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GUILTY.

Conway and Richet were found guilty of using the United States mails in fraudulently in exploiting alleged lands in Union county and elsewhere.

The federal court consumed three weeks in trying this case and the defendants had two of Oregon's best lawyers to defend them. Yet the jury pronounced them guilty, just as every citizen of Union county had long ago pronounced them guilty after learning of some of their transactions.

As the Observer has said before—it does not pay to work the flim flam game. The money derived from such sources is poor money to stick. It either goes to attorneys for defense or is spent in a careless manner from which little or no good comes to the one who has obtained possession of it. But as they progressed the idea of getting the money prevailed and it.

Conway and Richet probably had good intentions at one time, but as they progressed the idea of getting the money prevailed and they failed to make good to their purchasers.

The lesson obtained from the case just finished in federal court is a good one and should sink deeply into the minds of the slick promoter, the man who misrepresents his wares and the hypocrite in business.

The decision of guilty will in a measure assist in clearing up some of the odium that has been heaped upon the fruit business by conscienceless promoters, of which Union county has not been entirely free. The next get-rich-quick concern will hesitate before launching their plans, for the case of Conway and Richet will loom up before them, and even the crooked promoter hesitates when he sees in the distance McNeil's Island.

LA GRANDE'S EXCEPTIONAL TALENT.

The Neighborhood club can rest in full assurance of having by its recent entertainment brought to the surface much talent in La Grande even though the club cannot count in dollars and cents any great return for the energy expended.

Scarcely a person in this city realized the splendid talent possessed by the young folks here. In fact, it is really remarkable the manner in which an audience was entertained two evenings with crisp, snappy events.

The musical extravaganza now has a competitor in home talent, just as

the concert company has a competitor, and the nice feature of the whole matter is that this competition exists among the first class young men and young women of La Grande.

WHY MEN LEAVE HOME.

The increasing tendency toward wife desertion has engaged the attention of social workers all over the country. Mrs. Catherine L. Van Wyck of Milwaukee, president of the Wisconsin state conference on charities and corrections, in her annual report gave some consideration to the subject, in the course of which she said:

"Some of the homes I have seen almost justify the husband in running away from home. The wife who does not know her job must take her share of the blame for many cases of wife desertion."

This is probably true. In this age of increasing feminism the women are apt to forget that home-making is, after all, the prime duty of woman-kind. They complain bitterly at abandonment by their spouses, at lack of support and at infidelity. These things are reprehensible, of course.

But how many women do all that is in them to attract their husbands? How many of the women who are abandoned have made their home places of attraction? Men cannot be held to close observance of their domestic duties and responsibility by abstract theory any more than can women. Both should, of course, but is imperfect human nature and human beings with which we have to deal and not idealistic abstractions. This being the case, the facts may just as well be recognized and looked in the face.

The attractions of the home must be superior to those offered abroad to hold either husband or wife and both husband and wife must understand this. The superior duty is upon the woman, for she is usually supreme in the household. If she be remiss in that duty she is likely to be punished by abandonment or infidelity.

If the man be brutish or besotted, despite wholesome and good home influences, he should be punished. But certainly women should understand even in this day of increased recognition of their rights, that their greatest duty is to their home and that making it attractive is by no means the least part of that duty.

A GRANDE HAS PARK ADDITION

Sugar Factory Site Will Be Turned Into Residence District.

There is to be a Park addition to the city of La Grande. Mr. J. A. Russell, who recently purchased the so-called sugar factory site stated this noon that he had now made the plat for the same and that he would have the land on the market at once. In speaking of this and other land he said: "The land has been in demand and some of the tracts have been sold before I had the plat made. I also have some lots near Palmer mill on which I will build houses and sell them at reasonable terms. Also a tract near Oro dell consisting of 100 acres part of which is on this side and part of which is on the other side of the river. Five acres near Conardale addition and near to Adams avenue will also be on sale. I am going to sell this on long terms and on easy payments so as to give the young men a chance to secure some property. Adv.

Your job printing. Have it done at the Observer office.

THE WHITE FLAG.

I sent my love two roses—one
As white as driven snow
And one a blushing royal red,
A flaming Jacqueminot.

I meant to touch and test my
fate.
That night I should divine
The moment I should see my
love
If her true heart were mine.

For if she holds me dear, I said,
She'll wear my blushing rose;
If not she'll wear my cold La-
marque,
As white as winter's snows.

My heart sank when I met her.
Sure,
I've been overbold.
For on her breast my pale rose
lay
In virgin whiteness cold.

Yet with low words she greeted
me,
With smiles divinely tender.
Upon her cheek the red rose
dawned—
The white rose meant surren-
der.

—John Hay.

PRAYER.

Communication with his Mak-
er by prayer is the most exalted
function in which man can be
engaged because it exercises the
highest functions of the soul
with the intellect and the world.
It is the channel of heaven's
choicest blessings. It excludes
no one. It embraces all in the
circle of its benediction. It gives
us access to our Heavenly Father
at all times, in all places and un-
der all circumstances. In a
word, prayer renders us co-op-
erators with our Creator in the
moral government of the world.
—Cardinal Gibbons.

ON THE DEATH OF POE.

They have laid thee down to
slumber where the sorrows
that enumber
Such a wild and wayward heart
as thine can never reach these
more.

