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IS AGAINST ALIENS, BUT

TAKES NO ACTION

on "Eugenics," Reviewing Sub-

ject Before Ministers

at Meeting

Antipathy to Japanese immigrants

ENTERPRISE THANKED

ESTABLISHED 1866

STRONG CASE IS MADE JAPANESE PERIL **ROUSES PASTORS** AGAINST LA FRANCE CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE

Clackamas and Multnomah Authorities Piece BIG GATHERING HELD AT HUBBARD Together Operations of Insurance Swindler and His Confederates in Securing Body Which Dr. van Brakle, of Oregon City, Talks They Set Afloat in River --- Persons Who Asisted in Moving Corpse to River, and Prisoner's Wife, to be Arrested and Prosecuted. was manifest at the conference of the

While no decension has as yet been reached by Clackamas county author-tics and District Attorney Waiter Frans. of Multomah county as too tigating the crime. This will be done, where the trial of J. C. LaFrance will it is said, so that if a conviction is be held, developments in the investi- not secured on the swndling charge, ration of the case seem to indicate that it will be found advisable to arraign and try the insurance awindler in Clackamas county. In connection with the case it is said to be extremewith the case it is said to be entrene-ty likely that others will also be im-plicated in the majter, and will be ar-

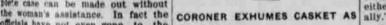
rested and charged with aiding and abetting LaFrance in his successful plot to collect \$15,000 in insurance and lodge benefits for his supposed

Neither Shoriff E. T. Mass nor Coroner Wilson, who have been in communication and consultation with the Multhomah county officials, will talk about the developments of the case, saying that they believe any annonncements ought to come from District Attorney Evans, of Portland, as

the prisoner is at present in the neighboring county. In spite of their courtesy to the Multhomah official in the matter, however, news of the prorress of the investigation has "leaked" from Portland sources, and the swindle now securs to give promise of resulting in a group of charges against LaFrance and confederates who aided him in "planting" the body found in the river, and subsequently identified as that of LaFrance.

Wife to be Prosecuted

Mrs. LaFrance, who collected the issurance which her husband carried. and who later sent it to him under an assumed name in Texas, will in all probability be prosecuted for her part in the case. It was thought by offi-clais in charge of the investigation at first that immunity might have to offered Mrs. LaFrance so that she could be utilized as a witness for the state, but detectives and other investisators who have worked on the case have obtained so much information that it is now believed that a complete case can be made out without



East Willamette association of Con gregational churches, held at Hubard Wednesday, according to Oregon City people who journeyed south to the meeting. Though the conference was called primarily to consider church LaFrance and the others may be held for trial upon another court. Other matters topics of general interest were taken up, and among these was charges will also be contained in the the Japanese matter. information, it is said, so that there will be no opportunity for the ends of Discussion of this was started by the presentation of a paper by one

justice to be defeated. These various charges are to be placed against LaFrance, it is hinted, so that the prisoner punishment by arranging a settle-ment with the insurance companies

ed that through his ile mill at Co-quille the prisoner secured a considerable quantity of assets, which be could convert into cash were the op-

LaFrance is Weakening In a partial confession made late remains that we do not want the Jap-Thursday night in the county jail at anese." Portland, LaFrance said that the men who had helped him remove the body to the river, and who had later balked at carrying out their part of the work, were a couple of medical stud-ents. The names he gave the deputies "In old Japan the

are withehld from publication, mainly because some doubt is still held as to the truthfulness of this confession. Officials who have been working on the case are inclined to believe that LaFrance was aided by men who lived near the place where the body was obtained



of the delegates, in which he set forth the desirability of welcoming cannot avoid Japanese to the coast as useful forces in agricultural development. A visitand fraternal organizations that he ing minister from California rose, fol-swindled by paying back a part of lowing the paper, and gave an outthe moneys he received. It is reportline of the "Japanese situation' in that sate. This brought on general consideration of the matter, and it seemed to be the concensus of opinportunity offered him to avoid pun-ishment by making a cash settlement. ed. One minister admitted that while "it is un-Christian to say so, the fact

