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- Political Information.
County registration books open until April 7.
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.

IT IS OUR MOVE.

The framework for the new concentrating mill that is being installed at the Mulr mine is nearing completion and it is expected that within the next 60 days there will be ore ready for shipment. Now, the question is, which way is this ore to be hauled to the railroad? Under present conditions there is no question about it. The ore will be hauled over the new road to North Powder. If, on the other hand, a wagon road was built up the river from Starkey, which would shorten the distance not only about 12 miles, but would give a water grade from the mine to Hilgard, the ore would come this way. The supplies that will furnish these mines up Grande Ronde river will undoubtedly follow the ore hauling teams. It simply means under present conditions, the supplies will be furnished from Powder River valley and Baker City. If the water grade road is constructed it means that Grande Ronde valley will furnish the produce and La Grande the supplies. It is our move.

London's booster club, among its numerous advertised advantages, has the announcement that their gas companies have voluntarily reduced the price of gas to 69 cents per 1000 feet. This more strongly than any other feature appeals to our La Grande citizens, and we may expect at any time to see quite a number of our people returning to the Mother country.

Hurrah for Ellis! He touched the button at the department at Washington and now comes the order to establish a free delivery system to become operative on May 15. This will prove to be of great advantage to our citizens and something that they have been entitled to for several years. La Grande will then be in the class in which she belongs.

Eugene is setting the other cities of the state an example of high grade boosting that they may well watch and note the results of their year's activity. The Commercial club there raised \$12,000 for advertising the resources of Lane county. Among other things, it is looking after the matter of securing a county high school.

Ex-Senator Fred Mulkey, who several months ago announced his candidacy for the nomination of United States senator, but later retired from the race, is seriously thinking of re-considering his withdrawal and re-entering the campaign.

It is the little things after all that reflect the true conditions. Our Grande Ronde valley farmers are so prosperous that the topic for roll call at a recent Grange meeting was, "Why Do We Need Money?"

The city recorder's office has been busily engaged today registering voters. It is high time that they were getting busy. The books close next Saturday, and there are several hundred who have not registered.

TIME TO PRUNE.

Washington Fruit Men Advised to Commence Pruning.

Fruitgrowers are urged by County Horticultural Inspector C. L. Whitney to begin now the pruning of their trees, relates the Walla Walla Union. Not only will this operation improve the trees but it will reduce much of the expense of spraying by eliminating many limbs.

"This is the time of the year for people to prune their trees and get ready for spraying," said Mr. Whitney. "Care should be taken by them, however, not to cut the tops of the trees. Doing this only produces a bush top. The trees make a lot of shade and the wood, but they do not bear fruit when they are cut from the top.

"The limbs should be thinned out so as to let the sun and air through the branches. Those limbs that cross and interfere with one another should be cut away. To complete the job, the tree should be balanced up properly so that it does not present a top-sided appearance.

"In the process of pruning sometimes as much as a third of a tree is cut away. This, of course, reduces the expense of spraying that much. It also admits of a more thorough job.

"People in the county, I find, are taking a much greater interest than usual. Most of the fruit trees are well attended to and the best and latest methods of caring for them are being sought. The Walla Walla and Umatilla county inspectors are working together. We recognize the fact that this is necessary since the bugs do not recognize any such thing in their incursions as a state line."

STATE DEATH RATE.

About Nine Die Out of Every One Hundred Inhabitants.

Oregon's death rate during 1907 was approximately 9 in every 100 inhabitants according to Dr. R. C. Yenney, secretary of the state board of health, in his annual report which has just been compiled. This low rate is looked upon as a remarkable showing, and it is believed that it is not excelled by any other state in the union.

To a certain extent the figures in his report are incomplete, for the reason that a number of counties send no report of their vital statistics to the state board of health. As a basis for his figures he has taken the carefully prepared statistics of 14 of the most populous counties of the state from which regular monthly health reports are received, and in which the death rate would naturally be larger than in less densely populated counties.

He severely criticizes the officials of the counties which fail to compile health statistics on the ground that it is part of their duty for which they are paid by the public to keep records of all deaths and births, in order that the health authorities may know what the death and birth rates are in each community and conclude what precautions may be taken to reduce the death rate if possible.

NUMBERS NEED ATTENTION

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seen at the recorder's office. If not right, a trivial expense and less effort will make it right. Bring your street and lot number with you, and the correct house number can be ascertained in a moment. If every resident would do this, the numbering would soon be correct, but to secure an official stamp of approval, some officials must inspect every residence.

10,000 CATTLE ON RESERVE.

Room for More Grazers, Says Forester Schmitz.

Reports received yesterday by Deputy Forester John Schmitz of the Wehaha reserve show that at present 10,000 cattle are to be turned loose for grazing, applications for that many animals having been made. Permits to the owners of the cattle are being

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MILTON POLK DIES TODAY

At 8:20 this morning, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Carrie B. Wellman, Milton Polk passed away. The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 from the Presbyterian church, and the interment will follow in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. The announcement of his death came unexpectedly, as many friends remembered seeing and speaking to him Saturday on the street. Monday he was taken down with that seemingly unconquerable disease, pneumonia. Everything that loving and skilled hands could do, was done.

