

ORCHARD LAND MEN  
ACCUSED BY JURY

P. C. Lavey, Delarm, Hodges,  
Humphrey and Mac-  
Whorter Accused.

2 COMPANIES ENMESHED

True Bills Returned Accuse Wash-  
ington Irrigation & Fruit Com-  
pany and Oregon Inland  
Development With Crime.

Wildcat real estate operators received  
a shock Saturday night when the Fed-  
eral grand jury returned indictments  
against the Washington Orchard Irrig-  
ation & Fruit Company and the Oregon  
Inland Development Company and P. C.  
Lavey, individually. Each indictment is  
based on alleged fraudulent use of the  
mails by which it is declared money  
was secured through the exploitation of  
fake land propositions.

W. E. Delarm, A. J. Biehl, George C.  
Hodges, H. H. Humphrey and S. H.  
MacWhorter are indicted in connection  
with the operations of the Columbia  
River Orchard Company, all being un-  
der arrest except Hodges and Delarm,  
who are supposed to have left the coun-  
try in fear of the consequences of their  
acts, this company also doing business  
under the name of the Washington Or-  
chard Irrigation and Fruit Company.  
This indictment, which is in eight  
counts, recites in detail how the land  
fraud scheme was carried on and in  
what manner it followed.

They wrongfully and unlawfully  
obtained money and property from di-  
vers persons by means of fraudulent  
pretenses, representations and prom-  
ises and in and by the aforesaid  
scheme and artifice caused to be pre-  
pared, executed and issued large quan-  
tities of bonds, exceeding in the ag-  
gregate \$3,500,000, purporting to be an  
obligation of the Columbia River Or-  
chard Company, and to do hereby to  
pay 7 per cent annually until matu-  
rity in 20 years. It was also recited  
that these bonds were secured by mort-  
gages on real estate, deeds, and other  
good, valid and solvent securities  
amounting to 125 per cent of their face  
value, when in truth and in fact the  
company did not hold or own, jointly or se-  
parately, property, security or assets ex-  
ceeding the sum of \$150,000, all of which  
were subject to mortgages, liens, claims  
and indebtedness equaling in value  
the aggregate of the bonds. That they  
did not at any time intend to apply the  
proceeds of the sale of the said bonds  
to the development or improvement of  
the property that was supposed to sec-  
ure the bonds, but intended to appro-  
priate and convert the same to their  
own use or benefit.

Letter Used by Land Men.  
"That in carrying out this fraudulent  
scheme the following letter or circular  
was forwarded through the United  
States mails:

"Referring to the matter of the Col-  
umbia River Orchard Company, per-  
cent first mortgage bonds: These bonds  
are issued by the Columbia River Or-  
chard Company, which is a holding  
company only. Each \$100 bond is se-  
cured by a first mortgage for \$125 on  
real estate, the value of which is ap-  
proximately three times the amount of  
the mortgage; that is to say, a first  
mortgage for \$125 is secured upon  
property worth \$375 per acre. These  
mortgages are held by us as trustees  
for the benefit of the bondholders and  
are further secured by the absolute  
and unqualified guarantee of the  
Washington Orchard Irrigation &  
Fruit Company. This company owns  
and controls an irrigation project on  
the Columbia River near the south end  
of the Wenatchee district that contains  
17,000 acres of the finest volcanic soil  
in the Northwest."

This indictment recites that a num-  
ber of such letters and circulars, being  
false and misleading in every particu-  
lar, were sent through the mails to di-  
fferent persons and on this basis of  
the mails the indictment is based.  
The indictment charges that J. M. Conway  
and Frank Richert, of the Oregon In-  
land Development Company, present an  
entirely similar character of  
offerings. It is charged that they re-  
presented that they owned 10,000 acres  
of fertile farm land and 3000 city lots  
in cities of Southern Oregon and that  
they did not own any of the property.  
Their scheme was to sell op-  
tions with the understanding that an  
option in the nature of a lottery  
would be held at some future date when  
the property would be allotted.

The particular incident on which the  
indictment is based is the sale of one  
of these options to Mrs. Faisy Doran,  
who received through the mail a letter  
in which the alleged fraudulent scheme  
was recited in detail and in which she  
is named in connection with the company.

Hiddell Exonerated.  
At the time of the original arrest  
of Conway and Richert, the attorney for  
the company, H. H. Hiddell, and who  
also acted as secretary, was placed  
under arrest, but the grand jury found  
that he was not implicated in its al-  
leged fraudulent transactions.  
The indictment against Lavey is  
based on the same charge of alleged  
use of the mails to defraud. It re-  
cites that he devised a scheme and  
caused to be prepared and issued op-  
tions by means of false, fraudu-  
lent and misleading representations,  
inducements and promises.

