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The death of Ex-Secretary Hitchcock removes a man to whom this county owes a great deal. Had Mr. Hitchcock, while secretary of the Interior, been made of the same kind of clay as others of this department we would never have heard anything regarding land frauds and the large corporations would have continued to buy up the vast forests of the west. It is true that before he put a stop to the wholesale violation of the law, practically all of the timber lands had passed from the government. However, he had the satisfaction of placing a few of the ring-leaders in the penitentiary and dethroned many of the political leaders through whose prestige this wholesale business only was made possible. Hitchcock bore the brunt of the most tremendous political pressure that was ever hurled against a cabinet official and had it not been for the stalwart Roosevelt he would have been dethroned early in the game, but Roosevelt stood by his side all the way through. To Hitchcock is due the credit very largely of raising our national standard of honor several points and his revelations in certain quarters of the government made it possible for other reforms to follow.

Watch La Grande, never in our history have the business interests of this city worked in such perfect harmony as at present. The spirit of brotherly love prevails throughout the commercial interests. Another thing, our business men all feel for the first time in our history that they expected to live and die in La Grande. Heretofore La Grande has always been considered a good place to make money, but that was all they were after. After they made the money they left for other parts to make their home.

Our annual aster shows are creating a general love for flowers and pretty yards, which adds to the general home appearance. There is nothing that appeals to the human senses as a pretty yard of flowers. It suggests a finer sense of refinement. We are glad the aster show also be a success, but for the number of pretty yards that will necessarily be the result.

AMERICAN POET DEAD.
 LONDON, April 16.—Algernon Charles Swinburne, who died of pneumonia at his home at Padney. He has been ill several weeks.

Like to see a Chink or Dage comedian? Billy Sanborn at the Pastime tonight.

FAST GAME EXPECTED

Unless storms intervene, Union will contend with the La Grande amateurs at the park tomorrow afternoon. Manager Lincoln has not secured the lineup of the Unionites, but La Grande will go on the field practically the same as it did last Sunday.

According to the dope sheets, Union has no business winning from the locals in this contest, but those who are acquainted with the things at Union say that the past week has rounded that team into first class shape for this time of the year.

DEATH PREDICTED BY GIRL'S DREAM

MAN KILLED NEAR NORTH YAKIMA CARRIED STRANGE LETTER

NORTH YAKIMA, Wa., April 16.—With a letter in his pocket forecasting his death, Charles Dunn, whose parents reside at Sharp, Pa., was found dead at Kittitas canyon where he was run over yesterday by a Northern Pacific train. Trainmen say he was stealing a ride. The letter was from his sweetheart at Fargo, N. D., and read: "I dreamed you were dead and that I could see you no more" (signed) ANNIE.

DECISION NOT GIVEN

A report from Baker City to the Observer yesterday stated that the railroad commission had rendered a decision in the trouble between ship pers and the Sumpter Valley Railroad. This statement was erroneous. Although Mr. Atchison, one of the commissioners, spent some time in Baker City and Astoria in conference with the officials of the road and the shippers, no decision was given, and in fact not even a hearing has been had. The conference was purely informal and friendly.

The commission is making every effort to gather data as to the rates that may legitimately be charged by mountain roads similar to the Sumpter road, and will adjust matters probably in the near future, but as yet, no form of action has been taken. The primary cause of the trip of Mr. Atchison through Baker County was to get the testimony of road officials as to the value of stations, grounds and right of way in that county, and he will return in a short time to this county for the same purpose. He left for Portland last night, having covered more than 1200 miles in the past week.

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