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O popular applause! what heart of man is proof against thy sweet seductive charms? The wisest and the best feel urgent need of all their caution in their gentlest gales; but swell'd into a gust—who, then, alas! with all his canvas set, and in expert, and therefore heedless, can withstand thy power?—Cowper.

Our great floating battle fleet has just returned from one of the greatest world tours ever made by a nation. It has accomplished much good for our country. To many of the world powers the United States was simply a big blotch on the map, but the sight of an entire war fleet gave them a practical demonstration of our strength. This cruise also gave our own people a realization of the fact that the next great conflict of the sea that would in all probability be fought on the waters of the Pacific and that henceforth it is imperative that we maintain a Pacific as well as an Atlantic fleet. It is to be hoped that the time will come when war fleets will not be necessary and that international controversies can be settled in a court of the powers as litigation is now conducted in the courts of the land; but, until that time arrives, a first-class, up-to-date navy is one of the best peace-makers that can be suggested. To be always prepared reduces the possibility of action. The special homeseekers' rates, to take effect March 1, are expected to bring thousands of people to the coast

during the 60 days they are to be in effect. Special rates will also be in effect during the greater portion of the summer, owing to the Alaska-Tukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle. If that fair does as much for the northwest as did the Lewis & Clark fair at Portland in 1905, we will all have reason to rejoice, and there is every reason to believe it will.

The Payette-Boise irrigation project—said to be the largest irrigation project in the world—has just been completed. Those who have kept in touch with the great improvement that has followed the several projects in the sagebrush sections of Idaho, cannot help but think what water has done for that state. Thousands of homes and acres of cities now exist on the once despoiled desert.

David Eccles is expected in Baker City tomorrow according to a phone message received from there last evening. This means that he will be here during the week. Much depends upon his arrival, among other matters being his decision relative to the irrigation project. He stated that when the acreage was secured he would finance it.

The legislature did one thing that several of its predecessors wanted to do but did not have the nerve to do, and this was, to abolish the graft to keep up the several Normal schools. One good Normal school will accomplish much more, and it is to be hoped a diploma from such an institution would stand for something.

LOGAN AFTER COFFER JOB

With only two more days in which to file their nomination papers, city politics are extremely dull today. The only ripple on the placid surface of pre-election time is the appearance of Ray W. Logan in the political arena seeking the treasury office. His paper was circulated yesterday and today filled with the city recorder. No new seekers after councilmanic honors are showing themselves and it appears that the mayoralty race will be limited to two, M. K. Hall, the present incumbent, and A. M. Paul, socialist.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution and order of sale and decree of foreclosure and sale, issued out of and under the seal of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Union, bearing date the 13th day of February, 1909, and

to me directed and delivered upon a judgment and decree duly rendered, entered of record and docketed in said court on the 19th day of September, 1908, in a suit wherein the Bank of Commerce, Limited, a corporation, were plaintiffs and W. R. Kivette, Dufole F. Kivette and D. M. Kelly, were defendants, said decree being in favor of said plaintiffs and against said defendants, for the sum of \$23,396.94, with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 19th day of September, 1908; and the further sum of \$2,000.00 for attorney's fee, I will, on the 24th day of March, 1909, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the court house, in the city of La Grande, Oregon, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said plaintiffs' judgment, interest, attorney's fees and accruing costs, all the rights, title and interest that the said defendants and each of them had, on or after the date of the mortgage foreclosed in said suit, upon the following described mortgage property, to-wit:

The SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of section 23, the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 25, and the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of section 26, township 5 south of range 40, E. W. M. Also all the saw timber from eight inches through and upwards now standing, growing and being upon the following described real estate, to-wit:

The E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of section 22; the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of section 23, all in township 5, south of range 38, E. W. M., Union county, Oregon. Also all of the saw timber now being and growing upon the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4,

the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, and the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, section 25, township 5 south, of range 40, E. W. M. Also all of the saw timber measuring 42 inches in circumference at the base and upwards now standing, growing and being upon the following described real estate, the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 and lots 3 and 4 in section 30, township 6 south of range 38, E. W. M., Union county, Oregon, together with the free and uninterrupted use and privilege of ingress, egress and regress, into and onto said lands, for the purpose of cutting, hauling and carrying away said timber and lumber from said lands; also lots 3 and 4 in block 19 of North Powder, townsite, Union county, Oregon.

