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MARKED ACTIVITY IN REAL ESTATE

LAST WEEK HAS SET

A VERY RAPID PACE

With a Half Dozen Transfers of Importance, Several Pending and Four Held Out of Publicity, All in Less Than a Week, There Are Signs of Greater Prosperity—20 acre Tract Sells For Twelve Hundred and Fifty—Near City.

Never in the history of the city, in recent years at least, has there been so much marked activity in real estate and sale of city property as this week, due primarily to the confidence in the successful culmination of the irrigation project. Within the last day or two there have been a half dozen important transfers, some of which have been given publicity and still others of even greater importance are pending. Among those already made, are: the Grady home, the purchase from David Stoddard by F. C. Bramwell of a comfortable cottage, the purchase of the Abegg property by Mr. Stoddard, and lastly the purchase of a 20 acre tract near La Grande through the La Grande Investment company by J. H. Barham for \$1200. Mr. Barham has had charge of the Cleaver orchards near Allec for several years.

Four Other Deals.

While these many deals—those mentioned are only a few of them mean the changing hands of a considerable amount of money, there are four deals all but consummated today, that mean the click of fatter sums. One especially of these four is said to be of more than usual importance.

BIRTH RECORD.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Baker in East La Grande, April 19, a girl.

TO TRY BENSON

REVIVES OREGON LAND FRAUD CONSPIRACIES

John A. Benson Trial Will be Resumed at Once—Had Hoped to Escape on This Charge.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—All is in readiness today to proceed with the trial of John A. Benson, of San Francisco, accused of bribery in connection with defrauding the Government out of valuable forest reserve lands in Washington and California. Benson waived the reading of the indictment and attempted to escape trial on the grounds of his acquittal on the former charge of conspiracy.

Alton Barnes is down from North Powder today.

JEFFRIES IS READY FOR COON

WILL SEND OUT HIS FORMAL CHALLENGE THIS EVENING

NEW YORK, April 20.—Jim Jeffries will announce in regular official form tonight that he will fight Johnson the coon, or any other fighter who wants to meet him. Jeffries said today: "Immediately after my boxing exhibition tonight he will announce to the audience that I decide to re-enter the ring and defend my title against heavyweight Championship against any man. If Johnson is fortunate enough to beat Ketchel in October, I will meet him before any club offering the most money. I can get back my former condition and be ready to fight within ten months or a year."

PATTEN CORNER NEAR DISASTER

PRICE OF WHEAT IS CRUMBLING RAPIDLY

Concerted Effort Made to Break The Bulls of Chicago Wheat Pit—Poor Are Jubilant Believing Cheaper Bread is in Sight—Patten Unable to Raise Prices—Opened at \$1.55 and Dropped to \$1.25 and, Before Closing.

CHICAGO, April 16.—What is apparently a concerted effort to break the Patten wheat corner was made shortly after the opening of the pit this morning. Enormous quantities of wheat were dumped out of the market. Prices crumbled. May opened \$1.26 1-4 and dropped to \$1.25 7-8, lowest figure since sensational advance.

Patten personally directed the operations today. He failed to get the figures back to the opening level.

Though excitement was rampant in the pit at the closing, there was even added interest taken in the poor quarters of the city, the bread eaters believing the partially successful bearing of the market will mean a reduction in bread.

Bears this afternoon threw the pit into uproar by a terrific raid, driving May to \$1.33 1-2 and July to \$1.13 1-2. Bears will continue to unload enormous quantities from all directions.

Woman Pleads With Patten.

A pathetic feature of today's trading was the visit of an aged woman to Patten's office. She said "My son lost all his savings, of \$5000 in the pit. You are responsible for it; we are ruined, I have come to ask you to return the money." Patten replied he was irresponsible for the son's losses.

DELEGATION OF MEN SELECTED

LEADING LIGHTS IN MONEY CIRCLES GOING

Not Later Than Thursday Group of Men Will go to Portland From Here to Interest Metropolis Capital in Local Irrigation Project—Men Chosen After Much Deliberation—Represent Money Interests of The Whole City Anticipate Results.

Not later than Thursday, the delegation of influential business men of this city chosen to visit Portland in a body and attempt to gain subscriptions of a substantial nature to close up the required \$100,000 needed for the Meadow Brook irrigation scheme, will take its departure from here and will return again in time to attend the Oregon Idaho Development Congress, April 27-28.

The men chosen, as result of the impromptu board meeting yesterday noon, are: Messrs. F. L. Meyers, cashier of the La Grande National, J. D. McKennon, chairman of the soliciting committee, Mac Wood, manager of the Golden Rule company, W. H. Bohnenkamp of the Bohnenkamp hardware company, and Walter N. Pires, president-manager of the Grand Ronde electric company.

The delegates hopes to get away tomorrow evening but the definite date of departure has not been decided upon.

A large degree of responsibility is put on those men and that they will come back with the desired chromo is generally anticipated, though there is nothing certain about the venture. If it succeeds at all it will be the crowning master stroke by the club to ring the bell on the top of the \$100,000 ladder.

The committee which went out in an auto yesterday to solicit further subscriptions to the Meadowbrook stock list met with a greater measure of success than was anticipated, and they report that the spirit of cooperation is gaining ground, and that more and more the farmers are hoping and working for the complete success of the enterprise, and see the necessity of putting money back of their desires.

KAMELA OFFICE ROBBED AT NOON

NERVE EFFORT TO RIFLE TILL AT NOON HOUR SUCCESSFUL

Some unknown, but bold robber today rifled the till of the Kamela post-office of \$24.77, the sum total of Uncle Sam's money in the office. None of money order blanks were molested. The strange part of the theft was that it was committed between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock today noon. Postmaster Nester Seaman had closed the office, intent on going to lunch. On his return he found that that some one had reached the till from the outside, by breaking a window and reaching through the crevice. Not being able to gain ingress, the thief had contented himself with taking the ready cash.

