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Clay Rinehart, one of the wide-awake business men of Imbler, was in the city today, and is very much interested in the irrigation project being extended to the Sandridge. He realizes that if the big holdings of the Sandridge are sub-divided, that Imbler, situated as it is, in the center of the finest valley in the northwest, will become a city of no mean importance. He also realizes that this subdivision of the large holdings will necessarily be slow until this tract is watered. Mr. Rinehart states that there is considerable interest manifest but it is mostly among the small holders, who realize that they can more than double the products of their farms if they had water. The larger holdings which are devoted principally to wheat, with few exceptions, are imbued with the idea of letting "well enough alone." They own their farms and are making money as it is, and many do not want to sell, and argue that irrigation would simply result in higher values which would mean higher taxes, and that values are growing higher as it is; that they can not grow any more wheat on land worth \$150 per acre than they can on the same land valued between \$55 and \$55 per acre. These ideas are natural; it will require a campaign of education to change these convictions. When the owners of these large holdings realize that they can make as much off of 150 acres of land with water, as they are now making from their 300, 400, 600, 1000 and 1500-acre tracts, and that buyers will pay them double the present price, they will change the same as men in other localities have changed under similar conditions. It should not require two weeks' time to secure 15,000 acres of land on the Sandridge to come into this irrigation project. We do not expect any of it at this time, however. It is the intention to hold a mass meeting at Alced in the near future, but it is very doubtful if sufficient land can be secured that will warrant the expenditure.

Water under this project can be secured now at \$20 per acre. There is no question but that the 15,000 acre project in the vicinity of La Grande is assured. Over 13,000 acres are now listed, and the balance can be had within three days when the time comes for signing the contracts. We want the farmers to cut this article out and read it over five years from today, and see if we are not correct in our prophecy that within that time there will be mass meetings held on the Sandridge to secure some irrigation project when the primary cost will be double what it would cost today if the present opportunity was embraced and further, it will be a splendid investment at that price, but why wait five years, when one-half of the money could be saved and the development of the country held back just that much. But what is the use? It is almost evident that the Sandridge will not be represented in the present project, but when the 13,000-acre project is completed and the results thus obtained demonstrate what water will do for the Sandridge, as there will be several hundred acres of this land included within the 15,000 now secured, it will only be a matter of time when the entire Sandridge will want water, and when they really want it, the original cost will not be considered. It will simply be a question to get the water at whatever cost it can be obtained.

Farmers enter into the new year

with buoyant spirits. The vision of dollar wheat continuing throughout the year may be realized, whether it does or not, there is every reason to believe that prices will rule much higher this year than during 1908, and the prices last year were remunerative and much higher than the prevailing prices of the past several years. The general rain that covered Grande Ronde valley last night, falling as it did, on frostless ground, provides a soaking that will be very beneficial to the crops of the valley. Take it, one year with another, the natural conditions of Union county will stand comparison with any section of the northwest. Surrounded by mountain ranges Grande Ronde valley, an alluvial plain, and in every great measure our climatic conditions are peculiarly local. Thus it is, when other sections of the country are in the midst of extreme conditions, either cold or hot, we are not so affected.

Naturally enough, La Grande taxpayers have looked to the fire department with appreciable eyes, but it was rather beyond the fond hopes of enthusiasts to believe that the board of underwriters would not only realize the efficiency of the local fire fighters, but express the faith in figures that as a whole will mean the saving of a large sum of money in this city.

RELATIVE IN STRANGER

A missent letter yesterday led two strangers—relatives—to acquaintance. The letter man brought an epistle to the city recorder's office addressed to Francis J. Matott. The postoffice department knew of only one Matott, namely, J. A. In the study as to who his almost namesake was, the mystery was partially solved when it was found that a member of the Curless Comedy company, now showing at the Steward, was the real owner of the missive. Naturally inquisitive on the matter, the street superintendent found Francis J. and in conversation discovered that the two were cousins, though they had never heard of each other before. Francis J. Matott is from Seattle, but at present is a member of the troupe's band. One thing is sure, the two Matotts will have more than one long chat before the troupe leaves the city, even though the men have known each other but a few hours.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings had in the commissioners' court, Union county, Oregon, at the February term thereof, 1909:

In the matter of the monthly report of the county treasurer, said report was approved and credits ordered given to the county treasurer.