Dated this 23d day of February, 1909, at La Grande, Oregon. F. P. CHILDERS, Sheriff of Union County, Oregon.

YOUNG RECOMMENDED. Washington, Feb. 23.—The nomination of John C. Young as postmaster at Portland, was ordered reported favorably by the senate committee on postoffices.

Licensed to Wed. The county clerk's office has granted a marriage license to Smith H. Mitchell and Chloe Burns, both of Cove.

Working Out His Fine. "Doc" Weber this morning pleaded guilty to a charge of being disorderly and was fined \$15. He is meeting the payment with labor on the streets.

LOCAL CHURCHES WILL OBSERVE LENTEN SEASON

With tomorrow morning Lenten season for 1909 is a reality and local churches are preparing to hold special services during the 40 days of special religious importance.

According to an Episcopal catechism Ash Wednesday derives its name from the old custom of sprinkling ashes on the heads of those persons who were put to public penance. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Even and does not include the Sundays among its forty days of fasting. The name Lent is from the Anglo-Saxon "Lencten."

It is generally the Episcopal and Catholic denominations that lay the most stress on a proper observance of Lent. In the first-named church special services have been arranged as follows: Ash Wednesday—Morning, at 10; evening, 7:30. There will also be a service with ad-

dress on each Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 p. m.

The subjects for Lenten sermons and addresses will be as follows: Sundays—Morning, "The Commandments." Evenings, "The Beatitudes." Wednesdays, "The Lord's Prayer." Fridays, "The Creed."

Bible class for adults during Lent, Sundays at 4:15 p. m.

The bishop will make his official visitation to this parish on Low Sunday, April 18. Holy week services to be announced later.

Those wishing to be confirmed please see the rector at once.

At St. Mary's Catholic church, with the Rev. Father Whyte celebrant, two services will be held daily during the Lenten season. At 8 o'clock in the morning, commencing tomorrow, holy mass will be celebrated, and at 7:30 each evening Lenten devotions will be held.

BUY A WHEAT FARM AT \$10. PER ACRE

In the Canadian Pacific's 3,000,000 acre tract of wheat land east of Calgary, Alberta, a new district has just been put on the market at \$10 per acre, on 10 years' time at 6 per cent interest. This land lies directly on the main line of the Canadian Pacific and one crop of wheat or oats will pay for it. The winter is open and mild and Umattilla county purchasers are moving over this month to begin work on their new farms. Mordo McDonald of Walla Walla, but well known in Grande Ronde, is sending over a big farming outfit to

begin work on his section and a half east of Calgary. He says that it is the best wheat country on the American continent. Bert Huffman, formerly of Union county, is farming his land east of Calgary this year. Conductors Jack Smith and Len McCrary, of the O. R. & N., will begin work on a section near Strathmore this spring. Wheat raising on the Canadian Pacific tract is not an experiment now. Miles Farrell, a farmer near Calgary, harvested 46 1/2 bushels of winter wheat per acre on a full half section of new land.

Yields of from 50 to 60 bushels have been commonly reported all through the new settlement in the Bow River valley. One crop pays for the land. A. E. Burnett harvested 60 1/2 bushels of No. 1 wheat on new land east of Calgary in 1908. Over 100 bushels of oats were grown on land adjoining the above tract. Spring wheat matures in 120 days owing to the long hours of sunshine in the growing season. DON'T BE A RENTER WHEN YOU CAN OWN A HOME IN A NEW COUNTRY. YOU CAN PAY FOR A SECTION OF LAND IN ALBERTA WITH ONE CROP. OTHERS HAVE DONE IT, WHY NOT YOU?

J. E. Reynolds will leave La Grande for Calgary Thursday, February 25. Go now and get a choice tract on the main line of the railroad.

J. E. Reynolds, Jonathan Johnston, La Grande, Oregon. Pendleton, Oregon.

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