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The Commercial club of this city is taking an active interest in irrigation, as will be noted by an article from the club in this issue. If all who recognize the advantages that would result to our valley and cities through irrigation, would appoint themselves a committee of one to assist in creating public favor towards such an undertaking it would be only a very short time until our large wheat holdings would be subdivided, and many new homes would be the result. Irrigation is not an experiment in the northwest. See what is being accomplished in our adjoining county, Umatilla. Note what Idaho is doing with her great irrigation projects. Cities the size of La Grande have sprung up like magic within the past seven years. The only magic about it was the transforming of the desert into an alfalfa and fruit-growing section. We do not require but very little water, but that very little means that our very best lands today would double and treble in value. Let us aid the Commercial club in every way in this matter.

Since the Commercial club is beginning to show considerable red blood and is going out after things, this body might become interested in securing a county high school. No one who will give this matter careful consideration, in our opinion, can oppose the idea. Union county needs a better school than it is possible for any one district to maintain. On the other hand, we do not believe it is possible to secure in this valley a college, but it is possible to secure a county high school, which will permit the 50 or more students that are now away from their homes in other schools that teach no higher grades than a first-class county high school would. Think this over, friends. It must first be submitted to a vote of the taxpayers of the county, and it could be voted on at the coming November election.

One day last week Hood River shipped nine carloads of strawberries. The facts are, and we at the present time grow sufficient acreage and have for many years, to demonstrate that we can grow good berries—berries that will ship—and that our berries come into the market late, which insures a profitable, uniform price. The question has been asked over and over again, "Why is it that we do not grow berries in quantities to ship in carload lots?" The only reason that has ever been assigned, is that we do not have the labor to handle the crop. If Hood River can secure the labor, why not Grande Ronde?

Not to minimize in the least what has been done or what is being done to attract immigration, but a little thought will convince the most conservative that the proposed irrigation project by the Commercial club would be the biggest boosting project ever inaugurated in his valley. I would help all parts of the valley equally, therefore it is worthy the support of all.

Invite your friends to spend the fourth in La Grande this year. You will have no cause to regret it after the day is over. It has been several years since La Grande has made an attempt to celebrate on an extensive scale. In just a few days a number of details will be sufficiently matured to be made public. In the meantime arrange your affairs so as to celebrate with us.

Our usual June showers are coming on schedule time.

BUSY SESSION THIS EVENING

WEIGHTY MATTERS TO COME UP TONIGHT.

New Water Supply, Paved Streets and Amendment to Pound Ordinance Are Only Some of the Important Questions for Tonight's Council Meeting—All These in Shape to Be Acted on in Some Form or Other.

At the council meeting tonight several matters of as much importance to the city as anything could well be, will be brought before the city officials and discussed by that body. There is the matter of a new and sufficient water supply; the paving of the streets

relating to our municipal welfare. When the discussion of a water supply is brought up, it will be complicated somewhat by the introduction of the petition lately circulated asking the council to take steps to ascertain if artesian water in quantity can be obtained. There is some difference of opinion as to the proper location of a trial well, but many seem to favor a site on city property. Others think it ought to be located on the hill, nearer the reservoir.

As to paving the streets, nearly everybody admits that such a work ought to be commenced, and it is probable that the committee appointed some time ago to report on the matter will have some interesting facts to communicate to the council.

One matter that will come before the council tonight will be a proposed amendment to the stock ordinance. As it now stands the ordinance allows stock to be staked or guarded on the streets and alleys, and this clause is a source of much vexation to the poundmaster, and the source of nearly every bit of trouble that occurs in his department.

GET GROCERIES BY THE CARLOAD

FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS DISTRIBUTED YESTERDAY.

Union County Farmers and Some City Folks Received Shipment of Large Quantities of Groceries Purchased From Peddler—That Sum of Money Distributed Among Local Dealers Would Mean Good Business for Some Time.

An incident occurred in this city yesterday which cannot help but prove discouraging to the public-spirited citizen. It was the unloading and distribution of 5000 pounds of groceries to farmers and others of the valley, who preferred to buy their necessary groceries from a tramp peddler, who toured the valley not long since, rather than buy from the local dealer who helps pay Union county's taxes. There was practically a carload of the stuff, and farmers came to the car or warehouse upon notification to get their "cheap" wares. Guys talking convinced the farmer that he was getting things cheap and in better quality than could possibly be had in La Grande. To all appearances the farmers went away highly pleased. What the general status of opinion will be when the packages are opened and the housewife attempts to cook with the things her husband purchased from afar is hard to tell.

