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With the opening of spring several real estate transactions have taken place within the last few days. It is a matter of comment that in most instances the highest prices paid for Grande Ronde farming lands are by those who have lived in the country for many years and are thoroughly familiar with the character of the soil and know its true value.

It is gratifying to know that the Grande Ronde Irrigation company has decided to bring the project to a definite head. The entire success or failure remains on whether or not the farmers are willing to sign the contracts. They have had months upon months in which to consider and by this time they should know whether or not they are desirous of having irrigation. They know whether or not water on their lands will be an investment. If they consider it as such they will sign up and if they look upon it otherwise they will not. Here is the whole thing. Next week committees will make a final canvass. If sufficient land can be signed up, the contract will be let for the construction of the Meadowbrook dam. If not the project will be passed up.

Monument to Cleveland.

Princeton, N. J., March 15.—Grover Cleveland's birthday was informally observed in the home town of the late ex-president today. A movement has been set on foot to erect a handsome Cleveland memorial in Princeton. Dr. Woodrow Wilson, the president of Princeton University and ex-Senator John F. Dryden are the leaders in the project, which will be national in extent.

To Test Primary Law

Washington, March 18.—According to information just received here, there is much opposition to the direct primary law in Nevada, and a suit to test the legality of the act has been filed by a Reno lawyer. The outcome of the test will be awaited with much interest in the capital. It is alleged in this complaint, which is very lengthy, that the law is unconstitutional on many grounds, chief among which are that it takes from the qualified voters the right to run for any office and that it prevents the formation of new political parties in the state.

MILL STILL IDLE

Inability to get logs causes long suspension of business
 Two weeks or more have elapsed since the Palmer Mill was forced to close down owing to the lack of logs. Hides on the Joseph branch below Elgin, that impede passenger traffic, have effectually shut off the log supply and it is difficult to determine when logging trains can come up from the camps.

TROUBLE WITH SEWER

The main sewer in the alley between Jefferson and Adams Avenue had become detached at a point in the center of the intersection with Depot street and a crew of men is righting the trouble today. The street has become undermined considerably and had sagged and had it not been attended to promptly would have ended up in an accident to a vehicle.

Columbia University wants La Grande to enter its athletes.

Probably on the strength of the showing made at the field and track meet at Walla Walla last year, La Grande has been invited to participate in the Columbia indoor meet at Portland on April 16. This is, of course, an amateur meet, open to all amateurs, but there are several academic events and it is to these especially that La Grande is invited. In a letter to Captain Pearce the management of Columbia urge attendance. The academic events include the 50 yard dash and 50 yard hurdle races, half mile, pole vault and several others in which La Grande might make a showing in the academic events.

No definite action has been taken to send the team. Few, if any, of the local squad has ever run on an indoor track and the sharp curves might seriously handicap the runners.

Out on an Oregon Booster Campaign
 Messrs S. A. Paylow and W. J. Payle, representatives of the New West Magazine of Portland, are in the city. They will work in La Grande this week under the auspices of the Commercial Club, giving La Grande a special writeup in the May edition of the New West.

They are also gathering data and pictures of the Oregon poultry to take on a trip through the Middle Western States, showing Oregon's Beauties and Resources.

La Grande can be represented on this Eastern trip by supplying through the Commercial Club 10 beautiful stereopticon slides showing the advantages of the La Grande country.

The Official Vote

The board of Election canvassers which met yesterday afternoon report the following count:

Meyers	599
Mahady	51
Meyers Majority	548
For Recorder	
D. E. Cox	648
For Treasurer	
R. W. Logan	604
For Chief of Police	
Matthews	11
Porter	272
Rayburn	203
Walden	273
Walden's plurality	1

Bond Issue
 For Bonds 415
 Against Bonds 170
 Majority For 245

WARNING ABOUT TAXES

Taxes become delinquent if not paid before April 5th

Yesterday was the last day on which to save the 3 per cent discount on taxes. Property owners still have until April 5 to pay taxes under no penalty. At any time before this one-half of the taxes may be paid, the balance due on or before the first Monday in October. Taxes become delinquent after April 5th, subject to a 10 per cent penalty, and interest at the rate of one per cent per month until paid.

Train on Time

The Joseph train arrived on time today—an event that attracted more or less notice, but show that the track troubles of today, at least, are removed.

BOUGHT A FARM

Mr. Snook who recently arrived here from Fulton, Missouri buys

J. L. Corbett has sold his 80 acre farm five miles east of this city to Wilson Snook, father of Recorder I. R. Snook, who arrives here recently from Fulton, Missouri. Mr. Snook is well pleased with our beautiful valley and buys for the purpose of making this his home. The consideration was \$6500.

