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A drive over the city will reveal the fact that there is considerably more improvement being made than one might otherwise think. A great deal of cement is being put in, houses are being painted, walks repaired and several residences are in course of construction.

The irrigation mass meeting Saturday night demonstrated two things: First, that a great many of our people are intensely interested in irrigation. Second, every one present was thoroughly convinced that it was to be a purely mutual affair. That there was no promotion scheme about it.

When the proper time arrives and due notice will be given of the meeting, every shareholder in the irrigation project will have a voice in the selection of the board of directors. Thus it will be seen that our own interested and well known substantial citizens have entire charge of the entire matter.

The fact that most of our farmers are selling their wheat as soon as threshed will have the effect of increasing money circulation much sooner than usual. When the prices do not open as favorably as this season, the rule has been, in this valley, to hold the grain until about January 1. But if present prices prevail there will be but little unsold grain in this valley by the middle of October.

The month of August is drawing to a close. From a commercial standpoint, the most trying month in the year. It is a month of more or less indifference, and normal conditions are shattered. People are drifting hither and thither, to the mountains and sea coast, and everywhere. A few days more practically all of the wanderers will have returned. The various institutions of learning will soon open, and business will settle down for another annual cycle run. These summer vacation months have their place. Fortunate are those who can throw off the cares for a few days or weeks, and few of us there are who do not take the opportunity every year or so.

ITALIAN BAN AMUCK.

Entered Santa Rosa Ball Room and Opened Fire on Dancers.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Aug. 24.—The entire police force of this city, aided by a posse of deputy sheriffs, are today seeking a strange Italian who last night entered the ball room of the hotel and shot ruthlessly at the crowd of dancers, wounding two. He escaped from the crowd.

To Fight Wool Combine.

Salt Lake City, Aug. 24.—Plans for fighting the wool combine by establishing a national wool storage system will be considered at a meeting here tomorrow of the executive committee of the National Woolgrowers' association.

# LONG HIKE BOYS HERE

long-hike artists stroll owed Almost in sight of their goal, two young men of Seattle are this afternoon in the Grande Ronde valley, headed for their home to obtain a wager of \$2500 for walking 6000 miles in 160 days. The two men left Baker City last evening and are undoubtedly now in the city, though they have not made their presence known.

The young men are R. F. Hay and William Jackson of Seattle, and they started out on their long hike to win the wager money offered by the Seattle Athletic club. Both are athletically inclined young men, and though they started out with only five dollars, they must return to their journey's end with \$100. They are not to beg, neither are they to ride, and their living expenses must be secured by working. They do this during the day time and walk at night as much as possible. They anticipate telling of their experiences at the electric theaters of the city tonight if they can reach here in time. In this way they may earn some money. They frequently pitch hay or help thresh to fatten their receipts.

They have until September 1 to reach Seattle. They left Seattle for Chicago, went south, returning again to Omaha and then followed the path of the Union Pacific to Huntington. They average 40 miles a day and when work comes easily their cash keeps accumulating. They appear healthy and cheery, according to rumors coming in their vanguard. They will leave for Pendleton after resting a few hours in La Grande.

# KENETT IN LA GRANDE

La Grande Methodism is seldom honored with the presence of two high church dignitaries as today. Not only is Bishop Hughes here, but also Alpha G. Kynett, the recording secretary of the board of Home Missions and Church Extension. Rev. Kynett is no stranger to the needs and resources of the northwest, having previously visited this coast, but this is the first time either of these distinguished gentlemen ever visited the Grande Ronde valley.

They were driven about the city this afternoon and out into the valley a short distance, through Fruitdale and May Park. They said many beautiful things about the present state of development of our city and valley, and the great future that is before us.

ACCUSED OF PATRICIDE.

Aged Judge Shot by Own Son When Latter Was Refused Money.

Jackson, Ky., Aug. 24.—When the trial of Beach Hargis, charged with the murder of his father, was called today, it was announced that a special judge will be appointed by the governor to try the case. The father was Judge Hargis, the famous leader of the Hargis clan in the feuds which have made Breathitt county famous. Beach shot his father when he refused him money.

# DON'T FORGET

Ferguson's Circulating Library.  
If you go camping  
Take a couple books along.

LOTS OF PAPER NOVELS

Newspaper Consolidate.  
St. Louis, Aug. 24.—By a deal made today by the E. G. Lewis Publishing company of St. Louis, they become the owners of the St. Louis Star-Chronicle, controlling the interest formerly owned by Nathan Frank.

Carried Nail in Nose.

Oregon, Wash., Aug. 24.—After carrying a nail an inch and a quarter long in the nasal passage above the thorax for 12 days, thereby baffling the surgeons, Earl Stowe, aged 2 years, threw out the nail today in a fit of coughing. The little fellow could not tell the cause of the trouble.

# NIGHT RIDERS BURN TOWNS

Aberdeen, Wash., Aug. 24.—It is reported that the towns of Lowery and Ataska, on the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad's river extensions, were burned in a raid by a mysterious company of mounted men last night. They completely surrounded the towns and fired every building. The reason is unknown. The bank of Herberal, a store and a pool room were burned at Lowery.

American Delegate.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—Frank D. LaLanne of Philadelphia, has been appointed by the state department as the official representative of the United States government at the International Commercial congress to be held in Prague, Austria, next month.

Douglas Memorial.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Delegates to the National Negro Business league, in session at Baltimore last week, are in Washington today. An outing has been arranged in their honor, the proceeds to go to the Frederick Douglas Memorial fund.

# MRS. FOREST STARTS 50,000-DOLLAR SUIT AGAINST THE S. P. ROAD

Mrs. Forrest Starts Suit. Santa Cruz, Cal., Aug. 24.—A hearing in the \$50,000 damage suit by Mrs. Mary O. Forrest, of La Grande, Ore., against the Southern Pacific, on account of the death of her husband, an engineer, killed in an accident at Big Trees, 18 months ago, was begun today. It is one of the biggest damage suits ever instituted in the state.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Ore. July 12, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that KATHRYN CONNORS, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, who, on July 8, 1908, made timber and stone sworn statement No. 0142, for N 1/4 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 31; SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Sec. 22, Tp. 4 S., R. 28, E. W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final timber and stone proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on the 25th day of September, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Amanda Miller, of Sioux Falls, S. D.; Charles F. Clency, of Sioux Falls, S. D.; John K. Wright, of La Grande, Ore.; Walter Spencer, of La Grande, Ore. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register. 7-24-9-25

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