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Profanity.
Profanity never did any man the least good. No man is the richer, or happier, or wiser for it. It commends no one to any society. It is disgusting to the refined; abominable to the good; insulting to those with whom we associate; degrading to the mind; unprofitable, needless and injurious to society.—Selected.

A representative of a California fruit firm, who spent several days in the valley stated that he saw some of the finest Ganos in Grande Ronde valley that he ever was permitted to look upon. He stated that all our apples were better colored than any of the fruit sections he had visited, which included Rogue River, Yakima and Hood River. Regarding size, he stated that all sections were falling below the usual average for four-tier stock and thought that our growers would find it the same here when they began packing. This gentleman was looking for apples to supply principally the California market.

A 22-mill tax suggests that we are getting a touch of the simple life. Not an extravagant court, but one that is protecting the interests of the property owners of the county. We will soon reach that point when we need not rush when a homeseeker asks the question, "How much in debt is your county?" There is no disguising the fact the of boosters nearly choked when he meekly replied, "Only \$200,000." That was not so long ago, if you will think back just a few years.

Timothy hay is reported to be selling in Walla Walla for \$16 and \$17 per ton. The demand on the coast is quite good, but the Alaska trade is not what it has been during the past few years.

M'COY FINED FOR ASSAULT

Leo McCoy was tried and found guilty before Justice of the Peace Stewart this morning and fined \$15 for assaulting a brakeman on the passenger train last Sunday night. The fine was paid.

In connection with this case there is another story that teems of early days in railroad. Sunday night there was an organized gang on the train that confiscated hat checks at random. A portion of them were arrested at Telocaset and another group detained at Union station, where La Grande officers and the Union station agent corraled a half dozen on the head-end of the engine.

Pomp Follows Ceremony.
Rome, Oct. 20.—In accordance with the announcement made several weeks ago, the minister of marine today ordered the Italian cruiser *Piemonte* and *Etruria* to escort Duke d'Abruzzi on his return to Italy after his shaggy with Katherine Elkins. The announcement is considered a recognition of the engage-

TAX LEVY REDUCED

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the circumstances, will be equivalent to the former amount. In other words the county is in a much better financial condition this year as compared with last.

The present county court, before its administration is closed, will turn over a clean sheet to its successor. This is a condition which, a few years ago was thought to be an impossibility.

The era of excessive high taxes in Union county is a thing of the past. We will soon be out of debt and will have money in the treasury to pay off warrants when issued. Several counties in Oregon are in this condition, and Union will soon join the ranks.

Summary of 1908 Assessment.		Value.
Acres, tillable, 143,426.06.		\$2,060,515
Acres, non-tillable, 492.-		
547.06		937,855
Improvements on deeded land		489,715
Improvements on undeeded land		17,975
All town lots		427,300
Improvements on town lots		835,555
Machinery of all kinds		119,545
Merchandise		334,085
Farm implements, etc		108,365
Money		39,140
Notes and accounts		130,255
Shares of stock, 2966		152,220
Telephone, telegraph and power lines, 390.30 miles		36,010
Railroads, 122.25 miles		771,535
Railroad rolling stock		84,540
Household furniture, etc		162,220
Horses and mules, 8358 head		231,380
Cattle, all kinds, 12,610 head		145,585
Sheep and goats, 9445 head		13,445
Hogs, all kinds, 5210 head		12,505
Dogs, 2 head		10
Total valuation		\$7,109,835

DAMAGE CASE IN COURT

BRASEL CASE ON TRIAL;

INGLES CASE FOLLOWS.

Indications Are That These Cases Will Not Occupy as Much Time of the Court as Other Cases Wherein the Amounts Involved Are Considerably Less—Court May Be Adjourned Until After Wallowa Term.

The jury in the case of E. S. Brasel vs. the O. R. & N. company, was secured late yesterday evening, and upon the opening of court this morning the attorneys presented their side of the case and the taking of evidence immediately followed.

The contention of the plaintiff is that owing to the negligence of the company in not providing a hand rail on the engine, the company was liable for the accident, when he fell and broke his leg, which after weeks of suffering, finally resulted in amputation.

The railroad company contends that the engine was undergoing repairs, and admit that the railing was removed, and that Mr. Brasel, as an experienced workman, should have known it was removed.

