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GRANDE RONDE VALLEY FRUIT FARM
 The Grande Ronde Valley Fruit Farm contains 320 acres and is to be sold in lots of five acres and up to suit the purchaser. It is situated eight miles northeast of La Grande, Oregon, near the Elgin branch of the O. R. & N. Railroad.
 We furnish the orchard at the end of three years a thrifty growing apple orchard, one that has been cared for from setting, in the most approved manner, cultivating the land six to eight times a year, keeping the ground well pulverized, and at all times free from weeds, grass and other vegetation between May 1st and August 15th of each year; keeping the trees pruned in the most scientific manner; removing and burning all cuttings and snags, and in short do any and all work which will be for the best interest of the land and trees. We replant all trees that may die in the first, second and third years, and pay all taxes on the land for three years. We furnish the labor and material and trees and three years' care, at the price of \$120 per acre, giving three years in which to pay for it.
 On terms of payment are 55 per cent of purchase price, cash; balance in three yearly payments, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum.
 The purchaser can remain where he is or make an immediate change in his business or home interests making his present business pay for his investment by sacrificing no time while the orchard is being brought into bearing condition and rest assured that skilled horticulturalists will do the work better than he can unless he has had horticultural experience under conditions existing in Oregon. After trees have had scientific care pruning and shaping for three years, the subsequent work is mostly more mechanical and can be successfully done by these with a few hints and skill.
 As an investment it is quite edgey and is the nearest possible approach to a guaranteed annuity.
 A move of our work done by contract and the contractors are under heavy bonds to us for the faithful performance of their work.
 We have executed a bond to the amount of \$10,000 and have appointed Hon. J. M. Church, Cashier of the La Grande National Bank, trustee to indemnify any parties purchasing land on the Grande Ronde Valley Fruit Farm from us who may suffer by our not fulfilling our obligations.

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MONDAY EVENING, AUG 15, 1904
WAGES IN UNITED STATES

The United States is a huge business concern, a large proportion of its population, ten years old and over, is engaged in some gainful vocation for a livelihood. In 1900 there were 29,074,117 such. For a number of years this tremendous aggregate of human labor has been largely directed by the economic laws framed by the Republican party, the most important of which is the McKinley tariff of 1900. We use the term important, advisedly for it directly determines the daily wages of 4,410,877 common laborers on the farms and 5,306,140 wage earners in the 512,191 manufacturing in the United States, a total of 9,717,020 wage earners. These were the numbers counted in 1900, there are now more than ten million wage earners in the United States that are paid higher wages than any other laborers on earth, because of our protective tariff.

Not one of these ten million of people but would be seriously affected by a change in the tariff, and if that change is to lower the rates, the change would be a reduction of wages and in many instances a total failure to find employment. The Observer will quote a few figures showing the difference between the wages paid in Europe and those paid for the same kind of service in the United States. The wages of a blacksmith in England for an hours work in 1903 was 17 cents and 4 mills; in Germany he got 12 cents 3.7 mills; in France 16 cents 2.9 mills. The American blacksmith got 29 cents 6 1-5 mills for an hours work that year.

A bricklayer in England in 1903 received for an hours work 20 cents 6 1-5 mills; in Germany the wages per hour were 13 cents 2 4-5 mills; in France 13 cents 2 1/2 mills and Belgium 8 cents 4 1/2 mills per hour. Bricklayer's wages in the United States in 1903 were 54 cents 7.1 mills per hour.

Carpenters received in England in 1903, per hour, 20 cents 2.8 mills; in Germany 13 cents and 1 of a mill; in France 15 cents 4 2-5 mills per hour and in Belgium 7 cents 1 1-5 mills. The average wages paid carpenters in the United States in 1903 were 35 cents 9 2-5 mills per hour.

Laborers, general, were paid per hour in England in 1903 an average of 10 cents 1.9 mills. The German common laborer got 7 cents 9.7 mills per hour; the French laborer received 9 cents 6 1/2 mills per hour, in Belgium he received 5 cents 4.9 per hour. In the United States the common laborer in 1903 was paid 16 cents 7 3-5 mills per hour. The terms laborers, general and common laborers as used above means unskilled labor employed about factories.

Iron moulders in England in 1903 were paid 17 cents 8.7 mills per hour; in Germany in 1900 the rate was 11 cents and 4 mills; in France in 1903 the rate paid was 13 cents 1 mill per hour and in Belgium 6 cents 9 1-5 mills per hour. Iron moulders in the United States for the year 1903 were paid 30 cents 3 3-5 mills per hour.

The general trend of wages in the United States has been upward for the past fourteen years. In 1890 the average wages of farm hands in the United States per month without board were \$18.33 and in 1902 a months

service on the farm without board was worth \$22.14. With board in 1890, \$12.45 were paid and in 1902 \$16.40.
 Should the Democrats succeed at the next election and carry out their platform that denounces protection as robbery, the over ten million wage earners in the United States will be forced to work as cheaply as the same classes of laborers do in Europe or quit work.

