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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 13, 1908.

Notice is hereby given to all persons who may have claims against "The Farmers & Traders National Bank of La Grande," Oregon, that the same must be presented to Walter Niedner, Receiver, with the legal proof thereof, within three months from this date, or they may be disallowed.

LAWRENCE O. MURRAY, Comptroller of the Currency.

STRAW FOR SPECTATORS

MANY CONVENIENCES TO BE PROVIDED AT GAME.

Ground Occupied by Spectators at Coming Football Game to Be Covered With Straw—Bleachers to Be Convenient for Those Wishing Unobstructed View.

Every possible convenience will be provided for the spectators at the big game here for the benefit of the park. To spread a thick layer of straw around the gridiron where the spectators stand, protecting them from snow or wet ground as the case may be, is only one item of expense that will be gone to by the local club to make things comfortable for the spectators. Bleacher accommodations for about 100 will be provided. These will afford a splendid view of the game—one that cannot be obstructed in any way, and will also be a medium of protection in case the weather is such that it is uncomfortable to stand along the side lines. A huge bon fire, in case of cold winds, where the spectators can prevent chills, is still another feature that will be provided.

The expense of bringing the Pendleton team here is heavy, but if the weather is at all favorable, the surplus to be turned over to the park association will be large.

Practice Tonight.

For tonight, at least, the city football team will practice under electric lights on the streets again. All members of the squad and those anxious to join should report at The Observer office at 7:30 sharp tonight. There will be several new men in the aggregation tonight, all of them first-class material. Coach Wall is back again and will be on hand this evening to perfect the plays already started and incidentally teach them some new ones.

Free Course of Lectures.

Corvallis, Dec. 16.—(Special).—Winter short courses of study will begin at the Agricultural college, Corvallis, Ore., on January 5. Men and women, young and old, interested in the farm, the shop, or the home, are cordially invited to attend. By writing at once to the Agricultural college a circular will be sent telling in detail what is proposed to be accomplished by these courses. A week of lectures on general agricultural topics begins January 5. A special course for

creamery operators and managers runs from January 5 to 15; a course in dairying from January 18 to March 27; a course in horticulture, January 11 to February 26; a course in mechanic arts from January 11 to February 26; a course in road construction from January 11 to February 26. Special lectures on business methods on the farm will be given.

COUNTRY BOYS WANTED FOR BUSINESS POSITIONS

Business men of Oakland and San Francisco, and other large cities, want young men reared in the country to prepare for commercial positions. Experience has shown that the average boy from the farm has habits of industry and integrity that make for success.

The Polytechnic Business College of Oakland, Cal., has made a phenomenal record in training and placing young men and women in business positions and the College is located as to provide homelike accommodations at very low rates.

It is said that every young man who has taken the complete course in business training at this College has received remunerative employment upon graduation.

An Illustrated Catalogue will be sent free to anyone who will write to Prof. W. E. Gibson, 306 Twelfth St., Oakland, Cal.

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Courses in business training, shorthand and typewriting, telegraphy, also civil, electrical, mechanical and mining engineering.

FREE College Journal and one dozen cards with your name written thereon will be sent to any one upon request.

We Want Your Wants IN Our Want Ad Column

Your want is placed before a thousand or more want-seekers every day—Can you afford to spend one cent per word of your want ad where results are the keynotes?

FOR RENT.

For Rent. I have some nice pleasant rooms for rent, with or without board. Transient people solicited. Mrs. Laura L. Stults, 1624, corner Sixth and Spring.

For Rent or Sale.

A six-room furnished house; will sell furniture and rent the house, or will sell both furniture and house at a bargain.

LA GRANDE INVESTMENT CO.

FOR RENT—Three-room house on Second street. Inquire of Maggie Mahaffee, corner Washington and Second streets.

FOR RENT—Five-room house; close in. Inquire at Geddes grocery.

FOR RENT—Seven-room house, with bath. Mrs. Ralston, 1409 Washington Ave. Phone Black 1041.

WANTED.

WANTED—To sell or exchange 10-acre fruit ranch in bearing, with many improvements, for La Grande city property. Telephone Black 932.

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND—Long neck fur on road 9 miles east of La Grande, two weeks ago last Saturday. At Observer office.

For a Lame Back.

When you have pains or lameness in the back bathe the parts with Chamberlain's liniment twice a day, massaging with the palm of the hand for five minutes at each application. Then dampen a piece of flannel slightly with this liniment and bind it on over the seat of pain, and you may be surprised to see how quickly the lameness disappears. For sale by all good dealers.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Two to four acres of suburban property, well improved. Phone Black 1532, or see E. W. Kammerer, 2004 Adams avenue.

FOR SALE—Small house and a 140x 130-foot lot. Buy from owner and save commission's fee. Inquire of J. Bachant, Cherry street.

Land for Sale.

40 acres of fruit, garden or alfalfa land for sale cheap if taken soon. C. D. Huffman, R. F. D. 2, La Grande.

For Sale.

The George Hansen property. Seven room house with bath and pantry, closet room, corner lot; good location. Street and sidewalk improvements done; part cash. Terms made known on application. A bargain if taken soon. Inquire at Ferguson book store, 12-3-1m

FURNITURE FOR SALE—A snap if taken at once. Mrs. Fred Housh, at 1701 Fourth street.

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A Most Wonderful Offering in the Height of the Holiday Season

We made a very fortunate buy in our Holiday stock this year—securing them at about 50c on the dollar, and want to give our patrons the benefit. The other goods mentioned above, we are "throwing in for good measure." All goods marked in plain figures

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