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Congratulations
 Mr John H. Cullum, Editor of the Garanti, Texas News, has written a letter of congratulations to the manufacturer of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as follows: "Sixteen years ago when our first child was a baby he was subject to croupy spells and we would be very uneasy about him. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in 1887, and finding it such a reliable remedy for colds and croup we have never been without in the house since that time. We have five children and have given it to all of them with good results." For sale by all druggists.

Lodge Directory.
EAGLES—La Grande Aerie 227 F. O. E. meets every Friday night in K. of P. hall at 8 p. m. Visiting brethren invited to attend. C. J. Stockwell, W. F. A. N. Mayville, W. Sec.
FORESTERS OF AMERICA—Court Maid Match, No. 22 meets each Tuesday in 227 K. of P. hall. Brothers are invited to attend. A. H. Holsner, Chief Ranger. C. J. Vanderpool, Sec.
IOOF—La Grande Lodge, No. 16 meets in their hall every Friday night. Visiting members cordially invited to attend. A. H. Holsner, Sec.
I. R. Hook, Sec.
A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, meets every 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. A. C. Williams, Sec. C. D. Huffman, W. M.

Change of Management.
 The undersigned has purchased the business known as the Harris Cash Meat Market and will hereafter conduct the same.
 We wish to inform the public that we are prepared to furnish all kinds of meats, game and poultry at the very lowest prices consistent with first-class articles.
 We have our own delivery and make two trips daily to the Old Town. Highest market price paid for all cattle, hogs and sheep. We solicit a share of your patronage and guarantee the very best satisfaction.
 Phone orders receive prompt and careful attention.
 Harris meat market across the track. Phone 1601.
TURNER & WALTER

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THE LABOR QUESTION.
 The people of the United States are industrious, the great majority of these able to work, do so. In the estimation of the great majority of our people labor is honorable and a life of idleness is held in contempt, if not deemed disreputable.
 Of the total population found by the census takers in 1900 in continental United States of 76,994,576, which included old, young, rich, poor, well and sick, 29,073,285 that were 10 years old and over were engaged in some gainful occupation which was one half of the population 10 years old and over. This last number does not include housewives, old persons, those embezzled for any cause, inmates of asylums, hospitable, or students attending schools or colleges.
 The aggregate wealth or value of all property in the United States in 1900 was found by the census takers to be \$94,300,000,000 per capita of \$1,235.86 for every person in the United States. By dividing the national wealth by the workers or laborers in the nation it will be seen that as a prerequisite or a basis for work either the laborer or some one else must possess \$3,240. This accumulated value is called capital. This is only a general statement, many industrial plants require more capital.
 The labor question that is now agitating the people in the United States is a disagreement among the owners of the capital that enables them to employ labor and the laborers who do the work as to what share of the resultant profits from the joint operatives of capital and labor each by right and equity ought to receive.
 When a difference as to what wages should be paid occurs if the two sides thereto cannot agree, if the laborers are complainants they quit work or strike, and if the capitalists, owners of the plant think they cannot afford to pay the wages they have been paying and the laborers will not consent to take less, in such case the owners close their plant and look out the laborers.
 For the 20 years beginning in 1881, and ending with 1900 there were strikes in 117,509 establishments in United States an average duration for all the strikes of 23.8 days. During the same period there were lockouts by 9,933 establishments in the United States with an average duration in days of 97.1
 The shortest annual average strike in the 20 years was of 12.8 days in 1881, and the longest annual average strike of 34.9 days was in 1891.
 The shortest annual average lockout of 32.2 days happened in 1881, and the longest one of 285.1 days occurred in 1900.
 For several reasons the Lewis and Clark fair commission has determined to pay each county 50 per cent of the actual cash cost of the exhibit it may make at the exposition next year. In no instance, however, will more than \$500 be paid for any county exhibit. The conditions on which the purchase will be made are as follows:
 That the exhibit cover every resource in the county; that the parcels be packed in the manner prescribed by the commission and delivered at the nearest railway depot, addressed to the secretary; that the committees having charge of the gathering

of exhibits keep the cost at as low a figure as possible, and that an itemized statement of expenditures be mailed, showing the exact cost of labor and product, with an inventory of each item, numbered to correspond on vouchers and inventory, so that it may be easily identified. Payment will be made in accordance with the resolution adopted by the commission upon the actual cash expenditure being vouched for by the county court.
 The intention of the resolution is to encourage interest among the residents of the various counties and to collect a full and complete exhibit of the products of the state for the exposition. The citizens of each county are advised to form Lewis and Clark clubs for the purpose of gathering exhibits. All the exhibits entered at the State fair at Salem may be entered and added to the exposition at Portland under the conditions given.

The remains of the late Paul Kruger are to rest in the soil from which he fled when he found it was inevitable that his forces would be compelled to surrender. It has been said by his followers that he was not permitted to die at home, but there has never been anything to indicate that he could not have remained there and been treated as all the other Boer leaders. He was so stubborn that he would not stay to see the British flag raised, though the British authorities would certainly have treated him with every consideration. It was his stubbornness that brought on the war, and it was his stubbornness that kept him away from his country after peace had once more spread her wings over the land.—Idaho Statesman.

