

RID STATE OF FRAUD

Purpose of Government in Land Office Cases.

STRONG CASE TO BE MADE

District Attorney Hall Says Evidence in Thomson Case Is Not Needed to Convict Cunningham and Others.

United States District Attorney John Hall returned yesterday from Pendleton, where he went to superintend the arrest and arraignment of Charles Cunningham, County Judge Hartman, Joe Parkes and seven homesteaders, on a charge of conspiracy and conspiracy to defraud the Government.

When the prosecution of the land cases commenced, Mr. Hall stated that he proposed to rid the State of Oregon of land frauds, and evidently he means to keep his word. The reform was started by the arrest of the McKinley-Ware-Puter trio. These cases are now pending in court. Then followed the indictment of Asa B. Thomson, the Receiver of the Land Office at La Grande. In this trial the parties placed under arrest in Eastern Oregon Friday were the principal witnesses. Cunningham was the complaining witness. The prosecution failed to convict Thomson, but his trial resulted in his being removed from the Land Office. It was in the effort to convict Thomson that the evidence developed which resulted in the arrest of the witnesses in that matter. The testimony of these witnesses at the time of the trial showed so plainly that some sort of conspiracy and understanding existed, involving even high officials, that the court took occasion to remark about it, and the Government authorities announced from the witness stand that they proposed to investigate conditions.

Three of the homestead claimants who admitted having perjured themselves were so frightened that they disappeared before the Thomson trial was completed and the authorities were unable to locate them.

The matter has been permitted to lie quiet for so long that those implicated had begun to believe that nothing would be done to them. Just at the moment when they least expected it, the thunderbolt fell, and it took all by surprise. The Government authorities have been working quietly since the conclusion of the Thomson trial on the case that has now been precipitated, and they state that sufficient evidence has been gathered to make it decidedly unpleasant for the accused to defend themselves. Mr. Hall, in discussing the matter yesterday, said:

"We do not need the evidence that was brought out at the Thomson trial to secure an indictment of the parties arrested. There is sufficient evidence there to convict them, but should it be employed, there would, no doubt, be a protest against such methods. Consequently I have taken precautions to give them no opportunity to say we are unfair. They have gotten sufficient evidence outside of this to serve our purpose."

"And I have an idea that the case is going to precipitate a change of leadership. Cunningham will fight to the bitter end, and Judge Hartman will do the same."

"Cunningham, when arrested, appeared to take the matter as a good joke. But Judge Hartman didn't look at it in that light at all. Joe Parkes was not arrested because he was out of the city. He will be arrested later."

"Those arrested were arraigned and the seven homesteaders were released on \$500 bonds each. Cunningham also gave bond in the sum of \$500. Judge Hartman desired to use his attorney first and gave no bond. Later he will be required to give a \$200 bond."

NO ANSWERS IN TEXT BOOKS.

Information for Teachers at the Mid-February Examinations.

MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 26.—(To the Editor.)—I write asking a favor of you, for the school teachers. In the section of February, you know, we have teachers' examinations, and you also know the number of questions which our present State Superintendent asks that could not possibly be answered from text books. We need to know everything that has happened and will happen. Could you help us some by giving a general review of affairs in your Sunday issue? We know you have sympathy for the educators who have written about the questions heretofore, but this time we want your help.

ONE OF THE TEACHERS.

The Oregonian wrote to J. H. Ackerman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, asking what class of news this teacher was probably looking for and received the following answer:

Salem, Jan. 26.—Answering your esteemed favor of the 23rd inst., pertaining to the class of news asked for in a communication directed to you, will say that I do not know unless it should relate to history questions. The state takes the view that our young people should be taught something relative to current events in order that they may become intelligent American citizens. In other words, history is being made the present time, and a young man or woman should far better know something of what is going on at the present time than to know much more of what happened a hundred years ago. In order that this teaching may be effectively done, it is evident that teachers themselves should know something of current events, hence, we have adopted a plan of submitting at least one question in history on current events. We have endeavored to ask the questions along lines that will be National. As to the forthcoming examination in February, you may assure teachers that the questions in history outside of text books to be submitted in February took only on international topics. In conclusion, I wish to assure you that there is no question on the part of this department to submit any catch questions, or any question that an ordinary reader of the newspapers would not be able to answer. Very truly yours,

