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IRRIGATION HOLDS BOARDS OF INTEREST

GREATEST EVENT IN THE CITY'S HISTORY TOMORROW.

Behooves Every Citizen of La Grande to Call a Farmer Friend by 'Phone Tonight—Nothing That La Grande Has Yet Done Can Compare With Weight of a Successful Outcome of Tomorrow's Meeting—City Can Aid in Bringing Farmers to Town by Making Personal Effort Over Telephone—Everything Arranged.

Tomorrow afternoon the irrigation meeting is to be held in this city. The action that will be taken on that occasion will depend the growth of this vicinity and city during the next few years. If there is sufficient interest taken tomorrow to insure the success of the project, it means hundreds of homes where none now exist, and it means that La Grande is destined to become a city within the next five years of 10,000 happy, prosperous people.

The success of this project means the extension of Fruitdale on the north side of the river, to, and below the Walter Pierce farm, and the extension of May Park on the south side of the river for a similar distance. It means that land that is today worth from \$20 to \$75 per acre, will be in demand at \$200 and \$300 per acre, and little if any that will be covered by this project will be worth less than \$100 from the very moment the dam is completed.

Every business man in the city should be busy this evening and every moment of his time tomorrow, work-

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AWED BY APPLES

BOURNE HANDS OUT JUICY FRUIT TODAY.

Many Easterners Never Knew Oregon Grew Such Lovely Apples—Eight Boxes Were Furnished.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Four boxes of Oregon apples in the senate cloak rooms and four in the press gallery of the senate, sent by Senator Bourne, attracted attention today. Many never knew such great apples grew in Oregon.

HILLSBORO'S CRIME CARNIVAL

FARMER KILLED WITH OUT WARNING WORD.

Pursued by Posse With Warrant for Arrest Charging Murder, Munro Huber Commits Suicide—No One Saw Murder of William Heltzel Last Evening.

Hillsboro, Ore., Jan. 22.—Pursued by a posse, Munro Huber, who last night killed William Heltzel, a farmer living near Banks, early this morning committed suicide after being chased all night.

Nobody witnessed the tragedy. Mrs. Heltzel heard her husband cry, near the barn. A few minutes later he died.

Sheriff Hancock called up the Thornburg farmer house, 13 miles from Hillsboro, and asked if Huber was there. Huber answered the telephone and replied that he was. Hancock and the posse started for the farm, but before they arrived Huber had killed himself.

SCALP BOUNTY LAW PROPOSED

EASTERN OREGON DELE- GATION IS PRESENTING IT.

Eastern Oregon Senators Are Fighting for Passage of Scalp Bounty Law—Where Claim is Made for Bounty, Entire Hide, From Nose to Tip of Tail Must Accompany the Claim—Judge Smith Gets Increase in Salary by Senate Bill.

House Adjourns.
Salem, Jan. 22.—The house today adjourned until Monday afternoon. A bill to raise the salary of the deputy recorder in Union county, has passed the house.

Salem, Jan. 22.—The eastern Oregon delegation today brought to the legislature the scalp bounty bill, including the whole hide in the scalp. It provides a bounty of \$1.50 for coyotes and their pups; for gray, black and timber wolves, \$3; wildcats, bobcats, lynx, \$2; mountain lions, cougars and panthers, \$10. The measure provides that persons claiming the bounty must bring the whole skin from tip of nose to the tail end. Killing must be subsequent to February 1, this year, and presented six months from date of killing.

A bill offered by Senator Hart, increasing the pay of Circuit Judge Smith of Baker county, was passed by the senate today. A thousand dollars must be paid by the county in addition to \$300 by the state. The bill was fought by Abraham, because, he said, it established a bad precedent.

Senators Sinnott, Bingham, Scholfield and Norton were today appointed by President Bowerman of the senate, to confer with a similar committee from the Washington legislature on

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RELIEF COMES TO FLOOD AREA

GREATEST DANGER NOW IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY.

Seattle, Walla Walla, Tacoma, Wallace, Salem and Other Places Report Improved Conditions—No Service From Walla Walla to Pendleton Except by Umatilla—General Conditions Are Much Improved—Danger of Floods Near Albany.

