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James Logie, a newspaper man of ability and long experience, has accepted the position of business manager of THE MINER, and will have entire charge of that department for the present. For a number of years I was associated with Mr. Logie in a business way and know him to be strictly all right. He will soon demonstrate this statement to be a fact, and there is no necessity to dwell upon the subject here. I hope that the business public will receive him with the same courteous consideration that it has ever extended to MINER representatives. With his assistance the paper will be materially improved in several respects, as the weeks go by.

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It now develops that one of the motives actuating the people with a pull who engineered the forest reserve land grabbing deal, was to exchange worthless land from which the timber has all been cut for lieu land scrip, to be placed on valuable timber lands. It is the clearest case of getting something for nothing yet placed on the public records. It is a steal and the politicians on whom the responsibility of the job can be placed, may as well consider it as their political death sentence in this state. The Oregon Lumber company and the Sumpter Valley Railway company, practically the same thing, are the chief beneficiaries. This outfit has several thousand acres of logged land in Baker county which it will thus be enabled to trade for timber lands.

AGAIN the American makes an elaborate defense of Cato Johns in the matter of the illegal method pursued in expending school funds—or rather, attempting to run the district in debt. Its plea is that old cowardly chestnut, "it may be all wrong, but don't say a word, for fear of injuring our credit and schools." The facts in the case are that bonds were voted for a certain purpose, the electors expressing their wishes explicitly. Johns, acting for the entire board, usurping its authority, is spending the money thus voted exactly as the taxpayers have stated it should not be spent, for a different purpose from that for which the bonds were voted. THE MINER does not know whether or not he succeeded in selling the bonds, but if he has, then he has disposed of a gold brick—they are not worth the paper on which they are printed. R. E. Strahorn, who has bought more school bonds than any other one man in the west, wouldn't touch them at any price. One of the contractors refused to enter into an agreement with the school district and made his contract with Cato Johns, personally. Johns ought to be made to pay the money himself. If this community will sit down calmly and stand for such coarse work as this, it ought to be buncoed—and will be.

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