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Fancy white clover honey from California, sweeter than native stock, 24 frame cases at \$3.25 per case.
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STOCK HOLDER'S MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the stock holders of La Grande Real Estate Association will meet in the office of Wm Miller & Bro. on Monday, January 15th 1906, at 8 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.
Wm MILLER, President.

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Specific for Constipation, Indigestion, Liver and Kidney Troubles, Pimples, Eczema, Itchy Bitch, Bad Breath, Stomach Bowels, Headache and Backache. It's Rocky Mountain Tea in a 1-4 form, 35 cents a box. Genuine made by HIGGINS DRUG COMPANY, Millerton, Wis.
GOLDEN NUGGETS FOR SALLOW PEOPLE!

NOTICE TO FRUITGROWERS

The thirteenth annual convention of the Northwestern Fruitgrowers Association will be held at La Grande, Oregon, Jan. 3-4-5, 1906. All members of the association and all others interested in the fruit industry are urgently requested to be present. A special program has been arranged, and an interesting and instructive meeting is assured. A special rate of one fare and a third has been secured from all points over all railroads for the round trip. This fare is issued on the certificate plan, therefore take a receipt for your money when you purchase your ticket.
C. D. HUFFMAN, Sec. Northwestern Fruitgrowers Association.
La Grande, Ore. Dec. 21, 1905.

RUSSIA'S STRIKE BREAKING

(Scripps News Association)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The strike is practically at an end in this city today, resulting in a defeat for the strikers. Thousands of them are returning to work as the committee is unable to support them. Nearly a thousand leaders are in jail. The Socialists declare that the check is only temporary and that they will be able to duplicate the scenes at Moscow. Witte's strength is growing. The council of ministers have decided to send a brigade of picked troops under Orloff into the Baltic provinces.

LITTLE FIGHTING

Moscow, Dec. 26.—The troops are partially in control of the city but fighting continues in the outskirts. The revolutionists have made an appeal for help from other cities. Patrols are riding in all directions with directions to shoot without hesitation at groups of three or more citizens.

STORY OF OLD WOSCO

The Dalles Chronicle prints the following interesting review of Wasco county, the origin of its name, its history and settlement. The Chronicle says:

The oldest political division in this part of Oregon is Wasco county. It was organized by the territorial legislature, January 1, 1854, five years before the state was admitted into the Union.

The following were its boundaries: Commencing at the Cascades of the Columbia river; thence up said river to the point where the southern shore of said river is intersected by the southern boundary of Washington territory; thence east along said boundary to the eastern boundary of Oregon territory; thence along the eastern boundary of said territory to the southern boundary of the same; thence west along said southern boundary to the Cascade mountains; thence northerly along said range of mountains to the place of beginning. Oregon then extended from the Pacific ocean to the Rocky mountains, and Wasco county comprised the entire eastern part between the two ranges. Portions of what is now the states of Idaho, Wyoming and Montana were comprised within its boundaries. To the antiquarian it is a matter of some interest to consult the records of the clerk's office in The Dalles, and find election returns from Walla Walla and other precincts in Washington, and even from some in Idaho and Montana. If our justice court records had been preserved subpoenas would be on file served in civil actions on witnesses at Fort Hall and other places hundreds of miles distant.

In 1859 the state was admitted into the Union, and a large portion of eastern Wasco was placed in Washington and other territories. Then came political disintegration, and in 1862 Baker county was formed by the legislature, and also Umatilla. In 1864, Union county was set apart, Grant in 1870, Crook in 1882, and in the years following Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler. The county now comprises about 2400 square miles, and extends, on the northern boundary from the Cascade Locks to the mouth of the Des Chutes, a distance of about 60 miles.

This is along the line of the Columbia river, and the O. R. & N. company's railroad follows the river from the western to the eastern boundary. Across the county from the eastern line to Buck Hollow, a little below Shear's bridge, is only 40 miles, and this is its narrowest part, while from the northwestern corner to the southwestern part—20 miles beyond Antelope on the John Day river—is a distance of 120 miles. From north to south the county is 60 miles in length.

The word Wasco was derived from a tribe of Indians who inhabited this portion of the northwest, and this name was given to them because they were adapted in making a basin which was hollowed out of the hard, basaltic rock abounding in this region. These basins were eagerly sought by the aborigines for pounding or grinding nuts and camas roots into a coarse meal, then extensively used as food by the natives.

