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chase parcels of the land as a matte

were being made, and to whom the land

Easy Money for Purchasers.

Others were engaged for a consid-

station of from \$50 to \$100 each, the

prevailing consideration being \$75, to

become a party to the conspiracy. They, too, were apprised of the fact that all

expenses were to be paid by the men

to whom the property should be deed-

ed the minute the final proof had been

completed. In fact, testimony was of-

fered at the grand jury investigation

showing that when these various ap-

plicants went to the Land Office regu-

larly to apply for the purchase of the land, one of the men who have been in-

dicted invariably accompanied them

and personally paid such sums as were

required to close the transaction. The

same was true of the second payment

and also when the final payment was

made, at the time the applicant proved

up as to residence and cultivation of

It was in rounding up this sort of

people that William Rahe, Bailey Ross

and Samuel M. Olmstead were engaged.

Rahe was for years a horse-trainer and

had an extensive acquaintance with all

classes of people throughout Umatilla

County, while Ross and Olmstead, who

were wood dealers, also had an ac-quaintance that was helpful in locat-

ing a desirable class of not too con-

scientious applicants. Laborers, bar-

keepers, livery-stable employes, clerks

and young women employed in the

laundries, hotels and restaurants were

tempted by the opportunity to earn a

little easy money and invariably yield-

ed to the representations of the so-

Fraud Detected in 1904.

It was not until 1904, or nearly two

cars after most of the applications for

purchase had been made, that the irreg-

ularity of the sale of these lands was

detected. In that year Captain J. H. Al-

exander succeeded Special Agent McNutt,

of the Interior Department, and was

stationed at LaGrande. Captain Alexan-

der was impressed with the remarkable

activity in the sales of the Umutilla

lands which he discovered from an in-

office at that place. Regarding the situ-

ation unusual, he made a quiet investi-

gation which resulted in a formal re-

port to the department requesting a rigid

investigation. The complaint was re-

ferred to E. W. Dixon, another special

agent, under whose supervision a care-

ful inquiry was made." This investigation

was begun in 1906 and was not concluded

was referred to the department at Wash-

ington and resulted in instructions being issued to United States Attorney McCourt

to proceed with an investigation of the

facts by a grand jury. Mr. McCourt said yesterday that the investigation by Mr.

Dixon had been complete and greatly fa-

cilitated the task of presenting such an

important matter for the consideration

of a jury. In fact, the investigation took

up but a little more than two weeks of

ments charge that the 11 defendants

caused 75 persons to make false and

fraudulent applications for the land,

In the aggregate, the seven indict-

The evidence gathered by Mr. Dixon and assistants during his investigation

until May, 1907.

the jury's time.

vestigation of the records of the land.

his tract.

licitors.

eventually should be deeded.

**GRAND CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS** 

Forty-eighth Convocation of **Royal Arch Masons Shows** Considerable Growth.

# MANY MASONS PRESENT

Grand Lodge Holds Annual Communication Tomorrow, as Does Eastern Star Grand Chapter. Shriners on Saturday Night.

Officers were elected by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ore-gon yesterday to serve for the ensuing year. Installation of the new officials courred yesterday afternoon, and the sessions of the Grand Chapter last night. Numbers of out-of-town Masons are in the city in attendance at the various Masonic gatherings scheduled for this week. In addition

to the work of conferring degrees, there will be special lodge meetings of the various local organizations. the various local organizations. A. H. Steiner, of Salem, was elected grand high priest yesterday afternoon. Other officers elected are as follows: Deputy grand high priest, Edward Kiddle, La Grande, grand king, Frank J. Miller, Albany; grand scribe, C. J. Buchanan, Oregon City; grand treasur-ce D. P. Masser, Albany: grand script

er, D. P. Mason, Albany; grand score-tary, James F. Robinson, Portland; grand captain of the host, Oscar Hayter, Dallas; grand lecturer, O. P. show, Roseburg.

#### Appointments of Grand High Priest.

The grand high priest-elect appointed the following officers: Grand ed the following officers: Grand chap-lain, P. O. Borg, Heppner; principal so-journer, M. S. Woodcock, Corvalls; royal arch captain, J. M. Howe, Eugene; master of the third vell, L. C. Marshall, Albany; master of the second veil, George E. Davis, Canyon City; master of the first veil, Clyde Evans, Portland; grand sentinel, D. G. Tomasini, Port-land land.

