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HEADQUARTERS FOR
KEROSENE GASOLINE
 New supply of lamps just received
 Try a Rayo Lamp, the kind that's advertised.

Strayed.
 There came to my place 2 1/2 miles east of La Grande, about Nov. 1, 1907, bay driving mare, branded 66 on left hip; weight about 1050 pounds. Owners may have same by paying pasturage and for this notice.
 W. J. HUGHES,
 Route 2, La Grande, Ore.

Many a man looking for sympathy needs really two swift kicks properly placed.

Here is a list of fresh vegetables just received at the City Grocery and Bakery. Guaranteed to counteract the cold:
 Hot house lettuce.
 Cauliflower.
 Pineapples.
 Coconuts.
 Cranberries.
 Celery.
 Sweet potatoes.
 Sweet oranges and sour lemons.
 Order now.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY OF INTERIOR

Recommends the Repeal of the Timber and Stone Act--Pension List Decreasing--Alaska Population Stationary--Mineral Output Increasing

James A. Carlfield, secretary of the interior department, filed his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, with the president today, consisting of a 64-page pamphlet from which we take the following extracts:

General Discussion.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1907, there were disposed of 29,997,566.58 acres, an increase of 1,566,379.11 acres over the preceding year. There were embraced in entries completed during the year 7,114,200.25 acres which had been reported in original entries made the preceding year, and are not included in the above statement. Entries of all classes made last year numbered 269,642, an increase of 13.25 per cent over the preceding year.

Total cash receipts from the disposal of lands during the last fiscal year were \$9,547,273.51. Receipts from other sources were \$2,005,904.49, making a total of \$11,553,178, or an increase of 52.3 per cent over the receipts of the preceding year. The total expense of the district land offices for salaries, commissions, incidental expenses and cost of depositing moneys during the last year was \$810,856.96, an increase of \$30,439.16. The aggregate expenditures and estimated liabilities of the public land service were \$2,295,904.70, leaving a net balance of \$9,258,173.30 in the treasury.

Fifty-seven additional national forests, embracing 43,838,647 acres, were created during the year and one has been abolished. There are 159 national forests, embracing 159,832,665 acres.

Of the lands temporarily withdrawn under the forestry act, 12,334,904 acres have been restored to entry during the last year.

There were surveyed during the year 7,156,910 acres, 216,975 being in Oregon.

Timber and Stone.

The timber and stone act should be repealed. Under this act many frauds have been perpetrated. This act has been one of the most harmful of the public land statutes. Under it millions of acres of timber land have been fraudulently acquired and the monopoly of the timber supplies of the public land states made possible. The purpose of the act may have been good, but its effects have been vicious.

Pensions.

During the entire year ended June 30, 1907, the total number of pensioners on the roll was 1,017,005. At the close of the year there were on the roll 967,371 pensioners—679,937 soldiers and sailors, 286,892 widows and dependents, and 542 army nurses. This was the smallest number of pensioners since 1893. The "high-water" mark in the history of the bureau was reached on January 31, 1905, at which date 1,004,196 pensioners were enrolled. The gains to the roll during the year were 29,904 new pensioners and 1130 restorations and renewals, a total of 31,304; of this number 181 were pensioned by special acts of congress. The losses to the roll during the same time were 45,768 by death and 2868 from other causes, a total of 48,634.

Alaska.

The population of Alaska has not materially increased during the year. It is estimated that there are 21,000 permanent white residents, besides about 7000 who are employed in the mines, canneries and railroad camps during the summer and leave at the close of the season.

There has been a considerable increase of the commerce between Alaska and the United States. The increase in the output of gold was more than 50 per cent; the output of copper increased 54 per cent; and the amount of salmon canned was 30 per cent more than the product of 1906.

Protection of Public Lands.

There has been no abatement in the efforts of the department to prevent the illegal entry or misuse of public

lands.

There have been collected for timber trespasses without suit \$80,917.53 and there have been recovered through suits against trespassers \$203,352.68. One hundred and thirty-six cases of unlawful inclosure, involving 842,720 acres, have been reported. In 94 of these cases, involving 156,915 acres, the inclosures have been removed. In the other cases the fences are being removed or action is pending in the courts to compel removal.

QUICK INSURANCE RETURNS.

L. Oldenburg Receives Draft of \$3000 for Burned Dwelling.

Although the Dickson residence north of the river was burned but a week ago, the insurance loss has been adjusted already and today the proprietor, L. Oldenburg of La Grande, received a draft for \$3000 the full amount of the insurance carried on the house.

The insurance was carried in the Phoenix company of Hartford, represented by Col. J. M. Bentley, of this city and Harvey Wells, a traveling adjuster for that company, made the settlement. Mr. Wells was delayed with another important matter at Grant's Pass or would have made the adjustment several days ago.

Mr. Oldenburg is well pleased with the manner and brief time in which the adjustment and payment have been made.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Roads Are Optimistic.

