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J. J. Creswell, a prominent farmer in that district, was in Pendleton yesterday, and said: "I have never known the aphid to attack the orchards and alfalfa fields as they did this year. They came in clouds. It was practically an invasion by the pests. They arrived about the middle of April, and swarmed into the orchards by the millions. Heretofore, they have confined their attacks to the leaves, but this year they ate the blossoms. The orchardists have suffered a heavy loss. No spray seemed to be effective.

"The pests also registered a new departure when they attacked the alfalfa fields. The first crop has been entirely destroyed in that section of the country. I walked into my alfalfa field and before I had really walked into it, my clothes were covered an inch deep with the insects. The fields look as though a fire had swept over them.

"One day, we noticed that there were fewer of the aphid about and the next day they were gone entirely. There was not a trace of them visible anywhere. The people there cannot explain the strange presence of the pests but they caused sufficient damage to be remembered."—Pendleton Tribune.

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Seats on Sale Monday.

The diagram for seats at the opera house on Tuesday night, will be on exhibition at Van Buren's Monday morning. At that time seats for the high school commencement can be obtained.



Arrival and Departure of Trains at La Grande.

No. 1, westbound Portland Special, arrives 9:25 a. m.; departs, 9:30 a. m.
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No. 2, eastbound Chicago Special, arrives 8:05 p. m.; departs, 8:10 p. m.
No. 5, westbound passenger, mail and express, arrives 9:55 p. m.; departs, 10 p. m.

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Regular mixed train leaves La Grande at 8 o'clock and returns at 3 o'clock p. m. The logging train leaves La Grande at 12:30 p. m. and returns at 7:45 p. m.

J. H. KEENEY, Agent,
La Grande, Oregon.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior,
United States Land Office,
La Grande, Ore., May 6, 1908.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by W. Albert Burns, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 14054, made January 11, 1905, for the NE 1/4 NE 1/4, section 28, T. 2 S., R. 27, E. W. M., by Charles M. Perdue, contestee, in which it is alleged:

That said Charles M. Perdue has wholly abandoned the land described in said entry for more than six months last past and further, that he has never resided upon and improved and cultivated said land as required by law at any time or at all, and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegations at 10 o'clock a. m., on June 16, 1908, before the register and receiver at the United States land office in La Grande, Oregon.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed May 4, 1908, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

F. C. BRAMWELL,
Register.

J. T. WILLIAMSON,
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