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## RECOMMENDED BY MASS MEETING

Representative Gathering Decided to Endorse the Limit of the Law.

### SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE CALLED IN ACCORDANCE.

Fair, Impartial and Comprehensive Debate Resulted in the Board Being Instructed to Call an Election to Vote Upon a \$62,000 Bond Proposition—Imperative Needs of Better and more extensive Accommodations Shown.

Jesse Failing, the veteran chairman of the school board, called about 100 representative taxpayers of the city to order last night at 8 o'clock for the discussion of the question of whether to bond or not to bond. For two hours the question was discussed in all its phases and but one surprise was sprung; there was no opposition to the bonding proposition. Some objections were raised to the plan adopted, but not to the general proposition. Those who last year brought the proposition to a finish and defeated it at the polls; those who had said much and voted, and those who had said little and voted, came into the hall and not only seconded the proposition of the school board for \$30,000 but tapped its hand and put a \$32,000 bet before the people—all that the law will allow.

**Mr. Pierce States the Question.**  
Walter Pierce addressed the meeting on the schools, their growth in the last five years and their needs. He showed that the attendance had doubled, that the children were packed into the rooms like sardines in a box, that buildings were ill ventilated and heated, and also run down. He pointed out that the levy for the school district tax was not as high as it had been in years past, even with the double attendance; that the expenses were lower in many ways, and that it was a necessity that the buildings be provided.

There were 190 children in the high school in October, and 41 more entered the schools when the February term opened. When Professor Conklyn took the schools there were 18 pupils in the high school, where here are now 115, all handled by three teachers. In Baker City there are 130 pupils in the high school and six teachers to lead them.

There had been no new school building in Pendleton for the past 16 years, and the board now had permission to make arrangements of some kind or keep the children out of the schools. The basement rooms and every other available place had been utilized until not another child could be accommodated.

It was not a question of a site with the board, it was a question of the maintenance of the schools, and the members of the board would accept any place in town designated by the taxpayers.

In order to bring the issue before the meeting, Mr. Pierce moved that a bond be authorized to call for a bond issue of \$30,000.

**General Discussion.**  
The question was then generally discussed by R. Alexander, E. B. McKin, Dr. W. G. Cole, A. D. Still, Dr. C. J. Smith, Dr. F. W. Vincent, T. G. Hally, Judge S. A. Low and George A. Hartman.

All were in favor of a bond issue. Dr. Cole moved to make the bond \$75,000 instead of \$30,000, and build either one large 16-room house, or two eight-room houses. The motion was favored by all of those who spoke on the question with the exception of Judge Lowell, who made the speech of the evening.

**Judge Lowell Advises Moderation.**  
Judge Lowell thought that to ask \$75,000 or for \$62,000 was to kill the measure; that the people would not be as good a friend to the school board as could be found, but that his advisors should be conservative, both in their demands and their action. They should not let the enthusiasm of the moment

run away with the hopes of its success. He knew the sentiment of the town, and he did not think that the people would stand for such an added burden.

The board must remember, and the people did, that it was not alone a question of school tax; it was a question of bearing the burden of the state, the municipal, the county and the district taxes. All had to be borne, and besides, it was wrong to think that an enormous bond debt could be voted, because the children of the present generation and their children would have to pay it. That spirit was the curse of the Western city.

The speaker was in favor of building smaller buildings in different parts of the city, of rearranging the school population, and of asking for a smaller bond issue.

**Decision Was Reached.**  
The question was then put and it was decided to be the sense of the meeting that the board be authorized to call for \$62,000 in bonds, to take up the floating debt, and to build either one 16-room building, or two eight-room buildings.

The property across the road from the Lane school was named as one acceptable site for the construction of a building, and a part of a block near the hall grounds, between Alta and Court, was recommended as the other. The board will look over the grounds and make a recommendation in the near future as to the place of building, and will make a call for the issue.