Five thousand pounds of groceries is quite an item, and distributed evenly among the grocery men of La Grande would mean considerable to all.

This undesirable occurrence takes place in the best of countries, but it is to be lamented that they should take place in Union county—a place where home patronage, as a rule, runs uppermost in the minds of every citizen.

Mrs. J. W. Watson, who for the past six weeks has been in the hospital at Walla Walla, has returned greatly improved.

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AMATEUR BALL SUNDAY

The Gobblers' team of this city has arranged a ball game with the strong Elgin team for next Sunday afternoon, and on that date the local lodge team will make its second appearance in baseball suits since it was organized. It has improved materially since its opening game with Upton, and the followers of the team look for a sure victory.

The club professionals will be away from home on that day, and baseball fans will be given a taste of amateur ball on that date. The admission will be 25 cents anywhere on the grounds.

Shop and Round House News.
Win Bunker was injured this morning while about his duties in the shops, having his hand crushed.

Engine 355 was run in from Pleasant Valley this morning for repairs. Engine 363 is undergoing a general overhauling.

General Storekeeper Cunningham is here today from Albina.
Engineer E. Morgan has returned from Portland, where he went a few days ago on business.

Alumni at Notre Dame.
Notre Dame, Ind., June 17.—Hundreds of the alumni of the University of Notre Dame are here today to take part in the commencement exercises. Dr. Charles P. Nell, United States commissioner of labor and formerly a Notre Dame professor, will deliver the commencement address. Formal conferring of degrees and honors will take place tomorrow.

Homestead Entries.
Sarah A. Lewis has made a proof on a homestead entry.
Herman Haley of Union and L. A. Ray, made final proof on their homesteads and Roger Dial proved up on his timber and stone claim.

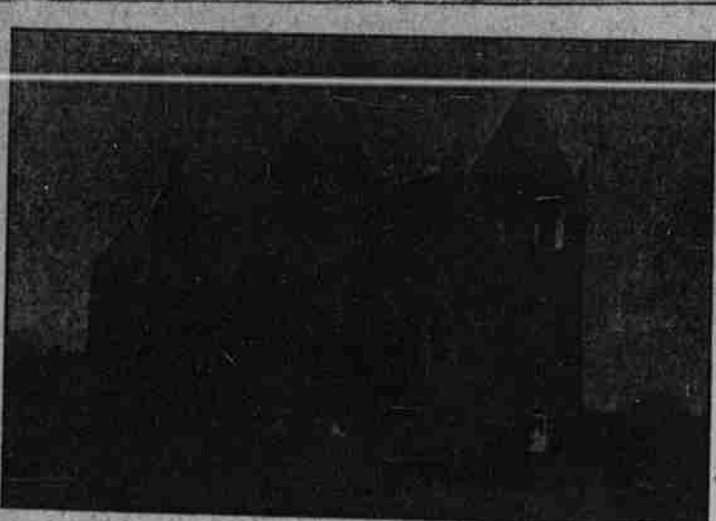
Georgia to Sail Thursday.
Navy Yard, Puget Sound, June 17.—The battleship Georgia sails for San Francisco Thursday morning. It will attempt to break all speed records en route. The Georgia is acknowledged the speed queen of the Atlantic fleet. All records are expected to be smashed.

INLAND EMPIRE LEAGUE.
Standing of the Clubs.
Played Won Lost P. C.
La Grande 16 13 3 .812
Walla Walla .. 16 8 8 .500
Pepdleton 16 7 9 .437
Baker City ... 16 4 12 .250

Master Car Builders.
Atlantic City, N. J., June 17.—Master car builders from all over the United States are taking part in the annual session of their national organization, opened here today.

Train Dispatchers.
Fort Worth, Texas, June 17.—Leading railroad systems in all parts of the United States are represented at the annual convention of the Train Dispatchers' association of America, in session here today.

In which paper do you read the news?



The Latter Day Saints Tabernacle Where Organ Recital Will Be Held June 27

Will Sell Ice Cream.
The ladies of Central church are planning to serve ice cream on July Fourth. Full details will be announced later.

Mrs. William Fouts, daughter and son of Dayton, Wash., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thomson.

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If you suffer from bleeding, itching, blind or protruding piles, send me your address, and I will tell you how to cure yourself at home by the new absorption treatment; and will also send some of this home treatment free for trial, with references

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