

THE ASSESSED VALUATION

Of Union County, Oregon.

In common with the other counties of the state, Union county finds it expedient to make a low valuation showing. The valuations turned in by the

county assessor were halved by the Board of Equalization so to arrive at the real value the figures in the right-hand column of the below table should be multiplied by two. The gross value realy totals more than \$11,000,000 over and above exemptions.

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE YEAR 1905.

Acres of tillable lands	135,278	\$2,012,247
Acres of non-tillable lands	499,993	394,557
Improvements on divided and patented lands		392,415
Improvements on town and city lots		641,645
Improvements on land not deeded or patented		13,482
Miles of railroad-bed	75	519,325
Miles of telegraph and telephone lines	152.6	15,978
Railroad rolling stock	75	51,368
Manufacturing machinery		77,548
Merchandise and stock in trade		279,739
Farm implements, vehicles, etc.		82,808
Money		31,700
Notes and accounts		149,098
Shares of stock	1,020	92,305
Household furniture, watches, etc.		86,085
Horses and mules	7,969	172,555
Cattle	17,418	134,042
Sheep and goats	9,586	11,215
Swine	5,628	9,443
Gross value of all property		\$5,862,333
Exemption		333,694
Total value of taxable property as finally equalized by county board of equalization		\$5,528,639

E. J. CONRAD.

Owner of "The Homestead" Farm, the Home of Thoroughbred Hereford Cattle.

Mr. Conrad's herd of registered Herefords has a more than local reputation. At the Lewis and Clark exposition in Portland he took nine ribbons with an exhibit selected from this herd. Last June he marketed 15 bulls in Eastern Oregon.

The Herefords are dual-purpose cattle. They are admittedly the best beef cattle, and are also good milkers. Hardy and strong, they are good rustlers, do well on grass, and unquestionably are the breed best adapted to the Northwest. Mr. Conrad founded his herd in 1887. It is now headed by a registered bull, No. 85097. The illustration shows, "Kittie Mills," a cow sold by Mr. Conrad to Thomas Turnbow, of Ontario, Ore.

"The Homestead" comprises 160 acres, and is an ideal stock farm. There are numerous springs on the place, and one of them is utilized in an ingenious way as a private water works. By means of a ram, for which the spring itself furnishes power, the water is pumped into a tank elevated 15 feet above the ground. From this tank the water is piped 175 feet to the



Hulse Photo.
APPLE TREE AUGUST 15, 1906, IN GRANDE RONDE VALLEY.

MINING IN UNION COUNTY, ORE.

Rich Placer and Quartz Gold Mines Are Found—Copper and Silver—Coal Prospects.

That portion of Union county richest in minerals, was some years ago cut off and made a part of Baker county. Some mining is being done within the limits of Union county, however, notably on the upper Grande Ronde river, where both placer and quartz gold are found in paying quantities.

There are numerous small placer claims worked by individuals, who take out satisfactory amounts every spring and there are several rather extensive holdings. Notable among these are the Carson claims, a group once owned by Senator Jones, of Nevada. They have yielded more than \$100,000 in gold. While in litigation at present, it is confidently expected that this group of claims will be worked again next year.

On Beaver creek, about 18 miles from La Grande, are the Buzzard placers, which have been worked successfully for many years.

Some 30 miles from La Grande is Lumber Jim creek, where J. W.

Graffy owns a placer mine that is a good producer. He employs from four to six men.

H. C. Montgomery also owns a placer on this creek, which is a good one, and as high as 10 men have been employed here.

Further up the river is the Woodley placer, comprising a number of claims, so d in 1905 to a French syndicate for \$75,000. About \$50,000 worth of improvements have since been put in, including a full hydraulic equipment. Next above comes the quartz mine of William Muir, which has nearly 1,000 feet of tunnel. This is a gold and silver property with a lot of ore on the dump. It has been slowly developed for the past twelve years.