In the passing of Milton Polk one of the earliest pioneers of this country has made his last camp. It was in 1847 that the deceased left La Porte, Ind., with his parents for the Pacific coast, and after passing through the Grande Ronde valley, continued on to Oregon City. He was an Indian war veteran, having served in 1856-58 under Captain Henry, who was killed in action. A few years later he moved to Silver City, Idaho, where he served a number of years as deputy sheriff. From there he moved to Elko, Nev., and was soon appointed deputy sheriff and from that position was elected sheriff. From Elko he moved to Miles City, Mont., where he resided 11 years. For the past two years he made this city his home and by his quiet, unassuming manner, well informed upon the current issues of the day, and being an original thinker, although uncompromising along those questions of right, as he understood them, made many warm, personal friends.

Besides a mother who is probably the oldest pioneer now residing in Portland, he leaves four sisters.

The characters of such men always leave their impression upon the communities in which they live and their influence lives on forever.

BOGUS ORDERS CIRCULATING

Suspected presence in La Grande of clever forgers has led the postoffice authorities to notify all local business men not to cash money orders issued in return for goods or payment of bills.

Instructions treating with the recent Seattle money order theft were received this morning by Postmaster Richey, and by noon all the business men had been notified to cease cashing money orders. The adept appears to be working among jewelry men and clothiers especially.

Information from Seattle states that the party very cleverly changes the initial number of the money order with red ink and invariably forges an order on the office in which town he is working. While not definitely

known that he is in La Grande, he is nevertheless in the immediate vicinity of the city. His work has been traced to several eastern Oregon cities.

Two Seattle stations were robbed. From the 15th station the bulk of orders are numbered between 3300 and 3500. The artist, however, easily changes the "3" to an "8." From the Seattle University station another batch, though a smaller one, was taken. These number from 20106 to 20200.

La Grande business men are requested to be on the alert for suspicious orders and notify the postoffice of any suspected or real attempt to pass the bogus orders.

SOCIETY.

About 60 young people were delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. George L. Cleaver last evening. The decorative and amusement schemes were distinctly "George Washington." Red, white and blue streamers liberally sprinkled with tiny flags, clustered in the center of each room and swung to the corners with pretty effect. Flags of all nations added to the decorative scheme. Refreshments were served.

Current Topic Club.

Mesdames J. K. Wright, S. W. Seemann and George L. Cleaver, at the home of the latter, entertain the Current Topic club tomorrow evening. The topic under discussion is "Immigration."

A group of young men of the city will give a retaliation party on March 9, at the Commercial club auditorium. Details for the party are now being formulated.

DR. COLEMAN RESIGNS.

President of the Willamette University at Salem.

Dr. Coleman, who for the past several years has been president of the Willamette university, at Salem, has handed in his resignation. Under his guidance the school has gained a prominence in educational circles of this state that was hardly supposed possible when he first took charge. It is now out of debt and in addition, has an endowment fund of \$250,000. The attendance is larger than at any former period in its history, and is now one of the strongest institutions of Methodism in the northwest. Dr. Coleman's successor has not as yet been selected.

JOHNS IN WASHINGTON.

Calls Upon Senator Fulton, But Says it is Only Personal.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Mayor Johns of Baker City, is here in the interest of Baker City, to secure, if possible, the location of the new proposed federal district. Mayor Johns called upon Senator Fulton today, and later made the statement that his interview with the senator had no political significance, but was merely a personal visit.

PENDLETON IS BUSY.

Will Send a Delegation to Washington if Necessary.

Pendleton, Feb. 20.—If necessary, the Pendleton Commercial club will send a delegation to Washington to put up a fight to assure their city being selected as the headquarters of the new federal district in eastern Oregon.



FRIEND TO FRIEND.

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AN INSTANCE.

Lucy Suddreth, of Lenoir, N. C., had been troubled with a very bad cough for ever a year. She says: "A friend bought a bottle of CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY, brought it to me and insisted that I should take it. I did so and to my surprise it helped me. Four bottles of it cured me of my cough."

NEWLIN DRUG CO.

Lane Case Not Sensational.

Portland, Feb. 20.—Today's session in the Waymire-Radding conspiracy case against Mayor Harry Lane, was taken up with listening to the testimony of a number of minor witnesses. The state will probably rest tomorrow, and Mrs. Waymire will then tell her version of the affair, in which the

character of Mayor Lane is implicated.

Another Food Sale.

The Baptist ladies will have another sale of home-made cooking on Saturday, February 22, at Adcock & Fritts' furniture store.

AT COST FOR CASH

On account of ill health we are compelled to dispose of our Marble and Granite business, and in order to dispose of the stock at once, we are offering our entire stock, set up in the cemetery, at actual cost. This offer is good until April first, and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. This means a direct saving of 25 to 50 per cent to purchasers. Largest stock of marble and granite in Eastern Oregon.

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