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Think how we become accustomed to things. We report every few weeks that this or that section of the valley is planting or is receiving trees to plant 100 or more acres in fruit. The time was when a 10-acre planting would have caused much more comment than 100-acre tracts now do. Yet every 100 acres does mean a great deal to the prosperity of this valley. It will only be a very few years until each and every one of these 100-acre tracts will be producing commercial fruit to the extent of \$20,000. These figures are surprising, no doubt, to the uninitiated. But it is easily figured, 55 trees to the acre in winter apples that bear six boxes to the tree, will make 23,000 boxes, which at \$1 per box means \$23,000. That is easy.

Every farmer in Oregon should plant something for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, which is to be held in Seattle in 1909. Grains, grasses and late vegetables from this year's harvest will go to make up the exhibits in the different departments. Farmers throughout the state can do a great deal toward making a representative exhibit at this exposition, and anything they may do will not only be appreciated by the commission, but every individual or firm sending articles for exhibition purposes will receive due and full credit in the way of awards, medals, etc., that they may win.

Everybody knows that there is big money in strawberry culture in this valley, yet the acreage is not so large as it was several years ago. The only reason that can be advanced as to why this condition exists, is the difficulty in the past in securing labor. Grande Ronde valley should be shipping strawberries by the carload every season. It will pay either on a small or an extensive scale. An effort should be made to encourage an increased acreage. It not only is profitable to the grower but it furnishes employment to large numbers of people.

Think of it, Union county is only \$65,000 in debt! Two years at the outside, and maybe less, will see the entire debt wiped out. It was only a few years ago that the county was paying 48 per cent interest on her outstanding warrants and it looked hopeless. Today we are prosperous, have more good first-class bridges than ever, and generally speaking, the roads are in

good condition. The next time you hear some crank ask, "Where is all of our money going?" you may tell him that \$50,000 of it went to pay off our indebtedness on April 2, 1908.

The populists actually refused to endorse W. J. Bryan for president, at its national convention yesterday in St. Louis. If the party had taken this action in 1896 it might have been one of the strong national parties of the present time. But it is the same old story: "Those who dance must pay the fiddler."

For Pacific Championship.

San Francisco, April 2.—Stanford university and the University of California will tomorrow play the first game of the usual spring series of intercollegiate baseball contests for the championship of the Pacific coast. The game tomorrow will be played at Stanford, while the second game will take place a week from tomorrow on California field at Berkeley. If a third game is necessary it will be played at Berkeley at a date to be decided later.

Lively Discussion.

Last Sunday morning 23 men met in the study room of central church of Christ and discussed some very live questions regarding the liquor business. Time being run out before all the proposed topics had been treated, it was announced that next Sunday at 10 a. m. the talk would be continued. The chief question for Sunday will be, "What Would Prohibition Mean to La Grande and This County?" All men not engaged by other duties are invited. O. H. KING, Leader.

Joking Pendleton Woodcrafters.

Woodcrafters of Pendleton played a huge joke on their confiding friends April 1. A large crowd was invited to dance after which a banquet was to be served. The grand march led the guests to the banquet hall and seated at long rows of tables. The "food" consisted of a lone toothpick and a glass of water. As the guests passed out of the hall they were handed a lemon.

Bryan in Colorado.

Denver, Col., April 2.—William J. Bryan will make a visit to Colorado early next week, speaking in Denver on Monday. He is expected to arrive in Pueblo tomorrow, where he will make an address for charity.

MASSACRE VERY IMMINENT

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occur unless there is a foreign demonstration.

Executions without the formality of court martial continue, despite the promise of M. Carteron that they would cease.

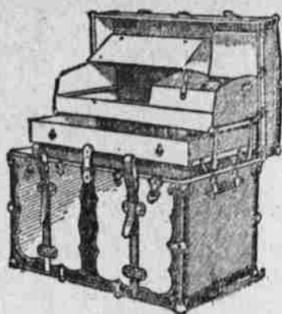
Today the body of Arsene Chevre, the poet and writer, was found hanging in a tree, riddled with bullets. He was suspected of being favorable to the cause of General Firmin, the revolutionist. The white laborers at Goals have barricaded themselves in a warehouse and say if trouble breaks out they will do some fighting on their own accord.

Something Good.

If you failed to attend the Electric theater last evening, you missed something which you would have enjoyed. The pictures were not only good, but of the kind which please. The songs were both well received. Taking the program as a whole, it can safely be said that it comes nearer perfection than any offered for some weeks.

At Mt. St. Mary's.

Emmitsburg, Md., April 2.—Mount St. Mary's will open its baseball season here tomorrow by playing the nine of the Catholic University of America. The schedule includes games with Carleel Indians, Holy Cross, Bucknell, Villa Nova, University of Georgia, University of Maryland, University of Louisiana and other strong teams.