The next case is that of Mr. Ingles, who, while working a rip-track the cars backed on him which resulted in great suffering and personal injury. This case like the above, is simply placing the blame where it belongs. There is no question but what Mr. Ingles was badly injured and probably will be for life, and the whole question is for the jury to decide upon the facts and after the facts are arrived at, the question of damages will be the least of their duties.

Lid on in Fairbanks.
Fairbanks, Oct. 20.—The lid is on tight. Under orders of Marshal Love several men were arrested last night for playing "pangani" and other simple social games. No shaking of dice is allowed.

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Three hundred thousand acres of Southern Oregon territory, which have for the past half century been sealed from development with the stamp "Land Grant," are to be opened at once to settlement. Suddenly reversing the obstructive policy which has characterized these lands, the Oregon Valley Land company, the purchasers, announce that the entire acreage is to be developed and sold on terms that are alike attractive to the speculator and the homeseeker.

This tract constitutes the bulk of the tillable acreage of the great Oregon Central Military Road grant, which

was made in 1864 by the United States government to the company of that name for constructing a military highway.

From the day of the grant until today nothing has been done to encourage development. The new owners enter upon the enjoyment of the empire with another doctrine, which they will steadily pursue. They will immediately proceed to settle and develop the country.

The part of the grant placed on the market, begins where the line of the grant leaves the Klamath Indian reservation on the east. From the reservation the grant lands extend in an irregular line down to Lakeview, and thence eastward to the western boundary of Malheur county, Oregon. The tracts secured lie in Klamath, Lake and Harney counties. From Klamath reservation to Lakeview the strip is over a splendid agricultural and grazing country. Sprague River valley, Drew's valley and the north end of Goose Lake valley are crossed, where there is a large quantity of fine agricultural land, which has been leased to settlers for many years, but never put on the market. From Goose Lake valley the route crosses into Warner valley, where there is more good land, and thence is passes through the southern portion of Harney country, crossing the headwaters of the Donner and Blitzen river, passing through the wonderful Catlow valley—the finest valley in the state—where there are leagues of fine level land, commonly called the "cow man's paradise."

The southern part of the state is now assured a liberal policy of development that will be in strong contrast with the obstructive tendencies of the great land-grant holdings of the state in the past.

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FULTON IN PENDLETON.

Senator Was Greeted with a Rousing Audience Last Night.

Pendleton, Oct. 20.—United States Senator Fulton addressed a monster meeting here last night. He gave one of his characteristic addresses and showed up the present administration, what it had absolutely accomplished, what is in progress of accomplishment and what the republican party proposed to accomplish. The senator was in fine form and was the recipient of frequent applause.

California Suffragettes Active.
San Francisco, Oct. 02.—The suffragettes of California are preparing for an extensive campaign to disseminate literature. They started a movement which will culminate in a prolonged seige at the state legislature next session. Woman lecturers are preparing to tour the state.

Honors for Wright.
Paris, Oct. 20.—The esteem in which the American inventor, Wil-

EQUALIZATION BOARD

NOW IN SESSION

The county board of equalization, consisting of County Judge Henry, Assessor R. A. Hug and Clerk Ed Wright is in session this week to receive petitions from those who may think that their valuation may have been erroneously assessed.

Must Be Sworn to.
Petitioners should remember that while the board sits in session for one month, petitions for adjustment must be filed during the present week. No petition under the law can receive consideration if not filed, the facts set forth and sworn to and presented between now and Saturday evening next.

Wealthy Man Suicides.
San Rafael, Oct. 20.—Samuel Hartzel, a wealthy broker of Pittsburg, is dying from a bullet in the brain. He was despondent and attempted to suicide because he was alone and tired of life. He was insured for \$100,000.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Ore.,
October 5, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that
ELZA E. PENDER,
of Vancouver, Wash., who, on October 5, 1903, made timber and stone sworn statement No. 61852, for E½ SE¼, section 31, township 4 south, range 25; and lots 1 and 2, section 6, township 5 south, range 25, E. W. M., has filed notice of intention to make

ceiver of the U. S. land office at La Grande, Oregon, on the 21st day of December, 1903.

Clerk names as witnesses: David C. Brichoux, of La Grande, Ore.; John O. Kissell of Vancouver, Wash.; John W. Mattland, of Vancouver, Wash.; Basel E. Sever, of Portland, Ore.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.
19-15-12-13

A man is called selfish, not for pursuing his own good, but for neglecting his neighbors.—Wheatly.
Man is a social animal formed to please and enjoy in society.