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Ever since the Ballinger-Pinchot fuss started in Washington, politicians, especially those well up on the doing have been calling United States Senator Wesley L. Jones, "Fair Play Jones." And all because Mr. Jones, who more or less needs Mr. Ballinger in his political business out in Washington has insisted that prejudice be kept out of the investigation which is being carried out by the Congressional Committee. Out in Washington they know Jones as Yakima Jones, in delicate reference to the fact of his residence on the speck on the state map which goes by that title. Now Jones is a young man and a good man into the bargain. In his official autobiography—See Congressional Records—he modestly refers to the fact that he has no personal interest, directly or indirectly, in any corporation whatever, save and except the two shares he holds in the North Yakima Horticultural Union. He never acted as attorney for any sort of a public service corporation, either, therefore nor for the world would he sustain Secretary Ballinger if he thought that gentleman had been captured with the goods on.

Mr. Jones' life story sounds like the first five chapters of a Daring Dick serial. He answers all the dimensions of a self-made man. His father was a veteran of the war, and left his mother a widow just three days before Wesley Leroy was born in Bethany, Ill., in 1863. His mother had to support herself and her children by her own labor, and Wesley had to tuck in and take care of himself. When he was 10 years old he was doing farm work on a monthly contract, and reading on rainy days and Sundays. When he was 16 he managed to enter a fresh water college, and by the providence that looks after poor students and dranken men he managed to graduate before he starved to death. He got a teacher's certificate and taught a school and worked in a harvest field and then went to Chicago and taught in the night schools while he studied law by day. And at last, with a certificate of admission to the bar, he blew into North Yakima, Washington in the fall of 1889, with no money whatever. His only assets were a wife, a mother-in-law and a perfect faith that somehow, somehow, he could manage to get along.

Professor Alderman in his address last evening made a statement that revealed in a nut shell why we in La Grande are not so far advanced along the up-to-date public schools in other sections. Note this statement which he made. "Ten years ago there were but five high schools in Oregon." Today we have 65 in the state. It was only about three years ago that La Grande came into line. If you stop to think of it, one of the reasons that our sister state

Washington has increased at a more rapid rate than Oregon, can be laid to her greater interest in public schools. Superintendent Bragg in his address at the recent banquet, put it straight out that every city is gauged by its public schools.

Saturday of this week the election for bonding the school district will be voted upon. Some good conscientious work must be done during the next few days or the proposition will be voted down. In other words not a few good citizens will vote against it simply because they do not wish to increase their rate of taxation. Many of these men of good intentions can be changed and would change if they were in possession of the facts regarding the necessity of improving our schools.

The first gun was fired for the county fair yesterday afternoon and a good beginning was made. The machinery was set in motion in time that results can be accomplished.

## SHOWS WHY WE ARE LACK

### ALDERMAN POINTS OUT MANY IMPORTANT FACTS

Lecture last night brings out why La Grande is behind

Prof. Alderman delivered his lecture last night to an attentive audience in the Presbyterian church, his subject being "Chums, Chumps and Gumps." It was an address he had prepared to deliver before the County High School at Enterprise, but on account of the delayed train service he could not reach there and at the solicitation of friends he consented to deliver it here. It was an address that every parent should hear.

Being a thorough school man and interested in school work he touched upon our high school problem and cited what other cities of the state were doing in their public schools. Eugene has over 500 students enrolled in her high school and during his address called attention to the fact that there were only five high schools covering the 12th grade in the state 10 years ago. Today there are 65.

Prof. Alderman is the founder of the system known as the Lane county high school system which is becoming immensely popular. During the past two years, Lane county has 13 and Lynn county 10. Under this system, when adopted by a county, the scholars in any part of the county can attend any 12th grade high school and the county pays the school \$40 per pupil attending from outside the district up to 20, for the next 20 students, \$30 and in excess of this \$12. This means that the best equipped and maintained high school draws the greatest number of pupils and receives the greatest amount of outside money.

This system would undoubtedly be adopted in Union county in the near future as it meets with little opposition by the voters of the county generally. This system makes it entirely unnecessary to send pupils away before they reach the age of 16 and 17, which the Professor says is the critical period in the life of every youth.

### Patriotic Service

Evangelist Whiston announced last night that the element of patriotism would be introduced at the service tonight in harmony with Washington's birthday. The evangelist will speak on "A Fateful Decision" and the message will be worth hearing. Longman will sing. These are great meetings as are attested by the large numbers attending.

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No. 5—C. pas. ar. 10:05 p. m.  
No. 7—Chl. spl. ar. 9:25 a. m.  
at Board  
No. 10—Mall, ar. 5:30 a. m.  
No. 6, C. pas. ar. 9:25 a. m.  
No. 8, Chl. spl. ar. 8:30 p. m.

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No. 2.—80 acres, 7 miles from La Grande, all under cultivation, good 6-room house, good barn and all kinds of outbuildings. About two acres family orchard, 60 acres in alfalfa and timothy hay, good water right. R. F. D. by the door. 1-2 of a mile from school. About \$400 worth of personal property goes with the place at the price of \$8,400.00.

No. 3.—20 acres adjoining the above tract; splendid land well adapted to fruit growing or anything else. A small house and under fence. Price \$1300.00.

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