Northwest Flood Reports.
Wallace—Trains running, but new washouts reported.
Portland—Telegraph wires are down. City almost isolated.
Albany—Danger of disastrous floods.
Walla Walla—Noticeable improvement.
Seattle—Trains running slowly.
Tacoma—Belated trains arriving.
Salem—Willamette river is receding.

Seattle, Jan. 22.—For the first time in three days trains left Seattle yesterday evening over the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, with the assurance that they would get through. Between 1 and 8 o'clock this morning five Northern Pacific trains, held up by floods east of the mountains, arrived at the union depot. That something had happened on the Great Northern between Skymosh and Spokane, was evident from the fact that no information could be given about the Orient Limited, due last night.

Walla Walla Condition Better.
Walla Walla, Jan. 22.—Flood conditions are improving today. Indications point to the opening of all lines tomorrow. The Northern Pacific claims normal service today. The O. R. & N. has started a train to Spokane this morning, but cannot reach Pendleton. The city has main line connections by way of Umatilla. The first mail train in three days reached the city this morning from the east. There is no damage locally.

Belated Trains Arriving.
Tacoma, Jan. 22.—After struggling against landslides and floods four days, the Northern Pacific announced this morning that belated trains will come through from the east today. Trains on the Grays Harbor line to Olympia are running today.

Washouts at Riparia.
Wallace, Idaho, Jan. 22.—The Walla Walla branch of the O. R. & N. is running today. All other trains are annulled. Washouts are reported near Riparia and La Crosse. A bad washout has occurred on the Great Northern near Wilson creek.

Trains Blocked at Ashland.
Albany, Ore., Jan. 22.—The river today reached the 24-foot mark, and is still rising. The basements along the waterfront are filling. Should a sudden rise in temperature occur, one of the greatest floods in the history of the Willamette valley would result. The storm is broken here, though considerable snow fell the past six hours. Below Dunsmuir all trains are blocked.

Salem Passed the Worst.
Salem, Jan. 22.—The Willamette river stands at 21.9 feet, having risen from 21.7 since yesterday at 10 o'clock. The water is receding and the danger seems over.

COSGROVE NOT HEARD OF.
Wires Down and it is Undecided Just Where He is Today.
Olympia, Jan. 22.—No word has been received here regarding the coming of Governor-elect Cosgrove. From outside sources it is learned he intended to leave Paso Robles this morning, but on account of wires being down between California, Oregon and Washington, his movements are not recorded.

MARATHON WALTZ THE VERY LATEST IN NEW DANCES.

Marathon Foot Races Fade Into Oblivion by the Appearance of a New Waltz—Merry Widow Forgotten.

New York, Jan. 22.—The newest thing is the Marathon waltz, which will be seen for the first time in public at the Hesper club's annual ball in Palace Garden tonight. The distance

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COVE TRAIN IS A MERE JOKE

UNION EPIDEMIC HAS CRIPPLED TRAIN SERVICE.

Train From Union to Cove is Composed of One Engine—Train Crew Not Allowed to Enter Cove—Conflicting Reports From Union Rectified This Morning.

Cove, Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Train service between here and Union is confined to one engine and a tender. This is on account of the diphtheria at Union. Yesterday the train crew was refused admittance to the city, the authorities here forcing them to remain with the train at the depot. Today the train is composed of an engine, nothing but mail being carried. It is thought this condition will not exist for more than a few days at the most.

Dying Out at Union.
Union, Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Conflicting reports have gone out from here relative to the diphtheria epidemic. Up to date there have been five deaths. Today there are five cases, two of which are out in the country. The others have been declared cured. This statement comes from the physicians in charge of all cases and from them, too, comes the statement that by next week it is hoped to have normal conditions restored. The same close quarantine continues to be maintained.

Football Team Coming.
Liverpool, Jan. 22.—Among the passengers on the steamer Arabic, sailing for New York from Liverpool today, are the members of the Australian Rugby football team. They will spend a week in New York, and will probably play several games in that city. The players will then proceed to San Francisco and Los Angeles, and as the Rugby games is popular on the Pacific coast, they will likely engage in many contests before sailing for home on February 26.