Among others who spoke was Dr. J. A. van Brakle, of Oregon City, who discussed "Eugenics." Dr. van Brakle reviewed the subject general-

"In old Japan they have a Shumite maxim which runs something like this: 'Let men know by your deeds who were your ancestors.' This same Idea is given more modern expression by Barrie, the Scotch author, who re-marks that. If we know ourselves well, we know our parents also. The science of Eugenics is simply a nomewhat belated attempt to reduce to scientific rules the thought of at the Portland land show.

these two quotations. "Eugenics, which strictly derived er of the science said some ten years

"First we must secure wiser mat-

ing on the part of men and women of

tion makes itself shown here. In ad-

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ity should certainly lead the church

"Lastly, remains the fantastic prob-

ed such, gives ample ground for the

merit. The emotion of love abso-

lutely controlled, presents just as sor-

ry a spectacle as the passion we know of as utterly uncontrolled love,

and the superman will for a long

time remain the visionary product of

that impossible conception-scientific

AWAIT DRY ROADS

TREASURE SEEKERS

lem of breeding the superman.

This

TRADE TO BOOM FOR BOOSTING SHOW The following letter has been received by The Enterprise from the publicity department of the Oregon City Commercial club; "The Publicity Department of Oregon City Commercial club wishes to thank you for the e publicity and advertisement you have given the Clackamas Coun-+ ty Stock Show and Booster Day. The committee appreciates the publicity given the celebration, and again thanking you, we beg to remain Very truly yours, O. C. COMMERCIAL CLUB. By O. E. FREYTAG.

Secretary.



GRANT B. DIMICK ELECTED PRES-IDENT OF FAIR BOARD AT MEETING FRIDAY

THREE EXHIBITIONS TO BE HELD

Clackamas Resources to be Seen at Canby, Salem and at Big Land Show in Portland Late in Present Year

At a meeting of the Clackamas County Fair board held Friday after-noon, Judge Grant B. Dimick was elected president for the ensuing term, and matters pertaining to the City. big annual display were taken under Proconsideration. Owing to the lateness of the hour at which the meeting was called, much of the detail work was left untouched, and will be taken up

at a later date. There is a state appropriation of \$1,708.40 for the Clackamas county fair, and aside from this various contributions are usually volunteered in the line of prizes and awards. Wheth-er or not an effort will be made to obtain a larger working fund this year or not is still a matter of doubt, owing to the fact that demands are soing to the fact that demands are soing to be made upon the county count for funds to finance county exhibits at the state fair at Salem and

It is hoped that the commissioners will provide a sufficient amount so means perfect generation, may be de-fined as 'the science and art of be-ing well-born,' or as Galton the found-While the county fair is already provided for, it is also hoped that some further support can be obtained for aco, Eugenics is the study of agen-cles that may improve or impair the racial qualities of future generations either mentally, physically or spirtu-some inovations instituted. All these



BOOSTERS THANKED

of the Clackamas County Stock show and also to extend thanks to the

and old."

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NEW BRICK PLANT

READY FOR WORK

FOR AIDING SHOW

LUMBER ACTIVITY TO BE RESUMED Service From Beaver Creek to Put Many Dollars Into Circulation

> Locally-Much Progress Being Made

That the installation of service of the Clackamas Southern railroad, the latter part of this month or early in June, will result in a renewed increased prosperity in Oregon City is the general belief of those who have been watching developments along the line and at its local term-inal. Freight service will be commenced on the line as soon as trackage to Beaver Creek is completed, and initial shipments will consist largely of cordwood and timber. Soon afterwards, it is expected, heavy ship-ments of agricultural products will be made over the line, and return loads of supplies will be taken in.

