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## FRUIT PROSPECTS INDICATE CROP THAT WILL SURPASS ALL RECORDS

### REPORTS MEAN THOUSANDS TO VALLEY FRUIT GROWERS

#### NORTH POWDER VALLEY VIES WITH GRANDE RONDE

COVE, April 8.—Special—Fruit growers on this side of the valley say that the prospect for an extraordinary crop of all fruits was never better. Cherries and berries especially, promise to bring thousands of dollars to the orchardists of this community. The apple orchards are in the finest condition, and have been more carefully pruned and sprayed during the past year than ever before. Very little diseased fruit will be seen this fall.

#### Same From Union.

UNION, April 8.—Special—No damage has been done by the frost in this end of the fruit belt. The harvest of apples, pears, plums and berries, and the most important one of dollars promises to be larger than ever before. Lewis brothers of La Grande have taken charge of the large Townley orchards, and are very busy pruning, burning brush etc., and making ready to take care of the immense crop that is confidently expected.

NORTH POWDER, April 8.—Special—This section, in which the memory of those who are not the "oldest inhabitants," did not raise enough fruit to make a dozen pies, is experiencing a condition that will in a few years result in making North Powder a shipping point for dozens of car loads of fruit. In the surrounding foot hills there are orchards on al-

most every quarter section and the apples, pears, prunes and berries from these foot hill ranches are entirely free from disease and of exceptional quality. No damage has been done by frost. The apples, according to Mr. John O'Bryan, of upper Wolf creek, are about as far along as in Grande Ronde, and unless the unexpected happens, there will be but little necessity of bringing in any kind of fruit outside this fall.

#### CHINESE ACT TONIGHT.

See Billy Sanborn in his only original Chink act tonight at the Pastime.

Sanborn, whose father was a missionary in China, gained quite an insight to the language, and later when he returned to Pekin as court reporter for a San Francisco daily, he became further proficient, so that today he is known thru California as the best Chinese linguist in this country.

Bordeaux and La Janeuse will also make a change in their part of the program.

The pictures taken on board the French training ship are a novelty in pictures as is also a tale of the Esquimaux.

## RED MEN "DRY"

Nes Perce Indians Opposed to Liquor Traffic in Idaho.

LEWISTON, Idaho, April 8.—When prohibition leaders begin their fight here, they will receive support of Nes Perce Indians. If the Indians do not change their minds they will give the "Wets" a hard fight. The Indians voters' league was busy all winter instructing the red men in duties of citizenship.

## DESPERADOES DO AN OGDEN JOINT

### THIRTY-FIVE GAMBLERS ROBBED OF MANY FAT JACK POTS

OGDEN, Utah, April 8.—Five unmasked desperadoes held up 35 men, in the White Elephant saloon gambling house at 1 o'clock this morning, obtaining \$2500 dollars; they backed out and escaped. They entered unnoticed. Gamblers at the tables were startled by the command "Hold up your hands." Seventy hands, dropping their chips and cards, went up.

#### SHOP IS POPULAR.

Christiansen Bros. are experiencing a good patronage and everybody goes away satisfied. Their barber shop is new and good service is promised.

C. C. Willis of Missoula, Mont., is here to assume the night shift at the Western Union office in place of Mr. Miles.

## FRANCE DEPARTS FORMER MONARCH

### CASTRO DRIVEN TO EXILE

#### THREE COUNTRIES IN PACT

#### EX-PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA DEPARTED FROM FRANCE

Deposed Ruler is Ordered Away From Island of Martinique by French Government Today—Three Big Nations Agree to Turn Him From There Shores.

PARIS, April 8.—Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela, and who has been defiant in attitude towards the United States, practically became an exile from the Western Hemisphere through a decision of the French government today to deport him from Port De France, Island of Martinique, where he landed yesterday after he had been refused permission to debark at Colon or Trinidad.

Castro lost his power last fall when he left for Europe to undergo an operation. The order expelling him from the island is pursuant to an agreement between France, the States and England.

#### BIG LODGE AFFAIR.

Joint Affair Will be Held in Near Future in This City.

All members of the local lodge of M. W. A., La Grande camp No. 7703, and their wives and all members of the Royal Neighbors and their wives will hold a joint supper two weeks from last Monday night. Visiting lodge members and their wives are also invited. Invitations will be sent out, but attendance does not depend on them alone. All members should come anyway.

## HELEN MODJESKA DEAD AT LAST

### UNCONSCIOUS SIX DAYS BEFORE CURTAIN DROPS ON ACTRESS

SANTA ANA, Calif., April 8.—Madame Helen Modjeska, famous Polish actress and singer, died at 10 o'clock this morning.

Death came after six days of unconsciousness following a lingering illness from Bright's disease. Her husband, Count Chlapowski and her son, Ralph Modjeska were at the bedside.

#### Good Friday Services.

St. Peter's Church. Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion 10 a. m. Litany and Penitential office. 3 p. m. Evening Prayer and address 7:20 p. m. Fruit head in.

#### SPECIAL EASTER MUSIC.

Easter Sunday will be replete with easter music at the M. E. church under the efficient management of the Leader, Miss Laura Green; several solos, anthems and group selections will be rendered during the morning and evening services.