For Sale

Good seven room house and out-buildings; nice lawn and fruit trees. Situated on the corner of O. and 8th streets. Also For Sale or Rent, six acres of good land, good house and out buildings, plenty of water and small fruit. Half mile east of the city limits. Enquire of
 R. M. OLIVER,
 2201 Fir Street.
 3-15-4-15

firmative voice from a single director. This form as adopted by the farmers, was spread before Portland attorneys who made minor changes in the wording. The changes were ignored for grammatical construction alone was involved. Then, the board decided that David Eccles, a prospective bond buyer, should have an opportunity to pass upon the contract. It was presented to him and his counsel with the request that a written answer be forwarded to the directors. This was five weeks ago, and during these five weeks—in which some chafed at the delay—Eccles was given an opportunity to file his decision on the contract. Last night the board grabbed the bull by the horns, in a mild way and disregarding the fact that Eccles had not responded to their request, paved the way for a last and decisive campaign for contracts.

Two Directors Each Day
 Commencing Monday, two directors will go out each day for one week soliciting subscriptions. The farmers have had months in which to think about the matter and they know now if they want water and produce as much from one acre of land as they do now from 10, or whether they do not want water. It is distinctly up to the farmers.

Stockholders Meeting soon
 In April the stockholders will hold their annual meeting and at that time the directors will report to them whether or not the farmers of Union county want that elixir of wealth or whether the project is to be abandoned. If the directors report such conditions at that meeting then there is but one thing for the stockholders to do and that is to abandon all present plans. There is no use to disguise the fact; one week from Monday it will be known whether or not Union county is going to seize the greatest opportunity that ever has or ever will be presented to it. Other irrigation projects may in time be outlined and advanced but never again—the Observer says it advisedly—will Union county farmers be able to secure irrigation for \$20 per acre.

Reynolds Not Paid
 During the winter months when there has been delay on account of indecision as to the contract, Secretary Reynolds has not been drawing a salary. His work has been gratis entirely.

Park for California Town

St. Louis, March 16.—It is stated on good authority that Adolphus Busch, the St. Louis millionaire brewer, proposes to bequeath his magnificent winter home at Pasadena, Cal., to the people of that city to be used as a public park. The "Blossoms" one of the show places of the city, was recently added to his Pasadena holdings. He is now so improving the property that he hopes to leave it so that the city will have no expense connected herewith, except for maintenance. "The Blossoms" adjoins his famous sunken gardens, which are known all over the country for their beauty. It is Mr. Busch's intention to join the two places and make the most beautiful and palatial estate on the Pacific coast.

Will Move to Portland

J. J. Clancey the contractor is planning on moving to Portland to make his home. No definite day for the departure is set.

Taft's Auto Hoodooed

Washington, March 16.—While on his way to the railway station today Taft's automobile came near running down a woman who walked in front of it. Five blocks further on a collision with a street car was narrowly averted. Quick action by the chauffeur saved the president from possible danger.

Flour Case Dismissed

Omaha, March 16.—The famous bleached flour cases which come to trial tomorrow were dismissed today by Attorney Butler of St. Paul, appointed by the government to prosecute. It was claimed that flour used by the government had been especially bleached for the trial. It was dismissed on these grounds.

Roosevelt Inspects Battlefield

Khartoum, March 16.—Col. Roosevelt inspected the battlefield of Omdurman today, escorted by Colonel Hutchinson and a party of Sheikhs. Other points of interest were visited on the return to the city.

Plaintiff rests case in the Graybeal suit late this afternoon.

The plaintiff in the suit of Mrs. Graybeal vs. the O. R. & N. a suit to recover damage money, rested its case this afternoon. Immediately, the defense commenced argument for nonsuit. This was still under way at 3:30.

THREE MORE TRUE BILLS

Grand Jury reports and is then dismissed for second time

After having reported three true bills during the special term of the session, called yesterday morning, the grand jury was dismissed this afternoon. Two of the bills were amended indictments against Chandler and Wisdom but the third is secret.

Sells Ladd Creek Farm.

Earl Jones has sold his Ladd Creek farm to Adolph and Henry Peebler. Forty-five acres were included, but the price was not public.

MEYERS RESIGNS TONIGHT

Mayor elect will resign from council to take up new matters.

At the regular meeting of the city council tonight F. L. Meyers will hand in his resignation as councilman from the third ward, he having been elected mayor at the last municipal election. Mr. Meyers will assume the office of mayor next Monday.

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. \$16,956. Easy terms.
 No. 2.—A good barn, cultivated good barn buildings. A small orchard, 60 acres and timothy hay, good water. 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 \$4,400.00.
 No. 3.—20 acres adjoining the above tract; splendid land well adapted to fruit growing or anything else.

Te sewerage bonds must be going in without opposition. Just for fun ask a few how they voted.

A small house and under fence. Price \$1300.00.
 No. 4.—60 acres, 7 miles from La Grande. Good new 5-room house, good barn and other outbuildings. 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.—162 1-2 acres near the Conroy ware houses, all in fall wheat and alfalfa hay; good improvements. If sold at once can be purchased for \$13,000.00.
 No. 6.—A modern 5-room house and lot 60x120, in a good location and on cash 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. House furnished, good well; wood shed on the alley, all for the very low price of \$450.
 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

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