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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.

**New Faces.** This week the Scenic will present an entire new program, including new faces on the vaudeville acts. The team work of A Billy and Odette will please all. The Old Man and the Dutchman is their opening act and from the number of places of baggage they undoubtedly will have a great variety of acts. Miss Zetta Lovell is well known in the leading vaudeville houses on the coast. A lightning change artist, singer and dancer. The moving pictures, as their names imply, will be interesting and instructive. New pictures and new faces at the Scenic all this week.

### SCRIBER IN BANK.

Is Helping Receiver in Ferreting Out Complicated Matters.

J. W. Scriber has been in the defunct Farmers & Traders' National bank for the past several days, and according to Receiver Niedner, is giving valuable aid in looking up matters and giving assistance in many complicated matters. "I am sure Mr. Scriber is not profiting personally," said Mr. Niedner today, "in lending his assistance in this way, but he is giving me great help. There are many things which he can inform us on, where it would require diligent research for the receiver to ferret out. I am sure I appreciate Mr. Scriber's willingness to help us."

### HEAR TWO CASES.

Congestion of Contests Being Cleared Away, Two at a Time.

With a great batch of contest cases pending, two cases are being heard simultaneously at the land office today. The Newlan vs. Byrkit case is dragging over from last week, and Metzler vs. O'Brien is the title of another case now being heard. When the men who occupied chairs in a line-up here some time ago for a full month, they contracted a mass of trouble and expense. The decision of one case will not affect the others. For this reason one of them cannot be taken as a test case, but each individual fight is to be carried out in full and a decision rendered in each case.

### On Sale Tomorrow.

Patrons of Steward's opera house should remember that the box sheet for the San Francisco opera company will go on sale tomorrow morning. Come early and avoid the rush.

### Imbler Property

For sale by owner. Hotel and barn with 7 lots; price, \$2,000. Shop with 6 lots; price, \$400. 6-room house, with 6 lots; price \$1000. 3-room house with 3 lots; price \$700. For terms, call or write **W. T. HARTLEY,** Imbler, Ore. 12-18-26t

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**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.

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

**LOST**—Two small pieces of carpet on the road between La Grande and Wm. Hunter farm. Finder leave at M. & M. store, Island City, or phone T. J. Snider.

**LOST**—On the streets of La Grande Saturday, one dozen baby photos. Finder please return to Mrs. Harley Smith, or this office.

### 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 1 1/2 130-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, 12-8-1m

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

**\$600—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) takes \$1,000.00. Terms For parties who see The Van Duya Realty Co. Both phone

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