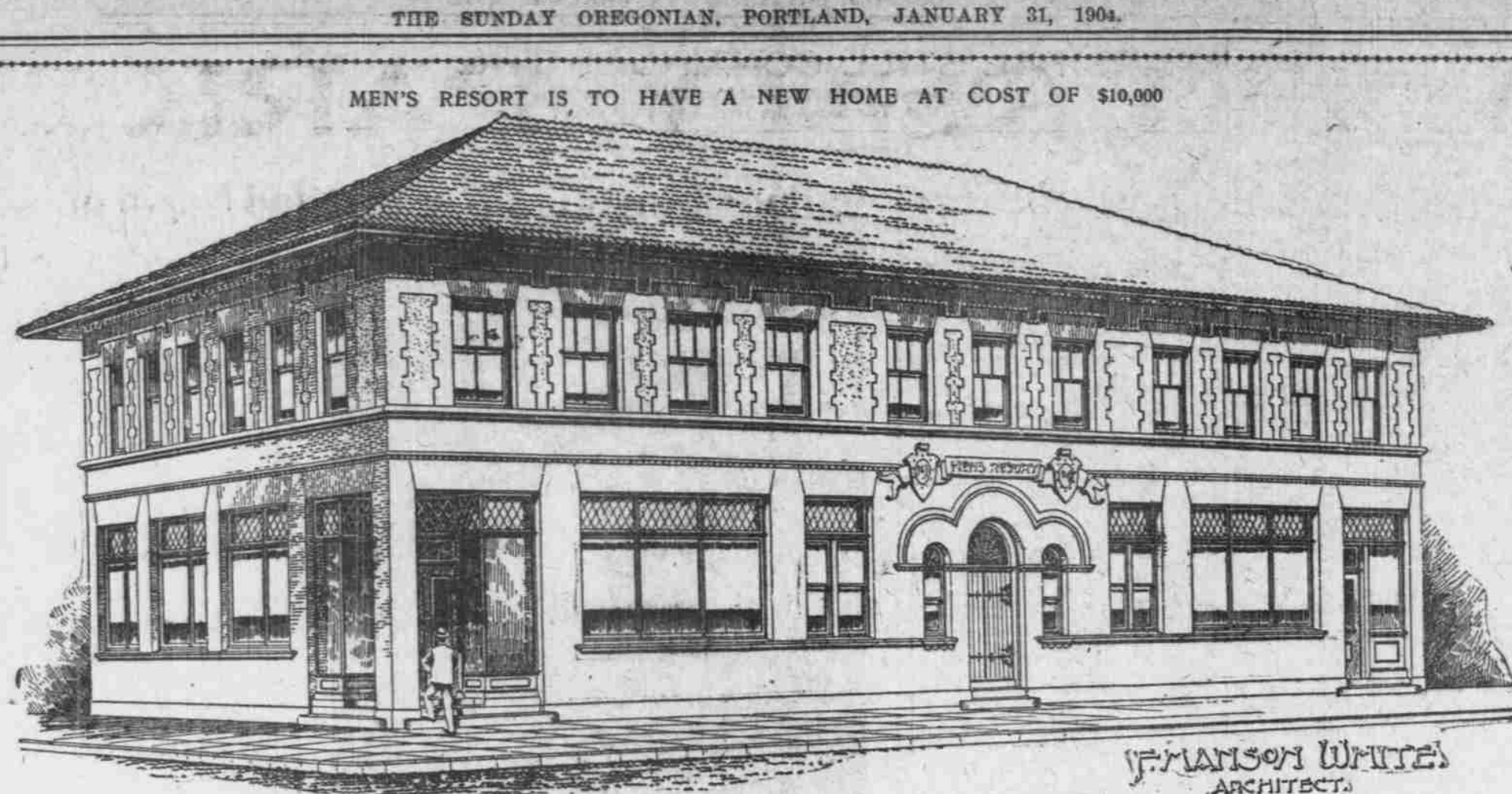
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Probably the international topics in the list of questions to be submitted are included in these four:

Impending war between Japan and Russia—what is the bone of contention? See article on page 33 of this issue of The Oregonian.

The findings of the Alaska Boundary Commission. Our country contended that the ten marine leagues mentioned in the Anglo-Russian treaty of 1825 were to be reckoned from the nearest coast line. Canada contended that they were to be reckoned from the outer littoral of the baying islands. Our contention was sustained October 17, 1903, by the court of arbitration. Practically the one thing under dispute was the Lynn Canal.

