

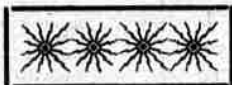
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TAX PAYING TIME WILL SOON BE HERE

Union County Tax Payers Will be Called Upon to Pay \$159,000 for 1903 Tax

The sheriff's office will soon send out notices to the taxpayers of Union county, that the time has arrived for paying the 1903 tax. The total tax this year will be about \$159,000, against \$129,331.02 last year. Following is a synopsis of the law regarding the payment of taxes: If payment is not made by the first Monday in April, 10 per cent. penalty is added; also 12 per cent. interest. If one-half of the tax is paid by the first Monday in April, no penalty or interest is added to the remaining one-half until after the first Monday in October. If the last half is not paid by the first Monday in October, 10 per cent. penalty and 12 per cent. interest are added from the first Monday in April. If the entire tax is paid by March 15, 3 per cent. rebate is allowed. Taxes may be paid at any time after March 1.

RUSSIA STURN NOW

Yokohama, Feb. 13.—Four Russian war ships engaged in battle this morning with a Japanese man of war off Port Akoura Maru, and succeeded in destroying it. St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—The report was received here today

that the Japanese had succeeded in landing troops at Port Arthur though they lost two regiments during the operation. The Japanese express confidence in their ability to maintain their position there. St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—The

London, Feb. 13.—Minister Hyashi has received a telegram from Tokio announcing that Havelof the Russian minister for Korea, has left Seoul for home. The embassy was escorted from the capital by Japanese troops in order to prevent hostile demonstrations. The Japanese are maintaining order in Korea. The Japanese troops, after escorting them to the station, furnished a military guard on the train from Seoul to Caemulpo.

BUYING TEXAS MULES
Houston, Texas, Feb. 13.—A Russian agent is buying mules for use of the Russian army.

AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS
Buffalo, Feb. 13.—A company of 100 militiamen have arranged to start for

Japan in three weeks to fight against Russia.

ICEBOUND IN THE BALTIC
Copenhagen, Feb. 13.—The Russian Baltic fleet is reported to be still at Kronstadt where the icebreaker Grauk is keeping the channel open. The reports printed this morning that the fleet had been seen at Kattegat, were erroneous.

AMERICA-MARU SAFE
San Francisco, Feb. 13.—The Japanese liner America-Maru from San Francisco, arrived at Yokohama February 11 without mishap.

EXPECT EARLY FALL
London, Feb. 13.—The British government has information which leads it to believe that Japan is likely to be in possession of Port Arthur a week from now in the best-informed Japanese circles here, it is privately thought that the war will be over by July.

JAPAN HAS NEW EXPLOSIVE
London Feb. 13.—The Daily Mail states today that the Japanese are introducing in the Far East campaign a new and terrible explosive, which is said to be the most powerful in the world. It is called shimoite, after its inventor, Shimozite.

JAP FLEET DISAPPEARS
Chee Foo, Feb. 13.—No one apparently has knowledge of the whereabouts of the Japanese war vessels. None have been seen since the bombardment Tuesday. It is presumed they are conveying transports to Korea.

Japanese Victory

Union, Feb. 13.—(Special) Two young boys, sons of Gus Johnson and Mr. Magee went hunting today and while out, thought they would represent Russia and Japan. In this instance Japan borrowed the gun of Russia, (they only had one gun between them) stepped off a few feet took deliberate aim and fired, the ball went through two thicknesses of clothing and fortunately struck a button and glanced off. It is not Russia would in all probability have been wiped from the face of the earth. Johnson's boy represented Russia. The gun was a 22 rifle and Japan did not know it was loaded. It is amusing the way it terminated but it was a very close call.

The account of the exercises at Central Church in commemoration of Lincoln's birthday Friday afternoon, was written up for yesterday morning's paper, but was inadvertently overlooked and failed to get in.

A MODEL TOWN IS RED OAK IOWA

For Over Twenty Years Without a Saloon. Its Water System Pays City Expenses. City Heated By Steam

An Observer representative yesterday met Mr. F. M. Byrkit who is president of the First National bank of Red Oak, Iowa, and Mr. S. M. Rupplogie who is owner of a large flouring mill and at the present time a member of the city council. These gentlemen have spent several days in this city and valley and are surprised at our resources and possibilities.

They are old acquaintances and friends of Mr. Geo. Palmer who has recently identified himself in this city and county.

These gentlemen are particularly proud of their home city and from their statements, they have a right to be. Red Oak in many respects is situated similar to La Grande having a population of 5100 with taxable property of about the same in a county of about 20,000 on a single line of railroad. Their electric light plant furnishes 32 c. p. l. mps to the city at a rate of \$1.15 per lamp per month and the exhaust steam heats 12 blocks in the center of the city at a price much lower than the parties can do it individually. The light company also pumps the city water, the system being owned by the city, for \$125 per month. Their high school building cost \$25,000 in addition to which they have five ward school buildings all brick which cost from \$6,000 to \$20,000 each.