Things business under the name of  
the Oregon Land Development Com-  
pany were published circulars in  
which he stated he owned 10,000 acres  
of land and through this company,  
which contained in it a lottery, op-  
tions on the land. His dealings in it  
were also in the nature of a  
lottery and in some of his literature,  
mentioned to prospective purchasers, a  
word lottery was used so boldly as to  
come within the regulations of the United  
States statutes.

BRIDGE COMMITTEE NAMED

Portland Commercial Club Aids  
Plans of Vancouver Organization.

Edgar R. Fyler, president of the  
Portland Commercial Club, Saturday  
appointed the following committee  
which will plan and carry out the  
campaign to raise \$2500 in this city  
to pay for the preliminary survey for  
the Columbia bridge, and will work  
with a similar committee, formed  
in Vancouver, Commercial Club in Wash-  
ington, up settlement in the Northwest  
in favor of appropriation from Oregon  
and Washington to pay for the construction  
of the bridge. F. M. Anderson, hon-  
orary chairman, P. R. Riley, chair-  
man, M. G. Munn, C. C. Cole, E. G.  
Dawson and Tom Hutchinson are  
members of the committee. Anderson,  
Anderson at the bridge meeting Sat-  
urday night will head the Portland list.

AMERICAN NOVELIST WHO CELEBRATED 75TH BIRTHDAY  
WITH PRESIDENT TAFT AS GUEST.



WILLIAM DEAN HOWELLS.

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Honor Author's Birthday.

PRESIDENT MAKES ADDRESS

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as Greatest Living American  
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NEW YORK, March 2.—W. D. How-  
ells was the central figure tonight of  
a birthday party memorable in the  
literary world. The novelist was 75  
years old today, and to do honor to  
him the President of the United States  
and more than 400 men and women  
prominent in literature gathered as  
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GAS PLANT TO COST  
3 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Portland Gas & Coke Company  
Selects Site in North  
District of City.

BIG DOCKS WILL BE BUILT

Improvements Demanded by City's  
Growth Will, When Completed,  
Have Daily Capacity of  
10,000,000 Feet of Gas.

Plans have been completed by the  
Portland Gas & Coke Company to be-  
gin work in building a gas plant and  
manufacturing plant on a site of land  
directly north of the Government mor-  
ings on the west side of the William-  
ette River in North Portland. The  
plant will cost \$2,000,000 and be one  
of the most modern and largest estab-  
lishments in the United States. As it  
is gradually built up it will take the  
place by 1920 of the present plant  
located near the Union Depot, the  
plans being to have the North  
Portland plant generate all the gas  
used in the city.

Plans Considered Several Years.  
The company has owned the North  
Portland site for a number of years and  
has been working a long time on the  
proposed plan, completing the details  
of the plant as it is proposed, be-  
sides making the plant of a size to  
meet the needs of Portland for many  
years, to install facilities for handling  
the large quantities of oil from the  
California fields, the plans calling  
for large modern docks on the water-  
front. The present system of hauling  
oil in barges from the large stor-  
age tanks at Portsmouth will be dis-  
continued and the steamers will be  
unloaded at the gas docks instead of at  
Portsmouth.

The present plant near the depot has  
a capacity of 5,000,000 cubic feet of gas  
a day. The new plant will have a daily  
output of 10,000,000 feet. The plant  
now used in manufacturing briquettes  
from the lampblack of the oil will be  
moved to the North Portland site and  
increased in capacity from 50 tons to  
100 tons a day.

Up-to-Date Machinery to Be Used.  
The machinery at the new plant will  
be modern in every particular, includ-  
ing the most up-to-date pumps and  
generators. The present storage tanks  
in various parts of the city will be  
maintained as at present and will be  
connected with the new plant as far  
as possible. The large mains will  
extend down Linnton road to connect  
with the present high-pressure arteries  
which supply the smaller mains, which  
in turn supply the consumers. The  
franchise to use the Linnton Road al-  
ready has been secured and the com-  
pany has arranged with the Harriman  
railroad people for the use of the new  
steel bridge to carry the supply mains  
to the East Side. The high pressure  
mains will pass over the lift span by  
means of a sliding arrangement which  
works much the same as the slides of  
a slide trombone, the arrangement  
making possible the lifting of the  
bridges at any time without inter-  
ference with the gas mains.

City's Growth Demands Plant.  
The object of the company in mak-  
ing the vast expenditure is twofold.  
The growing demand for gas has made  
the present plant too small to cope  
with the situation, and the company, it  
is said, has been brought face to face  
with the need of greatly enlarging the  
generation system. With four blocks  
of property near the depot well covered  
with the existing plant, it was con-  
sidered necessary to secure a new loca-  
tion. Another reason is the complaint  
about the gas plant occupying a site  
near the Union Depot, and the com-  
pany has decided to move it to a  
district remote from the residence and  
business portions of the city, and the  
debt will be kept by the company for  
the present.

