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When capital to the extent of \$100,000 and \$200,000 and more, is being invested in fruit culture in different parts of the northwest, it begins to look as though there was money in fruitgrowing. The time was when a five or 10-acre orchard attracted attention; that was followed by the 150-acre tracts, and now corporations are setting out 1,000, 2,000, and 4,000-acre tracts and the latest is that 20,000-acre tracts are being purchased to be planted in orchard. Those who 10 years ago thought the fruit business was being overdone will need a nerve tonic to keep up with the procession.

Our legislators will soon be home to receive the congratulations of their constituents. Unless there is an unusual amount of "log rolling" the last few days of the session this legislature will have made a very good record. There were many jobs presented in one for nor another, but there were soon detected and the work as a whole will compare favorably with any of its predecessors.

After so long a time it is now stated that Binger Hermann is to be tried, and Francis J. Heney is to have the satisfaction of doing the prosecuting. Our Binger has been through many campaigns, and he has many friends who believe he will not be convicted of the charge of conspiracy in land frauds connected with the Blue Mountain forest reserve.

Eastern Oregon did not succeed in securing the branch insane asylum. Those counties most interested can understand how Union county felt several years ago when we thought we were going to secure the prize. We sold many things about the Salch hog, but we soon forgot it.

This rain makes every one rejoice. It brings to the farmer as well as to the man who makes his money on the stock that feeds on the range.

Well, it will be Secretary P. C. Knox, after all, and the people generally will be satisfied. He is well qualified for the position.

Gale Harmed Fleet Slightly.
Washington, Feb. 17.—A wireless from Admiral Sperry was received at the Navy department today, which says the fleet passed through Sunday's gale with slight damage to the superstructure of the Virginia, Illinois and Kentucky.

BAD ROADS DELAY WORK

Cove, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Bad roads are delaying shipment of a three-carload consignment of apples owned by B. S. Bell. The cars are on the tracks at the siding ready to be loaded, but the extremely poor condition of the roads, makes it impossible to haul a load of any size to the shipping point. This is one of the last lots to be shipped this winter, and the owner is anxious to get them on the way to the market.

Weather conditions today are not conducive to better roads. A snow-storm-rainstorm combination has made streets and roads almost impassable.

PROGRAM SATISFIES

Last night a good crowd visited the cosy theater despite the bad weather and many other attractions. The new management is well pleased with the patronage. The crowd last night was loud in its praise of the work of the performers, Mr. and Mrs. McKenna, and Bobbie Elzack came in for his share also.

Mr. Ferrin never sang better or received more hearty applause from the audience.

It is a treat to hear Thomas Bruce at the piano once more, as he is playing better than ever before. There will be a change of pictures tonight. Adventures of an Old Flirt is something that every one should see to enjoy a real treat in the comedy line. Vulture Hunting in Africa is very educational, as it shows how the great birds who build their nests in the high cliffs are captured by the natives. "Why They Fell Out" is a comedy of the first-class.

HENNERY FOR COVE

Cove, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The chicken business was given an impetus today by the announcement of B. S. and L. E. Anderson, local business men, who are going to adopt the hennerly business as a chief vocation. For the past three weeks, the men have been preparing specially constructed coops and other necessary paraphernalia, and as soon as the weather is favorable they will commence their new business. With the price of eggs and the scarcity of chickens in this valley that prevailed the past year, it is evident the Anderson brothers have hit upon a money-making plan. They do not enter it without understanding, for they have given special attention to the industry and have adopted the very latest equipments and will breed the specie of hens most suitable to the climate of the Grande Ronde.

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As to the extent and wealth of the find, there is some diversion of opinion, there is some difference of opinion, many believing that the property is not sufficiently extensive to warrant further prospecting. Notwithstanding this, workmen are devoting time and attention to the hole that for a time gave evidence of being extremely rich.

GREAT TIME IN TEMPLE

WALLOWA COUNTY VISITING BROTHERS GREATLY PLEASED
Officers of Hope Chapter No. 9, R. A. M., Officially Wore Their Elegant New Uniforms, the Finest in the State, for the First Time—After Midnight When the Several Scores Present Left the Banquet Table.

There were great things doing at Masonic temple last night when the Royal Arch degree was conferred. Somehow, possibly by wireless telegraph, it became rumored that a once prominent citizen of Wallowa county, was to be one of the "victims," and when the Wallowa county train pulled in there were eight or ten innocent looking individuals alighted and proceeded to let it be known that they had come primarily for the purpose of seeing this degree conferred upon their erstwhile friend and they did not want to be disappointed in not seeing the candidate duly and truly prepared in due and proper form. In the Wallowa constituency there was one or two old life members and they soon engaged it so their friend was to receive the brunt of the special features and suffice to say, the visiting brethren were more than well pleased with the evening's entertainment, which closed with a banquet. This was the first official occasion that gave the officers of Hope Chapter No. 9 an opportunity to wear their elegant new uniform, which is acknowledged to be the finest in the state. It required very little fancy to make one believe that he had been viewing King Solomon's temple with all the high court officials out to greet him.

It was after midnight when the friends left the banquet table.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
(Isolated Tract.) *
PUBLIC LAND SALE.
Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Ore.,
February 8th, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the commissioner of the general land office, under provisions of act of congress approved June 27, 1906 (34 Stats, 517), we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 2d day of April, 1909, at this office, the following described land:
N 1/2 NW 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 NE 1/4, section 20, township 5 south, range 35, E. W. M., serial No. 62537.
Any persons claiming adversely the above described land are advised to file their claims or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.
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