

La Grande Evening Observer

Published every Friday Morning. CURREY BROTHERS, EDITORS AND PROPRIETORS. United Press Telegraph Service.

Daily, per month... \$5. Daily, single copy... .45. Daily, one year in advance... \$45.00. Daily, six months in advance... 25.00. Weekly, one year in advance... \$1.00. Weekly, six months in advance... .75.

Entered at the postoffice at La Grande as second-class matter.

This paper will not publish any article appearing over a nom de plume. Signed articles will be received subject to the discretion of the editors. Please sign your articles and save disappointment.

Advertising Rates. Display ad. rates furnished upon application. Local reading notices 10c per line subsequent insertion.

Resolutions of condolence, 5c a line. Cards of thanks, 5c a line.

A WRONG PRINCIPLE.

The new law of Oregon which refers a proposal to divide a county to a vote, not of the people concerned, but to those of the entire state, is not a "freak" law—it is a fool law.

There is no correct principle involved in referring a question of any kind to people for a final decision who do not know anything about its merits and no possible defense of it can be made.

At the election last week a new county was created from a portion of Wasco, consisting of the Hood River valley, and under a new law in this state the matter was referred to all the people of Oregon to decide, whether it was a proper thing to do.

It is an axiom which will not be disputed. The Tribune supposes, that it is wrong to refer a question of importance to a jury before whom there is no evidence either way upon which to form an opinion.

What did a man living in the foothills of Malheur county know as to whether there should be a county created out of Hood River valley? Or a miner running sluice boxes in the mountains of Josephine?

Yet the question was left to the judgment of at least 75,000 people who had no information whatever relating to it.

In this particular instance it was right to divide Wasco county and make a new one from Hood River valley, but 90 per cent of those who voted upon it were fully uninformed as to its merits.

It is a form of the referendum propaganda which should be repealed at the earliest opportunity in the interest of common sense.—Pendleton Tribune.

Who would have thought a few years ago that the Willamette valley would have considered irrigation necessary, yet a prominent Eugene business man remarked a few days ago that it will only be a matter of a very few years until large irrigation ditches will be running everywhere. The financial flurry last fall suspended operations on our irrigation project on the river. This interest should be revived. It is too important to permit of delay. We have the water and the land. It is only a matter of getting them together.

LUCKY LAKE.

Down in Lake county taxes are so light that the property owners pay them as readily and easily as they buy circus tickets—when they have a circus. Their total assessment is about \$2,000,000, on a basis of 25 per cent. They pay an 8-mill tax on this valuation. Have \$75,000 in the county treasury and have enough over to pay for their new \$50,000 court house. Lucky Lake!

J. H. Franson, of the Idaho state experiment station, has effectually answered the question of over production of dairy products by showing the farmers that the inland empire spent \$5,000,000 last year for dairy products imported from eastern states.

SALOON MEN CHARGE FAULTY

(Continued from page 1.) most instances the sheriff either personally or by legal deputies, saw that proper posting was made. But there are instances, it is alleged, where the sheriff requested unauthorized persons

to post the notices. It is not likely that Judge Crawford will grant even a temporary injunction, but will merely issue a restraining order against the county court, when it meets tomorrow, which will necessitate a delay of four or five days in which the complainants will be given time to prepare arguments for a hearing. If, in the judgment of the court at this hearing, insufficient evidence has been presented and there is no justifiable ground for litigation, then the whole affair will be thrown out of court. But in the event that the saloon men present conclusive proof that Sheriff Childers did not post the notices duly and properly, then he will be forced to continue the restraining order up to a date of trial, at which both sides of the question will be heard.

The anti-saloon league has little faith in eventual annulment of the election, but the proposition will simply delay the day when the saloons must go. If the trial becomes necessary, then it will possibly require weeks or even months to ferret the matter down and come to some conclusion.

The document went into the hands of the county clerk at 3:15 this afternoon and was immediately turned over to Circuit Judge Crawford. In addition to making the charges as stated above, the plaintiffs attack the acts of the county clerk and the county court. In brief, the complaint recites:

That the plaintiff, Julius Roesch, has for more than 20 years been engaged in manufacturing beer in the city of La Grande, and his yearly income is not less than \$40,000, of which amount not less than \$3000 is net profit, and that he now has on hand at least \$10,000 worth of malt, hops, etc., and plaintiff alleges that the petitions to the county court were insufficient in that they were not signed by the requisite number of legal voters of Union county; that the county court acted without jurisdiction in making the order in submitting the question to the voters; that all the acts of the county clerk in connection with the election on the liquor question were illegal, and that the sheriff illegally posted notices of the election only in the precincts of North Powder, the two Union precincts, Cove, and the five La Grande precincts.

DEVASTATION IN KANSAS CITY

BUSINESS DISTRICT LIKE A GREAT INLAND LAKE.

Homeless Being Fed and Relief Quarters Established About the City—Floods Continue to Threaten Property in Sections Usually Considered Safe—Kaw and Missouri Rivers Still Rising—St. Louis Gets Taste of the Terrific Flood.

