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THE BEST CROP

According to statistics there were about 2,500,000 babies born in this country the last year. North Dakota heads the list with 36.5 birth per 1,000 population, and Utah comes second with 35.2 per 1,000. Oklahoma has 33.7 and New Hampshire 18, per 1,000.

The babies in this country, it seems have a much better chance to live and reach a mature age than those in other countries. It is noted that the birth list in Italy, Austria and Hungary is higher than the United States but that the excess of births over deaths is much lower. American babies are either stronger or take better care of for more of them survive the trials of babyhood than the babies of the countries just mentioned.

But notwithstanding these facts the figures show that the size of the average American family is decreasing. In 1807 the number of person which constituted an average family was 5.1 persons. In 1880 it was decreased to five; in 1890 to 4.9; in 1900 to 4.7. This is not easily accounted for if the figures just given are correct.

Already these bright spring days have caused building operations to commence. Every contractor in the city will tell you this is going to be a building year.

Councilman Ed Kammerer yesterday commenced excavating for a cottage to be erected on East Adams Avenue.

In West La Grande, Jas. G. Snodgrass is having a modern cottage built and the sound of the hammer, and the saw are again in evidence on the handsome home under construction by Fred Holmes on his 4th street property.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lund were over from Cove yesterday preparing to begin building on their Cedar St. lots.

Next Monday is city election, but in comparison with such events that in the past have taken place in this municipality this is a very tame affair. There is supposed to be a contest on for chief of police but it is difficult to secure an expression from anyone as to the probable result. With four candidates in the field there never was before such apathy. During the last few days it is reported that the possible only real contest may be in the Second ward between J. E. Reynolds and T. H. Flemming for a seat in the council

The voting of a \$40,000 bond issue for sewerage is taken for granted. The first real interest in this appeared yesterday when two well known boosters, ladies by the way, of which La Grande is blessed with many, wanted to know if they could vote for the bond issue. The charter of La Grande prevents women from voting. Some day this may be changed.

The city council did a wise thing last evening when it made it possible to receive competitive bids on street paving. A former action taken headed everything for bithulthic. This will permit of a careful investigation of the different kinds of surface construction and will undoubtedly mean quite a saving to the property owners.

This is yard cleaning time. Already a few are out raking their lawns. With cheaper water this year La Grande will have more green spots than ever.

A few arrests for expectorating on the sidewalks might make others more thoughtful.

The next thing we hear of will be plows starting in the valley.

KIVETTE GOES EAST

WILL DISPOSE OF LARGE ORDERS IN MIDDLEWEST

Local lumber dealer leaves for extended trip through middlewest

W. R. Kivette, the local lumber man left today for points in the mid-west, Chicago being his objective point. Before returning, which will be in about three weeks, he will have touched at Oshkosh, Wis., Detroit, and other principal cities of that section of the country.

He has been selling considerable lumber in that section and this is one of his trips back to look after additional sales.

NO MORE S. P. TRAINS

Last train for Frisco passes through La Grande today

With the exception of one more train for San Francisco, coming via Portland, there have been no S. P. trains over the O. R. & N. today and traffic is now open between Ogden and San Francisco. This announcement is sent out from the local O. R. & N. offices and confirms news dispatches yesterday to that effect. The main line is having occasional troubles but nothing of a serious nature and it is expected that traffic will proceed smoothly again.

The Joseph train left nearly on time this morning with no material reason why it should not reach Joseph. However, slides are likely to occur at any time.

Mikado Rehearsal.

Tonight, Thursday, at the Elks hall at 7 o'clock. Full rehearsal, principals and chorus. Entire first act will be rehearsed so everyone is requested to come as promptly as possible. All having fans, please bring them.

REVIVAL SERVICES

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who is stumbling for the want of the light you ought to have!

When Were You a Proper Epistle?

Were you a proper epistle when you gave the vote you knew would

assist in establishing the saloon? When you rented your property for gambling purposes or for a house of ill-fame?

Dancing and Cards.

Were you a proper epistle when you went to dances and played cards? If you knew that I had danced all night with a lady in "full-dress" or half-dress, would you send for me if yourself or loved one wanted some one to pray during the dying hour? Would you want to come and hear me or one of these ministers preach if we attended dances or played cards? You would be a fool if you did. Who makes it right for you to do a thing which is wrong for your pastor? Do you know that nine-tenths of the gamblers are taught at home? Your children are carefully instructed in the way to hell, but are religiously cautioned: "Now, dear, I have taught you the way the lost ones walk, but you must never be found there; just play along the edge carefully, but be sure don't fall over."

