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Political Information.

- County registration books open until April 7. r
Primary election April 17.
Registration books reopened April 21; closed on May 15.
General state election June 1.
Registration books reopened September 20; close October 20.
Presidential election November 3.
City Election.
City registration books close February 22.
Candidates must file their petitions not later than February 22.
City election March 9.

EXPRESS RATE WAR.

At last the country is being aroused on the matter of exorbitant rates of the express companies, and a determined war is to be waged by shippers for the purpose of compelling these common carriers to bring their schedule of prices within the bounds of reason.

The interstate commerce commission has taken up the subject, and at the present time is making a rigid examination regarding existing conditions. An examination is being held in Denver involving the rates charged by the various express companies both east and west from the middle states and the far west, and the outcome will be watched with much interest by parties concerned everywhere.

Of all corporations doing business with the public, the express companies are the most grasping. This has been going on for years, and nothing was said about it until within the past few months. That their demands are excessive everybody concedes, when their attention is called to the subject, but nothing has ever been done to compel them to release their grasp on the throat of commerce. The railroads have caught it on every hand, but strange to relate, the chief robber of all has been entirely lost sight of. Now that the subject has come up and the members of the interstate commerce commission understand the true conditions, it is to be hoped that the matter of express rates will be placed on a more reasonable basis.—Eugene Guard.

The result of the primaries in Ohio eliminates Foraker from the presidential possibilities. Taft's friends pushed the fight with vigor and not a single county was carried by Senator Foraker. This does not mean that he will not be returned to the senate, a position that he has filled with credit to the state for many years.

The establishment of a million dollar packing plant in Portland indicates the progress of the development that is going on in the great northwest. From this time on there will be few eastern shipments of hogs from this coast.

University Gains Attendance.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The annual report of the president of the University of Oregon for 1907, with the reports of the steward and registrar, have just been issued. The president's report shows that the university has made a gain of 23 per cent in enrollment this year

over that of last. The funds have fallen short \$15,000 of meeting the current expenses of the year, and to avoid a deficiency the faculty served three months without pay. The work of the summer school and the correspondence school is discussed, and a recommendation is made for a bureau of research in economics, politics and sociology. An outline of the plans of the school of education for training high school teachers and principals is given, and attention is called to the gift to the university of a building and land by the citizens of North Bend, Ore., for the establishment of a marine biological laboratory, for which Coos Bay offers exceptional advantages. The total registration, as shown by the registrar's report, is 977 students, distributed as follows:

Liberal arts, 298; engineering, 101; school of law, 87; school of medicine, 49; school of music, 126; correspondence school, 251; summer school, 25.

The steward's report gives a complete statement of the university's finances for the year.

LAST SHOW GOOD TOO

With enough changes to make the evening full of attraction to those who went both nights, the Elks' minstrels was given last evening for the last time.

All the jokes were new and several song features that were withheld the first evening, were heard last night. These included songs by Messrs. Miller, J. B. Gilham and F. C. Bramwell. These were each of a high class order.

New victims suffered at the hands of the jokers and as in the evening previous fun and mirth prevailed throughout, except only at such times as musical numbers of classical swing broke the run of fun and kept the audience in rapt attention by virtue of the talent being exhibited.

The house was comfortably filled. The lights were defective again last evening and during the Roman Tragedy, Archibald was shot simultaneously with the disappearance of electric light. The gladiator was equal to the occasion, however, and failed to "die" until lights had been brought on the scene.

The scenic curtain drop to the finale of the opening was even more spectacular last evening than the evening previous. The Observer was in error last evening in stating that Mrs. Draper posed for the light. It was Miss Nell Morton of this city. The slight accident to the curtain the first evening marred the effect slightly, but last night that was remedied and the finale was a much more pronounced feature the last time.

EDITOR CLOVER DIES IN UNION

When recovery seemed certain, and he had apparently rallied from a very acute attack of pneumonia, Editor Glover, of the Union Republican, died at his home in Union at 5 o'clock this morning. Mr. Glover was associate editor on the Union Republican.

Last Sunday night he rallied from an attack that had given his family and friends extreme worry. On Monday he continued to improve, but took a relapse last evening, dying this morning.

