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...me of School Laws and  
...oked—Question of Lo-  
...ign Subscription to the  
...st Be Decided by the  
...board is up, against a  
...the law: The people of  
...have not voted any  
...recent election at which  
...bonds was authorized is  
...to effect, and a new and  
...will be necessary to  
...defects. Such were the  
...of the board at the meet-  
...afternoon at 4 o'clock.  
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...the knots, and the board  
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...of the recent election.  
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...books to show all of the  
...board, in calling the elec-  
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...the School Laws, and fin-  
...fallen down because all of  
...visions were not stated in  
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...ature a change was made  
...ness of calling elections  
...ases, and this late amend-  
...not noted in the School  
...therefore was not observ-  
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...ing to the act passed at the  
...found on page 331 of  
...al Laws of Oregon for 1903,  
...ured in section 1 that:  
...the legal voters, present  
...legally called school meeting,  
...authorize the directors of such  
...district to make a loan, bor-  
...or refund any existing  
...ness created by a vote of  
...ers, or by the directors, in  
...of any statute, and to  
...therefor, they shall de-  
...ballot, and by a majority of  
...voters present, whether the  
...authorized to be issued,  
...negotiated and sold accord-  
...provisions of sub-division  
...the 3389 of Bellinger & Cot-  
...muted Code, or the provis-  
...sub-division 31 of said sec-  
...the same shall be negoti-  
...aid under the provisions  
...sub-division so selected by  
...voters."  
...vision 5 of the section refer-  
...provides in substance that if  
...has been authorized to  
...a debt by a majority vote  
...legally called school meeting, it  
...new bonds not to exceed 5 per  
...the taxable value of the  
...of the district, provided  
...resident bona fide citizens  
...district have the right to sub-  
...for the issue in blocks of not  
...less than \$50. This paragraph  
...for the local purchase of all of  
...and issue.  
...vision 21 of the section pro-  
...for the election (as it was fol-  
...by the board,) by circulating  
...for the signature of 10 le-  
...ers, after which notice shall  
...for the election. This sub-  
...makes no provision as to  
...er or not the issue may be  
...by local or foreign capital,  
...over the matter open.  
...Who Gets a Bond Issue?  
...other source of tangle is found  
...page 21 of the General Laws,  
...Hungary Labor Troubles.  
...Bodapest, Hungary, April  
...The striking railway men  
...have decided not to accept  
...terms dictated by the gov-  
...ment, which will employ  
...600 non-unionists at once.  
...The railroaders are expected,  
...by many thousand dis-  
...satisfied laborers in many oc-

quoted above, and gives to the state land board the preferential right to buy any bonds issued by any school district; further providing that the bonds as issued shall not bear less than 5 per cent interest. This is in opposition to the wishes of the board, which desires to put out long-time bonds at low interest.

These are the principal stumbling blocks over which the board has fallen, and it seems now that it will, in order to legalize a bond issue, be compelled to first call a special and legal school meeting at which it shall be decided whether or not the bonds shall be local or general, after which the notices may be posted and the election proceeded with as before.

If this is a fact it will require 10 days' notice to call the school meeting, and then 20 days posted notice for the election, throwing the election a little over a month from now. The board is considering what is best to do.

At the meeting this afternoon the resignation of C. S. Jackson was accepted after having been in the hands of the board for some time, and Leon Cohen was appointed to fill out the unexpired term, which will be until the general election in June.

**MAILS DELAYED.**  
**Labor Troubles Cause Widespread Inconvenience.**  
Constantinople, April 23.—No mails have arrived since Thursday, on account of the Hungarian railway strike.

**EXPLOSION AT FACTORY FIRE**  
**WALLS TOPPLE OVER AND DO GREAT DESTRUCTION.**  
**Twenty People Injured and Fire Apparatus Crushed—General Panic Among Spectators and Throughout the City—Fire Started by Burning Tank of Naphtha.**

Newark, N. J., April 23.—Two firemen and two citizens were killed and 20 injured by an explosion in the factories of the Weiner Company & Cassidy, hardware manufacturers, this morning. The dead are: Jacob Bleyhle, Patrick Donahue, William Crane and Leo Ross.

Origin was a tank of naphtha taking fire.

Fourteen engines and four truck companies were massed in front of the building when the explosion occurred. Falling walls, burning men and crushed machines filled the street, and a general panic ensued among the bystanders and throughout the business part of town.

The loss to the building is \$50,000, while the city sustains a loss of at least \$9,000 to ruined machinery.

**BORE FALSE WITNESS.**  
**Detective Agency in Trouble at London, England.**  
London, April 23.—Henry Slater, head of the largest private detective agency in England, and four assistants were arrested charged with procuring false evidence to permit a woman client to obtain a divorce.