The smile is beginning to return to the faces of the local railroad men, says the Salt Lake Telegram, and they now believe that the worst of the financial trouble is over. The passenger department of all the systems was the first to be affected by the money stringency.

People who had contemplated trips either gave them up or postponed them as soon as the trouble started. It speaks volumes for the confidence of the people of Utah for the future when it is known that while on nearly every great railroad system in the country passenger trains have been taken off on account of lack of business, not a single train has been taken off any of the roads operating in that state.

Now comes the information that passenger traffic is increasing daily, both in Utah and to the west. Hence the smile on the faces of the local railroad men. The increase in passenger traffic to the west has been so great in the last few days that extra cars had to be attached to nearly every train.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that William Blakley, has filed in the county court of Union county, Oregon, his final account as administrator of the estate of Nathan R. Baird, deceased, and the said county court of Union county, Oregon, has set the 4th day of February, A. D. 1908, at two o'clock p. m., for the hearing of the same, and all objections thereto.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 5th day of January, A. D. 1908.

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We Want Your Wants

IN

Our Want Ad Column

Your want is placed before a thousand or more want-seekers every day—Can you afford to spend one cent per word of your want ad where results are the keynotes?

FOR RENT.
 FOR RENT—A flat furnished for housekeeping. Pleasantly located; near in. Inquire of Mrs. Hattie McDonald, 1616 6th St., or 'phone Black 462.
 FOR RENT—Rooms for light housekeeping. Inquire of Mrs. E. C. Moore, corner 4th and Q Sts.
 FOR RENT—A house on North Side. Convenient to shops. 'Phone Black 1731, or call at Farmers & Traders' National bank.
 FOR RENT—Furnished cottage with bath; close in. Apply to Mrs. Zuber.
 FOR RENT—Nine-room house, furnished complete. All modern conveniences. 'Phone Red 1712.
 FOR RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms; close in; call at 1417 Washington avenue. 2-24

WANTED.
 WANTED—Employment by competent nurse. 'Phone Black 62.
 WANTED—Heavy, four-horse plow team, with a competent driver. Prefer if owned and driven by the same man, the reason for same, the owner will see that they all pull together. The plowing is clay and gumbo. Price no object for the right outfit. Work will last from a week to 10 days. Apply at once. J. L. Mars. 1-28
 WANTED—Housekeeper, to assist in the care of five children; steady position and good wages. Apply to J. A. Farquharson, 'phone Main 93, between 10 a. m. and 1 p. m.
 WANTED—Position as bookkeeper or clerk, by a lady. 'Phone black 212.
 WANTED—Competent girl for general housework; apply to Mrs. John Synhorst, 2101, Cor. First and Jeff.

LOST.
 LOST—Gold brooch with 4 pearls and diamond, between Dr. Richardson's and W. L. Brenhoits' residence on P street; liberal reward for return to Mrs. A. L. Richardson.

Assignee's Notice.
 In the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Union county.
 In the matter of the estate of O. M. Hancock, an insolvent debtor.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed assignee of the estate of the above named insolvent debtor, under and by virtue of an act of the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon, entitled "An act to secure to creditors a just division of the estates of debtors who convey to assignees for the benefit of creditors," approved October 18, 1878, and amendments thereto. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at the office of the La Grande Investment company, La Grande, Oregon, duly verified as by law required, within three months from the date thereof.
 La Grande, Oregon, January 6, 1908.
 J. K. WRIGHT,
 Assignee.

CIRCULATING LIBRARY.
 Newlin Drug Company Fills a Long Felt Want.
 Realizing that in a city the size of La Grande there are a number of people who enjoy reading the latest and best books, but do not feel that they can afford to buy the books outright, but who are willing and able to pay a small rental fee, the Newlin Drug company has installed a circulating library to meet this demand. This library contains nearly 1000 volumes, consisting of all the talked about, copyrighted books, the standard works of fiction, the standard children's books and also a large collection of paper-backed novels. The plan adopted by the Newlin Drug company to place this splendid library in the hands of the reading public is simple as well as inexpensive. There will be no red tape. The prospective member simply deposits \$1.00 for which he receives his first book. The member is allowed to select any book in the library. This book the member will be allowed to keep in his possession for two weeks. At the expiration of the week, or sooner, the member may return the book and by the payment of an additional 25 cents secure another book and by the payment of an additional 25 cents secure another book. Thus for 25 cents the member may have the pleasure of reading a \$1.50 book. If the books are kept longer than the week the small charge of five cents per day is made for each additional day. Should the member not wish to take a book a week all that is necessary is to return the book taken out and a membership card will be issued, which will entitle the member to a book at any time upon payment only of the 25-cent rental fee. With the

HERE TO STAY
 Although the present electric light famine has temporarily placed us out of business, we are not out of business by any means. When the lights are on again the public will find that we will still be here with the very best electric show in Eastern Oregon. We are taking advantage of the condition of affairs to make many improvements as the public will readily see when we again open to the public.
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 E. M. Sherwood, Mgr.

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