

CHINAMEN LIKE RESTAURANTS.

Spokane Cafe purchased by three Orientals.

Chinamen are taking a liking to restaurants in this city, for yesterday a deal was closed which provides for the third Chinese restaurant in this city. The Spokane Cafe was sold to three local Chinamen by S. F. Andrews, who has had the management for a few months.

LOST—A gold belt pin, engraved with the letter "L", between 9th and Washington and Greenwood and Fir. Finder please return to this office.

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 Island City, Oregon, Nov. 29th, a. d. 1909.
FANNIE BROWN,
 Administratrix of the estate of Benjamin Brown, deceased.
F. S. IVANHOE, Atty. for Estate.

WILL REBIND RECORD BOOKS

RECORDER OF CONVEYANCES WILL OVERSEE WORK.

Many badly debilitated volumes to be carefully rebound at once

Many volumes of old record books in the office of the County Recorder of Conveyances, will be rebound under the personal direction of Recorder I. H. Snook. Mr. Snook leaves tonight for Portland, where the work is to be done, and where he will remain to rush matters and to see that the work is properly done.

The record books have become sadly delapidated from constant use and need the rebinding badly.

CONTRACTS UP TO MANY

ECCLES THINKS ATTORNEY OF NOTE SHOULD PERUSE.

Meeting of directors this afternoon to consider proposition.

Water users contracts which have been the bone of considerable contention during the past several months and which have retarded the prompt promotion of the Grande Ronde Irrigation contracts, have been passed from one prominent attorney in the county to another, of late, and from all comes word of general satisfaction. This contract is the one revised from the old one, and is also the one sanctioned by a committee representing the Grange; which strenuously objected to the original contract, and all elements in the prospective water user's circles. Before having it printed, the directors sent the proposed contract to outside attorneys. David Eccles, a prospective bond buyer, has urged that it be sent to some prominent local attorney of more than ordinary note, that there will be no "fall down" when the time comes to sell bonds for the project.

A meeting was held late this afternoon by the directors for the purpose of deciding where to have the document given its final test. As the contract now exists, it satisfies the water users, and if it is legally water proof, it will be ready for use.

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Red Light Woman Released.

After having been out on bonds for several months on charges of selling liquor illicitly, Mamie Smith a proprietor of a joint on Jegerson avenue, has been released from her bond by a second not true bill returned by the grand jury in the same batch that freed the negro.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS.

Figures furnished by the Harriman lines show that they handled 70 per cent more colonist travel in 1909 than in the previous year. During the ninety days that the colonist rates were in force in the spring and fall, last year, they sold \$1,476 tickets from east of the Mississippi river to Western points. Of this number 18,256 came to the Northwest. The Harriman lines are perfecting plans now to bring in an even greater number of settlers during the year 1910.

There has not been a single failure of a National Bank in Washington and Montana during the past three years, according to E. T. Wilson and F. H. Luce, government examiners, who cover the two states. In 1909, 22 new National Banks were chartered, making a total of 126 National Banks in the two states. The latest available reports show that the State and National Banks of Washington hold deposits to the amount of \$187,194,679, the largest amount ever recorded.

After pending the courts for 19 years, the suit brought by the Federal government to recover 169,975 acres of Indian land near North Yakima from the Northern Pacific Railway has been decided against the corporation. The land is valued at more than \$2,000,000. The Railway claimed it under a congressional grant of 1887. The government contention was that it belonged to the Indians under a treaty made in 1869 by Gov. Isaac Stevens. Judge E. H. Whitson held against the Railway company which will take an appeal to the supreme court.

The removal of Gifford Pinchot from the office of chief forester demonstrates President Taft's confidence in his Secretary of the Interior Department, Richard A. Ballinger, who represents the Northwest in the cabinet. Setting himself up higher than his superiors and refusing to conduct his office as they decreed, Mr. Pinchot made himself useless to the administration. Even his own supporters have disapproved many of his latest acts. Subsequent developments show that he was party to the conspiracy, whose purpose was to traduce Secretary Ballinger, through the syndicate of muck-raking, sensation monger publications. The forthcoming congressional investigation, no doubt, will show that Secretary Ballinger has been far more sinned against than sinning.

Monroe people claim to have received authoritative advises that the Great Northern division headquarters now maintained at Skykomish, will be removed to their city. It is said that the railway needs more room to spread out and has been considering the change for some time. Goldbar was considered for a time, but finally eliminated in favor of Monroe. If the move is made, extensive shops, yards and coal bunkers will be constructed at the new point.