**RESERVE WILL OPEN.**  
**Nearly Half Million Acres in the Rosebud Agency.**  
Washington, D. C., April 23.—The president this morning signed the bill opening for sale 416,000 acres of land in the Rosebud agency in South Dakota.

**Will Manage Large Properties.**  
Denver, Col., April 23.—Lafayette Hanchett, a well known mining man of Idaho Springs, has been appointed general manager of all the mining property and mills of the reduction works owned by Samuel V. Newhouse, the millionaire mine owner in Colorado, Utah, Montana and California, with headquarters at Salt Lake, Utah. He will receive a salary of \$25,000 per year.

**GOING TO ATHENA.**  
**Pendleton Marksmen Accept Invitation Tendered Them.**  
The Athena Rod and Gun Club has sent an invitation to the members of the Pendleton Sportsmen's Association to attend the shoot given by them tomorrow at the Athena grounds, and quite a number will take advantage of the invitation to enjoy the hospitality of the Athena sportsmen.

**It is expected that several crack shots from Walla Walla will be in attendance also, as well as some from other clubs in the nearby towns. Among those who will attend from here are Dr. T. H. White, William Ingram, James Spence, Sam Thompson, D. C. Clark, Charles J. Ferguson, C. C. Berkeley and H. J. Stillman.**

**English Baseball Fans.**  
London, April 23.—Forty thousand football enthusiasts today witnessed the final match of the Manchester City Club and Bolton Wanderers. Standing room in the Crystal Palace is at a premium.

**Chicago Grain.**  
Chicago, April 23.—May wheat opened 87 3/4, closed 87 1/2; old July opened 85, closed 84 1/2; new July opened 84, closed 83 1/2; July corn opened 47 1/2, closed 47 1/4.

**Going to Italy.**  
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**O. R. & N. Freight Train Goes in the Ditch at West Switch With Disastrous Results.**  
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**BALFOUR-GUTHRIE NOTES SOLD**  
**Last of the Personal Property of the Wade Estate.**  
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## HEARST AFTER THE COAL TRUST

### He is a Thorn in the Side of the Second Greatest Monopoly on Earth.

**APPEARS BEFORE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.**  
**His Coming is a Signal for Every Republican Member to Be Present and on Guard Against the Great Editor's Willy Assaults—His Resolution for Investigation Defeated—He Charges Attorney-General Knox With Wilful Neglect.**

Washington, April 23.—William Randolph Hearst appeared before the house committee on judiciary today to attack the anthracite coal trust. He spoke at length, but failed to impress the republican committee, who are attending in full force to prevent any more "snap" actions.

The Hearst resolutions of inquiry were voted down by the republicans and were then referred to a sub-committee. Hearst contended that Attorney-General Knox failed to take action, "nor has he permitted any other officials in his department to." Hearst submitted correspondence on the subject with the president, the attorney-general and District Attorney Burnett.

The Hearst resolution was defeated on the ground that the matters provided therein are already covered by the Williams resolution for an inquiry now before the house.

**Bill of Complaint.**  
Mr. Hearst today followed his testimony by filing with the attorney-general a bill of complaint against the anthracite roads mining companies, alleging violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, and praying the United States to take action to restrain them from further violation.

Mr. Hearst goes fully into the history of the alleged combination, which he states was for the purpose of stifling competition and avers it to be a device of the holding company which is illegal.

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The east-bound passenger train was delayed about seven hours, reaching here at noon, and the west-bound trains were delayed at Echo until 11 o'clock.

A wrecker was brought from La Grande and the derailed cars were moved and a track built around them to allow the passenger trains to pass. The damage was very slight, as the train was not moving at a high rate of speed at the time of the accident.

Foreman Ronnda went down on the wrecker to assist in clearing the track.

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The property was bid in as a whole by the First National Bank for \$21,500, and by James H. Ray, separately for \$13,500. The returns will be sent to the court at Portland, and if the sale is confirmed the bank will undoubtedly gain possession of the notes and stock. This winds up the sale of the personal property of the estate. The real property will be sold in a week from now.

## JAPANESE LOSE A GREAT BATTLE

### Reported Through Russian Sources That They Lost 7,000 Men on the Yalu.

**SOMEBODY BLUNDERED IN PORT ARTHUR FIGHT.**  
**Russian Account Confirms the Claim That the Petropavlovsk Was Blown Up by a Japanese Submarine—Went Down in the Midst of a General Engagement—Other Russian Boats Were Injured, and the Balance Fled to Inner Harbor.**

Paris, April 23.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg states the Japanese losses in the reported engagement at Yalu river numbered 7,000. The information is contained in a private message from Port Arthur, which is said to further confirm the rumor of a battle in that region.