## MOTOR ROUTES

Novel Service to be Started Between Dayton And Pendleton.

DAYTON, Wash., April 8.—Official announcement was made here today that gasoline motor service will shortly be inaugurated on the O. R. & N. lines between Dayton and Pendleton. The statement is based on a bulletin to that effect received from the general traffic department of the Hariman Lines at Canada.

## RECENT FROSTS DO NO INJURY

### FRUITMEN ASSERT COLD NIGHTS PROVE BENEFICIAL TO BUDS

Frosts that occur almost nightly this week are having no detrimental effects on the fruit crop, in fact is proving something of value at this time. Unless days are abnormally warm for two weeks to come, frosts similar to those occurring this week will have no chance to do the fruit harm. Peaches and pear buds are the nearest to bloom of any of the locally-grown fruit but even they have not reached the danger point.

Some alarm was felt this morning but fruit men from various parts of the valley all affirm that there is no danger this week.

#### NO BRIDGE MONEY.

Snake River Bridge Appropriation is Unconstitutional.

SALEM, April 15.—Act passed by the 1900 legislature authorizing the appropriation of \$10,000 for constructing of a bridge across Snake river from Ontario, Malheur county, into Idaho was declared unconstitutional. The bill was introduced by Representative Brooke of Harney and Malheur counties, but Malheur was unable to raise the money.

#### PORTLAND WHEAT HIGH.

PORTLAND, April 8.—Again Portland wheat touched a new record when a small lot of blue stem sold for \$1.30. This breaks the record of the city 5 cents.

#### REGENTS IN QUANDARY.

Ashland Commercial Club Will Pay Partial Salaries.

SALEM, April 8.—There is no improvement in the conditions surrounding the state sanction for continuance of the Ashland normal school. A meeting of the state board of normal school regents, scheduled for this afternoon, was postponed until morning so they can receive more favorable news from the school. Without notifying the regents, the Ashland commercial club authorized that the salaries of the teachers be partially paid.

## S. P. TOUCHES KLAMATH FALLS

### TRAINS WILL BE RUNNING INTO CITY IN TWENTY DAYS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 8.—People of this city are all in excitement the past week due to the fact that the Southern Pacific trains, are to be running through the city within 20 days. The roadbed to the city has been completed and workmen are now constructing a bridge across the river.

## WAREHOUSES TO RISE UP, MAYBE

### PROFIT TO ALL FARMERS

#### SITES VERY EASILY SECURED

#### WAREHOUSES AS BUILT ELSEWHERE MAY COME HERE

If Plans now under way mature at Saturday's Meeting—The Valley Will be Studded With Co-operative Warehouses For Farmers—Organizer Hopeful.

Warehouses for exclusive use by members of the local Co-operative Farmers association will be built at the principal O. R. & N. stations in Union county, if plans to be advanced at the meeting of the Farmers to be held in the Elks hall next Saturday afternoon. Mature organizer Cox reports that the Granges of the county will join with the association and work jointly for the fulfillment of this and other objects. Mr. Cox affirms that the association has the privilege of building on O. R. & N. property anywhere convenient to all and that such has been successfully done elsewhere. It means higher prices and better results he says, for every commodity which the farmer has. Hay and grain can be stored at the warehouses, potatoes and fruit can be held there where the best buyers can see them and orders can be filled promptly. Warehouses for grain and potatoes is "all the go" in Washington. Profiting by experiences there, Mr. Cox hopes to convince the farmers here that they are the best and most plausible solution for every one concerned. He has a bushel of arguments tending to prove his assertions.

Indications are that a large meeting will be held on Saturday as those who are now members have taken a strong hold of the project and are working it along rapidly.

## BUY TICKETS TO UNION CITY SOON

### PRESENT TICKET NUISANCE WILL DISAPPEAR MAY THIRD

The general passenger department of the O. R. & N., has announced that it will participate with the Central Railroad of Oregon, a line running between Union on the O. R. & N., main line south of La Grande and Cove, a distance of 18 miles, in the sale of tickets. A new tariff schedule covering this agreement has just been issued and becomes effective May 3. This joint agreement was reached as the result of the sale of the Central Railroad, the new management satisfying the O. R. & N., that such an arrangement was justified by the traffic and would be mutually convenient.

To La Grande and Union this is especially gratifying news. At present it is a decided nuisance to purchase tickets to Union station and then pass the other way to Union, to go three miles to Union town.

#### WILL HOLD SALE.

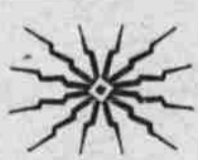
The Ladies Aid Society of the Central Church of Christ will hold a bonnet, apron and cook food sale at the Russel Meat Market next Saturday. If you are in need of any of these wares, call at the sale before making.

# You Are Invited

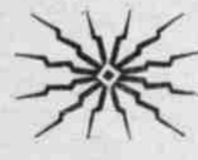
to visit this store at any time to inspect our new spring lines, whether you intend buying at the time or not.

# Our Stock Is Complete

in every detail, and should you want anything from a yard of calico to the newest tailor-made spring suit, WE HAVE IT.



# EASTER



will soon be here. Now is the time to get your new suit and hat.

Just received a delayed shipment of hand-tailored suits and skirts. COME IN AND SEE THEM.

# THE FAIR