The Pay Boy mine nearby, has a fine outlook. Quartz shipped to the smelter at Everett, Wash., brought good returns. Plans are maturing to fully develop this mine.

On up the river is the Tiger, owned by S. V. Keltz. He has a 100 foot tunnel, and a 21-2 foot vein of solid ore. The assay shows \$12 gold and \$8 silver per ton. This mine is a sure producer in the near future.

Above the Tiger is the Aurelia group, which takes in the old Royal and Standard claims. About 1500 feet of tunnel has been driven. A mill is now being put in, and a great deal of development work was done this summer, as high as 20 men being employed.

In the eastern part of the county there is good mineral value on Catherine creek, Powder river and other mountain streams.

Prospectors still roam the mountains and many claims are being developed that may prove producers. Some of these are coal prospects.

It is confidently believed that coal veins will be uncovered of sufficient size to justify working for the indications of coal deposits are unmistakably in evidence.

However, it is not in mining, but in agriculture, that the wealth of opportunity exists in this section.

RED CROSS DRUG STORE.

(A. C. MacLennan, Ph. G.)

Wholesale and Retail Drugs, Chemicals and Druggists Sundries—Manufacturers of Blue Mountain Preparations—Telephones Black 271; Vergere 10.

The world is surely growing better. The inventions and discoveries of scientists have made life more pleasant, and during recent years great advancements have transpired in all things that tend toward the comfort and well-being of mankind.

The science of healing has progressed wonderfully. Scientific methods of diagnosis, the study of germs and a definite knowledge of the effect of numerous drugs and combinations of drugs have eliminated the old-time tendency to experiment with the sick. Ideas are verified by examination, and there is no longer guesswork in diagnosis. The regular school of medicine has earned and should receive the respect and confidence of all intelligent people. But a point that is sometimes overlooked (and it is a point of extreme importance) lies in the proper filing of physicians' prescriptions. The druggist really bears a responsibility toward the sick, co-equal with the physician and he should possess equal knowledge of the use, potency and effect of the drugs compounded. An ignorant error could easily mean death to the trusting invalid.

A. C. MacLennan, is a graduate of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, of Toronto, Canada and his assistant, Louis Anger is a graduate of the Baltimore College of Pharmacy, of Baltimore, Md. Not even the most minor

detail of prescription work is left to unskilled hands in the Red Cross Drug Store. A careful checking system is used, which insures absolute accuracy and the stock of pure, fresh, potent drugs and chemicals includes every item ever called for by local physicians. Should a physician make an error (and such lamentable mistakes have occurred) it would be detected for a certainty when the prescription was being filled at this drug store.

Blue Mountain Preparations, some of which have become veritable household remedies in this valley, are manufactured and are supplied to the trade elsewhere as well as retailed by the Red Cross Drug Store.

A complete stock of standard patent and proprietary remedies for which there is a local demand is carried, as well as surgeons' supplies, rubber goods, fancy and toilet articles, leather goods, school, society and commercial stationery, Eastman kodaks, photographic goods, etc.

From an attractive soda fountain, delicious cool drinks are served and there are neaty arranged tables for the use of ladies and their escorts.

A well stocked cigar case is another feature of this drug store, and both Key West and Domestic brands are carried.

The business was established some 20 years ago, but has been owned by Mr. MacLennan only since the first of the year. You are asked to make it YOUR drugstore.

FRANK KILPATRICK.

Farm Machinery and Implements—Buggies and Wagons—Grain Buyer.

There is an old maxim which runs in effect: "A man is judged by the company he keeps." Whether this be invariably true or not, it is often explicated in business life. People judge a merchant by the grade of his goods. The farmer who has an implement of the most standard manufacture feels a thrill of pride in its ownership. The horseman who rides in a buggy of superior make takes a pleasure in the possession of a vehicle which the manufacturer's name proves to be of acknowledged excellence of material and workmanship. Velle wrought-iron buggies, John Deere buggies, Moline wagons, Plano cutting machinery, Kemp & Burpee success manure-spreaders, Buckeye and Empire drills, Russell engines, threshers and saw mills all bear an immaculate reputation for durability and efficiency. It is because of handling such standard lines that Mr. Kilpatrick is able to secure the trade of those who want the best. Purchasers are pleased and become regular customers.