**"Somebody Blundered."**  
St. Petersburg, April 23.—Viceroy Alexieff's full report on the loss of the Petropavlovsk and destroyer Strashni on April 11, was published today.

He says the mistake of both officers of the Strashni, who mistook the Japanese destroyers for Russian ships, led to the greater disaster of the loss of the battleship. The cruiser Diana, when it was seen that the Strashni was at the mercy of the enemy, went to her relief, but too late. The vessel sank. The Diana picked up five survivors.

The Japanese destroyers withdrew, but a half dozen cruisers appeared and attacked the Diana. It was then that Makaroff started to rescue the Diana after a short fusillade at 10,000 yards, a squadron of Japanese battleships appeared and the Russians retired.

**Two Explosions Under Petropavlovsk**  
"At 9:43," the report continues, "an explosion under the right side of the Petropavlovsk, and a second under her bridge. A column of smoke was seen to arise from the battleship. Her mast, funnel, bridge and turret were thrown up, and the battleship keeled over on her starboard side. The ship was surrounded by flames and in two minutes sunk, bow first."

Alexieff tells of the rescue of seven officers, including Cyril and 73 seamen.

**Probiada's narrow Escape.**  
It was while hearing the harbor that the battleship Probiada nearly met a like fate. A mine exploded under her starboard side. The ship listed, but entered the harbor. No mention is made of damage.

Intimations that the Japanese laid the fatal mines is given. Alexieff says the night preceding the sortie lights and ships were seen in the distance.

The viceroy says the morale of the crews remain despite the ill success attending the Pacific fleet.

**AGAINST GAS PLANT.**  
**Petition Being Circulated to Prevent Plant From Being Located in Residence Section of the City.**  
A petition is now being circulated asking the city council to refuse to permit the gas plant now in contemplation, to be located near the electric light station, in the residence portion of the city.

**Special Train for Odd Fellows.**  
The O. R. & N. has granted the request of Pendleton Odd Fellows to furnish a special train from this city to Milton on Tuesday, April 26 on the occasion of the joint celebration of the Milton and Pendleton lodges there on that day. The train will leave here at 8:30 a. m., and returning will leave Milton at 5 p. m. The exercises will be held in the forenoon.

**Mrs. W. H. Kelsey Goes South.**  
Mrs. W. H. Kelsey and her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Lyman, have gone on an extended visit to the southern states and the St. Louis fair. They will visit all the principal southern cities, especially in Tennessee and Kentucky, and expect to be gone about three months. Mr. Kelsey and Oliver expect to join them at St. Louis about July 1.

**Dairy Cows Sold.**  
Fifty head of dairy cattle, the property of Edwin Woody were sold at public sale this afternoon at the Dutch Henry feed yard, by Sheriff Taylor. The cattle brought \$1,040, and were bid in by R. E. Stewart of Athena.

## BIG LOG AT ST. LOUIS.

### Special Correspondent Tells of Oregon Timber Exhibit.

St. Louis, April 23.—One of the most attractive cards in the outdoor exhibit of the Forestry display at the St. Louis fair, is the big spruce log which will represent Oregon there.

It is a veritable monster and thousands of people daily are attracted by its enormous size. It is by far the largest log on the grounds and old-timers cannot remember when they have seen anything nearly so large.

It towers above the other outdoor exhibits and can be seen for a long distance. General Superintendent Wehrung thought that he had a white elephant on his hands, as there seemed to be no feasible means of unloading the log and getting it into position, but after carefully looking over the ground, he decided to have a launching, and accordingly ways were prepared and jacks brought in to use.

Even then it was no easy matter to move the huge monster which weighed 50,000 pounds. Quite a crowd of spectators had gathered to witness the sight, and they were not disappointed, for the log seemed alive and went tumbling and rolling down the long slope like a young cub after honey. It brought up within a few feet of its long resting place, where it was placed on a cradle to be the pet of all timbermen.

LAYTON WISDOM.

## Dictatorial in All Things

### YET MANY OF THE YOUNG CHAFE UNDER CONTROL.

**Are Prone to Revolt at Polygamy, Which is Unpopular With Them and a Source of Trouble—Worst Feature of the Mormon Church is Its Unamerican Meddlesomeness.**

Washington, April 23.—Resuming his testimony in the Smoot case, Judge Powers was asked how the younger Mormons regard the practice of polygamy. He said they are opposed to it, and believe if the church attempted to re-establish it would meet with trouble from that element.

The younger people are also restive under church control. Some submit readily to political dictation by it, some under protest, and some not at all.

The worst feature of the Mormon church, continued the witness, was not polygamy, but the unamerican domination exercised by the hierarchy over its people and that forces obedience to the word of the church leaders as though it were God himself speaking, and also the power of the church to control commerce and business.