No funeral arrangements have been made, as his relatives in Union are awaiting instructions from his mother in Colorado.

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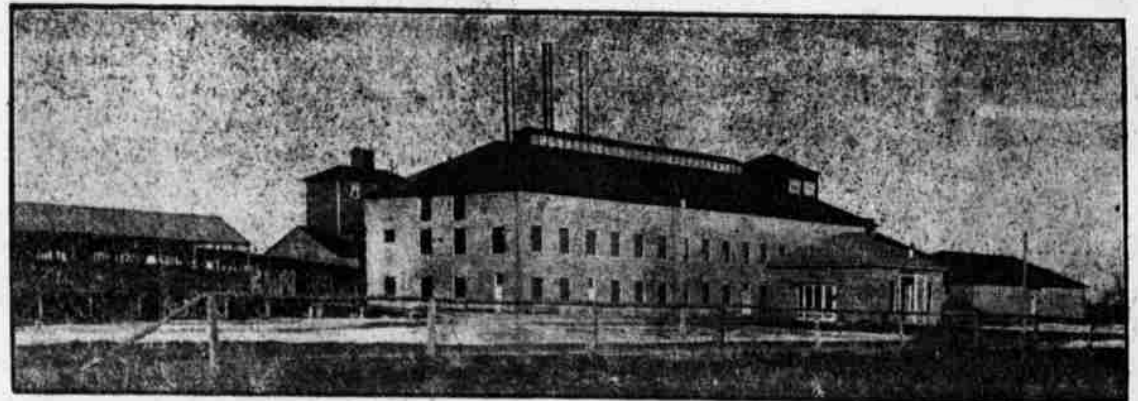
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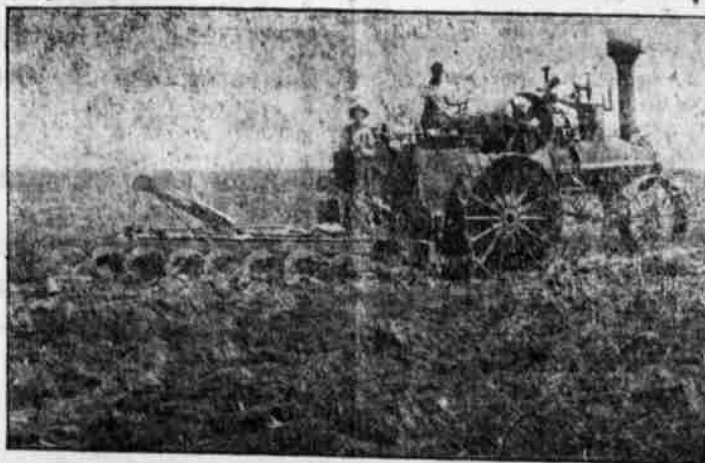
Orchestra and Orchestra Circle 75c; Dress Circle 50c; Gallery 25c & 50c. Seats on sale Tuesday

THE LAND OF PLENTY

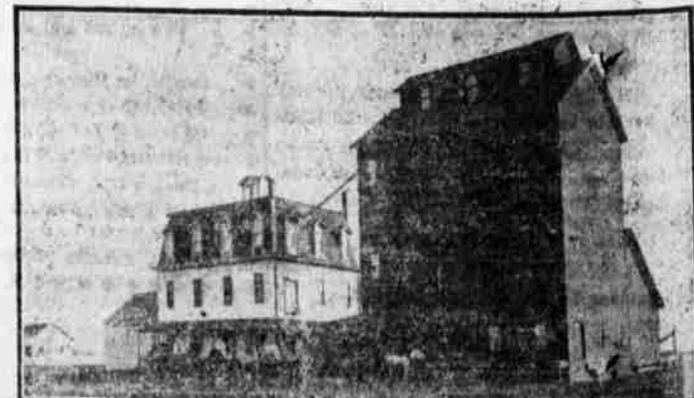
Union county has long been known as the land of plenty, and those who reside here firmly believe that the term has been applied with justice. The following illustrations are intended to show something of the way things are done in this 'Land of Plenty.'



La Grande Sugar Factory.



Steam Plow at Work Near La Grande.



La Grande Flouring Mill.