ELOPERS ARE WEDDED

PARENTS GIVE CONSENT TO  
MARRIAGE OF SWEETHEARTS.

Long Pursuit Since Wednesday Cul-  
minates in Wedlock, Spokane  
Minister Performing Ceremony.

SPOKANE, March 2.—(Special).—Love  
found a way for the youthful elopers  
from Pullman, who have passed  
through thrilling and unusual experi-  
ences since they left the college town  
Wednesday in a buggy in search of a  
license and a preacher for Saturday  
afternoon. Rev. E. L. House joined in  
matrimony Marcell Parsons, aged 26,  
and Bessie Klemgard, aged 25.

The license was obtained early, Miss  
Klemgard's mother, wife of a Pullman  
banker, giving her consent, and Charles  
Parsons, a well-to-do real estate man  
of Spokane, father of the boy, readily  
acquiesced in the marriage.  
The ceremony was performed at the  
home of the bridegroom's parents, the  
girl being taken there from the Young  
Women's Christian Association rooms,  
where she slept Friday night.  
Marcell Parsons met Bessie Klemgard  
two weeks ago for the first time.  
A week later the girl was buying sar-  
tens in Pullman, unknown to par-  
ents, intended for wedding trousseau.  
Wednesday morning they drove in a  
buggy to Moscow, where they were  
flourished by the city police, and  
flourished and slept that night in the  
same hotel which housed a pursuing  
brother of the girl. Thursday the couple  
came to Spokane, where they were  
detained by the city police, and  
Thursday night stayed at a Spokane  
hotel. Friday afternoon a "Boy Scout"  
discovered the eloping bridegroom,  
and the bride-to-be was located and to-  
day the wedding completed the chain.

Good Work for the Philippines.

Providence (R. I.) Journal.  
While we have not yet granted inde-  
pendence in the Philippines, we are  
not likely to do so for years to come.  
There can be no question of the bene-  
fits accruing to the islands from our  
administration. Even the anti-im-  
perialists admit that on the whole,  
we had done well for our little  
brown brothers, in spite of our un-  
holy holding of the strings of the  
puppet government. In his annual  
report to the President, the Secretary  
of War says that peace and order have  
been promoted in Mindanao, where the  
military activity of the same end;  
that, in addition to the \$5,000,000 ex-  
pected by the Philippine government  
under Congressional authorization in  
public works, more than twice that  
amount has been spent on various im-  
provements of the islands. The present  
system of practical free trade between  
continental United States and the is-  
lands has resulted in a marked increase  
of business, and that the net revenue  
for the last year are larger than ever  
before. Evidently we need not bother  
ourselves very much about the ac-  
tual demand for Philippine "freedom."  
The islands are enjoying unprecedent-  
ly good government.

An Airy Thought.

Puck.  
Mrs. Warback (on first ocean voy-  
age)—John, just heard a man say  
that if this boat was put up on end it  
would be higher than the Washington  
monument. If they're going to do any-  
thing like that we better get right off.



MARCH RIGHT IN HERE  
for the right kind of clothing  
for this March weather. For  
the stormy days, "slip-ons"  
at \$10.

Raincoats, all wool craven-  
etted, at \$20.  
Spring overcoats \$15 to \$25.

And a store full of new  
Spring clothing, from hats to  
socks.

LION CLOTHING @  
Gas Kuhn Prop  
166-170 THIRD ST.  
Always Reliable.

for which we stand can business prop-  
erly be assured to this country on a  
permanent basis, and we are certain  
that if these principles can be embodied  
in action, such prosperity will come.  
"But prosperity must stand on a  
foundation of justice, justice to wage-  
workers, to capitalists, to the general  
public. All we ask is such justice and  
we are as anxious that it should be  
scrupulously given as that it should  
be scrupulously exacted."  
"We have announced our faith in and  
our adherence to a lofty ideal, for sur-  
ely there can be no loftier ideal than the  
achievement of justice through the  
rule of the people, and we hold also  
that because of the very fact that we  
are idealists, we are in the truest sense  
of the word practical men, for we in-  
tend in good faith to try to realize our  
ideals; and their realization will make,  
not only for the moral, but for the  
material well-being of all our people."  
"The Payne-Aldrich tariff law as not being  
a revision downward of duties and said  
that if President Taft had vetoed it as  
a violation of the platform on which  
he was elected, "he would have stamped  
his independence and progressiveness  
in the hearts of the people at the very  
outset of his Administration."

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LESS THAN 4 DAYS AT SEA  
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Alasworth Docks daily up to 5 P. M. Pas-  
senger fare, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00,  
including meals and berth. Ticket office  
Alasworth Docks, Phone Main 906. Also  
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of our customers and the public and to keep  
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