For the radiant light of gladness
never alternates with sad-
ness.

Stinging gifted souls to madness,
on that bright and blessed
shore.

Safely moored from Sorrow's
tempest on the distant Alden
shore.

Rest thee, lost one, evermore.

From the earth a star has faded
and the shrine of song has
shaded.

And the muses veil their faces,
weeping sorrowful and sore.
But the harp, all rent and bro-
ken, left us many a thrilling
token—

We shall hear its numbers spoken
and repeated o'er and
o'er.

'Till our heart shall cease to
tremble, we shall hear them
sounding o'er.

Sounding ever, evermore.
—Sarah T. Bolton.

THE TWO AMERICAS.

The relations of the northern
and the southern continents of
the western hemisphere are cer-
tain to become much closer in
the future. The opening of the
Panama canal will itself mark-
edly help to make them closer,
and, great though the benefits of
the canal will be to our own
country, I believe that they will
be, if anything, even greater to
the countries of South America.
I wish to see the trade between
the United States and all South
American countries increase,
and in such intercourse the first
essential is the ability to inspire
confidence. It is for this reason
that I feel a peculiar national
pride in our having twice with-
drawn from Cuba and having
intervened in Santo Domingo
purely for Santo Domingo's ad-
vantage. There is no brighter
chapter in our history than that
which tells of these actions. The
United States does not wish the
territory of its neighbors. It does
wish their confidence.—Theodore
Roosevelt to Brazilians.

CHARITY SERMONS.

With malice toward none, with
charity for all, with firmness in
the right, as God gives us to
see the right.—Lincoln.

The desire of power in excess
caused the angels to fall; the de-
sire of knowledge in excess
caused man to fall, but in char-
ity there is no excess; neither
can angel or man come to dan-
ger by it.—Bacon.

No sound ought to be heard
in the church but the healing
voice of Christian charity.—
Burke.

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LIBERTY.

They tell us, sir, that we are
weak, unable to cope with so
formidable an adversary. But
shall we be stronger? Will it be
the next week or the next year?
Will it be when we are totally
disarmed and when a British
guard shall be stationed in each
house? Shall we gather strength
by irresolution and inaction?
Shall we acquire the means of
effective resistance by lying sup-
ply on our backs and bugging the
delusive phantom of hope
until our enemies have bound us
hand and foot? Sir, we are not
weak if we make a proper use
of those means which the God of
nature hath placed in our power.
Three millions of people, armed
in the holy cause of liberty and
in such a country as that which
we possess, are invincible by any
force which an enemy can send
against us. Besides, sir, we shall
not fight our battles alone.
There is a just God who presides
over the destinies of nations and
who will raise up friends to fight
our battles for us. The battle,
sir, is not to the strong alone.
It is to the vigilant, the active,
the brave. Besides, sir, we have
no election. If we were base
enough to desire it, it is now too
late to retire from the contest.
There is no retreat but in sub-
mission and slavery. Our chains
are forged. Their clanking may
be heard on the plains of Boston.
The war is inevitable, and let it
come! I repeat it, sir, let it
come!—Patrick Henry.

TO AMERICA.

Thou new Great Britain, famous,
free and bright,
West of thy west sleepeth my
ancient east!
Our sunsets make thy moons.
Daytime and night
Meet in sweet morning promise
on thy breast.

Fulfill the promise, queen of
boundless lands,
Where as thine own an Eng-
lish singer ranks!
I who found favor at thy sover-
eign hands
Kiss them, and at thy feet lay
these for thanks.
—Edwin Arnold.

Read the advertisements too.

"READ ME A LETTER FROM HOME."

Read me a letter from home to-
night;
Oh, read me a letter from
home.
Falling like rays of sweet sun-
shine bright
O'er paths I so drearily roam.
It will be precious as morning's
glow.
When night's hours of sorrow
are past.
'Twill bring me scenes that no
more I'll know.
And hours which were too
bright to last.
Read me a letter from home
tonight;
Oh, read me a letter from
home.
Read me the kind words of moth-
er, dear,
So loving, so tender and true.
Sweet as a voice from a heav-
enly sphere.
And bringing her loved form
to view.
Once more I gaze on her smile so
sweet;
Again I am happy and free.
Stopping the progress of time's
swift feet—
Oh, blissful were those days to
me.
Read me a letter from home to-
night;
Oh, read me a letter from
home.

NATIONAL FRIENDSHIP.

My other message is to assure
you that the friendship you en-
tertain for the people of the United
States is reciprocated by them
far more universally and far
more heartily than ever before.
There is a friendship of govern-
ments and a friendship of na-
tions. The former may shift
with the shifting of material in-
terests or be affected by the in-
fluences of each power with other
powers, but the latter rests on
solid and permanent foundations.
With our two peoples it is based
on community of speech, of lit-
erature, of institutions, of be-
liefs, of traditions from the past,
of ideals for the future. In all
these things the British and
American peoples are closer than
any two other peoples can be.
Nature and history have meant
them to be friends. — James
Bryce, Former Ambassador at
Washington, to the British.

COFFEE.

Don't be merely thinking about ask-
ing for Schilling's Best. Don't drag
the lead of inertia about in your
shoes. Go ahead and do what you
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