Governor Morrison was defeated in the Idaho Republican convention for re-nomination. Congressman French was more fortunate in his aspirations to be returned to congress. Politics in Idaho, like some other states, are mighty uncertain.

The completion of the electric railroad now being surveyed in this county will result in Union being the banner county of the inland empire and that is saying a good deal, but few of us can appreciate the advantages that will accrue from the sixty miles of trolleys extending as they will into the many isolated sections of this valley.

Emperor William's message to the Russian regiment of which he is honorary colonel, coming on the heels of Judge Parker's famous telegram to William Sheehan, shows that his imperial majesty does not consent that the limelight shall be turned from him for long, even at the risk of plagiarism.

Lengthy explanations by the war experts of the London dailies have at last made it clear that the Maotien pass which the Japs took is not the Maotien pass which they did not take.

Strike breakers are flocking to Chicago, but not a price breaker has appeared as yet upon the scene.

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 There's nothing like doing a thing thoroughly. Of all the Salves you ever heard of, Bucklen's Arnica Salvo is the best. It sweeps away and cures Burns, Sores, Bruises, Cuts, Boils, Ulcers, Skin Eruptions and Piles. It's only 25c and guaranteed to give satisfaction by La Grande Drug Co., and Newlin Drug Co., Druggist.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION
 Notice is hereby given, that the copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the firm name of McCoy & McFarlane, in the grocery business, at La Grande, has been dissolved by mutual agreement. The business will be continued by William McFarlane. Dated, August 12, 1904
 James McCoy
 W. McFarlane

Teachers Institute.

The following is the program for the Annual Teachers Institute of Union county which will be held in Elgin August 29, 30, 31 and September 1.
 P M Monday, Aug. 29.

Opening Exercises..... L R Traver
 Arithmetic..... L R Traver
 Address..... J H Ackerman
 Methods..... L R Traver

EVENING SESSION
 Lecture..... J H Ackerman
 A M Tuesday, Aug. 30

Arithmetic..... L R Traver
 Address..... J H Ackerman
 Geography..... L R Traver

P M
 Language..... L R Traver
 Address..... J H Ackerman
 Geography..... L R Traver

EVENING SESSION
 Lecture..... H J Hockenberry
 A M Wednesday, August 31

Arithmetic..... L R Traver
 "A Lesson in American History"
 R C French
 Methods..... L R Traver

P M
 Pictures..... L R Traver
 "The Value of Educational Publications"
 R C French
 "The Relation of Primary to Scientific Geography"
 R C French

A M Thursday, September 1
 Address..... H J Hockenberry
 "An Essential in Arithmetic"
 R C French
 English Grammar..... A J Bender

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Change of Management.

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 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 received promptly and careful attention.
 Harris meat market across the track. Phone 1601.
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THE MARKETS
 (July 30)
 New York—Silver 58 5/8 Union Pacific 95 5-8, Pfd 93 1-2
 Chicago—Sept wheat opened 89 3/8 a 89 5-8 and closed at 90 1-4 barley 42 a 50, flax 1.17 1-2, northwestern 1.21 2/3
 San Francisco—Cash wheat 1.17 1/2
 Portland—Wheat Walla Walla 67; Bluestem 72; Valley 78.
 Cattle—Best steers 23 a 23.25; medium 23, cows 22 a 22.25.

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 FOR SALE—A complete threshing outfit inquire of Jud Draper at the Andrews Ranch.
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 FOR SALE—Fresh milk cow and calf, acquire of H. S. Cavans, F. R. D. No 1.
 FOR RENT—Furnished house. Inquire of Mrs. Zuber.
 FURNISHED ROOMS—Parties desire luxuriously furnished rooms apply to G. D. Simmons corner S and M streets.
 FOR SALE—Second hand furniture for sale at Salvation Army headquarters. Call this week.
 GIRL WANTED—Light house keeping good wages apply to Mrs. C. W. Nibley Perry, Oregon.
 FURNISHED ROOMS—Pleasant location, known as Whitney House near post office. Mrs. E. Helmick Aug 22

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Plenty of good pasture \$1 per head per month. Phone 1256.
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First Class dressmaking at reasonable prices. Inquire for Miss Mary Coon, late of Seattle, at Mrs. Shearer's rooms.

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I am now prepared to fill orders in all kinds of lumber. If you need lumber see prices before ordering.
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Piano Instruction.

First class instruction on the piano. Harriet K. Young.
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One 20 H. P. fire box boiler, J. I. case
 One 10 H. P. engine some make
 One rearing machine
 One rip sawing machine
 One mangle frame ironer
 One 60 H. P. steam boiler
 All in good shape. Taken out to install larger plant.
 Standard Lumber Co., La Grande

For Sale

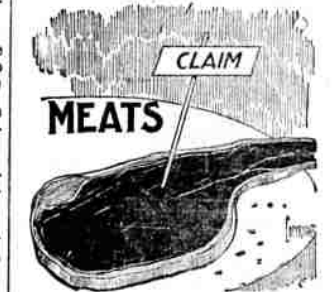
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