The revolution of Panama and the canal treaty. The State of Panama secured from the Republic of Colombia and set up its own government November 4, 1903. This government has been recognized by the United States and about 30 other gov-



BUILDING WILL BE ERECTED ON SITE DONATED BY LADD ESTATE.

The Men's Resort, now situated at 66 North Sixth street is to have a building of its own on the southeast corner of Fourth and Hornum. The site, a corner lot, was donated last November by the Ladd estate, and on the same Sunday that the gift was announced at the First Presbyterian Church \$10,000 was raised by popular subscription from the body of the congregation for the purpose of building a permanent structure on the lot. With this fund assured, the trustees have arranged with F. Manson White to draw the plans of a building meeting all the requirements of the institution and costing not more than the amount raised. He has recently completed his work and has made for The Oregonian a perspective view of the building.

It is a two-story building covering an entire lot and containing several large rooms. The most important of these is the library and reading-room, where hundreds of men gather every day. So far there have been only periodicals here, but with a larger room and a permanent headquarters, the intention is to start a good-sized working library of the better-known and more popular books. Behind this will be the auditorium, where the lectures and general gatherings are to be held. On the second floor there will be a gymnasium and drill hall for the Boys' Brigade with lockers and shower baths attached. A room for a free kindergarten and a sewing class for young girls will also be in the building.

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RELIEF FOR NORWEGIANS.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 26.—A committee of eight members of the Northwest Church will raise funds for the relief of the first sufferers of Alesund, Norway. Fifty former residents of Alesund now live here.

HURLS HIMSELF INTO POLITICAL ARENA

Henry T. Oxnard, Sugar Magnate and a Man of Millions, Aspires to Represent California in the United States Senate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—The California Senatorial fight has taken on a new complexion this week with the practical announcement by Henry T. Oxnard that he is a candidate to succeed Bard. Oxnard has not gently drifted into the political arena of California, but has hurled himself into it. For months it has been known that Oxnard had "fleeing aspirations," but no have some 50 other Californians who have never been seriously considered for the Senatorship. However, Oxnard dropped into Los Angeles this week and had not been in town an hour before his campaign had been set in motion as if by the touch of an electric button, and the machinery from San Diego to Skidway began to move. It was in the nature of a coup and rival candidates have come to appreciate the fact that the sugar magnate has stolen a march. The strength which Oxnard can command off-hand has, moreover, been a rude surprise to dormant candidates. His first move was to pull the earth from under Bard's feet. Bard's stronghold here, San Francisco, is a city of oil wells and where his philanthropies are well known and felt. It happens that the town of Oxnard, where he located one of the sugar bowl largest factories, lies in this Bard stronghold. Simultaneously with the arrival of Oxnard in Los Angeles came the announcement from the town of Oxnard that Major A. J. Drifft was a candidate for the Assembly. Drifft is Ventura County's strongest card and is manager of the Oxnard factory. The importance of this move may be appreciated when it is known that Bard's strength in the Legislature which chose him comprised on first ballot but one vote, that of the Ventura delegate. It has been remarked that Henry Oxnard evidently has little faith in Bard's declaration that he is not a candidate. Bard's term of office expires March 3, 1905. The Legislature elected this year will name his successor. In every district the factional fight has begun and as it progresses it becomes evident that nowhere has Oxnard been so potent as in the Ventura district. The large interests which will exert themselves in behalf of Oxnard are many and varied. The same influences which replaced Perkins in office are eager to wrap the legs about the new candidate. George Hatton (Perkins' manager) and Internal Revenue Collector John Lynch are said to smile upon the ambitions of Oxnard. Harriman and Herrin, the great corporation representatives, look kindly upon the ambitions of the sugar magnate. Walter Parker and William Clute, leaders of the southern end of the party, see no objection to Oxnard. However, a mighty opposition is preparing to sidetrack the Oxnard through political train. The United Republican League, of San Francisco, has plans of its own which it intends to submit to the Legislature. M. H. de Young stands ready to oppose the candidacy of Oxnard. He regards Oxnard as an outsider, a New Yorker, a Philadelphian, a Nebraskan, a Coloradan or what you will, but not a Californian. Spectacles is yet to be heard from and the peculiar forces at work will make his decision of vast importance.

