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WOMEN NOT TO BLAME.

A lady informed The Observer that the ladies were not to blame for wearing their hats in church. The reason they did not, was very largely because they were not asked. Continuing, the lady said that no woman desired to appear conspicuous and under present conditions a lady appearing in church would be, but if it was the custom of the church to have ladies remove their millinery there would be no objections. Here is the problem for either the pastor or the official board to consider. If an order is all that is required, some one is doing the public and the church an injury in not issuing the proclamation.

Beginning today the homeseekers' rates from the east to the Pacific coast begin and will be effective for 60 days. We will know within a few days whether or not this rush to the land of the setting sun will be up to the average, or will excel former rate periods. Some are of the opinion that the hard times in the east will drive many west. Others are of the opinion that it will retard immigration. We will soon know. The railroad companies are reported as predicting and have prepared to handle great numbers of people. They generally know what they are doing.

The irrigation project is one of the live topics of conversation among our land owners. A number have voluntarily come to town and placed their names on the list for acreage. Within the next few weeks the busy harvest season will be over and then the real work of securing the 20,000 acres will begin. This should be closed

within the next 60 days and we believe it will be. The more the subject is investigated, the more it is realized that this is the cheapest project on the coast.

It is up to the business men of this city to say whether or not the coming county fair is to be held in the city or at the race track. At the meeting last night there was not sufficient interest taken to come out to the meeting to warrant a conclusion. Another attempt will be made this evening, and if no more successful, the project had better be dropped.

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Quite a number of our nimrods are in the valley today. The closed season for ducks is out today.

Fall is here—the most delightful season of the year in Grande Ronde valley.

THRESHER DESTROYED

The Roy Oliver threshing machine, fresh from the factory and in service two weeks, is burning this afternoon and will be a complete loss. It was of the "Red River Special" make, one of the most costly patterns on the market. Information as to how the fire started cannot be procured at this hour, but telephone messages say there will be but little loss of grain. The machine was sitting on a place opposite the Herman Vehra ranch when the fire started late this afternoon. The fire is burning itself out rapidly.

TWO SUITS ARE FILED

Though this is a dry county, Portland liquor houses are nevertheless trying to collect "booze" money through the law process. Two complaints have been filed with the clerk of the circuit court by a Portland whisky house, against Nels Holverson and Mike Nelson. The latter is a native of Elgin, who was formerly in the saloon business there. The complaint alleges that there is the sum of \$633 due. The other complaint alleges that Nels Holverson owes the firm \$235.15.

LINE BLING CONSTRUCTED

TELEGRAPH LINEMEN FIVE MILES BEHIND STEEL GANG

The Front, Wallowa County, Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Creeping along, slowly but carefully, the construction crew erecting the Joint Western Union and O. R. & N. telegraph lines, is following in the wake of the track-laying crew. The track construction has reached the McDonald ranch, but the linemen are approximately five miles in the rear. They aim to keep about that distance behind the laying of steel. The foreman of the crew is supplied with a telegraph and each night after the day's work is over, he reports to headquarters, telling of his advancement that day, or of any needed supplies. Thus Wallowa county is slowly being penetrated by the telegraph wire, another mark of improvement in that section of the state.

Social Wednesday Night.
The B. of L. F. & E. will give a social at the K. of P. hall Wednesday evening. All members of the lodge and their lady friends are invited.

Idaho Prohibits Meet.
 Boise, Idaho, Sept. 1.—That the prohibition wave has struck Idaho and is spreading rapidly over the state was evidenced today by the enthusiasm of the hundreds of delegates who gathered in the state convention of the "dry" party. A complete state ticket will be put in the field. A rally of the temperance forces of the state is being held in connection with the convention.

Co-wallis is suffering a vegetable famine. Isn't that curious.

BAKER GAME LOSERS.

Have Scheduled Game With Perry at Baker City Next Sunday.

"We're not stung by defeat," said a Baker athlete today. "Of course we got it hung into us by a score of 8 to 2 yesterday when we met Perry's sluggers at La Grande, but what's the difference. Our defense is that the Athletes' pitcher went to the had in his arm and we were left in mid-sea without so much as a broken oar. All the wonder is that those lads from Perry did not skin us up worse than they did," related one of the Baker players to the Baker Herald. That the Athletes are not discouraged is best illustrated by the fact that they will meet Perry in this city next Sunday and Monday, when each team will be loaded for big game.

Labor Day Proclamation.
Salem, Sept. 1.—Governor George E. Chamberlain today issued the usual Labor Day proclamation, setting aside Monday, September 7, 1909.

Twenty-Three Drowned.

London, Sept. 1.—The British schooner Amazon, was wrecked off Port Labotte, on the coast of Wales today and 23 members of the crew were drowned. The passengers were on an outing when a gale swept down upon the vessel, disabling the engines. The storm increased in fury and there was danger of the boat being swept on the rocks or sunk. Women and children were nearly insane with fright. There was difficulty in getting them into life boats.

Candidate Accused of Crime.
Steven Magill, candidate for county clerk in Columbia county, has been arrested at Dayton on the charge of wronging Ruth Heter, aged 17. It is stated that both parties have confessed.

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