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Tuesday the Commercial club will have a meeting to discuss the pros and cons of the high school and if the consensus of opinion at this meeting favors such a move, steps will be taken to submit the question of building and equipping a high school.

Whether or not the voters will favor it, the fact remains that La Grande does not offer the school advantages that other towns of our class do.

The only objection that can be advanced against it is that of taxation, but whatever the expense will be we venture the statement that an investigation of our public schools in comparison with either Baker City or Pendleton, the shrewd business men and property owners will say it will prove an investment rather than an expenditure.

You may visit either of the two cities named above and many homes will be pointed out that the owners own farms in their respective counties but the families are in the cities in order to secure the exceptional school advantages afforded.

How many lumbermen, farmers and stockgrowers own homes in La Grande for that purpose? The above investigation will answer the whole question.

We are spending several thousands of dollars each year to attract homeseekers. We could offer nothing half so attractive as a strict up-to-date public school.

Those of us who have lived here for a number of years are well aware of the fact that the boys and girls of today do not enjoy the school advantages that were afforded the boys and girls of twenty-five years ago.

For many years we have not been in position in our public school to teach either physics nor chemistry. The facts are that we have not tried to teach chemistry for several years if ever at all.

Until the closing of the Western Normal school last year Union county furnished anywhere from 26 to 40 students that were not taught a single branch but what was supposed to be taught in our public schools.

La Grande has no hopes of obtaining in the nature of an educational institution beyond a public school, therefore it is an incumbent upon us to provide and maintain a public school to the highest possible standard.

We today are the natural commercial, social and political center of this county and we should be the educational center, but we are not.

From a financial standpoint we could not afford to spend \$150,000 for Beaver Creek water, nevertheless it was a good investment. While we may not be able to spend \$75,000 for the building and equipping of a first class high school, we cannot afford not to do it.

elections and met defeat in 19 in that state.

From all indications it evident that Dr. Cook had cold turkey for his Christmas dinner. He doubtedly wishes he had spent the day at or near the North Pole or on the summit of Mt. McKinley.

GAVIN AGAIN IN LA GRANDE

YOUNG ENGINEER RELEASED FROM PORTLAND HOSPITAL

Lacking two days of 14 months since his injuries here.

Engineer "Jimmie" Gavin is home after a painful and tedious stay in a Portland hospital following his serious accident 14 months ago. Though he will likely bear the effects of his frightful injuries for many years, "Jimmie" is in excellent spirits and highly delighted with being able to spend Christmas with his friends and parents here.

RICHARDSON WINS SUIT

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE GIVEN A VERDICT AT PORTLAND.

Case of Long Standing Comes to An End in High Courts—Decision Was no Surprise.

S. F. Richardson, the Union county pioneer-merchant who traded groceries for timber while operating a small portable sawmill near Council, Idaho, was yesterday relieved from the claim made by the United States, a demand for the payment of \$2,000.

Mr. Richardson, who is now a Union county official operated a store at Council in 1903 and 1904. At the time Basil D. Hinkley was endeavoring to establish a home on the public domain near that point, and in clearing his homestead Hinkley cut out about 200,000 feet of timber which he traded to Mr. Richardson for supplies.

Later Hinkley relinquished his homestead entry, and it finally reverted to the government. In the trial of the case Mrs. Basil Hinkley went on the stand for the defendant and testified that all of the timber cut from the homestead was done in endeavoring to clear the land and place it under cultivation.

The couple were compelled to abandon the place on the account of the scarcity of water for domestic purposes.

She completely refuted the claims made by the Idaho government officials that the timber had been taken for speculative purposes.

The case is about the last of those which came down from the agitation of a few years ago resulted in the indictment of most every person who had sawed a log in Western Idaho, Portland Oregonian.

EAST SUFFERS FROM STORM.

(Continued from page one.) the state, the passengers taken to hotels to save them from the fury of the storm and railroading in Pennsylvania was practically at a standstill for the past 24 hours.

Reports are coming in slowly as to the damage by the high winds, which blew at a hurricane velocity, an denote that an immense amount of damage has been done.

Two Dead in New Haven.

New Haven, Conn. Dec. 27.—Two men are known to be dead and over a half a million dollars worth of property has been destroyed as the result of the awful blizzard that has been raging in this state for the past two days.

the howling winds. Conductor Donovan and a passenger by the name of Michael Morton were killed when a street car in which they were riding was litterly picked up by the wind and hurled into the Nagtucket river.