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CARES NOT FOR GIFT

Paso Robles, April 3.—In a characteristic interview, Admiral Evans made his position plain in regard to the proposed commission of the vice-admiralty, which is being held up by a coterie of statesmen at Washington. The admiral is overwhelmed with the kindness and interest of the American people in his welfare. "If this is the way the people feel," he said today, "that bunch of politicians in congress who are opposing the proposition to grant me a commission as vice-admiral, can take their old commission and bury it in the stoke hole of hell. I have all the reward I need in this demonstration from the people. I love. Nothing any politician can give me would equal it."

UNION CHURCH SERVICES

FIVE CHURCHES OF CITY JOIN STRENGTH.

Will Assist in Meetings Now Being Held at Baptist Church, Following This Meeting All Will Co-operate Under the Direction of Evangelist C. R. Haudenschield, Commencing on the Twenty-second, in the Skating Rink.

Arrangements were concluded this afternoon whereby the following churches will join their forces in special meetings, the Baptist, Christian, Methodist, Methodist, South and Presbyterian.

Until further notice, commencing Sunday, the above churches will work under the direction of Evangelist T. S. Fretz at the Baptist church, and at the close of this meeting will work under the direction of Evangelist C. H. Haudenschield in the skating rink building, which has already been secured, to commence on April 22.

Cottage prayer meetings will continue in the afternoon in various sections of the city.

This is the first general series of union meetings that have been held in the city for a number of years. The pastors of the above churches, backed by their respective congregations, are entering into this movement with enthusiasm and earnestness.

FISHING FOR DOGS.

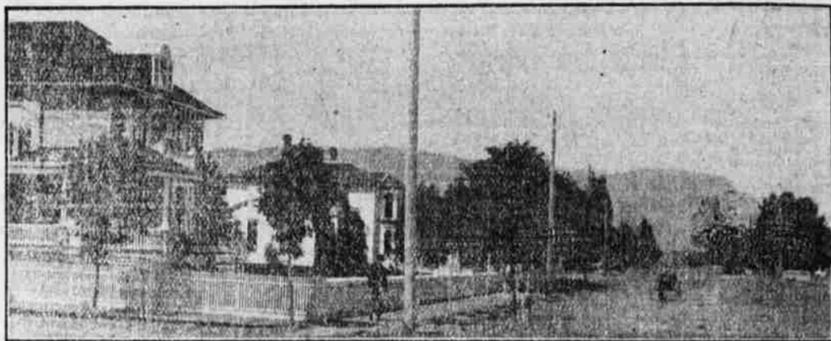
Pepper Has Novel System of Capturing Untaxed Animals.

Deputy Pepper got more money than dogs today. With his fishpole and wire loop he corralled many canines, but the owners in most instances produced the fee when they realized that their pet dog was peeping through the screen that covers the deputy's wagon.

He has divided the city into sections. Today he visited North La Grande and before he has ceased his work the entire city will be covered. With a long fishpole and a piece of meat, the deputy can capture the most suspicious dog imaginable. With his meat he coaxes the untaxed animal toward him and then drops a loop over the brute's head. The rest is easy.

Locate With Us

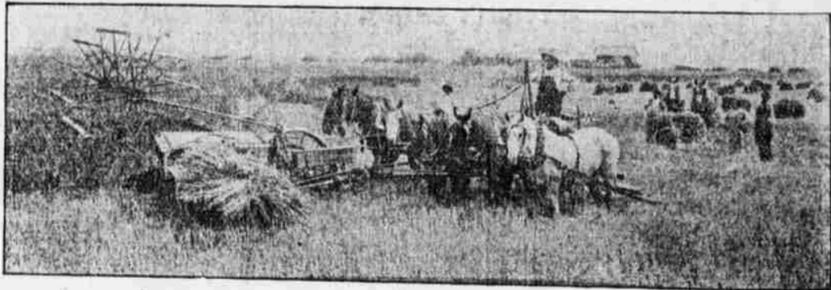
Take the time to examine into the resources of the Grande Ronde Valley, and you will see that it is to your interest to locate here.



One of Our Principle Streets.

Varied Resources

Union County is not confined to any one industry for support. No county in the West has such a variety of resources. Sugar, Beets Fruits, Wheat, Lumber, Hay, Dairying, Mining, Horses, Cattle, etc., etc.



Harvesting Scene in Grande Ronde.

Work For All

Laboring men will find that they can find constant employment at satisfactory wages.



Gathering Strawberries on Grande Ronde Fruit Farms.

Home Builders Wanted

Our large farms are waiting to be divided. Prices are not any higher than they should be.

TRY SHEPHERD FOR CONGRESS

All bills carrying appropriations originate in the Hcu e. There are no conflicting interests to prevent a Multnomah man from giving a Square Deal to any part of Eastern Oregon.