Prayer Meetings

Prayer meetings will be held at some of these places tomorrow morning. Listen for the announcement tonight. Let all who will open their homes for these meetings, please report the same to some one of the pastors. These men will be found at the front every evening.

Mrs. Fred B. Currey, 801 Penn Avenue.

Mrs. O. E. Silverthorne, cor. First and Main.

Mrs. Decker.

H. P. Lewis, 402 3d street.

M. McMurray, Cor. 4th and C. St.

Mrs. Milligan, Cor. 2d and B.

Mrs. Bolton, 501 4th St.

Mrs. Brooks, Cor. 7th and M.

F. H. Green, 1311 N. Ave.

F. D. Haisten, 1202 6th and N.

E. W. Kammerer, 2004 Adams Ave.

Mrs. McShain, 1707 Wash. Ave.

Geo. L. Cleaver.

Mrs. A. T. Hill, 1806 3d St.

Mrs. A. Anderson, 507 Adams Ave.

J. W. Porter, North Fir.

Mrs. Humphrey, 1108 O. Ave.

Mrs. Smith, 6th and Penn.

C. G. Green, 2211 Cedar St.

I. R. Snook, 1503 T. Ave.

Mrs. Laura Davis, N. and Greenwood.

Miss Bernice Ellsworth, 2502 N. Ash.

J. W. Oliver, 1714 6th St.

Mrs. Mary Noyes, 1426 Wash. Ave.

LADD CANYON

Ladd Canyon, March 10—(Special)

E. E. Jones, while driving fence posts yesterday had two of his fingers so badly mashed that it will probably be necessary to amputate them. He drove to La Grande almost immediately to consult a physician.

A number of friends assembled at the home of Fred Braden on the evening of March 2, it being their daughter, Miss Kate's, 20th birthday. Games and dancing were the amusements of the evening and supper was served at 12 o'clock. Those present Mr. and Mrs. Sam Braden, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Crouse, Mrs. Lucy Graham, Frank Counsel, Harley and Nell McClure, Marion Spencer, Frankie Peebler, Lulu, Mable and Katie Counsel, Verdie Graham, Jack Wilburn, Kittle Mulholland, Windel and Frank Hill, Mary and Eugene Banton and Edward Graham.

Ladd creek is still a raging torrent but has gone down considerably. All carrying off the water now.

Spokane Pays More Wages

Spokane, March 11.—The city council here voted to increase the wages of city laborers by 25 cents per day.



Marie Drofnah, with Charles B. Hanford in "The American Lord" at the Steward March 16.



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Spokane, March 10—Former Justice Gordon of the Supreme court was placed on trial today for alleged embezzlement of nine thousand from the Great Northern.

Bargains in Real Estate.

No. 1.—157 acres Sandridge land, near Imbler; a good five room house, barns 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. Price \$16,956. Easy terms.

No. 2.—60 acres cultivated good barn and out buildings. A city orchard, 60 acres in alfalfa and timothy hay, good water right. R. F. D. by the door. of a mile from school. About \$400 worth of personal property goes with the place at the price of \$6,400.00.

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 \$1200.00.

No. 4.—60 acres, 7 miles from La Grande. Good new 5-room house,

good barn and other outbuilding. Two good living springs, and a stream of water for irrigation; all under good cultivation. R. F. D. by the door. Telephone line. Price \$6,000.00.

No. 5.—152 1-2 acres near the Corraly ware houses, all in fall wheat and alfalfa hay; good improvements. If sold at once can be purchased for \$14,000.00.

No. 6.—A modern 5-room house and lot 60x120, in a good location and on each terms for \$2200.00.

No. 7.—Two lots on Fourth street, 4-room house, small barn, city water and good well. Can be sold on the installment plan for \$700.00.

No. 8.—For 1775.00, one of the best houses in Old Town; 7-room house, stone foundation. Two lots, a snap if taken at once.

No. 9.—Three room house and one lot on Jefferson st. Home furnished, good well; wood shed on the alley, all for the very low price of \$950.

No. 10.—A five room brick modern house, barn, wood shed, two lots, 124x124, small orchard, shade trees, all fenced for \$3000.00.

No. 11.—A four room cottage on "O" st., close in, two lots, city water, and wood shed. On easy terms at the remarkably low price of \$1400. I will be pleased to show you any of the above bargains at any time, whether you buy or not.

Yours respectfully,
C. J. BLACK, the Real Estate Man.