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UNION-WALLOWA COUNTIES. The Commercial associations of the counties of Wallowa and Union should join hands, pool their interests in a measure, having so much in common. Wallowa county was formerly a portion of Union county, a great many of the pioneer residents of Wallowa county were former residents of Union county, many of the sons of the pioneer families of Union county moved into Wallowa county. This fact for years has been no small factor in cementing social and commercial interests. Now that the iron horse has entered the great commonwealth of our sister county, which means still greater mutual interests, it would be the natural thing to pool interests in a common cause. Both counties need additional population. Wallowa county has opportunities and advantages for some people that Union county cannot provide, but there is not a resident in Union county but would rejoice to see every homeseeker that could not be secured for Union county, locate in Wallowa county.

On the other hand, every additional thousand people secured by Union county makes it just that much easier for Wallowa county to secure another thousand. It is a case of mutual interest for either county to develop, and, in fact, one cannot develop without assisting the other. In unity there is strength. These two counties, through their county courts and commercial clubs, could raise larger appropriations, and by working in harmony could do more effective work. The above suggestion was the remark overheard by the writer on the depot platform Saturday, when one of our wide-awake real estate men was there interviewing a group of homeseekers, and after questioning them for a few moments, realized that they wanted something that he did not believe could be found in Union county. Immediately commenced boasting for Wallowa county and actually hunted up one of the Wallowa county booklets and gave it to the supposed leader of the group. As the train moved out, he replied: "I believe I did Wallowa county and those people a favor. Wallowa county has some cheap land, and those fellows would soon make progressive farmers if they had a chance and I for one, would much rather see them locate in Wallowa county than elsewhere, if Union county cannot get them." This represents the feeling toward Wallowa county by the boosters of Union county, and we firmly believe it is reciprocal, and this feeling should be encouraged and cooperation would bring greater results.

Necessity being the mother of invention, the legislatures of the states of the northwest, during the past few years have found in perfecting the numerous irrigation projects the necessity of passing liberal laws regarding the condemning of certain lands that were needed for either reservoir sites or for the conducting of the canals and lateral ditches. The chance of holding up either the government or private enterprises by those who held too often the key to the situation, was in too many cases abused, hence these projects in many instances were abandoned altogether or the projects made to bear a greater burden than should have been. At the opera house meeting in this city on Saturday Mr. Pierce spoke of the probability of condemnation proceedings in connection with securing a portion of the land on the Meadow Brook project, as one of the owners has so far refused to consider anything less than \$25,000 for his 160 acres—\$155 per acre. Mr.

George Stoddard offered to put in all the land owned by the Grande Ronde Lumber company, which would also be needed, at the rate of \$3 per acre. Of course no one would think of paying anything like the price asked, and when the time comes for purchasing the reservoir site (a portion is already secured) the projectors will pay no more than the market price for similar lands in that vicinity. The board of directors, yet to be selected, will be composed of broad-minded business men, selected by the stockholders, who will not expect anything for nothing, but the board will know when it is being held up, and will also know its rights.

You boosters for paved streets, high schools and everything that looks forward, lay on your oars and lend a helping hand to secure this irrigation project, and it will be the largest factor in developing many other things, not even as yet suggested, that has struck Grande Ronde valley. In other words, this irrigation is by odds the biggest thing for Union county that has ever been attempted. The steps taken Saturday and the spirit it was received, seems to spell success in large letters.

The topic of discussion yesterday evening between the various parties returning from their trips to the hills was where the best and prettiest wild flowers grew. As each returned with their baskets full, honors were certainly divided about even. The flowers, however, were only an incident in an afternoon outing on a perfect spring day.

1200 ACRES OF SUGAR BEETS

MANAGER TAYLOR SUPERVISING UNION ORGANIZATION.

Present Week to See Great Progress in Beet and Small Grain Fields.

Twelve hundred acres of valley land will be seeded to sugar beets this year and with this object in view there is a general hustling of employes and mobilization of forces at the various headquarters of the Amalgamated Sugar company today. Manager Taylor was in Union looking to organization for spring work on the Hall ranch today, where the present week will see early spring work well under way.

Until last week the officials have been undecided, due to the uncertainty that the factory would stay in La Grande this summer, but now that fact being assured, work can be resumed. The small grains will also be seeded as quickly as possible.

OPEN DEBATE ON TARIFF

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was \$6,555,229,264; expenditures, \$6,483,644,856, not including receipts and expenditures of the postoffice department. He said if the postal deficit was eliminated it would show a surplus of \$74,555,408, besides \$50,000,000 spent on the Panama canal.

Payne further declared that the great majority of people favor protection of American industries. He said when the McKinley bill passed there was too much revenue and that the Wilson bill was like a kaleidoscope, giving protection and free trade in spots. He said the Dingley bill was the primal cause of the wonderful growth of industries in the United States. He also said the postal deficit was the result of increased rural service and that modern conditions demand a maximum and minimum tariff.

Kansas Wins Fight. The state supreme court in an opinion written by Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes today decided that the Missouri-Kansas boundary line dispute is settled in favor of Kansas, thus ending a long controversy relative to Goose Island in the Missouri river, near Kansas City.

New Prosecutor Named. President Taft today nominated Charles W. Miller United States district attorney of Indiana, to succeed Attorney Keating, who recently resigned rather than prosecute the publishers of the New York World and Indianapolis News, in connection with the libel suit growing out of the controversy over the purchase of the Panama canal property.

Stiff Neck. Stiff neck is caused by rheumatism in the muscles of the neck. It is usually confined to one side, or to the back of the neck and one side. While it is often quite painful, quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Not one case of rheumatism in 16 requires internal treat-

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Sealed bids will be received by the board of directors of the Joseph Warehouse Co., of Joseph, Oregon, up to Saturday, March 20th, 1909, at 10 a. m., for the construction of a warehouse at the City of Joseph. Said warehouse to be completed on or before Tuesday, May 25, 1909. Bidders to furnish a good and sufficient bond to be approved by the board of directors of the Joseph Warehouse Co. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of Caviness & Wuraweller, Joseph, Oregon.

Dated at Joseph, Oregon, March 16, 1909. Board of Directors of Joseph Warehouse Company.

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