The gathering of the grand chapter yesterday was the forty-eighth convo-cation. About 70 delegates were present, coming from all parts of the state. M. F. Davis, retiring grand high priest, made an interesting address, reporting that, despite the financial disturbance of the past year, the membership of royal arch chapters in Oregon has in-creased over 5 per cent. The speaker referred to the fact that the annual gathering is the first session in the new Masonic Temple at West Park and Yamhill streets.

There was a splendid tribute paid to the memory of Companion A. J. Marthe memory of captain of the host, whose death occurred during the past year at Oregon City. Yesterday afternoon the recommendation of the speaker that suitable resolutions be adopted was followed was followed.

## Special Dispensations Granted,

Special dispensations have been grant-ed by the high priest during the past year allowing Portland Chapter, No. 3, R. A. M., to change its place of meet-ing from the old Masonic Temple, Third and Alder streets, to the new temple; and Washington Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M., to meet in the new East Side Ma-sonic Temple instead of in Parthage ic Temple, instead of in Burkhard Hall, as formerly. Dispensations per-mitting special elections were granted, and another allowing a change in the of Robert A. Miller. bylaws of Pendleton Chapter, No. 23, D.

R. A. M. In concluding his address, the grand high priest spoke of the objects of the

morrow and will continue in session for three days. The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will also gather at the same time and place. Conferring of Degrees. Conferring of degrees was taken up

by the eighteenth semi-annual reunion of the Scottish Rite bodies of the southern jurisdiction, Valley of Port-land, which met yesterday in the Scot-tish Rite Cathedral, Lownsdale and Morelene steme methods

Morrison streed. This work will con-tinue today and tomorrow. The scmi-annial ceremonial session of the Shrine will be held Saturday night and a big class will make the subscription of the second state of the sta night and a big class in pligrimage over the burning sands. For pligrimage over the burning sands. For the banquet to follow the session arrangements will be made to seat about 500 Shriners. A rehearsal will be held be arab patrol in Friday night by the Arab Patrol in Commandery Hall at the Masonic Tem-Several new features have been to several crimary night by the Arab Patrol in Commandery Hall at the Masonic Tem-ple. Several new features have been arranged for this session, and it is ex-pected that it will be the most success-ful in the history of El Kader Temple. At the opening session of the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. tomorrow morn-ing these will be the ensured educes of

Lodge, A. F. and A. M. tomorrow morn-ing, there will be the annual address of the grand master, Lot G. Pearce, of Salem. Reports will be rendered by Grand Treasurer W. A. Cleland, of Portland, and Grand Secretary James F. Robinson, of Portland. Tomorrow afternoon officers will be elected for the coming year and the address of the grand orator, H. W. Scott, of Port-land, will be delivered.



PIONEERS' REUNION PLANS BE-ING COMPLETED.

Banquet to Be Strictly for Pioneers.

Asked Not to Transfer Badges to Younger Persons.

All arrangements for the 36th annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneers' Associa-tion are being perfected at a rapid rate. and on yesterday pioneers by the hundred called at the office of Secretary Himes, top floor of the City Hall, at the rooms of the Oregon Historical Society, to se-cure the proper badge for 1908. The pro-gramme for next Thursday is well nigh perfected and will be substantially as fol-

From 1 to 2 P. M. pioneers will assemble at the large tents at the corner of Tenth and Davis streets, immediately north of and Davis streets, immediately north of the Armory, with the proper badge, where they will be welcomed by President Joseph D. Lee, Grand Marshal Nathan H, Bird, assisted oy the following aldes: Joseph Buchtel, John C. Carson, George L. Story, John McCraken, John W. Minto, Penumbra Kelly, H. W. Pretty-man, E. J. Jeffery, James W. Partlow, Eugene D. White, Fred H. Saylor, J. E. Magera, William Galloway, T. T. Geer, Z. F. Moody, Fred V. Holman and a re-ception committee of the Woman's Aux-illary, headed by the chairman. Mrs. C.

iliary, headed by the chairman, Mrs. C. M. Cartwright. The exercises will be as follows:

Munic. Parsons' Orchestra Call to order. President J. D. Lee Prayer. Rev. A. J. Hunsaker, Chaplain Music, "Star Spangled Banner." Miss Van de Mar and Choir Address of welcome. Address of welcome. Miss Van de Mar and Choir Address of welcome. Miss Van de Mar and Choir Response. Music, Song, 'The Good Old Pioneers'. Annual address. Hon. M. C. George, TSi Music, Song, 'In Grand Old Oregon,' (Professor Parvin). Miss Newgent and Choir Appointment of committees on resolutions. Foom. 'To the Pioneers'. (To be read by the author.) Benediction by the Chapiain. After the social hour, until 4:30 P. M.

