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The present week two transactions in orchard lands have been recorded at values that will certainly stagger those who think the fruit business of Oregon is being overdone. The Lowndale apple orchard in famous old Yamhill county, the largest commercial orchard in the world, so states the owner, consisting of 300 acres planted to orchard and 300 acres of similar land adjoining, sold for \$275,000. The orchard is twenty years of age. The price is equivalent to \$740 for the orchard land and \$150 per acre for the unimproved tract.

Tuesday of this week Burt Van Horn of Hood River sold his 100 acre orchard, receiving \$105,000, over \$1,000 per acre. This orchard is only eight years old. Last year Mr. Van Horn sold 40 acres in orchard to Dickerson & Peck, of Minneapolis for \$34,000, and ten acres to W. R. Starrett, of New York City for \$9,000.

When J. D. McKennon pays \$100 per acre for a farm of 320 acres, it is time for people to realize that first class real estate in Grand Ronde valley has an intrinsic value. The new purchaser is firmly of the opinion that he has the finest farm in the county, but there are other farms that cannot be bought for any less per acre. Irrigation will make much of our land now unsalable at \$50 and \$60 per acre immediately jump to the \$100 and \$125 per acre class.

The Merchant's Protective Association of this city is rapidly gaining a reputation for making life a burden to those who abuse their credit. During the past few months one man has been sent to the penitentiary for buying goods and leaving the state, and a couple of days ago, backed by the association, Sheriff Childers followed and arrested W. A. Stowell in Copperfield. Other cases might be cited, but the safer plan is to pay your honest debts, especially to members of this association.

The petition presented to the council last evening to have the lot on Fourth street, the site of the old city council rooms, converted into a park, is a step in the right direction. It is true it will be small but it will provide a little rest park, noticeable in many places and which are always appreciated. Then again the temptation to use it for a lumber yard would be removed.

The Hill and Harriman forces are struggling desperately to beat each other in a fight for rights of way through the Clearwater valley into Idaho.

Trains are still snowbound in Colorado. But the Denver papers will go on bragging unblushingly about their mild Italian climate!—Spokesman-Review.

Senator Borah of Idaho, is said to have received a great ovation when he closed his speech on the income tax in the Senate last Tuesday.

Eight crews of surveyors will soon be at work on the Malheur irrigation project. Headquarters will be established at Ontario.

Senator Bourne is urging the appointment of Dr. Coe of Portland as minister to Mexico.

Did you find it?
Want ads find things.

BOYS OF SS WILL DEBATE

On Wednesday evening May 19, there will be a debate at the Presbyterian church. The subject is "Resolved; that the Indians have suffered more at the hands of the white man than the negro." Three debaters will be chosen from the Blue Mountain boys, of the Methodist Sunday school, and an equal number from the Lambda Phi Alpha class of the Presbyterian Sunday school. In addition to the above a pleasing program will be presented. A small admission will be charged, which will be divided between the two classes for their athletic funds. This is a commendable undertaking and the boys will undoubtedly be well patronized on this occasion.

More News From Walla Walla.

Another wire from Nelson reads: Peare won his heat in one hundred and twenty yard hurdle. Haidenrich won second place in the high hurdle. Millering boys and Young qualified in the pole vault.

Experiment with Observer want ads.

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