The postal business of the country for the year ended June 30 show an increase over that of the year before. In New York City the increase was very large, the receipts reaching \$14,136,943, as against \$13,012,963 for the previous year. The figures reflect the general prosperity that has prevailed in spite of the depressed condition of the New York stock market.

Retail druggists of Umatilla county have formed a strong organization, to be known as the Umatilla Retail Druggists' Association. It is a branch of the National Retail Druggists' Association, and the purpose will be to regulate prices and prevent cutting of rates on all goods disposed of over the pharmacist's counter.

There is little if any excuse these days for any one being compelled to beg from house to house for a handout when there are men hunting laborers every every hour, to work in our fields.

A special telegraph wire with and operator, has been installed in Judge Parker's home at Zeopon, N. Y., and a spur railroad track three-fourths of a mile long is being built from the station to his house.

Colonel Waterson complains that Senator Fairbanks parts his hair too low down on one side. But as this is the only low down thing that the senator can be convicted of, he will presumably survive the charge.

It is the same cry all over the state "Scarcity of harvest hands."

Buttermilk is the popular drink in Pendleton this season.

CURES OLD SORES
 Westmoreland, Kans. May 5 1902. Ballard Snow Liment Co. Your Snow Liment cured an old sore on the side of my chin that was supposed to be a cancer. The sore was stubborn and would not yield to treatment, until I tried Snow Liment, which did the work in short order. My sister, Mrs. Sophia J. Cavson, Allenaville, Minn. Co. Pa. has a sore and mistrusts that it is a cancer. Please send her a jar bottle. Sold by Newlin Drug Co.

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 128 cubic feet to the cord. 16-inch dry chain wood \$3 per cord. This is cheaper than by the load. You pay for what you get and get what you pay for.
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THE MARKETS—
 (July 18)
 Liverpool—July wheat 6 s 8d, New York—Silver 67 3/4; Union P's 61 1/2; Pd 93 1-2.
 Chicago—July wheat opened 87 1-2 s 90. Barley 42 50; Northwestern 119 1-2.
 San Francisco—Cash wheat 127 1-2; Portland—Wheat Walla Walla 67 50; Bluestem 76; Valley 78;
 Tacoma—Wheat Bluestem 80; Club 70.
 Cattle—Best steers, \$3.50; medium \$3.25; cows, 43.
NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT
 Notice is hereby given, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, held on the 6th day of July A. D., 1904, Sixth Street in the city of La Grande, Oregon, was ordered improved by the construction of a seven (7) foot sidewalk along the westerly side of said Sixth Street from the alley-way in block 60, in Chaplin's Addition, to N Street, said sidewalk to be constructed by the abutting property owners on or before the 7th day of September, A. D., 1904, and to be constructed as follows to-wit:
 The top of the walk shall consist of plank one and one half inches by eight inches, of pine wood, seven feet long. The top of the walk shall be supported by not less than four stringers of tamarack or fir wood and shall not be less than two inches by six inches, and shall be laid upon sills of tamarack or fir wood not less than four inches by four inches; said sills shall not be more than eight feet apart. The outside stringers shall not be more than three inches from outside of the walk, and shall join end to end; all other stringers shall lap; and all shall be solidly nailed together with not less than 20d wire nails; covering shall be put on and solidly nailed to the stringers with two 20d. nails in each board on each stringer.
 Notice is hereby further given that unless said sidewalk is constructed by the abutting property owners in the manner aforesaid, on or before the 7th day of September, A. D., 1904, that the same will be constructed by the City of La Grande, Oregon, and a lien taken against the abutting property for the cost of same.
 Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 9th day of July, A. D., 1904
 Chester P. Newlin
 Recorder of the City of La Grande
 On County, Oregon.

Classified Ads
FURNISHED ROOMS—Parties desiring nicely furnished rooms apply to G. D. Simmons corner 8 and M streets.
FOR SALE—A complete threshing outfit inquire of Jud Draper at 14 Andross Ranch.
For Sale
 Good paying business for sale. For particulars write—Box 437, La Grande Oregon.
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 Phone 1934
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Sweet Cream
 Commencing Thursday June 16th the Grande Ronde Creamery Co will be prepared to furnish sweet cream in quantity to suit. Wholesale and retail. Remember the place Huntington's new building next door to fire building. ff.

FOUND—On the streets of La Grande a sealed letter from the Brownville Bank addressed to O. P. Goodall. Finder will please return to post office.
FOUND—On the streets of La Grande, a purse containing gold and silver coin. The owner may have same by calling on Henry Henson, describing property and paying for this notice.
FORE SALE—Good work teams. Have one light team. For full particulars, terms and prices address—E. E. Vebers R. F. D. No 1 La Grande Oregon. 221.

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 One 18 inch engine same make
 One resawing machine
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 One 6 inch sided moulder
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 Stoddard Lumber Co, La Grande

Estray Notice
 Notice is hereby given that there came to my place on the Owsley estate one and one half miles north of La Grande, one gray horse, no visible brands, about 11 years old, weight about 1150 pounds. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this notice and for care and attention and feed. Dated this day of July 1904.
 Joe Jones

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