

IT DIDN'T PAY.

The get-rich-quick plan has yielded up three more victims. A jury has adjudged Pierce Mays, George Sorenson and Willard N. Jones guilty as charged. Their scheme for easy money was to secure title to an immense acreage of worthless school land in Eastern Oregon, to have these lands included in a forest reserve, for each acre of their lands so included to receive scrip with which they could get title to timber lands elsewhere and finally to sell the scrip to timber land purchasers at \$7.50 to \$15 per acre.

It was a comprehensive game. They played for immense stakes. A million or two of dollars would have been the profit if all had worked well. The presence of Oregon statesmen of easy virtue at the national capital was a major asset for perpetrating the enterprise. "Stand in and keep still" was the watchword of big and little in the game. It was the same old story of using political influence and of working an act through congress, an innocent appearing act under which there was room for secret graft and jobbery. It was a scheme that has been worked many a time on both larger and smaller scales without detection.

But it happens in this instance that there is detection, and a sequel. That sequel was the closing scene in a 24 days' trial in the federal court yesterday when Mr. Mays, Mr. Sorenson and Mr. Jones were declared guilty by a jury of 12 men. After one more scene, the curtain will fall on this tragedy, for it is a tragedy, and that is when the court will convene, the lawyers gather and the defendants be told to stand up and receive sentence. Then in a court room and at the very bar of justice where he has prosecuted many a criminal, an ex-United States district attorney, who is also an ex-state senator, member of a pioneer family and long prominent in social and political affairs of the state will be told off for fine and probable imprisonment. With him will go his fellow conspirators, not like those who wrap the drapery of their couch about them and lie down to pleasant dreams, but scourged to their punishment.

It would have been an easy road to wealth if all had gone right, but by the sequel it is become a long and weary way. On the journey, friends, fortune, honor, position, everything is sacrificed. It didn't pay. The get-rich-slow road would have been better, far better. And what is more the pity, is that it all comes too late in life for the ill-starred actors to regain that they have lost, or rebuild that which has tumbled in ruins about them.

Just to see the scatterment it would make among them, how interesting it would be to make Henry U. S. attorney general, give him carte blanche to prosecute, and turn him loose among the trust barons.

If it had been the oldtime 27,000 in Maine Monday, it would have been hailed and heralded as a "glorious endorsement of our grand and noble president and our illustrious republican congress." Since however, it slumped down to 8,000 it is downright ingratitude to say, "prohibition did it."

Miss Krupp, the richest heiress in all Germany, may, because her wedding trousseau is to cost but \$250, be a conspicuous model now, but as all husbands know, that is no guarantee of what she will be after marriage.

It would be so much more appropriate if some of those who poke fun at the president's simplified spelling didn't spell it "mutch," "ritch" and "offie."

Two ways are open to Corvallis people as a means of securing relief. There is the city council, and there is the plan of insuring themselves. The city council can license the insurance companies, and force them to pay for the privilege of doing business in the town. Let them pay license the same as Corvallis truckmen do. That is what Dallas was proceeding to do with them when that town secured a reduction of rates. Such is the plan suggested by City Attorney Bryson.

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Would tax the Companies.

Representatives of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company have started a house to house canvass among the farmers of this county, offering an extremely low rental for instruments to be used in connection with the central offices of the Company throughout the county.

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Mr. G. B. Hibbard is in charge of the canvass in this county and he states that he may be seen at the central office of the Company in Albany, or will visit any community or organization of farmers interested in telephone matters.

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WILL CORVALLISITES STAND IT?

**Exactions for Insurance Premiums—
The Charges are now Scandalously High.**

Where are the exactions insurance managers are grinding out of Corvallis insurers to end? How many more advances will be made in the fire insurance rates for Corvallis? These are questions in which Corvallis people and all other people are concerned. The insurance rate on the present postoffice building in this town was formerly two per cent. Two or three years ago the rate was advanced to 2.60 per cent. A few weeks ago when the 25 per cent horizontal advance went into effect, the rate soared up to 3.25 per \$1.00. It is a scandalous figure. Similar advances about town are arousing much indignation. The general consensus of opinion is that it is robbery. The main idea with many people is, what steps can be taken to secure a remedy?

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