After the social hour, until 4:30 P. M., the grand marshal and aides and the reception committee of the Woman's Aux-iliary will endeavor to form the plon-eers in a column of twos and conduct them to the banquet tables.

At 7:30 P. M. the business meeting will be held in the large tent, and at \$ o'clock the evening programme, entirely nformal in character, will be in the hands

D. C. Freeman, the manager of The Oaks, the freedom of that beautiful Sum-mer resort will be extended to all pion-eers who desire to have a picnic there. Situation of I The land for the

FEDERAL GRAND **JURY INDICTS 11** for the purchase of the land in such quantitles as could be bought under the law. In this way friends were induced to pur

(Continued From First Page.) ond indictment-John Vert, William r, William Rahe and J. H. Raley. rd indictment-John M. Wynn and J.

Text of Indictment.

guage:

That the defendants J. H. Raley and John That the defendants J. H. Raley and John W. Crow and William Rahe and J. H. Parkes, together with other persons to the grand jurors unknown, upon the 15th day of August, 1902, in Umatilia County, within the State and District of Oregon and within the jurisdiction of the above entitled court, did wrongfully and unlawfully compiles, combine, confederate and agree together to defraud the United States out of a portion of its public lands subject to private sale, and situated upon the Umatilla Indian Res-ervation in Umatilla County, Oregon, and rvation in Umatilla County, Oregon, and ot included within the new boundaries of

and situated upon the Umatilia County, Oregon, and not included within the new boundaries of a solid reservation and not allotted or required for allotment to the Indians and which was not solid at the public sale of the solid for allotted to the Indian the new boundaries of solid at the public sale of the solid the the total at the proof of the solid the total the proof of the solid the total the proof of the solid the total the public sale of the solid the solid the total the public sale of the solid the s

Alleged Plan of Operation.

According to the testimony submitted to the grand jury and on which the indictments were returned, the plan of operation adopted by Raley, Crow and Slusher and their associates was similar to that employed by Puter and McKinley their successful robbery of several ousands of acres of valuable timber and in the western part of the state. Raley et al., however, were not as suc-cessful in their efforts as were the orig-Raley inal professional landgrabbers of the Willamette Valley. Alarmed by an in-vestigation that was instituted by the Government before the patents to the

Umatilla lands could issue, practically all the entrymen relinquished their claims so that the chief conspirators eventually got possession of probably less than 1000 of the 30,000 acres for the pur-chase of which they had induced settlers to apply.

Having been frightened in relin-quishing their claims, many of the per-jured entrymen made haste to square themselves. Many of them confessed to District Attorney McCourt and unfolded in detail the fructulent enter and the in detail the fraudulent scheme and the of Robert A. Miller. On Friday, June 12, by the courtesy of gave strong and convincing evidence for

Situation of Lands in Question.

and their associates, during the year 1902 **PRICES SACRIFICED** although an occasional tract was purchased as late as 1965. The scheme employed by the chief conspirators was to arrange with different persons to apply

Fifty Pianos and Player Pianos Being Closed Out at Less Than Cost to Make Them.

friendship, the understanding being that Eighteen Were Taken Yesterday-Today Will Bring Greater Crowds to the Piano Exchange and Barall expenses, including the three payments for the land, should be paid by the gain Room, Corner Park (Eighth) and Washington Streets. men in whose real interest the purchases

Everybody Is Now Getting the News-It Spread Quickly-This Great Buying Opportunity-Interests the Man Who Earns the Dollar, Can Make One Do the Work of Two Until the Stock Is Closed Out. The Piano Exchange and Bargain Room Has No Competition-There Could Be None in Any Kind of Regular Selling-Its Mission Is "Get Rid of 'Em" and "Must Go" Prices Do the Work Quick-Come Today-Don't Wait.



found in the "Piano Exchange and Bargain Room," in fine condition, many like new. Musically, they are wonderful bargains-but come and see them; we'll leave it to you: Everett, Kranich & Bach, two Haines, two Emersons, three Steinways, two Fischers, Hazelton, Behning, Davenport & Tracy, Price & Teeple, Whitney, Pease, Doll, Hobart M. Cables, Lesters, two Sohmers, Bush & Gerts, Stecks, Smith & Barnes, three Schumanns, two Hallet & Davis, Wheelock, and a dozen other well-known makes, uprights - also several small grands-a little used by artists; others from short-time rents, Several auto-pianos, A. B. Chase, "Artistano" player piano, Cecilians, Apollos, and Angelus pianoplayers; genuine pianolas, and an "88-Note" Autopiano, latest model. Any and all of above at "Mustgo Prices'' today. No matter what price-come here and see what is in the above stock for you.

