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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.

RED STAMPS HERE.

Splendid Movement Has Reached Here and Sale of Red Stamps is On.

In 1904 in Denmark the government issued a Christmas stamp, with the king's head and the word "Jul"—the same as our "Yule"—on it. It was not good for postage, only as a "sticker" for Christmas letters, postcards and packages. The proceeds from it were used for the support of a tuberculosis hospital for little children. This Christmas season the National Red Cross society has issued the stamp in America, the proceeds to go to fight tuberculosis in the state in which the stamp is sold. The Visiting Nurse association of Portland, secured the privilege of selling it in Oregon and every penny will go to fight the white plague in Oregon.

A consignment of these stamps arrived in La Grande this morning and are now on sale at the Ferguson book store. In Portland the sale has been extremely flourishing. The "stickers" are so convenient for Christmas packages and the purchase of them is really a benefit to the buyer. They are small, attractive, and convey a message of "Happy New Year and Merry Christmas." The supply at Ferguson's is not very large and the sale will no doubt be brisk. The receipts are turned in to the association without a cent of profit to local dealers. This is unquestionably a worthy movement, one that is endorsed by Jacob Riis, the great philanthropist and leading churchmen of the country. Bishop Scadding of the eastern Oregon Episcopal diocese, has placed his approval on the sale of these red stamps.

CLARK TO REFEREE.

Practice at Skating Rink From 6 Until 7 O'clock Hereafter.

C. C. Clark, manager of the Union experiment station, will referee the coming game between the Pendleton militia team and the La Grande city team Christmas day. Mr. Clark has given great satisfaction in all games he refereed here this season, and the city players consider themselves fortunate in having secured his services for the day.

Practice hereafter will be held at the skating rink from 6 to 7, except on Sunday. The squad will be out tonight at 6 o'clock for the first indoor signal practice of the season. Last evening a fine aggregation craved the storm and went through some new plays splen-

didly. Every drill brings added hopes for a victory cheer on Christmas day.

A visit to our store will set your mind at rest on the holiday gift problem. You'll know what you want to give when you see our goods. **Newlin Book and Stationery Co.**

Complete Threshing Outfit.

For sale at a bargain. Has been run about 100 days. Time given, on approved security.

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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.

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FOR RENT.

For Rent.

I have some nice pleasant rooms for rent, with or without board. Transient people solicited. Mrs. Laura L. Stults, 1620, 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.

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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 922.

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 commissioner'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.

\$500—SACRIFICED—\$600.
A good 6-room house and 120 by 150 grounds, in select neighborhood of La Grande; close in. The party who secures a deed to this will make themselves a Christmas present of \$600.00. Mr. Local Investor and Homeseeker, show your faith in the future of La Grande by taking up this property. Owner (a non-resident) asks \$1,900.00. Terms. For particulars see The Van Dayn Realty Co. Both phones.

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