While the cordwood traffic will mainly provide the road with remainly provide the road with re-sources with which to meet its oper-ating and construction expense, bring-ing to its Oregon City terminals of a large quantity of timber is expected to result in full time operation at 'he lock will. This will give steady em. local mill. This will give steady em-

ployment to a large number of men in the different departments of the mill, and will renew the market for ties and other mill products at Oregon

known as The Bolton Brick & Block Preparations are already under way company has a plant at Bolton, on for the handling of this work at the mill, and machinery is being overhauled, and some new apparatus is being installed. As soon as ship-

ments of timber come in on the new road, mill activity will commence, and material that cannot be handled at opening of the joints at the rim and once will be stacked in the yards. Men will be needed to handle the stuff, rotting of woodwork are entirely and in this way the pay-roll will be J. H. Graw, the manager, has al-ready installed a machine of the latconsiderably increased, and this money in turn will find its way into city trade channels

est pattern with a pressing capacity of forty thousand pounds, which turns out five thousand bricks daily, The traffic in agricultural products and supplies on the road will make Oregon City a clearing house and point of exchange for many commodities to even a greater extent than it is a' present, and so again the line will aid amterially in adding to the volume of business daily transacted With the extension of the line this business will increase, and practically all the profits of this busi-

weeks out of the machine, were sent



LIVE WIRES GET

COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE JUSTIFIED

"PROBE" REPORT

of Complaints Carefully Reviewed and Found to be Biased or Based **Upon Faulty Interpreta**

tion of Evidence

and also to extend thanks to the livery barns for their donation of hacks used in the parade. Thanks are also extended to the fraternal or-ganizations that helped add to the unique character of the various page-ants, and to all others who did their share in making the Booster Day cells ebration a happy affair for young Charges against the county court of Clackamas county were clearly dis-In addition to those whose names have been already published as con-tributing to the success of the the proven Tuesday in a report made to the Live Wires by O. D. Eby and John W. Loder, who made a plain demonstration that they very had annual celebration, the Commercial club also acknowledges receipts of material assistance from the followsought and obtained information up on which they based their comprehenmaterial assistance from the follow-ing: Gambrinus Brewing Co., Lar-son & Co., The Morning Enterprise, Elk Horn Stable, C. Krohn, F. J. All-dredge, E. L. Walters, F. D. Cox, Bell Theatre, Weinhard Brewing Co., Cal-vert Studio, Salisbury & Straight, P. N. Harf, J. W. McAnulty and John sive report. Mr. Eby, who read the report, went to the bottom of all the charges filed against the me the court, and treated them fairly

Following the presentation of the report, which was ordered filed for possible future reference, voluntary statements were made by Mr. Loder and Dr. Hugh S. Mount commending the commending the second terms of the second terms. the contract for a timber cruise. Dr. Mount said upon more than one mil-lion feet of standing timber had been added to the taxable property of Clackamas county on his land alone in the Molalla district, and Mr. Loder referred to the practical value of the cruise.

M. J. Brown, chairman of the mass The organization of a company for the promotion and operation of a new industry in this vicinity has been completed, and the concern known as The Bolton Brick & Block in the chair.

company has a plant at Bolton, on the west side, where they will fur-nish wall cement building blocks and brick.

Their products will be made by the Helm process, the latest improve-ment in that line. Shrinking and

Oregon City, Oregon

May 13, 1913. To the Officers and Members of the Live Wires of the Commercial Club of Oregon City: Gentlemen Gentlemen:-

We, your committee appointed to assist M. J. Brown, Robert Schuebel and S. L. Casto appointed at Mass Meeting, to investigate and make a worked by hand, and an amount many times greater when operated by gasoline or electric power, one of the County Court of Clackamas Coun-ty. Oregon, beg leave to submit the following report:

