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There have been many interesting stories told at the expense of absent-minded professors, but the prize should go to Prof. Manchester of the Washington State university. He was on the way to hear the class in mathematics, was crossing a railway track and forgot where he was until a locomotive struck him. He miraculously escaped death, gathered up his books and went to his class room. He forgot all about the accident until a doctor informed him that he was suffering from nervous shock.

A snub organized and managed by Foraker and Aldrich may be annoying, but it lacks impressiveness.—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Life is a gamble," said Mr. Richard Croker. But isn't that an argument for the restriction of gambling?—New York Tribune.

Instructing for Bryan is all very well, but it gives no advance credit in the electoral college.—New York Mail.

**GARFIELD WILL INSIST.**

A dispatch from Washington states that if congress at this session refuses to repeal the timber and stone act, Secretary Garfield will take matters into his own hands and put an end to the abuses that have been perpetrated under the law. Mr. Garfield is the first secretary of the interior to discover that the timber and stone act does not arbitrarily fix the price of timber land at \$2.50 per acre, but merely fixes that as the minimum price at which timber land shall be sold.

It is his contention that the secretary of the interior, under the law, has authority to demand a higher price where timber land is worth more, and he proposes, in the event that congress does not act, hereafter to require timber entrymen to pay the appraised value for all lands taken under this law. Lands worth only \$2.50 will be sold at that figure, but lands worth \$10 to \$20 per acre will be sold at those figures and lands of lesser value at corresponding prices.

There have been numerous conferences in the department about this proposed change, and it has been decided to take no action until after congress adjourns, thus giving congress an opportunity to act if it so desires.

Under the contemplated change it will be necessary to scale timber land, as entered, to determine its value, but the increased cost of administration will be slight as compared with the increased receipts from timber sales.

An exchange cites the recent sale of bonds to the amount of \$5,000,000 in Philadelphia as proof that money isn't tight. But you wouldn't expect money to be tight in the city founded by Ben Franklin.

Several favorite sons would feel easier if they knew to whom Taft will throw his votes if he fails to be nominated on the first ballot.—Washington Post.

Colonel Watterson says he sympathizes with Bryan, but at last accounts the feeling was mutual.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

O. M. Heacock, La Grande's eye specialist.

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**RENDER GOOD PROGRAM.**

**High School Literary Societies Hold Last Session for the Year.**

The Demosthenian and Themistoclean literary societies of the high school held yesterday afternoon what is declared by all who heard it, as being the best and most highly entertaining joint session of the year. With a long and pleasing program, the two societies close their work for the year. The meetings were held often during the school months, always resulting in much instructing practice for the participants and affording entertainment for the listeners. The societies are well established. The result of the benefits derived from being a member of either of them will soon crop out, if the splendid program yesterday is a criterion. La Grande will soon be able to stand with the best in the forensic field of the state.

**At the Electric.**

In spite of the cold weather the crowds flock to the Electric. The songs are catchy and the scenes all good. The matinee this afternoon was well attended.

**Frightened the Guests.**

The clerks and guests of the Hotel Foley were frightened out of their wits last evening when an elephant with a man on its back came pell-mell into the office. The rider dismounted and registered: "Doc Waddell from Everywhere," and "Waddy, the Elephant from South Africa." Under room for the latter was written "Stable." Waddell refuses to ride on trains, in autos or travel afoot. The elephant makes better time than the Overland limited, which causes Waddell to ask, "Will elephants take the place of trains?" "Waddy" will return to La Grande and perform with the double heard of tuskers in the circus Friday, May 29.

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United States Land Office,  
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Notice is hereby given, that as directed by the commissioner of the general land office, under the provisions of the act of congress approved June 27, 1906 (34 Stats., 517), we will offer at public sale to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 18th day of May next, at this office, the following tract of land:  
NW 1/4 SE 1/4, Sec. 24, T. 5 S., R. 35, E. W. M.

Any persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims or objections on or before the time designated for sale.  
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