Kansas City, June 11.—The wholesale business and packing districts of the city are paralyzed today by the flood which practically put an end to all commercial occupations. The flood is now within 100 yards of the Union depot.

Practically all the railroads are tied up. Thousands of the homeless are being fed and relief quarters are being established. The Kaw and Missouri rivers continue to rise. The water has inundated such a wide sweep of country that the lower sections resemble a great inland lake.

Floods at St. Louis. St. Louis, June 11.—The floods of the Missouri river are forcing the Mississippi out of its banks and the water is rising at an alarming rate. This afternoon the river is a foot above the danger mark, and is spreading over the lower shore on the Illinois side.

BILLEK MUST HANG ON FRIDAY

(Continued from page 1.)

governor and pardon board had already refused to pardon the man. Billek had a pathetic conversation with his mother in Cleveland over the telephone, and nearly collapsed. Father O'Callahan is making a whirlwind speaking tour of the city in an effort to save Billek. The prisoner, when his wife left the cell today, said: "Well, woman, I guess it is all over; I see only the noose; go, the scaffold black is all I see."

SELLING OUT FURNITURE AT COST FOR CASH. \$35.00 QUARTER OAK DESK, MOLDED AND PANELED \$31.50. 6.50 ROUND TOP TABLES. 30.00 NEW WHEEL. THE CELEBRATED "ACME RANGES" BEST MADE 20 PERCENT OFF. REMEMBER we are Reducing Stock on NEW FURNITURE and Selling out all Second Hand Goods at Cost. I am making this the LOWEST PRICED Furniture House in the city. EASY TERMS, AT LIVING PRICES TO RIGHT PARTIES. NO TROUBLE TO SHOW GOODS. Phone Black 641 F. D. HAISTEN Phone Red 1161 213 FIR STREET 1411, 1413, 1415 Adams Ave.

MORE CELEBRATION PLANS HATCHED OUT LAST NIGHT

The general arrangement committee, appointed by Mac Wood to arrange for the big Fourth of July celebration met last night in the Commercial club rooms, and devoted themselves to the business in hand. John Collier was appointed secretary pro tem, and chairmen of various committees to look after the different features of the celebration were selected. They are: On parade, W. H. Bohnenkamp. Decorations and arbor, George Stoddard. Sports, George L. Cleaver. Entertainment and grounds, William Miller and Fred G. Taylor. The last named committees will work in conjunction. Each chairman is instructed to appoint his own aides, and given liberty to call upon any citizen of the town for help in his department. The entire membership of the general committee have resolved themselves into a committee of the whole to look after the financial end of the celebration.

On music and program they will all also work together. After the selection of the various committees was finished, a general discussion of plans took place. Nothing definite was decided upon except the fact that La Grande will celebrate in a manner not hitherto attempted either in this city or elsewhere in eastern Oregon, and that some popular young lady of the community will represent the Goddess of Liberty. Another meeting at which the gentlemen selected to act as chairmen of their respective committees will name their assistants, and the matter of a program for the day will be taken up and definitely decided upon. The soliciting committee, which will soon begin active work, consists of Messrs. Collier, Sargent, Turner Oliver, F. D. Haisten, George H. Currey, A. C. MacLennan, George Cochran, G. E. Fowler, A. S. Geddes, William Ash and Grant Lincoln.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Or., June 8, 1908. Notice is hereby given that GEORGE M. THOMPSON, of Adams, Oregon, who, on May 15th, 1908, made timber and stone sworn statement No. 4044, for S 1/2 SE 1/4 and NE 1/4 SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 NE 1/4, section 26, township 3 south, range 34 east, Willamette meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof to establish his claim to the land above described, before John Halley, Jr., U. S. commissioner, at Pendleton, Oregon, on the 22d day of August, 1908. Claimant names as witnesses: Winfield S. Burnett, of Starkey, Ore.; Thomas M. Keller, of Pendleton, Ore.; Frank Donaldson, of Meacham, Ore.; Frank Ironsperker, of Pendleton, Ore. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register. 6-12-5-21

RESTORATION TO ENTRY OF LANDS IN NATIONAL FOREST.

Notice is hereby given that the lands described below, embracing 110 acres, within the Innaha National forest, Oregon, will be subject to settlement and entry under the provisions of the homestead laws of the United States and the act of June 11, 1906 (34 Stat., 333), at the United States land office at La Grande, Oregon, on August 8, 1908. Any settler who has actually and in good faith claiming any of said lands for agricultural purposes prior to January 1, 1906, and has not abandoned same, has a preference right to make a homestead entry for the lands actually occupied. Said lands were listed upon the applications of the persons mentioned below, who have a preference right subject to the prior right of any such settler, provided such settler or applicant is qualified to make homestead entry and the preference right is exercised prior to August 8, 1908, on which date the lands will be subject to settlement and entry by any qualified person. The lands are as follows: The N 1/2 of SW 1/4, and that part of the W 1/2 of SE 1/4, lying west of Minam river, section 19, township 2 south, range 41 east, W. meridian, listed upon application of M. N. Myrick, La Grande, Oregon. FRED DENNETT, Commissioner of the General Land Office. Approved May 25, 1908.