**CHANGES HANDS.**  
**Mrs. Cooper Buys the St. George Restaurant.**  
Mrs. Cora Cooper, formerly proprietress of the Strahon lodging house, has purchased the business of the St. George restaurant of H. Muligan, who has been conducting it for several months.

Mrs. Cooper will take charge on the first of May, and will open the place under her management by giving a special Sunday dinner. She will run the restaurant with the intention of making it the first-class eating place of the city, and she has had large experience in the business.

**REV. ANDERSON ARRIVED.**  
**Will Preach Tomorrow at Both Methodist Churches.**  
Rev. Anderson has arrived and will preach at the M. E. Church, South at 11 a. m. and at the Thompson Street M. E. church at 7:30 p. m.

Beginning with the Monday services these churches will hold joint services in the M. E. Church South building throughout the remainder of next week, and as much longer as Mr. Anderson remains in town, or the revival is continued.

**Ernest Younger to San Francisco.**  
Ernest Younger will leave this evening for San Francisco to attend the convention of the National Grocers' Association, which meets in that city during the coming week. Mr. Younger is delegate from the association here, and will be gone for a couple of weeks.

**Fraternal Surprise Party.**  
The members of Umatilla Tent No. 27, of the Knights of the Maccabees surprised the ladies of June Hive No. 16, while at their meeting last night. The visitors brought refreshments with them and turned the session of the lodge into a social. The surprise was complete and acceptable.

## TWO MILLIONS FOR IDAHO DESERT

### Government to Reclaim 200,000 Acres by Pumping Water From Snake River.

**TRACT TO BE RECLAIMED IS EAST OF HUNTINGTON.**

Secretary of Interior Sets Aside \$2,600,000 for Government Project—Will Be the First Pumping Plant Attempted Under the National Irrigation Act—Water Will Be 30 to 40 Feet Out of Snake River—Soil is Rich, Sandy and Productive—Mindoka the Center of the District is the Gateway to Southern Idaho.

The secretary of the interior yesterday set aside the sum of \$2,600,000 for the purpose of constructing an irrigation project at Mindoka, Idaho, for the reclamation of 200,000 acres of arid land in the heart of the Snake river desert.

The project will consist of monster pumps to lift the water out of Snake river at a point about 20 miles east of Mindoka, with canals and ditches covering the entire body of land to be reclaimed.

The land to be reclaimed lies in a vast semi-circular tract, north and east of Mindoka, and is comparatively level, with jutting lava cliffs and rocky ridges running through it from east to west, parallel with the river course. The soil is sandy, rich and deep and produces abundantly under irrigation.

At places in this desert some small spots have been reclaimed by springs found among the lava cliffs, and where water can be secured the soil produces anything planted.

By raising the water from Snake river a distance of 30 to 40 feet, by means of pumps, and delivering it into iron pipes 10 feet in diameter which will be extended for several hundred feet from the pumps to the level of the plain, to a main canal, it is thought that at least 350,000 acres of desert land can be covered by this project. The land lies favorable to inexpensive irrigation as there are no deep channels to build and but few ravines to cross in reaching the farthest limit of the tract. The tract lies north of the Short Line railroad, and would all be tributary to Mindoka.

Mindoka is the gateway to a large district in Southern Idaho. It is 168 miles east of Huntington, and is the point from which the principal stage lines start southward into Albion, Goose creek, Salmon river and other thickly settled portions of the state south of Snake river. It enjoys a large travel, as much of the business of Southern Idaho must pass through this place to Boise City and other principal Idaho towns.

This will be the first pumping plant installed by the government, all the other government irrigation projects being either reservoir or dam projects.

**FUNERAL OF FRANK BEAL.**  
**Conducted by Rev. Rigby at Athena This Afternoon.**  
Rev. G. W. Rigby left this morning for Athena, where he was called to conduct the funeral of Frank Beal, a young man who formerly resided in this city, but for some time has been in the butcher business in Milton. Mr. Beal has been a sufferer with dropsy, the result of inflammatory rheumatism. He was a popular young man of good business attainments.

The funeral was held in Athena this afternoon, the burial being made in the Athena cemetery.

**Kramer-Thrasher.**  
James M. Kramer and Miss Frankie Thrasher, of this city, were married at the residence of Mrs. Stella Ross, this morning. Rev. M. V. Howard officiating. They will reside on Bluff street.

**For Popular Government.**  
Berlin, April 23.—The Frankfurter Zeitung reports that the Russian council of ministers, consisting of old and conservative statesmen, have demanded a limited form of popular government for Russia, and Minister Interior Ploby is said to have agreed to their demands to a degree.

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