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With the announcement that there is a probability of a straight reduction of 20 per cent in insurance rates in La Grande, the efficient work of the La Grande volunteer fire department must be given credit for no small factor in the bringing about of these results. Our fire department has a record that is without precedent. Not a single fire has ever reached that point where it was beyond control of our fire ladders. The loss by fire has been much less in La Grande than in any other town in eastern Oregon within the past 10 years. Think this over and then take off your hat to our loyal fire fighters.

Italy presents few attractions at the present. The eyes of the world are horror-stricken upon reading the awful reports as a result of the earthquake disaster there this week. Of course, the charities of the world will pour into those devastated and ruined communities, but money nor food can ever replace the thousands of dear ones wiped out in the twinkling of an eye. However, the living are the ones to be pitied and cared for, and this in a great measure will be done.

This irrigation project may mean a sewerage system for La Grande. There is much of a practical nature in the suggestion of Mr. Bohnenkamp that the ditches running through the city might be so diverted that it would furnish a sewerage system to the city and at the same time act as a fertilization to the farms receiving the water. Walla Walla receives quite a revenue from her sewerage.

A 20 per cent reduction in insurance rates is a New Year's gift of no small moment in the city the size of La Grande. Every little added to what you save makes it easier to increase your bank account.

Look over your life the past year and see where you can better it the coming year. If you cannot, what excuse have you for existing at all?

### IRRIGATION PROJECT SURE

(Continued from page 1.)

A committee a few days ago took an automobile and spent many hours there, which resulted in securing 30 acres, and that from an owner of a tract of 400 acres. The committee is practically unanimous that in proportion to the expense of putting water on the Sandridge, as compared with the location of the balance of the acreage, that the expense will not warrant it. The committee will make one more census and if favorable results are not secured, the Sandridge section will be eliminated for the present.

In the absence of an engineer's estimate the committee is of the opinion that a saving of \$100,000 can be made by not going to the Sandridge, which at present is only represented by 1000 acres. The proposed canal runs high up on the mountain side after leaving Ora Dell, and in order to reach the top of the Sandridge from the Iowa school house to the summit will require a line of two and one-eighth miles. The canal and laterals require many miles to reach this 1000 acres. It does to reach the 10,000 acres on south side of the river. Once the estimates were furnished

by Engineers Young and Kelsay, which placed the cost of the dam at \$242,000 the decrease in the cost of cement and materials will permit these figures to be shaded \$40,000, and in case the total land covered by leaving out the Sandridge, would not exceed 12,000 acres, of which 11,000 are now assured. The \$20 per acre expense would mean a capitalization of \$240,000, thus leaving \$40,000 to run the canals, which would not exceed \$20,000. If it becomes necessary to eliminate the Sandridge the canals will cover the north side of the river to Mt. Glenn, where 1000 acres are subscribed, then down by the Day farms, on down the Booth lanc to the Pierce farm, thence to the E. W. Oliver farm, then to the E. W. Oliver farm, and several hundred more acres can easily be secured. This large area can all be covered at the lowest possible cost in way of ditch construction. On the south side of the river the ditching is also a simple matter and the land to be irrigated lies almost without exception in a contiguous body after reaching a point two miles east of town, and this acreage will be increased. A number of people are taking stock as a speculation, by subscribing for 100 to 500 acres, who do not own land. They will provide security that will be acceptable and later will either buy land adjacent to the project or sell to those who may need water.

The Logan-Sherwood Realty company, real estate dealers, yesterday took 500 acres, equivalent to \$1000, and others have signified their intention of doing the same.

Every effort of the club and citizens generally from now on will be to have a successful meeting on the 16th, when it is hoped that the entire matter will be transformed from a theory to a condition. With water Fruitdale can be extended many miles on the north side of the river, and with water the 10,000 acres on the south will be as thickly populated as the most densely settled part of the valley is at present.

There is no doubt whatever about the practicability of the entire enterprise. If you have any doubts, talk with any dozen or more of the large land owners who are subscribing large acreages themselves, and are enthusiastically working among their neighbors.

Every citizen in La Grande, business man or property owner should talk of the advantages of the project upon all occasions. It means the making of a city of La Grande.

#### Pastime.

There will be a change of program at the Pastime tonight. The feature film, a Montana Schoolman is one of Selig's latest dramatic plays, which has only been released 10 days from the factory. Weary Willie Takes in the Flower Show is a very good comedy. Mr. C. P. Ferrin will sing the illustrated songs, "We're Growing Old Together" and "In Mem'ry of You, Sweetheart." You will always find the Pastime warm and comfortable. Saturday will be children's 5c matinee commencing at 3 p. m.

#### WALLACE TRILL HERE.

La Grande Man Holds Position With Sunset Magazine People.

Wallace Trill, a son of La Grande who recently completed a college course in this state, and is now with the Sunset Magazine advertising department, is in La Grande today combining pleasure with business. Mr. Trill has a boost contract over in Malheur county, he doing similar work for his magazine that Mr. Rohrabacker did for the Pacific Monthly in Union county. Mr. Trill is slated for reading clerk of the house, and at its next session and his La Grande friends hope he will receive the appointment in view of his undisputed qualifications for the office.

#### ENGLAND'S POLITICAL STRIFE.

House of Commons Will Attempt to Wipe Out Hereditary Laws.

London, Dec. 30.—Armies of unemployed throughout England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, the growth of vicious political power, backed by the liquor interests, obstructive methods of the house of lords, are the causes that today threaten Great Britain with the greatest political crisis in the last 75 years.

The house of commons is becoming solidified for action on these three vital questions. The existence of the house of lords is at stake. The point of attack upon the upper house will be that it is the weakest spot in the decadent aristocratic body of hereditary lords. The house of commons is gaining and increasing ascendancy with the avowed change of form of succession to the vacancies in the house of lords from hereditary to elective.

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