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THE SITE SELECTED.

Now after many months of waiting the site for the proposed federal building has been designated. This will undoubtedly be the most handsome structure when completed that we will have. It will not be so large, but it will be in keeping with the general idea of architecture carried out by our government. It is true that had it been located on Mr. Grandy's property, it would have occupied a more site-ly position, as the lot is at the head of Adams avenue. Had it been located where the La Grande Iron works is it would undoubtedly have occupied a more central position, not only at present, but as the city increases in size. The powers that be, however, have decreed otherwise, and now the proper thing for us to do is to accept this decision and permit the department to proceed as rapidly as possible with the construction. It is true, this site selection is not final, by any means. It can be suspended and, like many places, might result in a hold-up for year (Baker City, for instance). We are a little differently situated from most of the cities which have recently secured federal buildings and that is, we have a United States land office located here, that possibly few realize the amount of transient people it draws here during the year. Since so much of the lands in the La Grande and Burns districts have been reserved for forest withdrawals the time is coming, and is coming had not this been the policy, whereby these two districts might be combined. The fact that the land office at La Grande is quartered in a federal building might mean much in determining its removal when that time arrives. Owing to the fact that the great majority of the land within the Burns district lies in what we now term the central portion of the state, away from transportation lines, it stands to reason that it will be quite a while until that section is developed to the extent it will contain cities that will warrant the construction of federal building. It is possible, however, for us to get into a tangle with the treasury department to withhold final action regarding the location and the department is very patient and will permit us to drag along year after year and eventually recommend that the appropriation be turned back into the general fund.

We have a business man in our city today who is authority for the statement that the city of Roseburg wrangled for 10 years over the location of a proposed federal building until the department became worn out and the result is that Roseburg today not only has no federal building, neither has it an appropriation for one. Let us accept the decision so as to permit the work to proceed and improve the city and help hold what we already possess.

PROSPERITY FOR 1909.

From a financial standpoint things could not look brighter for Union county and La Grande than what is already assured for 1909. In this city \$160,000 will be expended on our new water system, which, when completed, will for all time to come provide this city with the best of pure mountain water, direct from the head of Beaver creek, whose springs burst out of banks of snow the great portion of the entire year. This does not only mean water, but sooner or later a power project equal to 200 horse power, sufficient to permit the city either to own its own lighting plant, or be in a position to dictate the most favorable

terms for both municipal and domestic purposes.

There is no doubt but what before the next school year begins we will have a new school house, properly equipped for the maintenance of one of the best high schools in eastern Oregon.

The site for the new federal building having been selected, there should be no reason why this \$65,000 structure should not be completed before the clock ticks out 1909.

The large two-story M. & M. company building, now in course of construction, will be completed during the early spring, which means the distribution of no less than \$60,000 more.

During the past year of general financial depression few residences have been constructed in this city. Quite a number, however, but nothing compared with what the coming year will witness. Our business men all look forward to one of the most prosperous years in their history. We do not see any "For rent" signs displayed if there is a single large or even small business house in the city that can be secured at this time the writer does not know where it is.

Last, but by far the greatest of any of the above enumerated things that are actually to happen is that which will mean so much to this entire valley, and whatever helps Grande Ronde valley helps La Grande, we refer to the irrigation project which will not only distribute \$400,000, 95 per cent of which will go into our home laboring people, but it makes possible such development that only those who have closely watched what water does for these communities where so utilized. It means several hundred more homes than we now have. It means that 40 and 80-acre tracts will support and educate these families in greater prosperity than the majority of our quarter and half section do at present. It means better city and rural schools. It means bettering the condition of everyone in the valley. It means so much that every one should lend a helping hand. We must have it. We can have it. We will have it. Why can you put your finger on the map of this great north-west with an immediate brighter future than our own beautiful and prosperous Grande Ronde.

John C. Young, the new Portland postmaster, is 51 years of age. He has a wife and six children and needs the job. He is an old newspaper man and is said to be entirely competent to fill the position. Newspaper men always make good postmasters because they can read the postal cards quicker. They know what news is and what gossip is.—Pendleton Tribune.