They have a \$25,000 city hall and a court house that cost \$100,000 the latter was built and the increase in taxation was scarcely noticeable. The water system pays a revenue and the rates are based on the meter system being 25 cents per 1000 gallons for residences. For power purposes the rate is 8 cents per 1000 gallons.

Twenty years ago they had 11 saloons that paid an annual license of \$80 each warrants were then selling at fifty cents on the dollar since under the local option law they ceased to permit saloons to run in their city, warrants have reached par and they have constructed 20 miles of cement sidewalks and 3 1/2 miles of paved streets.

They have no use for a city marshal and the job has been let out to a real estate firm who between act look out for the welfare of the city. Another financial saving these gentlemen state as a result of no saloons is that their court expenses have been cut from \$3,500 to \$500 per term. These statements coming from such gentlemen can not be doubted but have few such examples on the Pacific coast especially of a city of 5000 with out a saloon for twenty years.

Among the manufacturing enterprises is a large calender factory which employs 300 people.

Snow Flake Party

The following from the "Instructor" will give our readers a very complete idea of the snow flake party which the Simpson and Yeats dancing academy will give Feb. 16.

Everything was arranged to convey the idea of winter time and even the orchestra was hidden behind a mass of "snow and icebergs" which from the entrance to the hall looked very realistic. Then the balcony was draped with cotton covered with spangles and long "icicles" were suspended from it. From the center of the ceiling to each side of the hall were hung a maze of white streamers.

Of course the event of the evening was the snow storm which occurred at 10 o'clock.

At exactly 10 o'clock the line was broken and all commenced to dance.

Then the snow storm burst forth in all its fury, and the only feature of real snow storm which was missing was the cold. The snow was early compact which was blown down through holes in the ceiling. A number of miniature bombs were placed around the hall, and were discharged as soon as the snow commenced to fall. The skirts of the lady dancers also created a breeze, and this snow was going in all directions and the air was literally full of it. To heighten the effect, red and blue serpentine were set off, and when the dance finally ended, the floor was covered with a pretty red, white and blue carpet. The dancers were also covered, the snow catching on the men's hair and in the tucks and frills of the women's dresses.

Wm Muir, the veteran miner, is down from the mines after supplies.

ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN'S BIRTH

Lincoln's Birthday Commemorated at Central Church Friday Afternoon. Fair Sized Crowd and a Good Program.

A fair sized audience gathered at Central church Friday afternoon to commemorate the 95th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. I. W. Faulk, commander of the Grand Army post presided and acted as master of ceremonies. There was music, vocal and instrumental, followed by invocation by post chaplain, J. W. Oliver. The principal address was delivered by Earl Kilpatrick, a student of the La Grande High School. The address was one replete with patriotic eloquence and thought and listened to with interest and frequently applauded by an appreciative audience. When the applause for young Kil-

patrick's address had subsided, Commander Faulk called Mrs. Simpson, a day of rare eloquence powers and culture, to the platform, who recited in a most effective manner the thrilling poem "Lincoln's Last Dream" written on the occasion of the assassination of Lincoln.

There were other short addresses and the congregation, after a benediction by Rev Van Nays, dispersed, full of the memories of the great work—the incomparably great work Lincoln accomplished and suggestions of the great work for human freedom that remains to be done to preserve and effectuate the work done and performed by the martyred Lincoln.

MRS ANDERSON DANGEROUSLY ILL

Mrs. Martin Anderson is seriously ill at the family home in North Pendleton. She has been in bed for some time with an attack of typhoid-pneumonia, and her condition is considered as critical. Martin Anderson, her husband, is residing at home until the crisis is passed—Pendleton, East Oregonian.

Our former fellow townsman A. C. Miller is being mentioned as a candidate for county judge on the Republican ticket, in Wallowa County.

Laid To Rest

Rev. J. C. Walker pastor of the Methodist Church performed the last sad rites over the remains of little Chester Goodnough at the family residence yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The obsequies were largely attended by friends and relatives.

J. J. LILLIS

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During this month? If you do, buy all your goods at the Fair. Your friends and neighbors are doing so and will reap the Benefits.

The plan is simply this. We will refund the amount of all cash purchases made on some day between the fifth of February and the fifth of March. The day will be announced in the Morning Observer. There is no conditions attached to this. Simply an absolutely free gift. If your duplicate bears the date of the lucky day, bring it in and get the amount it calls for.

NEW GOODS ARRIVING DAILY

All of them beautiful above our fondest expectation and direct from the Fountain Heads of fashion. We note a few of them below:

New Neckwear. Rich Silks beautiful colorings, many Novelty Patterns in Puffs, Four-in-hands and Scarfs
New Stamped Pillow Tops. Lithograph Pillow Tops
New Japanese Pillow Tops beautiful Gold Filigree on silk. New Silk Pillow Cards.

New Creations in the Pompadour Combs, Flexible, very light and will absolutely do away with the Hair Rolls which is the cause of many headaches.
Newest in Hair Pins. New Gold Braids
New Skirts, New Tans. New Belts.

NOTICE---On account of the inclement weather of the past week, we will Continue Our White Carnival during this Week. New Lin's Added.

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Patterns
Battenburg
Buttons

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

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Buttons