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This, without doubt, promises to be a building year. There will be \$75,000 school house improvements. The Federal building to cost \$65,000 should be underway; the lot has been purchased and the architect has been working on the plans since last fall. There is no doubt but what the \$40,000 sewer bonds will be floated and with the thousands of dollars that will be expended on our streets this year, there will be an unusual demand for labor. La Grande is going to set a pace that few cities in Eastern Oregon can keep up with.

The demand for apple trees was never so great in the Grande Ronde valley as it is at present. The difficulty to get stock from the nurseries is great, the demand being so great all over the country that nurserymen have difficulty in keeping sufficient stock on hand to fill orders.

The banquet to be given Evangelist Johnson in this city on Friday evening is assuming colossal proportions. It is possible that 300 seats will be required. This will, without doubt, be the largest attended feature of the kind ever attempted in the Grande Ronde valley.

If you have not already registered it may cause you much trouble on election day to be sworn in. It is not always convenient to find six freeholders to act as witnesses. Again witnesses become impatient with even neighbors who simply put off from day to day what they know to be their duty.

While the first reports of the calamity that swept so many lives out at Mace and Burke, Idaho, were exaggerated, yet it was awful. Seventeen funerals in La Grande in one day would cast a gloom over the city that would not be removed for many days.

A few more days like yesterday and today and the stores will be thronged with shoppers for spring goods. Spring trade has been much later than usual. However, not a few are preparing themselves for the first warm sunny days.

Roosevelt continues to have a great hold on the common people. The mere mention of his name at a gathering of business men in Minneapolis yesterday brought forth great applause.

President Fallieres of France seems to be afflicted with hookworm. The call of "sleeping sickness" in France, however.

Texas Independence Day

Houston, March 2—Texas Independence day was observed today in all of the cities and towns from the Gulf to the Panhandle and from Texarkana to El Paso, but with little less enthusiasm than the Fourth of July is cele-

brated by the nation at large. A general holiday was declared and special patriotic programs were carried out by all of the school children.

Today is the 74th anniversary of the signing the Texas State Declaration of Independence, which was first read under a grove of live oaks in the village of Columbus on the banks of the Brazos river in 1836.

Under the Constitution Henry Smith was appointed provisional governor, and David G. Burnett became president ad interim. On July 20 1836 President Burnett issued his proclamation for the first general election, to take place on the first Monday in September for the election of a president, vice-president and the members of congress under the new constitution, which was also to be voted upon. The proclamation closed by directing that the first congress to be chosen should assemble on Monday, the 3d of October, in the town of Columbia, Brazoria county, on the immediate banks of the Brazos. On the third of October 1836, the delegates assembled at Columbia and organized the first congress of the nation.

Sam Houston was president, M. B. Lamar, vice-president; R. A. Irwin, secretary of state; Barnard E. Bee, Barnard E. Bee, secretary of war; S. Rhodes Fisher, secretary of the navy, Merriman Hunt, minister to the United States, J. H. Henderson Minister to England, Ashbell Smith, Surgeon general, Asa Brigham, treasurer; Henry Smith, secretary of the treasury; Robert Baw, postmaster general; Peter W. Grayson, attorney general; James Collingsworth, chief justice of the supreme court; Shelby Corzine, James W. Robertson, R. M. Williamson and Benjamin C. Franklin, associate justices; W. F. Gray clerk; F. R. Lubbock, was controller the next year, with H. P. Bee as clerk. The total white population on that day was less than 40,000, and there were many more Indians than white people within the confines of what now constitutes the state of Texas. Even after these Indians murdered white people on Matagorda Bay and in the county of Washington, and the populous regions which now contain such cities as this, Austin, Waco, Dallas, Sherman, Gainesville, Weatherford and Denison was the regular camping grounds of a savage tribe of Indians.

1,000 FEET OF SNOW AT EELGIN

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Elgin Still the Terminus.
The Joseph train left La Grande about on time this morning with Elgin as the terminus again. It returned on the afternoon schedule.

Glenns Ferry, Idaho, Mar. 1.—Two lives were lost when a bridge spanning Snake river went out here last night. The people were on the bridge when it was swept away. The river is a raging torrent and has done untold damage in this section of the state. The Short Line is having great difficulty in getting its trains through.

Caldwell Flooded.
Caldwell, Mar. 1.—Main and Arthur streets became veritable rivers last night when a break in the headgate of the New York canal caused the government officials to turn a large head of water into Indian creek flooding Caldwell and Nampa. The crests of the flood reached this city about 7 o'clock last evening and was so high that the water covered the sidewalk in many places. On the North side of Main street nearly every basement was flooded, while by the use of coffer dams the water was kept out of many basements on the South side. The waters spread out below Caldwell and caused trouble for the Short Line, delaying trains for a few hours. The damage will reach \$100,000.

Improvement at Palouse.
Pullman, Wash, Mar. 1.—The Palouse is receding and work of repairing the damage has begun. The total loss will reach \$50,000. No lives were lost. All traffic is still tied up.

Burke Streets Flooded
Coeur D'Alene, Mar. 2.—Melting ice and snow on the precipitous sides of



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Canyon creek have created a torrent and the water today reached the summit of the debris of the avalanche at Mace and Burke and the water is eating its way through the snow and going into the valley. The weather is ideal for slides. People of the mining towns are already seeking for places of greater safety. Streets of Mace, Burke and Wallace are raging torrents this afternoon.

Worst Flood in History

Lewiston, Idaho, Mar. 2.—Reports from various points in the inland towns show the country is in the grasp of the worst flood in the history of the country. Railroads and wagon bridges have been carried away, telegraph and telephone service is suspended and there is little hope of resumption of railroad service for three days. Towns are inundated and families driven from their homes. The existence of whole families in mountain districts have been threatened, and several lives have already been lost and damage is already \$500,000. Nez Perce, Peck and Mohler have suffered the most. Mohler was practically swept out of existence and Peck is threatened. Sites is submerged. Reports on the farmers telephone lines say that several buildings have collapsed at Colfax and several people killed.

Only Three Missing

Coeur D'Alene, Mar. 2.—According to the latest estimates every one has been found or accounted for except three Italian laborers on the Northern Pacific work train which was hurled into the creek by the slide in the recent disaster there.

Administrator's Notice

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Nick Armoas, deceased, by the County Court of Union County, Oregon, and all having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same to me as administrator at my

store on Adams Avenue, La Grande, Oregon, together with proper vouchers, within six months from the date of the first publication hereof.

Dated this 2d day of February, 1910.

JAMES G. SNODGRASS,

Administrator of the estate of Nick Armoas, deceased.
Cochran & Cochran, Attorneys for Administrator. 2-11-4-11.

Bargains in Real Estate.

No. 1.—157 acres Sandridge land near Imbler; a good five room house, barn and other out buildings. 10 acres good orchard of which 8 is in good bearing; 30 acres in fall wheat, 10 acres in hay, balance all good grain or potato land, all under good fence, one mile from the town of Imbler, 1-2 mile from school. About \$1000.00 worth of nearly new household goods and farm implements goes with the place at \$16,955. Easy terms.

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