JOINT INSTALLATION.

Royal Arch Masons May Wear Their New Regalia.

There is considerable activity in Masonic circles these days. Next Wednesday evening there will be a joint installation of the Blue Lodge and Eastern Star officers, followed by a banquet and a general social evening. Recently the Royal Arch chapter received their new regalia, which is said to be the finest in eastern Oregon, and there is quite a desire being manifest by the members of the other branches of Masonry in this city and county to be permitted to see this new uniform and an effort is being made to have the newly elected Chapter members wear their new customs a portion of the evening at least next Wednesday. This may be done. At the election of officers last night the R. A. M. chose the following officers for the next Masonic year:

Excellent high priest, L. H. Russell; King, C. D. Huffman; scribe, Thomas H. Williams; captain of the host, Dr. C. T. Bacon; principal sojourner, Dr. R. L. Lincoln; royal arch captain, C. W. Noyes; treasurer, Dr. M. K. Hall; secretary, Frank Kilpatrick; master of the first veil, William T. Stern; second veil, L. M. Hoyt; third veil, W. H. Osborne; sentinel, J. Edward Reynolds.

TICKETS GO RAPIDLY.

Few of the Poorest Seats Left for "Little Johnny Jones."

Great inroads were made on the seating arrangements board at Jay Van Buren's yesterday for seats to "Little Johnny Jones," who comes here tomorrow night. There are a few seats left in the rear and extreme wings of the building, but the great bulk of them are gone. Manager Steward believes every seat in the house will be taken by tomorrow evening, when the board is taken to the theater entrance

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- No. 1—6-room house, bath, toilet, pantry, good cellar, wired for lights; also some good furniture. Location on Jefferson avenue. \$2,000.00.
No. 2—7-room house, fair condition, 4 lots on W street. \$1,000.00.
No. 3—5-room house, bath, toilet, pantry, cellar, wood house; wired for lights; location on First St. \$2,100.00.
No. 4—5-room house, bath, toilet, pantry, wood house; wired for lights; location on Z street. \$2,000.00.
No. 5—5-rooms, bath, toilet, pantry, fair cellar, barn; 2 lots set to good fruit trees; location on 2nd street. \$2,000.00.
No. 6—4-room house, barn, two lots. Location on Trowbridge St. \$1,000.00.
No. 7—6-room house, wood house, one lot. Location on First street. \$1,200.00.
No. 8—6-room house, hen house, wood house, 2 lots. Location on S street. \$1,000.00.
No. 9—5-room house, pantry, large barn, 20 bearing fruit trees; elegant outside home place. Location on North Fourth street. \$2,500.00.
No. 10—5-room house, 3 1/2 lots; 12 fruit trees. Location North Fourth street. \$1,1700.00.
No. 11—4 rooms, cellar, wood house, some fair furniture with house. One lot. Location on S street. \$1,200.00.
A part of the above list can be purchased with one-tenth down, balance easy payments.
No. 12—4-room house; 4 acres land; 1 share water; wood house. \$1,800.00.
No. 13—3-room house, 1 acre land, 1 share water; good wood house; nice ot berry bushes. \$1,050.00.
No. 14—5-room house, 3 closets, pantry, cellar, wood house, on 2 acres best land near town; 2 shares water; fine berry bushes; fruit trees. \$2,250.00.
No. 15—3-room house, 1 acre land, 1 share water; wood house. \$950.00.
No. 16—20 acres, 2 1/2 miles from La Grande. All in cultivation; running water on place; no buildings. \$1,500.00.
No. 17—13 acres, 4 year-old orchard; 5-room house nearly finished; all new; good water for place; one mile from postoffice. \$5,400.00.
No. 18—40 acres near Summerville; 2-room house, log barn; mostly fenced. \$450.00.
No. 19—160 acres; 40 acres splendid timber; 12 acres under cultivation; 20 fruit trees; 3-room house, fair stable; good water; partly fenced; lots of wood on balance of farm. \$900.00.
The above is a partial list of real estate we have for sale. Let us know your wants and we will try and supply your needs.
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