To Pay in Full.
Mr. Wright affirmed today that when the first dividend is issued by the receiver, the total amount involved in the institution belonging to the treasury department, will be paid in full. The specific sum is \$3482. With no more than 50 per cent and perhaps as low as 40 per cent dividends from the city, the sum left over for Mr. Wright to produce from his personal account at that time will be in

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CITY'S CLAIM NOT PREFERRED

MONEY NOW ON HAND TO PAY FORTY PER CENT.

March First is Now the Date the Receiver Has Set for the Distribution of Funds—Unless by Waiting Until March 19, the Dividend Can Be Raised From 40 to 50 Per Cent—Ruling Versus Preferred Claims Received Weight to Pay March First.

Money on hand now to pay 40 per cent dividend to all creditors of the suspended Farmers & Traders National bank. This is the information given out today from the office of the receiver. Arrangements are being made to declare this dividend on March 1 or 2, unless, in the opinion of Receiver Niedner, that by postponing the date until the 19th of March—at which time the second installment is due from the shareholders—and amounts from other sources would make it sure the cash on hand would be sufficient to declare a 50 per cent dividend, the date of paying the dividend will be postponed from March 1 to March 19.

This will be the first dividend declared and when the next one will be forthcoming or the amount of it cannot be stated at this time.

Not Preferred Claims.
For some time there has been more or less talk in regard to taking action to have the city, school and county funds declared trust funds. That is not definitely settled yet in each instance, but today City Treasurer J. K. Wright received notification from the treasury department that it would not consider his claim as a preferred claim, and after reading the letter of instructions Mr. Wright decided that he would not make any further attempt along this line, and immediately filed proof of his claim as treasurer of the city, and will receive his pro rata share as any other creditor of the bank. The officials in the bank state that Mr. Wright's claim is identical with the claims of the officers holding city or county funds and that if the department refused one it would refuse all. Whether or not the officials and their bondsmen will all abide by the treasury ruling or not, remains to be seen. In case they do not they will have to go into the courts.

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CLEANING HOUSE

Our January Sale is drawing to a close. We are making Special Heavy reductions on the remaining winter goods. Here are a few of the bargains gathered from each department.

LADIES' SUITS Closing out at HALF price. Ladies' Hats, closing out at LESS THAN ONE-HALF price. Ladies' Skirts at a GREAT SAVING.		MEN'S SUITS Do you need a Suit? This is the time. A large assortment at HALF PRICE.		MEN'S SHOES At Junky Prices. \$5.00 Shoes, sale\$3.45 \$3.50 Shoes, sale\$2.68 \$3.00 Shoes, sale\$1.98	
LADIES' FELT Line Shoes\$1.39 Childrens— Wool Hoods28c Wool Toques29c Wool Gloves19c Wool Scarfs38c Misses— Outing Skirts38c Misses' Coats HALF PRICE.	LADIES' WAISTS A New Line to Select From. \$1.50 Waists at79c \$2.50 Waists at\$1.19 \$6.50 assorted Wool Waists at\$2.98 \$7.50 assorted Silk Waists at\$4.35	WHAT MEN WANT Home made wool Sox45c Good quality Night Shirts89c Heavy work Shirts89c Warm Mitts22c Winter Caps29c Wool Underwear89c Dress Shirts49c	NEW COAT SWEATERS JUST RECEIVED		
LADIES' BARGAINS Wool Hose19c Wool Gloves29c Wool Underskirts\$1.15 \$1.00 Wool Scarfs38c		BLANKETS Large ten quarter blankets Oregon Wool Blankets \$5.39		RUBBER GOODS Men's Rubbers50c Boys' Rubbers, Rooledge49c Special prices on— Slickers Boots, Overshoes, and Rubber Coats.	
SEE OUR REMNANT DEPARTMENT It will save you money					
THE FAIR STORE					

Worthy There is probably no one line in which there is so much deception as in rubber goods. Much of it is almost worthless. None of these goods come to us. By picking the best goods and buying direct from the makers, we insure security and saving. We can sell them at right prices and also guarantee the quality. We have Hot Water Bottles in all the new styles, colors and sizes. You will get your money out of one many times before Spring.

Rubber We have every kind of syringe you ever saw and some kinds you haven't seen.

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