Besides bricks and blocks the ma-chine can also turn out door and win-chow caps and sills, ornamental tiles for mantels and ever-lasting posts for W. Loder with all members present for mantels and ever-lasting posts for outside work. There are also at-tachments for making special blocks further support can be obtained for it, as well, so that exhibits can be put in better shape than usual, and some inovations instituted. All these matters will be taken up by the fair beard of annual increase in local beard of the local beard to be excused from service on ac-count of pressure of business, which the the taken beard of the local beard of the local beard to be excused from service on ac-count of pressure of business, which the taken beard of the local beard to beard the local beard to bea ing a general plan of investigation wa discussed and it was finally unani-mously agreed that a public joint meeting of the committee show held at the Court House on Tuesday April 29, 1913, at 10 o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of receiving any in-formation in the possession of any person relative to the charge made and also any other matters relative to the expenditure of County money and we asked that such charges be made in writing. A notice of this meeting signed by all of the committee was publishe in the County papers and pursuant to this notice a meeting was held at which a number of citizens attended some of whom made statements in writing and others made verbal statements, declining to put the same in IS BUILDING HERE writing. In the matter of the charge made by E. D. Olds that the County Court paid approximately \$1000.00 above the masket price for a Buffalo Pitts A company of which H. M. Platch of this city is one of the principal stockholders has been organized and is at present building a fish-oil plant ported to us in person that their in-vestigation had satisfied them beyond a doubt, that the charge was not true Fortilizer company, is installing ma-chinery in a large barge which can be stationed at any point along the river where material is at band. The ed by Mr. Olds is explained by the after the machinery has been placed, fact that the rollers sold at Seattle and North Yakima were second hand rollers. This explanation is also con-used. Such fish as carp, chub and suckers will also be used. Mr. Platch states that the plant will not be com-pleted as soon as was at first expect. let a contract for a bridge across Clear Creek at Fischers Mill for the sum of \$2900.00 complete and then afterwards spent approximately \$800.00 in addition for concrete foundation and other things connected with the bridge which Mr. Olds claims should have been done by the contractors at the contract price, we find the tract for said bridge recorded in Vol. 24, page 400, of the Journals of the Commissioners Court and that the contract shows that The Const Bridge Company was to furnish all of the steel, ship it and haul it to the site of the bridge and erect the bridge nonths before he could move his fam- and lay the floor and put up the rai and paint the same, that the contract says nothing about furnishing cement or labor for the foundation or furnisking any timber or plank going in-to this bridge. In the absence of any agreement on the part of Coast Bridge Company to put in the foundation and furnish timber and lumber, we can arrive at no other construction of the contract than that the same to be furnished by the County which was done and we therefore concludi-that this charge is not supported by



Carnegie

criminal.

love.

clais have not even gone to the trouble of ascertaining whether or not she would turn state's evidence against her husband; though it generally believed that she could be persuaded to do so.

LaFrance himself is said to have given the investigators a great deal of assistance, willingly talking about most of the details of the crime On certain points, however, he has refused absolutely to give any informailon. The prisoner, it is said, has persistently refused to tell how he came into possession of the body in the first place, and this reticence on, his part at first led to the suspicion that he might have committed a murder as the initial step in his swindle. Evidence has since been discovered, however, that has caused the author-Hies to discard the murder theory, and they are now practically certain where the body was obtained, and whose it was. This detail, however, is not absolutely settled, and until the identity of body has been definitely ascertained, information in re-gard to this point is being withheld those who have guardedly talked about other incidents in the swindle.

Body Not Williams'

It has been practically established though, that the body is not that of Lloyd Williams, who disappeared, and who possibly may have died some two months before the body supposed o be LaFrance's was found. There is reasonably that Williams did not die at the time of his mysterious disappearance; in ation to open the grave.

fact sometime after he dropped from sight in Oregon City he was seen in San Francisco by a man who is posttive of his identification. With the Williams possibility removed, some trouble is being had by the authorities in fixing the identity of the body used by LaFrance.

It has been learned that in taking being made into the LaFrance affair, the banks of the Clackamas' river, where LaFrance sent it adrift, the swindler had the aid of one, and possibly of two men. The body was procured some distance from the river. and was moved at night from its original resting place to the stream. Developments to date in the case indicarried part of the way, confederates refused to further share with him in the commission of the shoulish work, and left him to complete the carrying of the body to the

river unalded. This grewsome feat LaFrance accomplished, it is said, by tring the corpse to a pole, and dragring it by by paths and through the pose of raising funds to inver Satur-woods to a point on the shore of the streets of Estacada was given Saturriver. There he hid it again, and the following night dressed it in a suit of his own clothes and set it adrift. It a said it took three days to move the