Among other stock items might be mentioned. Belting for all purposes, full assortments of lubricating and harness oils, etc. Drapes for rigs are handled, and next year these drapes will be manufactured right here.

The large two-story building occupied is 60x100 feet in dimensions, giving ample room for a heavy stock. Trade extends throughout this section, and its amount increases every year.

The business has been established some seven years. Mr. Kilpatrick is an old resident of the valley, wise and favorably known. Every farmer who receives a copy of this edition is urged to call when next in La Grande and if you need anything in his line you can rest assured of a square deal and full value for your money.

Don't forget that Mr. Kilpatrick is in the market for your grain.

FRED JACOBS

Second-Hand Goods of All Descriptions Bought and Sold—Money Loaned on All Classes of Security—City Auctioneer—1411-1413 Adams Avenue—Phone Main 4.

Do you need money? If so, call on Fred Jacobs and arrange for a loan on your diamonds, your watch, your household goods, or any other security you may have. There will be no red-tape, no delay, and no publicity. Terms are fair, and you'll be treated right.

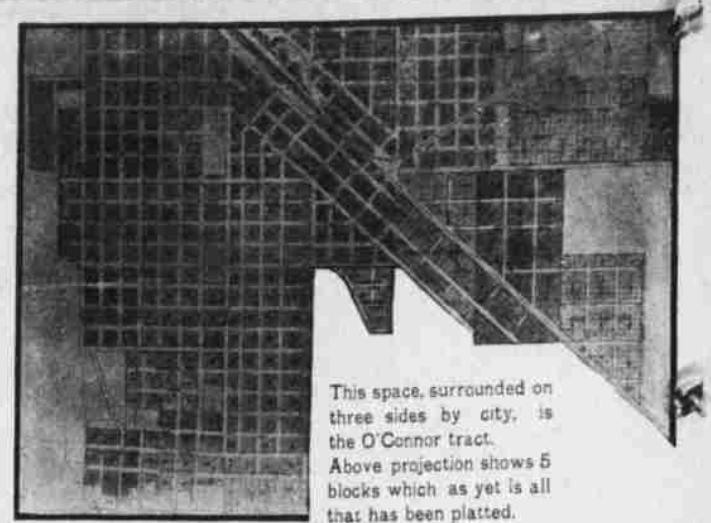
Or, if you had rather sell outright, Mr. Jacobs is ready to buy your stove, tools, furniture, etc. Second-hand goods of all descriptions are bought and sold. If you want your money to go as far as possible in household goods, etc., call at his store and see how cheaply you can secure slightly used articles of furniture, just as good as new so far as appearance and wearing qualities go.

It is not always those of the smallest incomes who are most economical, and Mr. Jacobs numbers among his customers some of La Grande's leading citizens. He has the only covered van in Union county, and it will call for or deliver goods in any part of the city.

Goods are stored for safekeeping at the very lowest rates.

City Auctioneer. As city auctioneer, Mr. Jacobs is decidedly successful. He has a way of getting good prices from any crowd, and with him "on the block," patrons may rest assured that they will receive all the goods will bring at forced sale. A reasonable commission is his charge for his services.

It is now four years since Mr. Jacobs established this business, coming here from Weiser, Idaho. His success is the result of correct business methods, and he has won a host of friends in La Grande. Public-spirited and progressive, he has always done his share in those community efforts that tend toward the development of the resources of this section. He believes in La Grande's bright future, and is here to stay.