A few of the makes to be

The famous Eilers guarantee, "Your money back if not satisfied."

When a bargain, or a group of exceptional offerings, is made by the "Plano Exchange and Bargain Room," corner Park (Eighth) and Washington streets, consideration of profit is not a factor; even first cost is seldom considered-it's what will an instrument sell for today-at once? A \$400 piano may have been out on rent two or three months, used just enough to bring out the singing-tone quality, and wear the action down to perfection, but in handling, the case may have been marred-possibly a scratch-chip of the veneer has been knocked off-replaced,

of course, but value depreciated thereby for regular selling-at least, the way Eilers Piano House sells pianos. Such pianos are turned over to the publicity department, to advertise and dispose of, at a price made by them, as before mentioned, to sell quick-and you can rest assured that price, taking quality into consideration, will be made to cause immediate purchase by some one, and we have bargains here to suit any one that doesn't object to slight blemishes or a little-used instrument.

One customer yesterday bought two-one for each of his daughters. He got two for less than the usual price of one. Another saw a bargain here that caused him to purchase and present to a little niece; others who called out of mere curiosity were interested on sight of the values offered and bought. One lady came here from an inspection of a stock offered at "wholesale cost" elsewhere, which, by the way, did not seriously impress her as being a dollar less than regular prices. It took her about 15 minutes to select the piano at the P. E. and B. R., and she saved considerably over a hundred dollars.

After all, it's the dollar that counts, and the man who earns the dollar wants it to buy as great value as possible. What we advertise, we have, and here for immediate sale-can send it home at once. Better come today for best choice, and besides, a fine lot of strictly high-grades go in the bargain room this morning. RS PIANO EXCHANGE Basement-Cor. Park (8th)

organization and expressed the hope that the annual gathering would bind the members closer together than ever before. He said the watchword should be, "the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man." James F. Robinson, grand secretary

submitted his annual report, as did D. P. Mason, grand treasurer. These sta-tistics showed that 148 new members have been added during the past year and that there are 28 chapters in the Oregon jurisdiction at present, all of which are in a prosperous condition.

### Standing Committees Announced.

Standing committees of the organization, with the vacancies filled by th high priest yesterday, are as follows: by the high priest yesterday, are as follows: Jurisprudence-Companions Let L. Plarce, Wallace Baldwin and Thomas F. Eyan. Correspondence-J. M. Hodson, M. S. Levy and S. M. Yoran. Unfinished business-W. A. Cleland, Rich-ard Walter and Peter Horg. By-laws-H B. Thielson, M. S. Woodcock and I.F. Stith. Grievance-O. O. Hodson, J. D. Zurcher and John Simington. Finance and returns-Darwin Bristow, F. W. Settlemiter and M. S. Levy. Praternal dend-D. P. Mason, M. S. Wood-cock and D. W. Sheahan. Yesterday afternoon the Royal and

Yesterday afternoon the Royal and Select Masters held the annual meeting, at which degrees were conferred. The annual business, coming before that

body was also disposed of. The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, A. F. and A. M., will meet in the Masonic Temple to-

Special cars will leave the corner of First and Alder streets every 20 minutes, beginning at 11 o'clock. Badges of pioneers will not be honored

if transferred to young persons not en-titled to wear them. This is a species of fraud that pioneers having the good name of the associa...n at heart will not countenance. The name "Pioneer" should stand for truth, uprightness and square tenance. dealing in every sense.

Resident pioneers are once more urged most earnestly to call at Secretary Himes' office, City Hall, register and secure their badges today, in order to be out of the way when the ploneers from the interior

public generally will be admitted to all the excreises in the tents, both in the afternoon and evening. There will be no restrictions except to admission to the banquet. That is solely for pioneers.

