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### HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

If every taxpayer in school district No. 1 would visit the high school between now and the date of December 11, when the annual tax levy is made, there would be one of the largest attended meetings ever held in this city, and the result would be a tax levy sufficiently large to provide for a high school building to be completed by next fall. It is almost criminal neglect upon the part of the patrons of our school in their indifference to school matters and its equipment. La Grande, a city of 6000, and the records will show that not six parents have visited our high school this term. Of course, we know we have one of the best superintendents, and six efficient a corps of teachers as anywhere in eastern Oregon, but we do not realize the injury we are doing our school by not providing sufficient room to carry on the work as it should be. We venture the assertion that out of a committee of 20 business men selected at random, who would spend an hour in the high-school rooms, not one could be found who would not support enthusiastically a movement to secure enlarged quarters.

It may be news to some to be informed that we are now quartering 150 high school students in what was originally intended for a general assembly room, thus depriving the general school of a privilege that should not be denied them and on the other hand it simply provides a temporary makeshift for the high school. Every one knows that as a commercial proposition La Grande cannot afford to be stingy regarding her school facilities. La Grande must provide the best public school in the county.

Union county is entitled to better school facilities than we now enjoy. In view of the fact that it does not look possible to secure a college, but it is possible to secure a county high school. The logical solution of a county high school could be solved by La Grande and the entire county joining hands. La Grande of necessity, must have another school building. Let us build one large enough to accommodate every student of the county and equip it with a laboratory, gymnasium, with machinery and tools to carry out industrial features such as are provided by the law making county high schools possible.

Teach the growing boys how to handle tools. Teach the girls how to cook and keep house. La Grande could well afford to build and equip such a building. Twenty-five thousand dollars would do it and the saving of maintaining out present high school would more than equal the tax to provide the interest on the \$25,000. The county tax to maintain the school would be small. Less than one mill would do it, and see how many thousands that now leave this valley every year now leaving this valley every year would remain and the parents would have their children with them.

This combination would result in Union county having the very best school in eastern Oregon. Let us start the movement by voting a tax that will give us the building next month and start in the campaign for a county high school. It is such a mutual blending of interests there will be little opposition.

A sugar beet growers' annual is something new among agricultural publications, and the one just published by the American Sugar Industry and Beet Sugar Gazette of Chicago ought to find a hearty welcome among

farmers who raise beets for sugar. There are about 100,000 such farmers in the country and they surely deserve a literature dealing with a topic of so much direct interest to themselves. This book is essentially practical and helpful to growers, though it quotes many scientific authorities, where it deals with purely technical matters. It is inspired moreover with a spirit of propaganda and enthusiasm for the sugar industry which makes it, in part at least, very interesting reading. Price in paper covers 75 cents, cloth, \$1.50, postpaid.

The fact that not less than 4000 delegates are expected to attend the fifth session of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, to convene at Washington on December 9 and continuing throughout the two succeeding days, is a complete evidence of the deep interest taken in the vital question of waterway improvement. The expectation is not only based upon the membership of the congress—a membership constantly growing—but upon the official notification from governors of states, mayors of cities, presidents and secretaries of agricultural, industrial, financial and trade organizations and on notifications from local associations organized for the advancement of the cause of waterway improvement.

## BRINGS MAN FROM EAST

J. B. Officer returned this morning from Arkansas, escorted by Sheriff Childers who went after him armed with requisition papers issued by Governor Chamberlain. Immediately after stepping off the train, Officer was arraigned before Justice Stewart, who read to him the complaint wherein he was charged with stealing a photograph and records, the value of which was \$50. Officer was apprised of his rights and he asked that the case be continued until 2 o'clock this afternoon, which would give him sufficient time to procure an attorney.

**Took Gun Also.**  
 With Officer, Sheriff Childers brought back a shotgun which Officer had rented for two days from W. H. Bohnenkamp & Co., and which he took east with him. This gun was rented for a period of two days, for which Officer paid the rental. This will in all probability be one of the serious cases which he may have to face. The ownership at no time passed from Bohnenkamp & Co., and he had no right whatever to convey it out of the county or state.

