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COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

The Lake County Examiner was again made the County official Paper by the county court in session last week. The decision was easily reached, when the Examiner and Herald were required to submit lists of their subscribers within the county. The Examiner has 605 subscribers and The Herald 412.

We wish to say to our advertisers that 605 does not by any means represent The Examiner's circulation as the list submitted to the county court was confined to residents of the county. The Examiner has a circulation outside of the county larger than that within the county.

This is the largest list ever put in for this paper. Last year The Examiner was made the County official Paper on a list of 455. An increase of 150 subscribers in the 9 months we have been in charge of this paper speaks a great deal for its popu-

The rapid growth of The Examiner should be an encourageing argument to advertisers, and the further assurance that the management shall strive to keep up its rapid pace is certainly proof of The Examiner's worth as an advertising medium. It is not so much what the advertiser himself wants to see in a paper that makes it a valuable paper in which to advertise, but the great number of other people who want to read it and do read it that makes the space valuable.

The proposed creation of a new Japs are noted. subject of a warm light in the legishe the one conducted two years ago, except that a few new elements onto litto the contest;

ed with the new disease which is cal- tween Oregon and California. led "Indictment."

Francis J. Hency in the prosecution an attorney when they need one. of the land fraud cases. Mr. Pagin is an able lawyer, having been engaged for the past 16 years in drawing indictments for the Federal courts. He drew up the indictments In the famous Benson-Diamond-Hyde land fenud cases.

The Moralog Oregovian Issued a It was devoted intach to an exploitation of the Lewis got lines. Exposition which is will attract. wide attention to by reason of the; elaborate details, lilustrations and historical matter printed in connertion.

Unquestionable proof that Vicepresident elect is a truthful man is his denial that he died recently while enroute to Washington.

"Have you been indicted yet?" is the latest word of greeting in Port-Innd.

The Salem Statesman's New Years Annual was a fine one. It was issued in book form enclosed in handsome covers and is a good advertisement for Salem and Marion county.

Japan bottled Port Arthur and the harbor. When they pulled the cork on Jan. 1, they found they had a bottie full of disabled ships and sick and wounded Russlans.

The San Francisco "Chronicle" is sued the handsomest New Years edition ever published by that enterprising and reliable newspaper.

If Oregon doesn't get that indictment epidemic stamped out pretty soon the Oregon hospital for such cases will be over-crowded.

To Settle Range Trouble.

One of the most important meas ures to come up before the legislature now in Session, from an Eastern Oregon view, is the one affecting the ranges of this portion of the state to be introduced by Representative Steiner of Lakeview, making counties and municipalities responsible for damages to property destroyed within their boundaries by mob rule or riots of any character.

The measure will meet with approval over the state, as the range troubles in Eestern Oregon has resulted in widesprend denouncement of acquisition of range by force. The measure is thought to be an insentive to taxpayers of these counties to run down such depredations and reduce lawlessness of this character to a minimum.

* Captured at Last.

At last Port Arthur has been captured. This time it is no josh. The Japs captured the fort on New Years day and took formal possession on the second. The Russians surrendered everything, even their sick and wounded, who will be cared for at the fort until such time as they can be safely removed to Russian hospitals. For this charitable act the

county out of the northern part of The Japs will make an investigation Crook, the southern part of Wasco of the sunken Russian warships, and a strip from Sherman, to be call, and if possible, will raise some of ed Stockman county, will be the them and put them into service. They will further fortify Port Arthur lature this session. There are strong and make it even more an impregnable forces working for the new county Fort. Russin, it is said, will endeavand strong forces working against or to recapture Port Arthur, but it gate. it. The fight will be much the same is likely their efforts will be as fruitless as were those to hold it.

Irrigation Legislation.

Senator Eard of California has in trickined a bill in the United States principally in Portland, that has Schute authorizing the Secretary or the grand lury should have returned taken the place of the once famous the Interior to construct any irappendicitis, which all prominent agation or reclamation canals found people were so maxious to have, advisable on and along the shores of Nearly every prominent man in Ore- Lower Klamath. Tule and Goose gon, especially in Portland is affect. Lakes, all lying on the boundary be-

Office E. Pagin of Chicago bus by not keeping a city attorney at panied him to the Land Office and been assigned to Portland to assist \$50 a month salary and employing urged that the issuing of patents to



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cures! Ask your doctor if he doesn't use it for coughs, olds, brouchiris, and all roat and lung troubles.

