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In 1907 the Merchants of Oregon saved over \$10,000 by carrying a part of their insurance in their own company, the Oregon Merchants Mutual Fire Assurance Association, of Dayton, Oregon. In 1908 they will save \$15,000. During the same period their neighbors were handing over \$1,500,000 in profits to outside companies.

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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.

### 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, 206 Twelfth St., Oakland, Cal.

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.

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#### Complete Threshing Outfit.

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

LA GRANDE INVESTMENT CO.

WANTED—Local manufacturer's agent to sell and install our Never-Cool Boiler Insulator and Fireless Cooker; sells in every household; permanent income of \$1500 to \$2000 per year; few hundred dollars required to handle proposition in this town. Address for particulars, Range Boiler Insulator Mfg. Co., 352 E. Wash. St., Portland, Ore.

#### Imbler Property

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

#### WOOD SAWING—

- Phone and we will have your wood sawing done promptly, and at a price you can afford to pay. We are always ready.
- MATHEWS & GLAUBERT, Phone, Black 15.

#### GRAFT APPLE ON BERRY BUSH.

Delta Miners Succeed in Novel Horticultural Experiment.

To those particularly interested in the growing of apples, an experiment made at Delta, Idaho, will be of value. In the spring of last year Thomas and Francis Hauck, two miners, who keep a garden and grow strawberries and vegetables, experimented in grafting a section of a 4-year-old apple tree into a sarvice berry tree body, and to their delight the limb not only grew, but blossomed this year and two well developed yellow apples ripened. The tree from which the scion was cut has never bloomed, but the scion when grafted into a berry bush blossomed and bore fruit the next year. This is somewhat remarkable and of interest to every grower of fruit.

The successful grafting is one accomplishment and the growing of the fruit from the grafted bush when the original tree has never bloomed is another. This is not a fruit section, but the Haucks have experimented by setting out 100 trees. For rutabagas no section of the country can grow larger ones than are grown here. For better flavored and larger strawberries this mining camp challenges the world. Yet no one attempts to grow fruit, vegetables or berries for the market, and only a few miners grow for their own use.

#### Pulling for Experiment Station.

President W. J. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college, will be here the latter part of this month upon business connected with the movement to secure an experiment station for the Umatilla project and also to attend the banquet which the Umatilla county O. A. C. alumni association will give the evening of December 29.

Word to the effect that President Kerr will be here was received this morning by Senator C. J. Smith. The news was received with satisfaction, because those who are out to secure a state appropriation for the experiment station are anxious to consult with President Kerr upon the subject, says the Pendleton East Oregonian.

#### A Hefty Catch.

Poundmaster J. W. Black claims the record today for having made the largest stray catch ever brought to the La Grande pound. This morning he captured the large stallion belonging to J. F. Baker, which had broken out of its paddock during the night. The animal weighs considerable over a ton.

#### CALL FOR BIDS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will receive up to noon Thursday, the 7th day of January, 1909, at his office in La Grande, Oregon, sealed bids for the purchase of the following described real estate, to-wit:

Commencing at a point 521 1/4 feet south of the NE corner of the SW 1/4 of section 19, township 4 south, range 40 E. W. M., thence running south 417 feet west, west 208 1/2 feet, thence north 417 feet, east 208 1/2 feet to place of beginning.

Also, commencing 933 1/4 feet south of the NE corner of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 section 19, township 4 south, range 40, E. W. M., thence running south 342 1/2 feet, west 257 1/2 feet, north 343 1/2 feet, east 253 1/2 feet to place of beginning.

Also, commencing 250 yards north of the SE corner of the SW 1/4, section 19, township 4 south, range 40, E. W. M., thence west 80 rods, north 40 rods, east 80 rods, south 40 rods, to place of beginning.

Also, beginning 30 feet due east of the NE corner of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, section 19, township 4 south, range 40, E. W. M., running thence due east along line between NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 511 feet, north 4 feet, west 511 feet, south 4 feet, east 511 feet to place of beginning. Together with all water rights belonging thereto. Said land being commonly known as the "County Poor Farm," situated at Union, Union county, Oregon.

Said bids shall be accompanied with a certified check of five per cent of the purchase price of said land.

The county court of Union county, Oregon, reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 5th day of December, 1908.

ED WRIGHT, County Clerk.

For Sczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum. The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by all good druggists.

#### WHY NOT TRY Popham's ASTHMA REMEDY?

Gives prompt and positive relief in every case. Sold by druggists, Price, \$1.00. Trial package by mail 10 cents.

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For sale by A. T. HILL, Druggist.

## 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, 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.

LA GRANDE INVESTMENT CO.

**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.**

#### Together.

Robert Herrick's new book, "Together," at Ferguson's. Also Charles Rann Kennedy's "The Servant in the House."

#### 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 140x130-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.**

#### WE WANT

500 to 1000 acres of land suitable for apple orchard; must be able to irrigate same. Also, houses to rent. We have demands. Why leave your house idle. THE VAN DUYN REALTY CO., LA GRANDE, ORE. Office in Scriber Block. Both phones.

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