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OLD AGE AND SICK INSURANCE.
 Vice-Consul-General Charles A. Biedorf, of Frankfurt, reports that at the commencement of this year, 1908, the number of pensioners in the official insurance of the German Empire for invalids, old age, and sickness amounted to 975,960, of which 541,992 were invalid pensioners, 2,081 sick pensioners, and 115,887 old-age pensioners. The sum paid to pensioners in 1907 is estimated at 172,000,000 marks and since the existence of the institution at 1,328,000,000 marks. In 1907 178,000,000 marks were paid in. The total assets amount to 1,398,000,000 marks.

Fate seems to have no mercy on the poor. We have no sooner recovered from digging up for school books when the rain requires a round of rubbers. This Rooseveltian idea of large families reads all right in magazine editions of the Sunday papers, but poor "Dad" at certain periods of the year is entitled to some consideration also.

The present rain will do very little damage to the grain yet unthreshed. It is practically all in the stack. At least, it is stated, that two-thirds of the crop is threshed.

If the coal dealer had coal it would be his turn to snarl, but the strike in the coal mines has robbed him of his opportunity and his patrons' inconvenience.

STUDENTS ARE LEAVING

When the Oregon Agricultural college opens and attracts Union county's attendance, practically all of the students from this city and county will have taken their departure. For the past two weeks students have been leaving for the leading educational institutions of the Pacific northwest—all searching for a higher education. Few counties in the state send more students yearly to prominent institutions than Union county. The State university, the various Normal schools, O. A. C., Whitman, Pendleton academy, St. Paul's school at Walla Walla and other private schools. Seattle and many other cities claim students from La Grande and surrounding country.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.
 Mrs. Webster Improving Rapidly From Shock Last Evening.

Dr. N. Molitor, the attending physician, reports that Mrs. W. A. Webster is improving favorably today from the effects of the shock sustained last evening when she was hit by lightning. During the storm last evening, she was struck while at her country home, not far from Island City, and for a brief period she remained unconscious. When medical aid was called she commenced to recover and with the exception of a few burns that still pain her, she is feeling none the worse for the shock today. She was out of doors when the bolt hit her, and her many friends are congratulating her today that they still have her in their midst.

HOLYERSON IN LIMELIGHT

Nels Holyerson of Tillamook is in trouble again over the local option law, the second charge being brought by Robert Mann, who precipitated the first prosecution against him. Mann affirms in his charge that Holyerson gave away, or sold liquor. He was arrested yesterday evening and this morning was arraigned before Justice Stewart. He waived examination to appear in the circuit court, and was released on bonds subscribed by Ernest Thronson and Charles Anderson. He will have two charges to fight in the circuit court, the first one being identical with the second, only, if convicted of both, a full sentence will accompany the second conviction.

Anderson Arraigned.
 As announced in The Observer last night, Charles Anderson, of this city, was arraigned before Justice Stewart last evening and his case has been postponed until next Monday, when it will come up for final disposal.

COAL FAMINE IS EVIDENT

A coal famine is about to break out in this city, due to the strike of coal miners in Montana and other western coal mine districts. Local dealers have sufficient coal on hand to fill present orders and when the supply is exhausted, they will throw up their hands, and cry: "All in!" This coal mining trouble has been running for several weeks—even months—and the effects of it are now being felt in this city. Unless something is done at the scene of trouble soon, La Grande will be without coal.

O. R. & N. Supplied.
 Fortunately, the O. R. & N. has sufficient coal in its storage bin here to last for some time, and a famine of long duration will not affect the transportation company much. With the hills covered with wood, a coal famine can work no real hardship in this city—it will only necessitate a little co-operation from the mountaineers and wood dealers.

MAIL OUT REJECTIONS

Two contest cases—not over the newly opened tract in Wallowa county—are in progress at the land office today. The principals are Fred Mitchell vs. Mary Baker, and Merion Mitchell vs. May Baker.

All are from Nye, Ore. J. T. Williamson is attorney for the contestants and R. J. Slater of Pendleton, appears for the contestees.

Expect Cases Soon.
 The land office is today sending out notices of rejections in the Wallowa rush for land, and in a few days it is expected that land contest cases will begin to swarm the local offices. About 40 rejections have been made out of the 123 applications filed on that section, thrown open Tuesday morning.

BOARD MEET OCTOBER 19

When the county board of equalization, consisting of the county judge, county clerk and county assessor, meets at the court house on October 19, it will occasion no delay in going

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OCTOBER TWELFTH
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over the tax roll. It has sometimes been the case that delays have been met when the board meets, but this year the books will be transcribed and ready for perusal by the board on the date prescribed by law—October 19. An official notice of the board's meeting appears in this issue.

So carefully has the assessment work been done this year that but minor, if any changes and corrections are expected.

Every property owner should read the notice carefully, especially if they desire to appear before the board in

legal form. Every person desiring a reduction in the valuation of their property must make their application in writing, verified under oath and file it with the board during the first week it is in session. The law emphatically states that unless such applications are filed the first week and in due form, they must not be considered.

A Grants Pass man says that 300,000 grape vines will be set out in this region this season and that fully nine-tenths of them will be Tokays.

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