### Committed Other Alleged Crimes.

Officer did a number of stunts just prior to his departure which may result in additional charges being filed against him. His arrest and extradition if the first work of this nature secured by the Merchants' Protective association of this city, which was organized a few weeks ago. Heretofore the custom has been for the merchant swindled to smile and let it go. The policy will not be continued, and the offender will be immediately called to account. By the way things have started, distance does not seem to deter the association from bringing back the defrauding debtor.

**Comes Without Protest.**  
 When the Sheriff arrived at Fayetteville, Ark., Officer was in jail. He waived his rights under the requisition and came without protest. Officer claims that he has committed no crime which warrants his arrest.

### DENY LAMPHERE NEW TRIAL.

Defense May Carry Notorious Case to Higher Courts.

Laporte, Ind., Nov. 30.—A motion for a new trial for Ray Lamphere, convicted of burning the home of Mrs. Belle Guinness, in the ruins of which several bodies were found, was denied today. The defense decided to carry the case to a higher court on the ground that the court erred in its instructions to the jury, and that the verdict does not conform with the Indiana law.

### Footpads' Attack Victious.

San Francisco, Nov. 29.—Fighting the footpads desperately, Al Ryder, a teamster, was struck on the head with a blackjack and robbed and his body thrown in the canal early today. He was rescued by a policeman, but his condition is serious.

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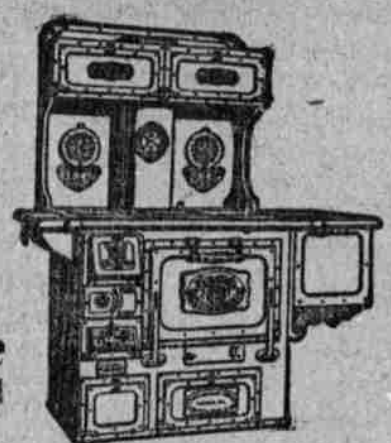
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**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
 Department of the Interior,  
 U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Or.,  
 November 23, 1908.

Notice is hereby given  
**CHARLES FARRIER,**  
 of Hilgard, Oregon, who, on November 14, 1908, made timber and stone application No. 02319, for NE 1/4 SW 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4, SW 1/4 NW 1/4, section 24, township 2 south, range 36 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 of the U. S. land office at La Grande, Oregon, on the 9th day of February, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses: John Pyburn, of Hilgard, Ore.; A. L. Richardson, of La Grande, Ore.; Frank Laceyford, of Hilgard, Ore.; Wilson K. Lindsay, of La Grande, Ore.  
**F. C. BRAMWELL,** Register.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
 Department of the Interior,  
 U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Or.,  
 November 23, 1908.

Notice is hereby given  
**JOHN W. MALISTER,**  
 of La Grande, Oregon, who, on November 16, 1908, made timber and stone sworn statement No. 02331, for E 1/2 SE 1/4, section 29; NE 1/4 NE 1/4, section 32, and NW 1/4 NW 1/4, section 33, township 4 south, range 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 5th day of February, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses: Joseph Santos, Clyde Santos, Arthur

Murphy, John Steinbeck, all of La Grande, Ore.

**F. C. BRAMWELL,** Register.

**CONTEST NOTICE.**  
 Department of the Interior,  
 United States Land Office,

La Grande, Ore., November 25, 1908.  
 A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by

**HUGO A. BECK,**  
 contestant, against H. E. No. 11956, serial No. 02456, made February 7, 1902, for SE 1/4 NW 1/4, E 1/2 SW 1/4, section 10, township 4 south, range 35 E. W. M., by Ernest R. Copeland, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Ernest R. Copeland has wholly abandoned the above described tract for more than six months last past, and that he never built a house or established residence or made any improvements on said tract at any time or at all, and that said alleged absence from said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States, said parties

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed November 25, 1908, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication hereby notified to appear, respond, and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on December 21, 1908, before the register and receiver at the United States land office in La Grande, Oregon.

**F. C. BRAMWELL,**  
**J. T. WILLIAMSON,** Register,  
 Attorney for Contestant.

GEORGE PALMER, President W. H. BRENHOLTS Ass't Cashier  
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