Gypsy Smith, the evangelist with a world wide reputation, will be in Spokane next fall. The four other cities where he will hold meetings on the Coast are Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and North Yakima.

A Spokane policeman had a woman arrested the other day for flirting with him. After paying her fine she said that from that time on she was going to make a specialty of Seattle policemen, they did not take things so seriously.

The business men and pioneers of North Yakima celebrated the 25th anniversary of the city. Three of the city's first councilmen were in the audience.

Notices.

La Grande, Oregon, January 13, 1910.—Inasmuch as at the present time the cost of living is much greater in proportion than the prevailing prices of labor, we, the undersigned carpenters hereby resolve and agree that after the 1st day of April A. D. 1910 the uniform wage for carpenters shall be \$4.00 per day of nine hours instead of \$3.50 as it is at present; and we hereby further agree that we will not do any work at less wages than the above rate.

Signed—J. N. Kohl, W. A. Ludiker, Joseph Horstman, M. M. Marquis, Thos. H. Moore, F. B. Houston, T. S. Spiker, C. L. Spiker, J. Spiker, C. D. Goodnough, D. E. Cook, J. J. Clancy, C. G. Green, F. W. Pattison, G. O. Chapman, J. L. Slater, W. P. Noble, L. D. Sheets, W. C. Kelly, Heisner & Robinson, E. W. Kammerer, J. F. Steinbeck, Louis Wright.

Warning.

The public is hereby warned not to buy B. of R. T. dance tickets that have been printed in black. The genuine tickets are printed in red and have the seal of the lodge upon them. By order of the committee.

Special Services.

The special services in the M. E. Church, South, which opened last evening were well attended. Rev. Rexroad of Milton gave a most inspiring address and those in attendance last night believe great results will follow. The public is cordially invited to attend.

FOR SALE—Eight and a fraction lots southeast of the Court House. Very cheap if taken immediately. Inquire of Janitor at L. D. S. church.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that James G. Peach administrator of the estate of William G. Peach deceased, has filed in the county court of Union county, Oregon, his final account as administratrix of said estate and said court has set Wednesday the 10th day of February A. D. 1910 at 2 o'clock P. M. at the county court house in La Grande, Oregon as the time for hearing such reports and all objections thereto.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 9 day of January 1910.
JAMES J. PEACH,
 Administrator.
 (1-9-16-23-30-2-6.)

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Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed as administrator of the estate of John Blewins, deceased, and has duly qualified as such and entered upon the discharge of his duties and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly verified to the undersigned administrator at his residence at Cove Union County, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Date of First Publication, December, 18, 1909.
EMIL BLEWINS,
 Administrator.
 Jno. S. Hodgins, Attorney for Estate.

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 IN
Our Want Ad Column

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FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Two male pigs and two sows, all thoroughbreds, Duroc Jerseys. Farmer's phone. Robert Clark.

FOR SALE—Swell bodied cutter. Inquire of J. M. Wilson, North Blvd.

FOR SALE—A 33 acre ranch four miles north of La Grande known as the Andres ranch. Will sell for \$4,000, \$1,000 cash and the balance on terms. Six acres in orchard and the balance fine soil. A good house and barn on the place and a fine spring and well. Address A. B. French Kennewick, Washington.

FOR RENT—Furnished room suitable for gentleman. Apply J. C. Gulling.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—160 acre farm all or half of the land. Phone Black 181 or address Post office box 545. 1-11-3-11

Lost, a purse between Depot and Jefferson and Second and Washington avenues. Finder please return to this office and receive reward.

WANTED—To buy 10,000,000 feet of lumber. Will take mill cut delivered at La Grande or other Eastern Oregon points. W. R. Kivette, Box 207.

WANTED TO RENT—A 7 or 8 room house. Call or address Chas. E. Perry Metel Sommer.

WANTED.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Must be a good cook. Am willing to pay good wages to right person. For further particulars inquire at this office. 1-16-30.

FOR RENT.

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FOR RENT—Newly furnished front room. Modern. 1602 Adams Avenue.

FOR SALE—A good corner lot in a desirable location. Inquire at Hill's Drug Store.

Notice of Final Account.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as executor under the last will and testament of Minerva E. Neal deceased, has filed his final account as such executor and the Hon. J. C. Henry, county judge of Union county, Oregon, has set Monday, the 17th day of January, 1910 at 2 o'clock p. m. as the day and date, and the court house as the place for the hearing of objections, if any there be thereto.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, December 16th, 1909.
JOSEPH BARTON.

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