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"I expect to procure the indictment of at least a dozen prominent and wealthy persons who profited most by these frauds.

"It may become necessary for me to request the removal of certain other Federal officers before I complete the investigation.

Washington Times.

"If Senator Mitchell follows the inexorable rule of Senatorial etiquette, he will not appear on the floor of the Senate again until the courts have taken final action in the matter of the indictment found against him. If there is anything upon which Senators are insistent, it is upon the point of integrity of every man who holds membership with them in common on the floor of the upper

"Secretary Hitchcock is reported as being pleased with the indictment of Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann, of Oregon. Of course this feeling of elation must be ascribed to the proper desire to punish rascality of whatever station. The episode itself is depressing. The thought that men whose positions attest the public confidence in which they have been held should be brought under susplcion and then directly accused of crime assails an ideal which has been cherished with pride. In this connection the fact Is to be remembered that grand jury indictments often prove to be base less errors. It is rendered upon the showing of one side of a case. This, perhaps, is prejudiced. Mere indictment is no proof of guilt, and, in deed, until presentment in court. where its status is determined, is in itself not a serious reflection upon the probity of the accused."

Washington Dispatch to the Oregonian.

it was stated this morning that more indictments are to be found and while it is declared that no such well-known officials as Senator Mitchell or Mr. Hermann are to be named in the indictments, evidence has been obtained against some very prominent men in Oregon and it is intimated that the two members of the National legislative body already under indictment will not be the only members of Congress whose conduct the grand jury will investi-

Senator Fulton, after reading the Associated Press story of the indictment of Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann, made the follow

an indictment on such evidence. Apparently all the evidence against Senator Mitchell are his own admissions and the uncorroborated testimony of the convicted Puter. Mitchell admits that Puter came to Washington with a letter of intro-Ashland will economize this year duction from Mays: that he accomthe land claims should be expedited.

"Hermann, it appears, declined to make suclian order in the absence of a showing by affidavit of facts that would justify it, whereupon Puter told Mitchell a tale of woe, and Milcheli dictated an affidavit embodying the alleged facts for him and his accomplier, Watson, to sign. They signed and filed it, and the claims were mostly to patent.

"All this, I understand, Mitchell admits. Nothing unusual about the transaction, either. It does not a

INDICTMENTS AIRED IN EAST. materially differ from the work of every member of the delegation is almost constantly being importuned by constituents to perform. But now comes Puter, already convicted and awaiting sentence under one indictment and trial on others, and no doubt promised leniency, if not immunity; willing, certainly, in order to secure the one or the other, to smirch the character of any one, and says that be paid Mitchell for his service \$2000.

> "Of course in view of the fact that all the detailed circumstances attending the transaction save the receipt of the money are substantially admitted to have occurred, it was easy for a swift and willing purjurer such as Puter to inject the one element necessary to convert an otherwise innocent transaction, sq far as Mitchell is concerned, into a crime. He did so by swearing he paid to Mitchell the money, and in consequence a man who has served his state in the Senate for almost a quarter of a century without his name having been connected or associated with any charge or whisper of a charge of corruption, is now, at the age of 70 years, compelled to go into court and defend his character.

> "Certainly no trial jury will conviet on such evidence.

me" said Senator Fulton, "and have Scrip. Write for prices, uniformly denounced the indictment of Senator Mitchell on the testimony Springfield. of a man like Puter. I find the universal sentiment of the Senate is with Mitchell. I have yet to find a single Senator who entertains the slightest doubt as to his innocence. On the contrary, much wonderment is expressed that any grand jury should have indicted any man on such a flimsy statement as that made by Puter.

"Since the question of the propriety of Senator Mitchell's appearing on the floor has been raised, Senators from all sections have asked me to persuade Senator Mitchell to come into the Senate as soon as he returns, notwithstanding precedent. Democrats and Republicans alike say he should not remain away, but should resume his sent.

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