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A movement is on foot to secure special rates and form a party of not less than twenty five business men and large land owners and visit the Twin Falls irrigation project. This route will also permit the party viewing the irrigation projects in the Boise valley, which is dotted with cities like, Weiser, Payette, Caldwell, Nampa and the growing city of Boise. Water and water only has developed these sections and what water has done elsewhere will work a similar revolution in Grande Ronde valley. This idea is one that should not only be suggested but should be carried out. La Grande is growing. Every year adds to our importance. We have reached that point where the growth of any part of Grande Ronde valley means a larger La Grande. We have gone past point where we are jealous of the growth or development of any city or section of the valley. We are to this valley what Portland is to Oregon. The time was when all of the smaller cities of the state were jealous of four metropolis, that has passed. Every hamlet in the state is proud of Portland's growth and she is proud of the growth of every section of Oregon. Every section of this valley is glad of La Grande's prosperity. Never has there been such harmony existing throughout this valley as exists today and this means a greater and more prosperous Grande Ronde.

Can't you feel it in the atmosphere, this irrigation project is a go. Not if we lay down but if the same push that has piled up the present \$60,000 will just keep at it the balance will be forthcoming. The farmers will all want stock in this corporation. They will catch the spirit when they begin to realize their stock will not be a dividend producer, but they will want to have a say in the management. Like all corporations, this will be no exception to the rule, susceptible to public opinion. Let fifty or sixty of our leading farmers become stockholders there will be no danger as to the policy that will be followed in the future. Look over the list of heavy stockholders, they are all business men of La Grande, what is good for the general interest of this valley will naturally be to their interest. Let the farmer become interested in the management as well as to furnish the land their interests will be carefully guarded and they too will share in the acreage that will be forthcoming when those who will pass up their opportunity and later will be glad to buy in at double the present price.

One of a party of home seekers, while passing the Observer office early this morning remarked. This is our first morning in Oregon and naturally we are delighted. We do not know where we will locate this first stop since leaving Michigan, and if our tickets did not take us to Portland we certainly would be tempted to locate right and things will have to look mighty good or if we do not return. The east bound trains trailing all the way from two to four empty coaches, tell which way the travel is tending. Oregon is receiving hundreds of new people daily and it will be the case for many years to come.

Boise has now city treasurer.

The Harriman lines it is said, expect to withdraw from handling freight to Spokane from Chicago and St. Paul. They cannot compete with the more direct Northern lines. It is farther from Chicago to Spokane via the Harriman lines than to Portland; yet the Portland rate is much higher than the Spokane rate fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The North Bank trains are always crowded with settlers and the places near The Dalles that are getting large per centage are Underwood, White Salmon, Trout Lake, Glenwood, Lyle, Klickitat valley and points all along the Columbia river.—Dalles Chronicle.

A young man who offended a girl of tender years in a Canadian town chose to be whipped instead of serving a jail sentence for crime. The judge of the court applied the lash.

Baker City Knight Templar will have the pleasure of listening to Rev. J. R. N. Bell on Easter Sunday.

A The Dallas citizen has asked that auto drivers in that city be compelled to keep to the right.

Baker City papers say that an apartment house would be a paying investment in that town.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, will fight for an income tax in the new tariff bill.

MERCHANTS LIKE PLAN

Something was started that will be finished, when the Merchants Protective Association held their first shoulder-rub dinner last evening at the banquet apartment of the Model restaurant. Speeches were made by several of the 32 guests present. Harmony was the keynote of the entire affair. Get-together spirits prevailed and the speeches teemed with that feeling. Irrigation as another predominant tone of the after-dinner addresses.

Those who spoke were: President Collier, Walter M. Pierce, J. B. Stoddard, A. S. Geddes, Fred B. Halsten, J. J. Carr, C. C. Pennington, T. J. Scroggin and Publicity Manager F. B. Currey who was largely instrumental in getting the merchants together. The affair was successful beyond the fondest hopes and it will be repeated next month.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

The annual congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church last evening was well attended and a delightful evening was spent by those who were present. The reports of the various organizations of the church were heard. All indicated that every organization was in a flourishing condition. The church was never as strong and prosperous as at present. There was raised over \$2000, for congregational purposes and over \$900 for benevolence.

The officers of the church are as follows: elders, A. Anderson, F. Broehler, H. R. Hanna, F. E. Holm, R. E. Smith and J. T. Williamson; trustees, W. L. Brenholts, F. Girdel, H. Henson, F. E. Moore, F. Oliver, C. H. Upton, J. K. Wright.

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