In the matter of the monthly allowance to various indigent persons, warrants were ordered drawn as follows: O. W. Souder, \$15; Maggie Stagner, \$12; Ella Nodine, \$10; Harry French, \$10; John Hildebrand, \$15; J. L. Dunington, \$12; Elizabeth A. Gervon, \$12; Layton Telp, \$12.

In the matter of the application of Frank Holthoff for a refund of money paid on tax sale for the year 1908, said application was allowed and the county clerk instructed to issue a warrant in his favor for the sum of \$2.72.

In the matter of the appointment of a county physician for the ensuing year, the same was continued for the term.

In the matter of the appointment of a superintendent for the county poor farm for the ensuing year, the same was continued for the term.

In the matter of the petition of W. B. Hindman, of Al, for a new road district to be made out of R. D. No. 2, the petition was allowed and said road district shall hereafter be known as R. D. No. 49.

In the matter of the appointment of a snook inspector for Union county, John McEae of Summerville was appointed.

In the matter of the appointment of a county fruit inspector for Union county, Garrett Oldenburg was ap-

pointed to said office to serve during the pleasure of the county.

In the matter of the appointment of supervisors of roads districts Nos. 1, 7 and 18, H. W. Gent, John Meyer and W. S. Montgomery were appointed supervisors of road districts Nos. 1, 7 and 18 respectively.

In the matter of the resignation of W. H. Gilmore as justice of the peace of Elgin district, D. A. Barnes was appointed to fill the vacancy.

NEW ROAD FINISHED

Union county's road building crew below Perry will break camp this week. While the men have not been working during the disagreeable weather always, the camp quarters have been established continually since the work of straightening out the river channel, building a short stretch of county road on the north side of the river, and removing two bridges, commenced. The work is now finished except for a final touch here and there, and experts who have seen it declare it is first-class in every respect.

The county has been saved a snug sum of money by the changes of the river channel as two expensive bridges will not have to be built, and maintenance cost forever removed. By doing the work itself the county, too, has realized a saving.

Sunday and the "Awful" Newsboy.

Since Billy Sunday's visit to Olympia a story is being told of the evangelist's encounter with a young Olympian. It is said that Sunday was on his way up Main street in the capital city, when he met a newsboy who was selling out his ware and vigorously

chewing tobacco. Sunday stopped the boy and asked him if he chewed tobacco, whereupon the kid promptly offered him a chew. He asked the boy if he smoked, too, and was offered a cigarette. Sunday then asked the boy the way to the postoffice, but before leaving the kid he said: "My lad, do you want me to do you a favor?" The lad replied, "Sure, Mike!" "Well, then," said Sunday in a sanctimonious manner, "do you want me to show you the way to heaven?" "Oh, hell," replied the kid, "you don't know the way to the postoffice!"

PASTIME CHANGE.

This evening the Pastime theater will be conducted under an entirely new management. Messrs. Ferrin and French have purchased the property from Mr. Eccles and will assume control this evening. The new management needs no special introduction to the La Grande public. They are both well known here and highly respected. It will be their endeavor to make the Pastime the leading theater in eastern Oregon and no pains or expense will be spared to make it such. They will secure the very best films and vaudeville service obtainable, and will in every legitimate manner attempt to please the public. Mr. and Mrs. McKinzie, the popular vaudeville team, will continue for the week. This evening they will put on an entirely new specialty.

The new management will appreciate the patronage of the public, and will endeavor to give value received for all patronage bestowed upon them.

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