Oxnard's record is clean. He has built up vast enterprises in California. He has similar interests throughout Nebraska, Colorado and Michigan. He is interested in great projects in Philadelphia and New York and he has become a power not built upon any clumsy machinery, but born from his own strong

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nomah County against ex-County Clerk L. Q. Swetland, to recover \$200 fees, etc., was successfully opposed in the State Circuit Court yesterday by Judge Pipes, representing Mr. Swetland. The trial is set for Monday. Judge Carey said it was desired to have District Attorney Manning appear during the trial, and that the District Attorney was engaged in the Van Houten murder trial, and might not get through in time to take hold of the Swetland case on Monday. Judge Pipes said Mr. Swetland was prepared to go to trial, and besides, one of his witnesses desired to leave the city to be absent some time. Judge Carey said, if necessary, the trial could be postponed for several weeks. Judge Pipes said Mr. Swetland was anxious to get through with it, and Judge Cleland decided that the case be proceeded with on Monday.

Mr. Swetland says he wants the case tried, and if it is found that there were any errors in the accounts of the County Clerk's office during his incumbency and that he owes the county anything, he will pay the amount.

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After a chase which lead them across the continent and lasted for a year Mrs. Edward I. McVitty has located her husband at Riverside, Cal., and their domestic tangle has been unraveled. Mrs. McVitty says she was but a three-day bride when her husband left her, for what reason, she knows not. She had just graduated from Wellesley College and gone to her home in Philadelphia and she is the daughter of wealthy parents and young McVitty has a fortune in his own name. After her husband left her, she was just a year ago. Mrs. McVitty set out in search of him. She traced him to Chicago, thence to Seattle and thence to Portland. In Portland he was seen with a male companion, and believing he had eluded the search, which he learned in Seattle had been instituted, he settled down to enjoy life. After two months thus spent he became aware that detectives were on his track and hurried down the Coast. He reached Riverside, Cal., where the polo games were more than he could resist. McVitty always was a devotee of the sport and tarried in the Southern town, the flowers and sunshine. While in San Francisco Mrs. McVitty read of the strange polo enthusiast who had defeated all local experts and hastened on. There she found her hus-

band and is said to have adjusted her differences with him.

A. M. Dibble, of Portland, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Bohemia Literary Society, of Stanford University. The Bohemia Literary Society is one of the two leading debating organizations of the college.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lammance, of Oakland, entertained 600 guests during the week, who had been invited to meet Mrs. William Stevens Levens, of Baker City, Or. Oxnard was a supper and dancing affair, were the features.

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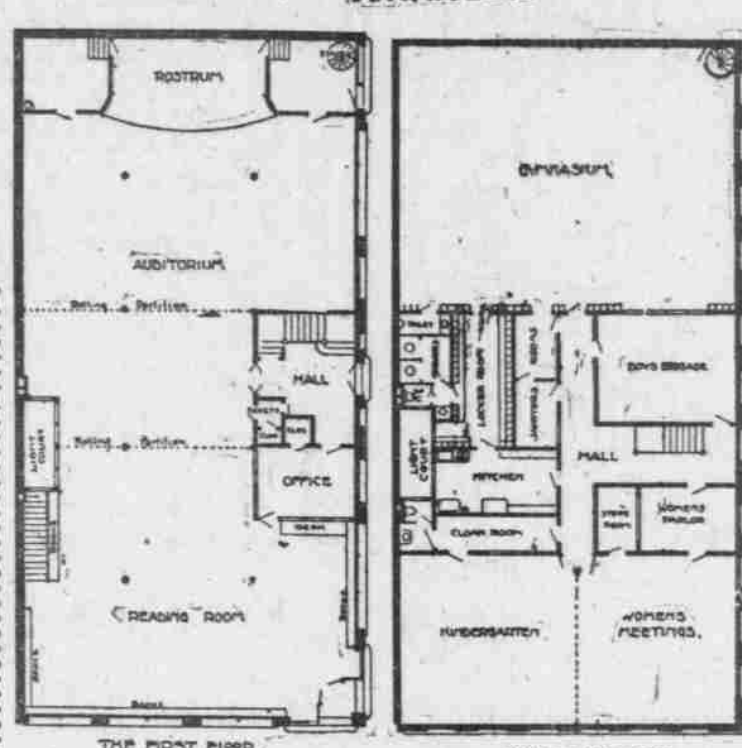
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