Elaborate Christmas.

In common with other cities of the Northwest, La Grande observed Christmas this year with more elaborateness than before in many years. Christmas tree programs were well attended Friday night, and joy and mirth has run rampant everywhere since that hour.

Some of the programs announced for Yuletide and carried out Friday night follow:

At the Methodist Church. Christmas Chorus. Prayer. Anthem, choir. Christmas Thoughts—Rev. H. E. McLeod. Chorus—"There is a Song in the Air."

Recitation—Guy Davis. Song—Primary Class. Recitation—Inex Knowles. Chorus—"Luther's Cradle Hymn." Recitation—Harold Scott. Christmas Carol—Kenneth Carpy. Recitation—"Santa's Coming," Emerson Schrock.

Carol—Francis and Muriel McLeod. Violin Solo—Marble Green. Duet—Mrs. Nelson, Miss Olive Massee. Christmas Bells. Presbyterian Program. Christmas Carol—Boys Choir. Joy to the World—School.

Invocation—Scripture Reading Matt II: 1-12. Primary Department—"Snow Flakes are Falling," Mrs. Thompson's class. Song—Boy Choir. Exercise—Primary Department—Song "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"—School.

Recitation—"Seeking the King" Mrs. Currey's Class. "Christmas Evergreen" Mrs. Smith's Class. "Silent Night, Holy Night" Girl's Class. "Night in the Sky" Ben Hur—Miss Marjorie McCall. Christmas Carol—School.

At The Christian Church. The following program will be rendered at the Central Church of Christ on the corner of Washington and Depot street: Song—"Let them Come to Me." Scripture reading and prayer by the minister.

Song—"Star Divine." Song—Christmas Star. Recitation—Mary Fitzgerald. Recitation—Bessie Armstrong. Song—"Do You Know the Song?" Lantern Drill. Song—"Make Somebody Happy."

Recitation—Cleo Rice. Recitation—Muriel French. Recitation—Bonnie Kessler. Recitation—Lucia Tilton. Holly Drill. Recitation—Ione Rice. Recitation—Louine Sheata. Duet—Lucia Tilton and Eva Cotner.

Recitation—Marjorie Snook. Recitation—Lloyd Kildred. Recitation—Beth Tilton. America Drill. Santa Clause Appears. St Peters Church. The Christmas tree exercise will be held at the church on Tuesday evening at 6:30.

UPTON. H. GIBBS, Rector. Baptist Church Program. Song... "Joy to the World" Scripture reading, Matt. 2:1-12. Miss Bennel. Prayer... Rev. Gray. Christmas carol... Miss Little. Dialogue, "On Christmas Eve."

Song, No. 23. Recitation, "The night before Christmas"... Mary Sulder Solo, "Dolly's Prayer"... Merle Love. Recitation... Gorden Gibson. Dialogue, "Tedy's Question Answered"... Ruth Biggers. Clef. Horseman. Christmas Drill... By Class. Recitation... Elmer Horstman. Rec... "Christmas day has come". Duet, "On Judea's Hills"... Misses Oliver, Little.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior at La Grande, Oregon.

November 11, 1909. Notice is hereby given that William M. Caldwell of Meacham, Oregon who on August 16, 1907, made Umatilla entry No. 928, serial No. 01888 for S 1-2 SW 1-4 Sec. 24, N 1-2 NW 1-4 Sec. 25 Township 1, S Range 34 E., Willamette meridian has filed notice of intention to make final Umatilla Indian proof to establish claim to the land above described before Register and Receiver, United States Land Office at La Grande, Ore., on the 12th day of January 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: Birt L. Smith of Pendleton, Ore. John P. Lambie of Pendleton, Ore. Samuel M. Caldwell of Meacham, Oregon and James R. Shackley of Meacham, Ore. F. C. Bramwell, Register.

(11-25-12-21)

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed, and has qualified as administratrix of the estate of Benjamin Brown, deceased; and that all claims of every description against said estate must be presented to the undersigned at her home in Island City, or to F. S. Ivanhoe, her attorney, at his office in La Grande, Oregon on or before six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at Island City, Oregon, Nov. 29th, a. d. 1909.

FANNIE BROWN, Administratrix of the estate of Benjamin Brown, deceased.

F. S. IVANHOE, Atty. for Estate.

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