PIANO-TUNING

J. C. Ardrey, a former resident of this city, but now near Portland, is in the city. Mr. Ardrey is now in the piano tuning business, and those having instruments requiring attention can secure his services by leaving orders at Huel's music store. Mr. Ardrey will be in La Grande only about ten days longer.

SPORTS

BASKET BALL

The second game of the series of Basket Ball games will be played at the Commercial Club gymnasium Wednesday evening between the High School and Commercial Club teams. Interest and rivalry in the game are running high. The High School already has one game to its credit but the Commercial Club is confident of victory. Each team will hold its final practice this evening and will be in fine shape for the game.

The price has been put so low that nobody will stay away. The lineup of the teams will be as follows:

High School	Commercial Club
Edwards	S. Williams
Hendricks	T. Williams
McKennon	Allstott
Falk	C. Newlin
A. Bay	L. Dunn
R. Goodnoh	M. Childers
C. Mack	L. Zundel
F. Young	J. Reynolds

IRON AND STEEL IN OREGON

(Scripps News Association)

Washington, December 26.—The Geological Survey makes the noteworthy announcement that the conditions for the production of steel by electricity in Oregon are as fully as good as they are in Germany, where pig iron has been obtained by a similar process at a lower cost than in the ordinary blast furnaces. A preliminary report on the subject of smelting by electricity the magnetic iron ores obtained from various points on the Pacific beach has just been made public by Dr. Day, one of the experts of the Geological Survey who conducted a number of interesting experiments at the Lewis and Clark exposition. Dr. Day built two furnaces for the purpose, a small and a large one and experimented with magnetite obtained from the sand at Hammond Station, near Astoria, Oregon, at the mouth of the Columbia river and with iron ore from Aptos, bay of Monterey, California.

A splendid quality of steel was obtained from the furnaces, those secured in the later experiments, at higher temperature, compared very favorably with the products of the best regulated blast furnaces.

ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

New York, Dec. 26.—Assemblyman Berg, of New Jersey, has drafted a bill to abolish capital punishment in that state and will go to Trenton tomorrow to ask Governor Stokes to grant reprieves to all condemned murderers until the Legislature shall have acted on the question. If Governor Stokes accedes to the Assemblyman's request, two women, Mrs. Valentine and Mrs. Lotta, and a man awaiting in the Hackensack jail and three men under sentence in other county jails will gain reprieves until well into the spring.

PREDICTS DISASTER

London, Dec. 25.—Dr. Dillon, the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, declares "Saturday's doings in Moscow marks the most important manifestations in Russian anarchy." Dillon believes the economic basis of Russian finances is now about to give way with a terrific crash and that a commercial and industrial crisis unexampled in the history of modern states is about to begin, characterized by famines.

Saved By Dynamite

Sometimes, a flaming city is saved by dynamiting a space that the fire can't cross. Sometimes, a cough hangs on so long, you feel as if nothing but dynamite would cure it. Z. T. Gray, of Calhoun Ga., writes: "My wife had a very aggravated cough, which kept her awake nights. Two physicians could not help her; so she took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which eased her cough, gave her sleep, and finally cured her." Strictly scientific cure for bronchitis and L. Grippe, for sale by Newlin Drug Co. Price 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed. Trial 25c.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the partnership existing between J. A. Garity & Ben Brown known under the firm name as J. A. Garity & Company has been dissolved. All parties knowing themselves indebted to the above named firm will please call at their office and settle before January 1st, 1906, as all accounts must be settled by that time.

J. A. GARTY,
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For the Gentlemen

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Gifts for smokers

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Comparative statement of deposits for five years

September 6, 1900	\$291,007 63
" 30, 1901	331,506 38
" 15, 1902	498,375 84
" 9, 1903	555,601 39
" 6, 1904	571,854 02
November 9, 1905	613,029 62

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To Whom it May Concern

This is to certify that the undersigned doing business in the State of Oregon, County of Union, City of La Grande, do hereby swear that during the month of November, 1905, we sold to your Home Merchants 1410 sacks of La Grande Made Flour, and not one sack returned to us. Does this not show that the following brands is giving entire satisfaction to the public.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Of the shareholders of the Farmers and Traders National Bank of La Grande, will be held at their banking house in La Grande on Tuesday, the 23d day of January, 1906, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, to select a board of directors for the ensuing year and for such other business as may come before said meeting.

J. W. SCRIBER, Cashier of the Farmers and Traders National Bank of La Grande, Dated this 18th day of December 1905

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