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SENSATION SPRUNG IN LAND FRAUD CASES

Dispatch From Washington,
D. C., a Great Surprise

MITCHELL AND HERMANN INVOLVED

They Will be Here by Last of Week, to
Appear Before Grand Jury

The Oregon Land Fraud cases have assumed big proportions and the unexpected has happened. A Washington dispatch states that Hermann and Mitchell left Sunday for Portland, to answer personally before the federal grand jury, in the land fraud cases. It is whispered in Washington that McKinley, Pater and Mrs. Watson have implicated these two congressmen in the cases under a promise of leniency by the government prosecutors, and it is said that they expect 24 counts in the indictment against Hermann, provided the grand jury finds the charges can be sustained.

Mitchell and Hermann say they will defend themselves before the grand jury in person. The big dailies of the Northwest have been complaining that Heney, the government prosecutor, and Hitchcock, of the Interior department, have been letting the "big fellows" alone, and have been going after the little fellows, and it looks as though the "worm has turned." By shortly after the first of the year the grand jury will have gone to the bottom of the testimony and the public will know whether or not the two congressmen will be indicted.

Heavy snows in Nebraska and the Dakotas

The Japs. have captured another unimportant fort at Port Arthur

Missouri's display at Portland's fair will represent \$300,000 expense.

The slayer of the Russian ex-minister of the Interior has escaped.

W. I. Vawter, of Jackson county, is after the speakership of the House in the next legislature.

State Senator Sig Sichel, the Port and cigar dealer, has been indicted for running slot machines.

A Magee, Miss., school master shot and killed a parent who was assaulting him because he had whipped a son at school.

Dan O'Neil, the old time steam boat purser on the Columbia river, and known to many Oregon pioneers, is dead.

The Lewis & Clark Fair will add 30,000 more feet of space for exhibits and this will require another addition to one of the big buildings.

Large logging companies on the Columbia have shut down, and it is expected that the price of logs will advance with the opening of spring.

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lands are to be sold in the same manner as the Umatilla reservation was a few years ago. The Yakima tract is one of the richest in the northwest, and will be made a paradise. It is expected that it will require a year to prepare the lands for sale, so there is plenty of time for the big rush that will ensue.

LOCAL and COUNTY

Austin Purdin was down from Banks, Monday.

Hop plants for sale—Inquire of Newton Womler, Laurel, Ore.

Mrs. A. B. Flint was up from Kinton, the first of the week.

Board and room by day or week. \$3.50 per week—Mrs. M. A. Lane.

W. E. Pruyn, manager of the Heppner water and light plant, is down to visit a few days with his relatives.

Papeteries stationery—the neatest out—for ladies, at The Delta Drug Store.

H. T. Bagley was a Portland visitor the last of the week, the guest of Captain Brown, on the Portland port dredger.

We carry the swellest line of gentlemen's and ladies' dress shoes to be found in the town. Come and see them, at Dennis'.

The basket social at the Mountindale school, Mrs. Raffety, teacher, last Friday evening, was a great success, netting \$45 for the school library.

Winter is here—can't you tell by your ravenous appetite? Just get groceries at Dennis' and you will feel like a new man, and need no pepsin to hold your digestion. Finest line of staples in the city.

BERT OAKMAN PLEADS TO SECOND DEGREE

Celebrated Murder Trial was
Ended Friday Morning

RECEIVES SENTENCE FOR LIFE

Prisoner is Quite Cheerful After Sensa-
tional Move

The end of the Oakman murder trial came quickly, Friday morning, after but one day of taking testimony. When court opened Attorney Huston stated to the court that if the district attorney and judge were willing Mr. Oakman would withdraw his plea of not guilty to murder in the first degree and enter a plea of guilty to murder in the second degree. This was agreed; Oakman pleaded; the hour for sentence was set for 2:00. Saturday; the jury was and thus ended

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Harrison Allen, Distri ney, said that he desired few words for the Benfe He said the father a held no malice against ant, although he has them of a son; stated had willingly acquiesc to murder in the secon though the evidence r a more severe ver had shown that a and a Christian charitable, and had foregone the eye for an tooth.

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