This space, surrounded on three sides by city, is the O'Connor tract. Above projection shows 5 blocks which as yet is all that has been platted.

MAP SHOWING DESIRABLE LOCATION OF DR. O'CONNOR'S PROPERTY.

LA GRANDE'S RESIDENCE SECTION.

O'Connor Tract Offers Fine Investment Opportunities.

The 300-acre tract of Dr. George O'Connor, which is nearly all inside the city limits, and which is surrounded on three sides by residence districts is the next logical residence addition to La Grande. In fact the time has already arrived when most of it can be platted and sold in lots. Five blocks were platted recently, and within two days after having been put on the market, half of these lots had found eager purchasers.

The land starts within only five blocks of Fir street and Adams avenue, the center of the business district of La Grande. Before the city has doubled its present population, this tract will be entirely a residence section. It is Dr. O'Connor's purpose to cut up into five and ten-acre tracts, that part of the land most distant, and these tracts will make ideal fruit and vegetable farms. There is ample water. Two live streams, besides power water from Morgan Lake, run through the tract.

The natural drainage is superb and when the time comes for sewers they can be most inexpensively and effectively laid.

As an investment proposition, there is nothing to beat this in the Northwest.

Dr. O'Connor will sell in any amount to suit purchaser, and the prices asked are "across" prices for "lot" and. A few acres bought there and held will make anyone rich. The trend

of the residence section is all that way, and nothing can prevent La Grande's steady growth.

Read the articles descriptive of this valley, its towns, and its natural and acquired advantages. The possibilities of rather the certainties of the future, are clearly indicated by present conditions as here pictured.

In buying this land, you will deal directly with the owner. Dr. O'Connor has been a resident of Union county since 1884, and for many years was a successful medical practitioner. He has extensive realty interests.

NO BLIZZARDS OR DROUGHTS.

C. D. Huffman, La Grande, Oregon—I came to the Grande Ronde Valley in March, 1900, at which time land was selling from \$10 to \$25 per acre, but has steadily advanced. I paid \$100 per acre for land planted to winter apples. I have improved this some, and can now sell it for over \$450 per acre. A grain farm that was priced at \$20 per acre when I came here. I two years later, paid \$60 for, and I could sell it for \$100 per acre. My land lies close to the town of La Grande. This is a good an apple section as can be found. In 1903 I sold 1,300 boxes of apples at 75 cents per box; 1,000 gallons of cherries at 25 cents per gallon; and small fruit and pears enough to pay the expenses of caring for the entire orchard. The fruit business here is only in its infancy. With no blizzards or droughts, with mild and even temperature, Oregon and Eastern Washington certainly have inducements worthy of the careful consideration of the homemaker.



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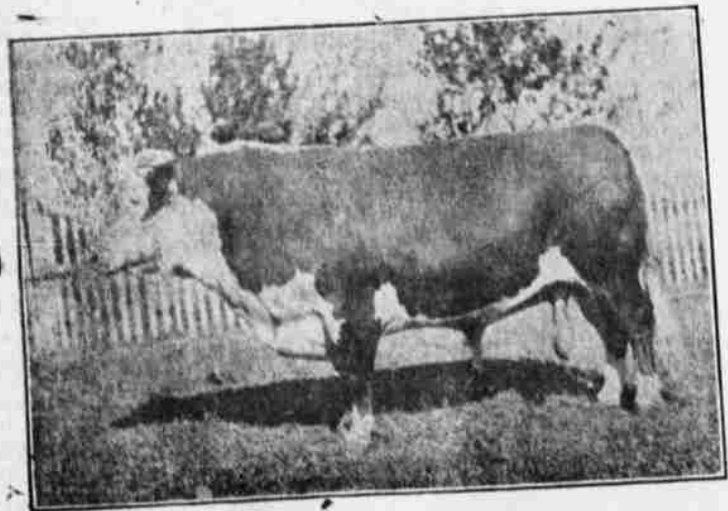
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