No Compromise Allowed That LaFrance and his confederates not be prosecuted for illegal trans-portation of a corpse is but one of the courts upon which the prosecu-tion will base its can be proceeded for illegal trans-be courts upon which the prosecu-tion will base its case. That this li-clackamas county will be the basis

LAST RESORT IN PROBING LAFRANCE SWINDLE

MULTNOMAH OFFICIALS GRATEFUL

No Trace of Tampering Discovered by County Officer, and Thorough inquiry is Thus Closed

To determine whether or not the and at present there are three fundabody of the late Charles M. Abbott had been removed from its grave and utilized by J. C. LaFrance in his plan swindle insurance companies out of \$15,000, Coroner Wilson Monday afternoon exhumed the caket. It was found that the remains were intact. Though not placing over much belief in the theory advanced that Ab-bott's body had been used by Laby La-

France, Coroner Wilson considered it his duty to investigate the possibility. Inquiry on his part, though thorough

in every way, failed to convince him positively that the body had not been made away with by the insurance swindler, and as long as there remained a possibility that it had, Mr. ce's was found. There Wilson felt that no stone should be well-founded evidence left unturned in his efforts to run down the case. Hence his determin-

> This was done Monday afternoon with the greatest amount of privacy possible. No trace of any tampering with the remains was found, and following the investigation the grave was returned to its former, order. the action of The closes one angle of the investigation

the body used in the substitution to and so simplifies the work of the officers working on the case. Inquiry will now be turned to other channels, Multnomah county officials feel deeply indebted to Coroner Wilson for his thorough investigation of the Clackamas county end of the matter, and while regretting that it was necessary to disturb Abbott's grave feel sure that in no other way could cate that after the corpse had been feel sure that in no other way coun-carried part of the way. LaFrance's the uncertainty be reduced to a cer-

tainty. ESTACADA SEEKS CASH FOR IMPROVEMENT WORK The first entertainment for the purpose of raising funds to improve the

I. W. Rivers, who a short time ago announced that he had received knowledge by which he would be able to discover the whereabouts of the treasures of Captain Kidd and other day evening at the Family Theater, under the asuspices of the Ladies' pirates, states that arrangements are being made and that a company is by-Civic Improvement club. The enter

tainment consisted of a concert in which talent from Vancouver, Porting formed to go to Tillamook county, where the treasures are supposed to be hidden. Mr. Rivers says that a

number of Oregon City and Portland people have signified their intention of joining his commany and

Oliver Wendell Holmes tells us board at later meetings. that the time to begin the education In connection with the matter of

of a child is a hundred years before the exhibits, O. E. Frey'ag, manager it is born, and if this is true, as we of the publicity department of the are now beginning to realize, we may Commercial club, is seeking between agree with the president of the first \$500 and \$600 so that the displays of international congress of eugenics fruit and produce now in the hands international congress of eugenics fruit and produce now in the hands held in London only last year, that. 'At present the most urgent need is for more knowledge.' In line with this plea there has been founded the balance of the time when the fair is station for experimental not being held, serve as examples of evolution at Cold Spring Harbor, which is now busied collecting great the resources of the county. They have proved of valuable aid in admasses of interesting statistics. vancing the county's claims for set-"But to us the question that eutlers, and are thought to be well genics raises must come closer home, worth the cost of preparation and upkeep. Much of the fruit, vegemental and essential problems which tables and other products thus prewe are all interested in solving.

so there is nothing to delay the hur-rying of the line into Beaver Creek. The light rain of Thursday did not served are taken from the prize-wininterfere seriously with progress that ning displays at the county fair. is being made, and tracking and em-Mr. Freytag received a letter Fribankment work so far completed is reported to be fast getting into intelligence and education. The day from Frank Meredith, secretary prime importance of spiritual education of the state fair board, in which the hope was expressed that Clackamas permanent shape.

