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The last day of the year of 1905 passed out quietly, characteristic of the entire year. This year has been one of fear and apprehension, largely superficial and not warranted by the conditions. In the far east we heard of panics, money depression which in a degree affected us on this coast, but after all, as we review the past 12 months we find that the great northwest has forged ahead with wonderful rapidity, absorbing thousands upon thousands of new home builders, the general effect of which has made itself manifest in every nook and corner of our state. Every business man enters upon the new year with courage and hope for even still better financial conditions. Grande Ronde valley is no exception by any means. We are already assured of our usual grain crop, our thousands of acres of fall grain was never more promising. Many new fruit orchards will come into bearing next fall, which will increase the annual volume of business. A cannery will undoubtedly be the result of the present activity along these lines. The lumber markets are growing better rapidly. Stock will certainly be no lower than at present, with every indication that the price will be higher. With all our great diversified interests there is not an industry but enters the new year with better prospects than 12 months ago.

Many are wondering if the year 1906 will give us postal savings banks. It is quite certain that if congress does not provide some security for bank depositors the people of Oregon, through the initiative and referendum, will attempt to pass a law similar to the Oklahoma enactment. However, before our people accept that as sound finance, we will have ample time before our next election to see how it affects the people generally, and whether or not that is the plan that we should adopt. There is no question but what depositors should have more protection than they now have.

Evangelist Billy Sunday is certainly making staid old Spokane sit up and take inventory. About 25,000 people turned out to hear him Sunday, and the traffic was so great that the street cars were simply helpless in attempting to handle the crowds. Everything will date from the "Time of Sunday's meetings" in Spokane.

Abe Ruef resigned as complete master of San Francisco for four years, and now the sentence of the court is that he be confined in the penitentiary for the next 14 years.

We wish each and every one of our readers a happy new year.

#### BIGGY'S WILL OPENED.

Widow of Late Chief Receives One Dollar for Her Share

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—The will of the late Chief of Police Biggy was made public today. The widow and her daughter each receive \$1. The remainder of the estate, valued at \$5000, goes share alike to the four children by his first wife.

#### Barry Kicked in 39th Round.

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Kaufman whipped Barry in the 39th round last evening. Barry's seconds threw up the sponge. Barry was knocked down in the 27th round. That was the only knock-down.

#### COUNCIL MEETING.

Eastern Bonding Company is Given Until January 20 to Act.

A resolution was adopted at the call meeting of the city council last night, to notify the Chicago bonding company that they must take up the bonds by January 20, or the council would rescind the contract. A telegram was sent the company last evening, of the action taken, and it is expected that an answer will be received in reply there to. However, no answers have been received to letters sent the company.

The company sent in a certified check with their bid, of \$5000, but upon investigating the manner in which it is endorsed, it is not subject to a forfeit. The firm is represented to be of high standing in financial circles, and possibly their answer will explain their seeming indifference to the matter.

#### Obituary.

There died this morning at the residence of Rev. J. D. Gillilan an old and trusted resident of La Grande, S. Flower. He was quiet and very unobtrusive, even to reticence; never was often seen in company, and it is most likely possible there are scores of people in the city who never knew of his hermit-like and benevolent life. He lived literally for others. Born a slough, he continued till the last few days of his life in nightly expeditions, rarely failing in his often difficult quests. None knew how he did it, for he shunned the attention, company and advice of his best friends. His inner history and the skill of his multitude of triumphs will never be written. It can be said of him "He made the world better." This is not true of others. S. Flower was born in Salt Lake City, lived a while in Idaho, and came with his life-long friends and benefactors to La Grande years ago. The funeral was held this morning and was private, fitting his unostentatious life. His real name was S. S. Flower, Mr. Gillilan's old-gold cat.

#### New Postal Rate.

Washington, Dec. 31.—A new postal arrangement will be effective tomorrow, providing for a 2-cent letter rate between the United States and Germany on letters included in the mails exchanged between the two countries by sea direct. On and after tomorrow letters for Germany paid at the reduced rate will be despatched only by steamers sailing from New York for German ports, and letters for Germany despatched via Great Britain and France must be paid at our postal union rate and 3 cents for each additional ounce.

FOR SALE—Household furniture, must be sold within the next 10 days. Early callers will secure the best bargains. Mrs. F. M. Housh, corner Spring avenue and Fourth street.

#### HAMMER AND SAW

(Continued from page 1.)

North Second street, all enclosed. Lester Chapman this week bought property on Cedar street, and will commence building within the next few weeks.

Mr. Denny has just moved into his new house on North Fir street.

The above does not attempt to include the list of new buildings now in course of construction.

FOR RENT—One modern furnished room. Phone Red 1712.

#### Pendleton Boy Killed.

Pendleton, Dec. 31.—Arthur Pinckney, aged 9, son of former Councilman Charles Pinckney, was killed today by falling from a dirt car used in street filling. The wheels passed over his body.

#### Fresh Poultry for New Year's.

We now have a liberal supply of turkeys and other poultry for New Year's dinner. 29-11 GRANDE RONDE MEAT CO.

WANTED—Local manufacturer's agent to sell and install our Never-Cool Boiler Insulator and Fireless Cooker; sells in every hour; hold; 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., 359 E. Wash. St., Portland, Ore.

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#### More Revivals.

The M. E. church, South, commences a series of special meetings tonight at the church on North Fir and U streets. Rev. Cranshaw, a well known revivalist, will have charge of the work and will be assisted by Rev. Taylor, pastor of the local church.

#### TABLE RELISHES

We receive fresh consignments of Hot House Lettuce, Celery, Sweet Potatoes, and Cranberries, Cauliflowers and Pine Apples and Coconuts for the Holidays. Pop Corn that will pop and Nuts that are fresh

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