### LA GRANDE CITY ELECTION.

**Socialist Candidates All Defeated, But a Strong Vote Was Cast.**

La Grande, March 15.—The city election passed off quietly yesterday, the following candidates being elected: Mayor, J. E. Foley, 289 plurality over the socialist candidate; William C. Miller, recorder, 55 plurality over the socialist; L. Rayburn, marshal, 159 majority over socialist; E. J. Walsh, treasurer, 83 majority over the socialist. Independent republicans were elected to all the positions except Ed Walsh, a democrat, for treasurer. The total vote was 647. The division was on the gambling question, the marshal being against and the mayor for open gambling.

The socialists cast over 100 votes and made close calls for councilmen in all three of the wards.

The question of bonding the city for \$25,000 for a new court house and city hall carried by a majority of 276.

### RESIGNS FROM COMMISSION.

Fort Worth, March 15.—Former Governor Stanley of the Indian Territory, has resigned from the Dawes commission.

**System of Espionage.**  
Berlin, March 15.—The Koelnische Zeitung reports the Japanese have organized the most complete spy or espionage system of Russia. Twenty-five hundred patriotic Japanese volunteered to perform the dangerous service.

### ARMING CONVICTS.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—A dispatch states that Viceroy Alexieff has ordered the immediate liberation and arming of all convicts on the island of Sakhalen, just north of Yezo, who are willing to enroll to help defend the island against the Japanese attack thought to be imminent.

### JAPANESE ARE LAGGARD.

Cheong Foo, March 15.—It is reported that the Japanese land forces are still in Japan, despite contrary statements. Those in Korea are merely for garrison purposes, to hold the Russians in check along the Yalu. The main army is destined for some point along Liao Tung Gulf, but is awaiting the final disposition of the

### DESERTER HEARD FROM.

Frank Sayers, Walla Walla Turnkey, Bobs Up Drunk in Tacoma, and Reports.

Walla Walla, March 15.—Frank Sayers, turnkey of the penitentiary here, who deserted his wife and three small children a week ago, has turned up in Tacoma, repentant and willing to come back.

He writes a sickening letter to his wife blaming his act to drink and promising to return and be good. In the same mail that brought his letter to his wife, a letter came addressed to Sayers from a strange woman, recounting a promise he had made to her to meet him in Montana about May 1, where arrangements had been made to go into the lodging house business.

Mrs. Sayers was prostrated when she read this letter from the woman with whom her husband had evidently made all arrangements to finally desert his family on May 1.

It is believed that Sayers ran away with another worthless woman from this city, and has been deserted by her in Tacoma.

## HAND-TO-HAND CONFLICT BETWEEN THE BOATS' CREWS

A Hot Time Was the Latest Encounter Between the Japanese and Russian Torpedo Boats.

**China Declares Her Entire Neutrality—Two Skirmishes Between Cavalrymen Near the Yalu River—Russian Convicts on Sakhalen Island Will Be Liberated and Armed—Russian Fleet at Port Arthur Said to Be at Large and Headed for Vladivostok—Japs Said to Maintain a Perfect System of Espionage.**

London, March 15.—A Reuter's Tokio dispatch gives interesting details of the torpedo encounter between Russian and Japanese boats at Port Arthur the 10th. Ten Japanese were wounded and nine killed. Eight have reached Sazabo. The survivors give unstinted praise to the Russians for their heroic attack upon the Japanese torpedo flotilla.

The interesting incident is told by one of the sailors who had a personal encounter with the captain of the destroyer Steoreguguchi, which was sunk by the Japanese. So close did the opposing vessels fight that the sailors boarded the Russian destroyer, and with several others rushing along the deck, encountered the commander just leaving his captain. An exciting fight followed, the Japanese finally felling the captain with a cut-throat. The Russian was stunned and attempted to arise, but the Japanese kicked him overboard and he drowned.

The Japanese say 20 sailors lay dead on the two Russian destroyers which stood the brunt of the fight. At Sazabo full honors were paid the Japanese dead.

### TWO CAVALRY SKIRMISHES.

London, March 15.—A Central News dispatch from Port Arthur reports a skirmish between Cossacks and Japanese cavalry on the banks of the Yalu. The Japanese horses were killed and the Japanese forced to flee afoot.

A second skirmish is reported near Anju, Korea, in which the Japanese were repulsed.