dition, make the church a meeting county would make a good exhibit at place for young people. Acknowledge the big display at the capital. Mr. Nature a great force in securing mat-ing-propinquity, and let the church the city during the Booster Days, and "BETTER FRUIT"-guide it by throwing the youth of at that time was much surprised at both sexes into good companionship. the showing made by farmers and "Our second problem is the im-mediate one which some of the states all of them to enter similar displays

are already meeting; limitation by at the county and state fairs, public authority of the marriage of Clackamas county people public authority of the marriage of Clackamas county people have the defective, the insane and the learned the value of advertising the The vast amount of harm resources of the section at all sible places and times, and it is Saturday evening to hear O. E. Frey or 4 per cent of this off-color human- lieved that as a result there will be no trouble in regard to the county to stand firmly and agressively for fair or state displays. Neighboring progress in this type of legislation. past been as keen in this line of endeavor, and because of this it is exlem of orecalling the supermain rule pected that Clackamas county third problem, if it may even be call-pected that Clackamas county ed such gives apple ground for the year will stand forth with g this greater roving scientific imagination but in prominence than ever when her re-a practical way, offers little of real sources are placed on view.

will travel again to Sunnyside, and will visit several local orchards, demonstrating to the ranchers the sev eral ways of using sprays and other insecticides. One old orchards, which is badly pest-ridden, will be visited in the course of the afternoon and Mr. Freytag will show those in

Invitations will be extended to large party of Oakland, Cal., boosters, will be taken on an automobile tour through the nearby agricultural dis. through the nearby. Opportunity will ed for. Mr. Freytag has replied that rict of the county. Opportunity will a for. Mr. Freytag has replied that also be afforded them to view the a prize for the best general farm falls and the timber resources of this products display of grown setion. man would probably best serve to bring out the resources of the coun-

are also taking interest in the con-ference to be held in the office of the ty. in suited to attract to this vicinity, and to the state at large, as many German agriculturists as possible. German

business.

ing outfit, and a large crew of tamp-

ers is pounding ballast behind the

end of the steel. Bridge and culvert

work has been practically completed,

to the engineering departmnt at the With the recent bright weather, completion of the line is being rapidstat university for tests, and the results showed pressure tests of ly advanced towards Beaver Creek, 600, 17,809, 40,600 and 78,200 pounds and track laying is going on daily. respectively, according to the age of the brick, being pressures of 303, 509, Steel is being hauled out over the line from Oregon City, and as the rails are put down the construction train is steadily advancing towards 1160 and 2230 pounds per cubic inch. This shows that the only effect time ands per cubic inch. has on them is to make them all the the first main station on the road. stronger. their Grading crews are completing The products of the machine are work far in advance of the track lay-

ready for use in twenty days after leaving the machine.

on the river front. The concern, known as the Columbia Fish-oil and COUNTY'S SLOGAN plant will be taken to the Columbia Ranchers and farmers of the Clacknas valley gathered at Sunnyside

FISH OIL PLANT

pleted as soon as was at first expected, owing t_0 the fact that the floods in the Middle West delayed the arrival of the machinery.

It is understood the plant will be On Saturday, May 24, Mr. Freytag the first one on the Columbia be engaged in the refining of fishoil

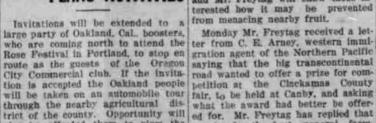
> Mr. Platch, who recently arrived in this city from Minnesota and bought the Oregon City Machine shop, has opened a garage in the building recently vacated by the Pacific High way garage and adjoining his ma

Mr. Platch was forced to walt two into the city, owing to the lack of altable dwelling houses for He stated that he was scarcely able to find a neat and modern dwelling in the town which was for ront.

SURVEYOR AWARDED \$500

Full judgment was given Saturday in the verdict of the circuit court jury that heard the suit of Frank Bryant against the Canby Canal company before Judge Eakin. The sum of \$500 was asked by the plaintiff for salary for work done upon land owned by the defendant, and payment of which had been refused on the ground that Plats have been filed with the county recorder dedicating Metzler & Hart's addition to Moialia, the town-

In the matter of charges made by E. D. Olds that the County Court has facts. paid exhorbitant prices for steel bridges and material, will say that the



PLATS ARE FILED

Members of the Commercial club state immigration commissioner in Portland on Thursday, when discus sion will be held as to methods best



