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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.

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Union Holds Try-out.

The first try-out debate of the year was held on Friday evening, Dec. 11, in the assembly hall. The question was: "Resolved, That there should be a literary restriction on immigration." The speakers on the affirmative were Ruth Scribner, Hal Wallington, Ellnor Crouter, Beatrice Pugh, and Jay Davis. The speakers on the negative were Henry Hess, Leo Crouter, Arthur Turner and Clarence Hess. The decision was in favor of the affirmative. The judges of the evening were Mrs. M. F. Davis, Mrs. C. H. Law and Bishop Hammond. The debate was well attended by the society members and interested friends. The speakers chosen for the U. H. S. debating team are Ruth Scribner, Leo Crouter and Henry Hess. We expect the team to do good work.—Union Republican.

New Church for Pendleton.

Work on the new \$20,000 Christian church for this city will begin next week unless something unforeseen occurs. The new church is to be one of the finest in the state for a city of Pendleton's size and its peculiarly fortunate location will add greatly to the boon it will be to the general interests of the city. The new church is to take the place of the big frame structure recently destroyed by fire a few months ago.—Pendleton Tribune.

Great Price for Land.

Hans Lage, a prominent apple grower of Hood River, was in the city today calling on old friends and acquaintances, says The Dalles Chronicle. Mr. Lage says that things are booming down in his portion of the apple country, and when asked what price he would consider for his land he said, "You might as well offer me \$50 per acre as my land is not for sale at any price."

One of the sales made recently was that of a 10-acre tract belonging to M. M. Hill and which is situated about a quarter of a mile from Mr. Lage's place. The buyer was a Mr. Deem, coming there recently from Illinois, and the price paid was \$16,000 or \$1,600 per acre.

This price may seem excessive, but when it is considered that this year the place netted Mr. Hill over \$4000, the investment does not seem so high. Mr. Hill is now traveling and will spend the winter in Honolulu. In the meantime Mr. Deem is living in the Hill residence and is busy building on his tract.

Central Church of Christ.

Sermons Sunday: Morning, "The Happier Christmas"; evening, "A Never Failing Purse." Prelude on "Hindrances to the Enforcement of Law in the evening. Bible school, 9:45 a. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. and Junior C. E., 6:30 p. m. Rev. O. H. King, minister.

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LOST AND FOUND.

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

LOST—A bunch of keys, between the Sommer house and the postoffice. Leave at Sommer house, James Dick.

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