Grand Duke Vladimirovitch, the czar's cousin, is expected at Port Arthur tomorrow.

### COLLIER GONE ASHORE.

Nagasaki, March 15.—The British collier Nigetta, laden with coal for the Japanese, is ashore at Sazabo.

### AMERICAN REFUGEES.

Washington, March 15.—The navy department is advised that the cruiser Cincinnati returned to Chemulpo from Chinnampo, with 23 American refugees.

### READY TO LOAN TO RUSSIA.

Cologne, March 15.—The Gazette quotes a St. Petersburg financial paper stating that a group of international financiers have undertaken to advance a war loan for forty million pounds sterling should Russia desire it.

### CORRESPONDENTS DETAINED.

Seoul, March 15.—The newspaper correspondents at Hing Yang and Anju have been ordered to return by the Japanese military authorities, and will be held at Seoul. No permits to go to the front have been advanced, which is significant.

### ANTELOPE IS SAFE.

Port Townsend, Wash., March 15.—The schooner Antelope, 58 days from San Francisco for Coquille River, Or., arrived here in a badly battered condition. She was given up as lost, being caught in a storm and blown several hundred miles out of her course.

### WALLA WALLA RACE MEET.

Walla Walla, March 15.—The spring meet of the Walla Walla County Fair association will be held from Wednesday, May 25, to Saturday, May 28, inclusive. It is expected that there will be about 100 horses here, and a very interesting affair is looked for.

### TERRORIZING UNION MEN.

Chasing Them Out of Colorado Under Pain of Death.

Telluride, Col., March 15.—One hundred members of the Citizens' Alliance, all armed, last night raided the homes of union miners and sym-

## STEAMER WRECKED.

Believed That One Hundred Passengers Were Lost.

Brisbane, March 15.—It is feared the 100 passengers on the steamer Aramay, from Brisbane for Cavineer wrecked off the Spit near here Sunday, are lost. When the steamer struck and began to break, six small boats put to sea. Of these two containing 58 passengers are safe. Several steamers are searching for the other four, but yet have obtained no news. Bad weather prevails and heavy seas are running.

### LABOR TROUBLES.

**Serious Fight at the Rawhide Mine, in California.**  
Stockton, Cal., March 15.—Another act of violence of striking miners, occurred in Jamestown yesterday, in which Spio Torch, night foreman of the Rawhide mine, was hurled through the glass front of a store and dangerously cut by broken glass. He swore out warrants for assault against Albert Seraroni and McNaughton, members of the Jamestown union.

### TROUBLESOME MOROS.

**They Were Shelled Out—"No Americans Were Hurt."**  
Manila, March 15.—Colonel Wood reports an attack on a reconnoitering force east of Cottabato, by a strong party of Moros, whose position was shelled out and the works taken. No American casualties.

### MRS. GRIFFIN DEAD.

**Daughter of Senator Mitchell Passes Away in New York.**  
New York, March 15.—Mrs. Griffin, daughter of Senator Mitchell of Oregon, died this morning.

### FIGHT IN SAN DOMINGO.

Washington, March 15.—Minister Powell of San Domingo, reports another engagement between government forces and insurgents at Makoris in which the government was victorious. The insurgent leader escaped.

### GOVERNMENT DEFEATED.

London, March 15.—The government was defeated in the house of commons today by a vote of 141 to 13, on a motion by Redmond against a reduction in the Irish educational estimates.

### SAVED FROM WRECK.

Brisbane, March 15.—All but one of the boats launched from the wrecked steamer Aramay, have been picked up by steamers sent in search.

### IRRIGATION IS THEIR HOPE.

**MALHEUR COUNTY BEING RAPIDLY RECLAIMED.**  
Largest Project in That District Now Under Way 18 Miles From Ontario—Mountain Valleys Are Settling Up—Harney People Hope For Government Aid.

J. S. Hunter, a well known stockman of Malheur county, was in the city today, and says the activity in irrigation work in his county is very marked this spring.

One of the largest irrigation enterprises in that district is now under way, 18 miles above Ontario, on the Owyhee river, where a dam 100 feet high will be built across the canyon of the Owyhee, and a reservoir formed sufficient to irrigate 50,000 acres of desert land below.