Leap From Train Breaks Leg.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., June 8 .--- (Special.)-As a result of jumping from a rapidiy-moving train laden with logs, on England's road near here, Saturday afternoon, Ad Little, an old and highlyrespected resident of this city, sus-tained a broken leg, and is now in a Portland hospital. The cable, operated by a donkey engine, which lowers the

train down a long hill, did not work

The land for the attempted unlawful seizacres of unallotted Indian lands that originally comprised a portion of the Umatilia Indian Reservation. It is located in townships 32 to 36, inclusive, south ranges 1 and 2 cast. In 1885 Congress passed an act providing for the sale

at public auction of these lands, with the provision that they should be disposed of in not greater lots than 160 acres of nontimbered and 49 acres of timbered land; that the applicant was to agree that the

that the applicant was to agree that the title to the land should not inure to any other person than the applicant; that the land should be cultivated and improved and that the applicant should be allowed to pay for the same by depositing one-third of the purchase price, paying an-other equal instalment in two years and the remaining one-third within five years. Under this arrangement, however, only a small acreage was disposed of, and in 1992 the law was still further amended providing for the sale of the unsold tracts at private sale. But this amendment did not eliminate the regulations requiring residence on the kand and its improvement by the applicant. It developed during the investigation of the fradus by the grand jury that most of the land was purchased through vari-ous persons employed by Raley, Slusher

which was to revert to the defendants soon as patents had issued. ure of which prominent citizens of the state | indictments the several defendants are have been indicted consists of about 20,000 charged with inducing persons to perjure themselves as follows:

jure themselves as follows: By J. H. Raley and John W. Crow-Rose Bageri, Anna Culp, Francis Drake (now Francis Hager), Charles E. Finch, Cylde E. Finch, Oilva Larks (now Oilva Froome), Kate Fugit, Charles Hammond, Elmer Hubbard, Kate T. Kuebler (now Kate T. Joncs), David Nelson, William Pendell, Newton Loveridge, Fay C. Loveridge, Susan Davis, Dellos Davis (now Deilos Schwandt), Jonnie D. Stewart, Jennie Stanley, Elisha G. Eastabrooks, Dean Shull, Elizabeth A. Shull, Emily G. Comegys, Daniel Shockey, Charles Shockey, James W. Yandle, Fred Marsh.

A. Holmes, John W. Noble, Frank

C. B. Wade, formerly a banker of Pendleton, is mentioned as one of the conspirators in two of the seven indictments, but he has not been indicted yet. The name of Mr. Wade is assoclated with the other defendants enumerated in the indictment against

John Vert, William Slusher, William Rahe and J. H. Raley; also in the in dictment against William Caldwell, who is indicted jointly with Slusher, Raley and Rahe.

TOWNSEND HELD BY FLOODS

B. D. Townsend, special assistant to United States Attorney-General Bonaparte, is expected to reach Portland daily,

be used by the Government, and addressed to Mr. Townsend, were received yester day at the office of United States At torney McCourt from Washington. In the

prosecution of this important suit Mr. Townsend will be associated with Tracy Becker, also special assistant to the Attorney-General.

#### Pendleton Saloon Bankrupt.

A. W. Hanson and Thron Olsen, part ners under the firm name of Hanson & Olsen, retail liquor dealers of Pendleton. yesterday filed a bankruptcy petition in the United States Court. The firm re-ports its obligations at \$i814.25 with assets aggregating \$3000.

In addition to returning seven land-fraud indictments, the Federal grand jury

NORTH POWDER. Or., June & -- George

Special Prosecutor on His Way, Boxes of Exhibits Received.

yesterday made three other reports. True when he will institute sult for the Gov-ernment against the Oregon & California Railroad for the recovery of land in-cluded in the grant to the railroad cor-

Other Grand Jury Work.

A not true bill was reported against Wilporation. Mr. Townsend left Washington William A. Holmes, John W. Noble, Frank Noble, Henry S. Noble.
By Balley Ross and Samuel M. Olm-stead. Granville M. Olmstead, Thande Olm-stead. Melvin L. Olmstead.
C. B. Wade, formerly a banker of the Northern Pacific. Two large boxes, presumed to contain the exhibits that will be and by the Component and addressed to contain the scale of CLOUDBURST RUINS CROPS

> Severe Storm in Moxee Canyon, Near North Yakima.

> > NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., June 8 .---(Special.)-A serious cloudburst oc-curred at noon today in the Moxee Cancurred at noon today in the advice Cau-yor, cast of this city. The water came down in a solid sheet for an hour, and flooded out potatoes, alfalfa and wheat fields for a radius of five miles from the canyon. Many of the ranchers fear, that their crops have been ruined. The cloudburst was most severe ever ex-perienced in that part of the country. An electrical storm occurred over this city, but little rain fell.

#### North Powder Postmaster.

W. Hanson, Jr., of Hanson Bros., has re-ceived the appointment of Postmaster for the North Powder postoffice. Walter Walter



GROUP PHOTOGRAPH OF MEMBERS OF GRAND LODGE ROYAL ARCH MASONS IN SESSION AT THE NEW MASONIC TEMPLE.