Polk's Gazetteer.

A Business Directory of each city, town and village in Oregon and Washington, giving a descriptive sketch of each place, together with the location and shipping facilities and a classified directory of each business and profession. R. L. Polk & Co., (Inc.) Seattle.

DENTIST.

Dr. W. D. McMillan, Red 351. Painless extraction. Expert gold work. Special attention to children's teeth. La Grande National Bank Building. Be saving. Read our ad on page 7. LA GRANDE CASH MEAT CO. Two thousand people attended the Milton strawberry festival.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Or., June 3, 1908. Notice is hereby given that JANIE H. YENTZER, of Elgin, Oregon, who, on March 5th, 1908, made timber and stone sworn statement No. 5956, for SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Sec. 4, W 1/2 NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 9, Township 2 South, Range 35 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on the 10th day of August, 1908. Claimant names as witnesses: Joshua C. Smith, of La Grande, Ore.; Samuel Parker, of Elgin, Ore.; Carol L. Yentzer, of Elgin, Ore.; Albert Tauscher, of Elgin, Ore. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Or., April 27th, 1908. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892. GEORGIANA E. COALWELL, of Perry, county of Union, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 4005, for the purchase of the S 1/2 SE 1/4 of Sec. No. 27, in Tp. No. 3, S. R. No. 37, E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 14th day of July, 1908. She names as witnesses: Herbert Coalwell, William Coalwell, Harry Coalwell, Charles Coalwell, all of Perry, Ore. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 14th day of July, 1908. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Or., March 30, 1908. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892. WILLIAM O. SALLEE, of La Grande, county of Union, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5979, for the purchase of the E 1/2 SW 1/4 of section No. 5, in Township No. 4 South, Range No. 38, E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Thursday, the 2nd day of July, 1908. He names as witnesses: John Winn, Isaac Winn, Martin Clark, Horace Knapp, all of La Grande, Ore. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 2nd day of July, 1908. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Or., March 30, 1908. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892. ACHILLES S. ESSON, of The Dalles, county of Wasco, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5977, for the purchase of the E 1/2 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section No. 10, in Township No. 2 South, Range No. 37, E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 10th day of July, 1908. He names as witnesses: Henry P. Sturdivant, of The Dalles, Ore.; David C. Brichoux, of La Grande, Ore.; Earl Lyons, of La Grande, Ore.; Hugh B. Esson, of Hood River, Ore. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 10th day of July, 1908. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Or., April 12, 1908. Notice is hereby given that GEORGE A. MCCURDY, of Hood River, Wasco county, Oregon, who, on May 4th, 1908, made Timber and Stone sworn statement No. 6012, for E 1/2 NW 1/4, lot 2, Sec. 18, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 24 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on the 1st day of August, 1908. Claimant names as witnesses: David C. Brichoux, of La Grande, Ore.; John T. Williamson, of La Grande, Ore.; W. Albert Burns, of La Grande, Ore.; Charles Hall, of Hood River, Ore. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Or., May 25, 1908. Notice is hereby given that MARY E. SCHOFFELD, of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, who, on May 15, 1908, made timber and stone sworn statement No. 6020, for lots 2 and 3, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Willamette meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on the 10th day of August, 1908. Claimant names as witnesses: Walter Pratt, of Alice, Ore.; Harvey Dahlstrom, of Alice, Ore.; Thomas L. Schofield, of La Grande, Ore.; Neph W. Schofield, of La Grande, Ore. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Or., May 11, 1908. Notice is hereby given that JOHN STROEBER, of La Grande, Oregon, who, on May 15, 1902, made homestead entry No. 12889, for N 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 25, Township 2 S., Range 37, E. W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before register and receiver of the U. S. land office at La Grande, Oregon, on the 6th day of July, 1908. Claimant names as witnesses: John Carroll, Albert Clay, J. R. Warnstaff, John Kallen, all of La Grande, Ore. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Or., May 11th, 1908. Notice is hereby given that BLANCHE BAKER, of La Grande, Oregon, who, on May 6th, 1908, made Timber and Stone sworn statement No. 6022, for SE 1/4 NW 1/4 and NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 3, Township 4 S., Range 37 E. W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on the 3d day of August, 1908. Claimant names as witnesses: Ray Hanson, Mary E. Wilson, Mike LePage, James McIntyre, all of La Grande, Ore. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Or., April 13, 1908. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892. WILLIAM O. SALLEE, of La Grande, county of Union, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5979, for the purchase of the E 1/2 SW 1/4 of section No. 5, in Township No. 4 South, Range No. 38, E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Thursday, the 2nd day of July, 1908. He names as witnesses: John Winn, Isaac Winn, Martin Clark, Horace Knapp, all of La Grande, Ore. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 2nd day of July, 1908. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.