A tramp was seen loitering about the summit this forenoon, but other than that there is no clue as to the robber.

Seaman lost no time but immediately phoned to Postmaster Richey and the authorities have been put on the case.

Mrs. George Parker of Kamela is here today.

STRANGESTOCK

CATTLE FROM FAR OFF SCOTLAND FEEDING HERE

Novelty in Cattle Seen at Stock Yards This Morning—Resemble Buffaloes To Large Extent.

A train load of cattle were unloaded at the local yards this morning for feeding and watering. Among the cattle are some from the Duval ranch, near Nampa, Idaho, and among them are two that were imported from Scotland. They are shaggy brutes, with hair hanging down over their eyes, and with horns like those of the old time Texas longhorn. They are undersized, as compared with our American breeds, and look more like buffaloes than cattle to any, but the eyes of a Scotch Highlander.

The beef cattle are consigned to a Tacoma firm, and the Highland cattle will be exhibited at the A. Y. P. exposition. The sight of them is well worth the walk to the stock yards.

RESTORE SIGHT TO D. M. BROWN

LOCAL BLINDMAN - SEES AFTER EIGHT YEARS OF SUFFERING

Totally blind in one eye for eight years, and five months in the other, M. D. Brown is today able to distinguish objects readily with one eye and has promise of having full sight restored within a month. One of the most successful operations for cataract of the eye in the history of the city, was performed this morning at the Grand Ronde hospital when Eye Specialist Corey of Portland successfully removed the cataract mentioned.

Yesterday Mr. Brown was sent to the hospital to be prepared for the critical operation and this forenoon, in the presence of a few local doctors and Frank Brown, the scale that excluded light from the eye for eight years was removed. A few moments later, with proper shading about his head, Mr. Brown was called upon to use the long-idle member. He could distinguish the number of fingers on a hand held up for inspection. Less than five minutes after the object was removed he was told to look upon a specified personage, and much to the delight of all, he quickly answered, "why that is Frank."

For a week or so, the eye will be closely bandaged and then the other eye will be treated. This memoir has been totally covered with the cataract but a short period, something like five months.

MRS. VANAMORE DEAD.

Came to La Grande Recently to Make Future Home Here.

Mrs. E. Vanamore who with her husband and their adopted daughter, came to La Grande to live a few days ago, died this morning after a short illness from pneumonia. The Vanamore family lived in Arkansas when the recent tornado swept over that district.

A few days ago she contracted a severe cold, death coming as a result this morning. The funeral will be held from the B. W. Grandy residence at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Vanamore is aged 35 and is survived by her husband and one adopted daughter. She was a sister in law of Mrs. Jennie Baker.

CHILD BADLY BURNED.

Falls in Bucket of Water and is Badly Scalded.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Workman was badly burned last Sunday in falling over a bucket of hot water. The burns are about the limbs. She is improving rapidly under the care of Dr. Hubbard.

SULTAN APPEALS FOR OUTSIDE AID

IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM ESCAPE YOUNG TURKS

Surrender of Constantinople to Young Turks is Being Discussed With Representatives in Sultan's Palace—Strong Guard Surrounds City—Will Take Days to Hear From Kaiser Who Has Been Appealed to For Immediate Aid.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 20.—Grand Vizier, Tewfik Pasha, is reported as resigned today, after holding a conference with the Sultan regarding the surrender of Constantinople to Young Turks. Representatives of the invading army reported at the palace and are awaiting the Sultan's decision.

It is learned the Sultan is negotiating for assistance from Germany and is trying to stave off the invaders until he has received a reply. It will probably be several days before he hears from the Kaiser.

Turkish Prince Killed.

SYMRA, April 20.—Kopasta Effendi, the Turkish Prince of Sames, is assassinated, according to a dispatch received here today. Details are unobtainable.

Sultan Cannot Escape.

SALONICA, April 20 Forty thousand men are now camped within a few hours march of Constantinople. It is impossible that the Sultan can escape from the city on account of the heavy guards the invaders have around the city.

NEW FAMILY HERE.

Minnesota Poultry Raiser Will Establish Big Farm Soon.

L. J. Lee and family, who to La Grande last week, are favorably impressed with our city, and have determined to locate here permanently. He will establish an extensive poultry farm. He has devoted his attention to poultry industry for several years in Minnesota and has succeeded admirably in the work. They are living temporarily between 5th and 4th on Depot street.

LABORER AVERTS A DERAILMENT

ACCOMMODATION TRAIN SAVED BY THE LOSS OF ONE LIFE

BELLINGHAM, April 20.—To save a southbound Seattle accommodation train, and the Great Northern, from derailment, and a bad wreck, John Christianson, a track repairer today attempted to drag a frightened team attached to a scraper from the track. The team was killed and Christianson fatally injured. He prevented the train from striking the scraper thus preventing a derailment.

TWO WINDOWS BROKEN.

Plate Glass Valued at \$250 Accidently Broken This Afternoon.

Two hundred and fifty dollars went to pieces this afternoon when two large plate glass windows of the M. & M. building were accidentally broken. A heavy wire being hoisted to the roof in front of the building swung a heavy horse used by the carpenters against the glass breaking two. The loss is heavy.

Were You There? Where?

At the COME and FIND OUT SALE of course

SATURDAY'S SPECIAL WAS

All Jap and China Wash Silks at 33c per yard

Something startling Monday, You will not be told until Tuesday, so you had better COME AND FIND OUT what it is for Yourself.

A New Special Each Day

THE FAIR STORE

LA GRANDE, OREGON