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Notice of the annual school election appearing in this paper, the purpose being to vote a tax sufficient to carry on our public schools for the next year. The rate last year was eight mills. Owing to the increased valuation this year the rate would probably have been about four mills but owing to the passage of a city ordinance demanding that fire escapes being supplied on all public buildings this will necessitate something between \$2,000 and \$3,000 and it is expected that the levy will be either 4 1/2 or 5 mills. The levations are that taxes will be higher this year than they were last, both the direct and the indirect. The direct tax of the property owners of the city who will be called upon to pave and macadam the streets will be no small item next year. However there will be many blocks so improved in 1910.

Next Saturday, December 11, there will be an open meeting at the Opera House for the purpose of meeting all those interested in subscribing land under the Grande Ronde Reservoir Irrigation project. The time has arrived when the contracts must be all signed to make possible the completion of the enterprise. During the past two months there has been more or less discussion regarding the terms of the contract and not a few false impressions have gone abroad. The object of this meeting is to discuss and explain this contract, to take it up section by section. It is not the intention of the company to place anything in the contract except what the bond buyers would exact. Let those interested come out on that date and bring their friends with them.

When the date for securing the contracts for the Owhe Irrigation project was announced the farmers flocked in and on that day 11,000 acres were subscribed. Those people knew the value of water and were willing to pay for it, the price being \$55.00 per acre.

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acre. The price on our project is only \$20 per acre and the expense of handling the water is less than one-half that it is costing the Owhe farmers.

What will some of the congressional candidates throughout the land do in the coming campaign if Uncle Joe is not to be a candidate for the speaker ship next time. Their campaign thunder is based largely upon the fact that they are opposed to Cannonism. While no doubt some of them hate Uncle Joe at present if he withdraws at this early stage in the campaign, they never will forgive him.

Postal savings banks will undoubtedly be brought to light again as it is understood that president Taft is strongly in favor of them. If the president really attempts to bring about their establishment it will require considerable effort upon his part to get congress to pass the bill.

Mexico and Arizona will be candidates for statehood at the coming session of congress. In fact there are so many matters of public importance that the session which opens next Monday will be the most interesting for many years.

The tragic death of the late Congressman David De Armond of Missouri removes one of the most brilliant members of the minority party and his loss will be severely felt when congress meets next Monday.

We will soon begin to hear of Vice President Sherman. So far he has simply been overlooked, but as presiding officer over the senate he will get into the lime light.

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One thousand dollars worth of holiday goods are now being opened up and will be ready for inspection by Saturday. Come and make your selections while the line is complete.

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Odd Fellows Attention.

All members of the La Grande lodge No. 16, I. O. O. F., and all visiting brethren are especially invited to attend the Second annual Roll Call at the I. O. O. F. hall, Saturday night December 4th, 1909.

I. R. SNOOK, Sec.

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Attendants Fail to Get into Communication With His Relatives.

Brakeman Schley who was injured two days ago by falling from a moving freight train, continues to lie in a semi-conscious condition at the hospital and despite all the attending physician and nurses can do for him, it seems impossible to bring him out of his stupor. He makes strenuous efforts to speak, but his attendants have not been able to distinguish what he attempts to say. He apparently can understand what was said to him and makes painful efforts to answer. He has relatives in Ohio, it is believed, but thus far, no one has been able to get into communication with any relatives.

His condition is a peculiar one and he is but little improved. For this reason the hospital attendants have made earnest efforts to communicate with his relatives, and though telegrams have been sent promiscuously to his supposed relatives, no answers have been received.

CHURCHES.

Baptist Church

You are invited to attend all of the services at the Baptist church at the corner of Sixth and Spring streets. Sunday School at 9:45, preaching services at 11 a. m., and B. Y. P. U. Prayer meeting at 6:30 p. m. and evening services at 7:30 p. m. The theme for the morning hour will be "The True Foundation and in the evening "Revised Scripture for Nominal Christians." Weekly prayer meeting every Thursday night at 7:30 p. m.

FRANK E. GRAY,
Minister.

First Presbyterian Church.

Washington Avenue and Sixth St. Rev. S. W. Seemann, D. D. minister. Morning subject, "The blessings of Jehovah." Anthem, "Christian, the Morn." Shelly. Evening subject: "A Journey Across the Continent." Anthem "Hold Thee My Hand," Gounard. Gospel Solo, Mr. C. E. Cochran. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Mr. W. L. Brenholdt, superintendent. C. E. Services 6:30 p. m. Lesson from First John, 1 John 4:7-21. Mid week services. Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

St. Peter's Church

Second Sunday in Advent
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Service 11 a. m.
Evening Service 5 p. m.
The vestry will meet Monday at 7:30 p. m. The St. Peter's Guild will Thursday afternoon at the rectory. Services and choir practice Friday at 7:30 p. m.

UPTON H. GIBBS
Rector.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Corner of M. and Fourth streets, H. E. McLeod, Ph. D., pastor. Sunday School 9:45. G. H. Currey, superintendent. Morning services 11:00. Subject: "Call of Gideon." Class meeting at 12 for 30 minutes. Epworth League at 6:30. Evening services 7:30. Subject: "Memories." Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Y. M. C. A. Convention.

Special announcements have been received of the Oregon-Idaho convention of the Young Men's Christian association to be held in Corvallis Jan. 21-23. Fred B. Smith of the International committee will be the chief speaker.

M. E. Church South.

Sunday School services at the usual hour. The morning services will be conducted by Rev. J. W. Oliver. There will be no evening services.

Musical Comedy Finale.

The finale of "Flora's Elopement," at the Pastime tonight will have a regular musical comedy ending. This is the last night of this spirited comedy and it is needless to say that a packed house will witness the close.

Tomorrow night, another comedy "Blundering Billy," will hold the boards.

LADD CANYON ITEMS

Ladd Canyon, Dec. 4.—Although it was quite stormy on the evening the Thanksgiving program was rendered, Nov. 27 a good sized crowd assembled and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The meeting was called to order by E. E. Jones and a good program was given.

Mr. Adolph Peebler spent Thanksgiving at Cove with her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Van Fleet of La Grande ate Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. James McClure.

University News.

Try-outs for the interstate debating teams are being held at the University of Oregon in which forty men are participating. Eleven men are to be chosen for the team.

The University of Oregon expects to issue as a supplement to the February number of the Bulletin, a complete directory of all the Oregon high schools. It will contain the names of the teachers and the subjects being taught by each, their preparation, the number of years in the high school course, etc., and is to be sent out free of charge.

A debating team composed of the University of Oregon girls will meet a similar team from the University of Washington in the spring. Women in the University are taking much interest in literary society work and hope to win this debate.

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Special School Meeting.

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Dated this 27th day of November, 1909.

HENRY HANSON,
Chairman of the Board of Directors.
Attest:—ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS,
District Clerk.

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