady coming from Hot Lake when she saw Ravencroft's logging engine doing its routine work at the planer. Yes, Union county thinks it is "cute" and would welcome a gross just like it if they could all be kept at work.

There is not a town in Oregon that is not built ahead of the country, says a Portland merchant. Well, isn't Chapman back at the land show trying to induce more farmers to come to Oregon?

The annual session of the butter-makers to be held in La Grande will reduce the price of butter—just about as much as the group six bankers will reduce the rate of interest.

It is now time for Summerville to put on her white blanket—and that blanket is not made of eider down either.

THERE IS A REASON

Everybody is familiar with the force which the gastric combination of the human anatomy can wield over a stubborn will. Yesterday Mr. Wolf, alias Jack Johnson, serving the city for a period of 12 1/2 days, came to the silent conclusion that he would prefer the inner seclusion of the city jail to the fresh air in God's open nature. Of course, the choice of this inner seclusion takes automatically with it a restricted diet of bread and water administered in small quantities. Street Superintendent McCrary granted the request and the hermit supped sumptuously on a loaf and a quart of pure



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Beaver creek. The diet seemed to agree with him in such rare fashion that he began recommending it to his comrade, Miller, who is doing it for 30 days. Miller joined the hunger strikers. But this morning, oh what a difference! Both of them had as much of the contemplative life as they could stand and put in their bid for a crack at the snow shovels. But the street superintendent said: "Narry a bit of it, there, no Mulligan in it for yez, ye wanted water and punk."

But the real cause of things may be other than such a deduction might lead one to believe. While speaking of charging soldiers of the civil war shortly after the above incident had been related to Constable Faulk, he apparently came back to the story that was just then uppermost in his mind and declared that he had just killed 977002 actual count. Jim Slater, who was in the police office at the time, looked at the old veteran and questioned the assertion with a startled look. But Mr. Faulk undaunted, continued: "Yes, I did it all with a gallon of formadhyde." More quizzical looks from bystanders. When explanations were in order for the purpose of sustaining the old veteran's reputation for veracity, he declared that he had never seen so many bedbugs in the city jail. Then it was that the story which had been given to the reporter concerning the willingness of the inmates to shovel snow took on a new tale. Surely things are not always what they seem.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an execution and order of sale and foreclosure of hereinafter described mortgaged real property, issued out of and under the seal of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Union, bearing date the 21st day of October, 1913, which decree was duly rendered, entered of record, and docketed in said court on the 7th day of October, 1913, in a suit wherein Paula Niedner was plaintiff and John H. Davis, and Geneva Cox Davis, husband and wife, and Clara T. Lyle are defendants, said decree being in favor of said plaintiff, and against said defendants, for the sum of \$400.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from October 27th, 1912 until paid, and the further sum of \$5.40 together with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from August 29th, 1913, until paid, and the further sum

of \$24.66 together with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from August 29th, 1913, until paid, and the further sum of \$60.00 as an attorney's fee; and the costs and disbursements of this suit, hereinafter taxed, I will on Saturday, the 20th day of December, 1913, at the hour of 4 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the court house, in the city of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said plaintiff's judgment, interest, costs, disbursement and accruing costs, all the right, title, and interest of the said defendants, John H. Davis, Geneva Cox Davis, husband and wife, and Clara T. Lyle, in and to the following described real property, to wit: Lots 3 and 4 in block 138, in Chaplin's addition to the city of La Grande, Union county, Oregon.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 21st day of November, 1913. AUGUST HUG, Sheriff of Union County, Oregon. d-11-22-29; 12-6-13-20.

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