This dam will form a reservoir about a mile in length, with a depth of from 10 to 20 feet, and a main canal will lead from it above the present ditches operated by the Nevada and Owyhee canals.

In time it is hoped to extend this canal about 12 miles further down the foot hills above Owyhee to cover the famous Dead Ox Flat, one of the most fertile and promising tracts of land in Eastern Oregon when put under irrigation.

The entire valley of the Owyhee river is a solid alfalfa farm, now growing from two to three crops per year, while it was a desert less than five years ago. He looks for still greater development in his county in the future and hopes to see the Harney county government irrigation project carried to completion.

Most of the mountain valleys of Malheur county are now reclaimed and are supporting a population, and he says that fruit and vegetables grow in abundance in places where it was thought five years ago it would be impossible to raise such products on account of the frost and dry climate.

### PROHIBITS DOCKING.

Des Moines, March 15.—The bill prohibiting the docking of horses' tails passed the house.

## STATE RIGHTS ARE NOT INVALIDATED

In Other Words, They Must Not Trample Upon the Rights of the People.

### THE SUPREME COURT STOOD FIVE TO FOUR.

**In the Final Analysis No Combination Is Stronger Than the Law Creating it—Wall Street Dissatisfied—Jim Hill Says, "Well, They Cannot Take Our Properties Away From Us"—Governor Van Sant, Who Started the Fight, Is Greatly Rejoiced.**

Washington, March 15.—The decision in the merger case was by a vote of five to four. Holmes, Peckham, White and Fuller dissenting.

### SYNOPSIS OF OPINION.

Washington, March 15.—The supreme court denied that the sacredness of the doctrine of state's rights is being trespassed on by the interstate law.

If a state should allow the railroads to do those things which interfere with interstate commerce, should congress be compelled to hold aloof on the ground that it would invade state rights? Such doctrine could not be given fact without destroying the power of the national government. No state law can give any corporation rights to restrain interstate or international law.

The federal courts cannot interfere with the Northern Securities Company from exercising all interstate rights justly given it by the state; but it can prevent it from doing that which would destroy an act of congress.

An affirmation of the decision below would only mean that no combination is stronger than the law creating it, or can avail itself of the pretext that state rights are attacked in the enforcement of a lawful act of congress. No combination, be it ever so powerful, is beyond the reach of the supreme court, if it undertakes to restrain commerce.

### WALL STREET DISSATISFIED.

New York, March 15.—Wall street expected an adverse decision in the Securities company, consequently values fell off only a fraction. Securities stock dropped nearly three points.

J. J. Hill said: "I cannot discuss it until we have more news. I have no idea at present what its scope is. Our railway properties are still there and they cannot take them from us."

Mr. Hill is this afternoon closeted in conference with the directors of the merger company, and declined to be seen.

### VAN SANT VINDICATED.

St. Paul, March 15.—Governor Van Sant is much gratified at the decision, which "means more to the people of the country than any event since the civil war."

### WILL OBEY THE LAW.

New York, March 15.—J. J. Hill, before going into conference today with the lawyers and bankers interested in the Northern Securities, said: "The company will obey the law, no matter what its inconvenience and discomfort. As I understand the situation, the decision acts as a finality. I don't think we shall have a rehearing. What plans we shall pursue depends entirely upon the advice of our counsel. After the calmest deliberation, our line of conduct will be determined."

### WILL NOT INCORPORATE IN CANADA.

New York, March 15.—J. J. Hill this afternoon said, regarding the reports that the Securities Company had incorporated in Canada: "We have as much notion of incorporating in Mars or the moon as in Canada."

### CONSUL AT DAWSON.

Washington, March 15.—The president has nominated Louis Dent of the District of Columbia, to be consul at Dawson, Yukon.

### FIREWORKS FACTORY FIRE.

Chicago, March 15.—Three and probably four men were killed this morning by an explosion and fire in the Chicago Toy Novelty Company plant. Foreman Gordon dropped a box of toy torpedoes. Its detonation set off other explosives and the building was completely wrecked. His body and that of two boys were burned beyond recognition.