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The sound of the hammer and the saw is apparent in every portion of our city. New houses, new roofs, new porches. General spring work is beginning.

When Sixth street is improved it will become one of the principal thoroughfares leading to the court house. It being much nearer to a large percentage of the city and the valley.

The movement to provide a road entering the city following the railroad from Island City is a worthy one. This will relieve the congestion of travel on Fir and Greenwood street crossings. It would also shorten the road.

Thousands of people are coming to the Coast. The homeseekers rates are on and have been for several weeks. During the early part of the period the weather caused so many train wrecks and blockades, that many postponed traveling. Now that conditions are normal, all of the transcontinental trains west bound are loaded.

Out people generally will feel more like swelling up with pride regarding the wonderful achievements of Commander Peary when he absolutely makes good by acknowledged authorities that his records are what they represent them to be. We went wild over Dr. Cook and then had to throw him overboard. We are all from Missouri here after.

This week will in all probability tell the story whether or not the Grande Ronde Irrigation project will ever be completed. The committees are out canvassing the valley for contracts. If sufficient land can be secured this project will be pushed to completion. If not, it will in all probability have to lie dormant for several years and then some smooth stranger will come in and secure the necessary contracts on a basis of \$40 to \$45 per acre and even then he will be a messenger of prosperity and will be so considered in the years to come. There is not another irrigation project in the Northwest that is offering a perpetual water right on a basis of \$20 per acre to be paid for at a rate of \$2 per acre per year. But if they won't, they won't, and that is all there is to it.

WANTED—Girl for general household work. Mrs. T. J. Scroggin, 4th and Washington. 3-30-10.

Union county is out of debt today. There is not a many who was living in the county ten years ago who expected to live to see such a condition. Those who often made this remark, without giving the matter any thought whatever, "Where does all our tax money go?" should back up and take note. While we have been paying off this colossal debt, the roads of our county are in better condition than ever before in our history. While we have the finest lot of bridges in Union county of any county in the state. During the past ten years nearly all of our old wooden structures have been replaced with substantial steel that will last for ages to come.

What a world power Mr. Roosevelt might make of China. He might also make an awful failure. He would be looked upon as a foreigner and when he began to swing his big stick, however close the administration might stand behind him, the big corporations and interest that exist in that country, the same as in all others, would doubtless have sufficient power to thwart his efforts. However, there are not a few interests in this country that would be glad to see him tackle China. But it seems most likely that he will give to his own country the benefit of his energy and master mind. Mr. Roosevelt has a mission yet in his own country to fill and will doubtless fill it.

FORMER LA GRANDE RESIDENT REMINISCENT.

Has seen country crowd out horned toads for vegetation.

Hot Lake, March 30—(Special)—Mr. O. L. Davis, a former resident of La Grande, but now located at Echo, is a Sanatorium guest this week. Mr. Davis has been connected with the reclamation service for the past five years and is taking a vacation in order that he might consult with Dr. Phy.

Mr. Davis is entitled to be known as a Union county pioneer as he came to La Grande early in 1879 and resided in that vicinity until 1892, when he went to Wallowa county and purchased the Silver Lake Hotel. Later he was elected Justice of the Peace.

While in Union county he was interested with Henry Robbs in the saw mill business and also with Don Chapman and Green Arnold.

Five years ago he went to Echo, where he accepted a position with the government and is now Water Superintendent.

He says it seems strange that the very places where he used to skin mules in the early seventies, and where the pily crop that the country could produce was jack rabbits, sage, brush and horned toads, now sustains a heavy population which thrive upon the very fat of the land. Alfalfa fields flourish where he used to make dry camps and peach trees are blossoming where even sand fleas were known to perish with the thirst. Irrigation canals have brought about the change. He said, with a smile, "It is certainly out of the ordinary for an old freighter to take up with any sort of a water proposition, but the railroads have made it necessary for even a mule skinner to hunt other work, and water is not so bad after all, when you get used to it."

Mr. Davis expects to return home in a few days. He says he likes the Sanatorium and especially Dr. Phy's system of curing people without resorting to the knife unless absolutely necessary. He expected to go upon the operating table when he came, but when the Doctor made an exami-



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nation he was agreeably surprised when he was told an operation was unnecessary. Mr. Davis says the Sanatorium might just as well have had his money, but he is not kicking if the Sanatorium people are satisfied.

ALL TRAINS TO RUN ON SIDING

NEW PROVISIONS IN YARD FACILITIES UNDER WAY.

When depot is moved back, passengers will take siding.

Construction of a side track on which all main line passengers will "head in" on reaching the yards, was commenced this morning under supervision of Yard Track Foreman Hutch. It is in a way merely a continuation of a short side track already existing.

The side track now heads back on the main line just north of the freight house, and from there it is that the construction will commence. The siding will run parallel with the main line, on the South side of it, lying on the same ground that the depot platform now occupies. The depot will be moved back at once. On reaching Fir street, the siding will again fuse with the main line.

All train from either direction that carry passengers or mail, will head in on this siding when they approach the depot.

Hereafter, or rather when the siding is finished, switch engines will have little to do on the siding, and there will be less danger to passengers and bystanders from the switch engines racing up and down the main line, which then will not be in close proximity to the platform where the people stand.

It is understood the removal of the depot and the general repairs to it will commence at once.

BIG DEBATE SOON.

La Grande and Pendleton meet Friday if judges can be secured.

It is planned to hold the debate between Pendleton and La Grande for the finals in Eastern Oregon in this city next Friday night if judges from out of town can be secured to pass upon the contest.

Much care is necessary in the selection of those who are to decide upon the winner as this debate will fix the championship of the Eastern Oregon district and determine whether La Grande or Pendleton will go to Eugene next month to meet the winning team of Western Oregon at the University there.

Prof. Landis of Pendleton who has charge of the contest in Eastern Oregon had decreed that La Grande's team must take the affirmative side in the debate with Pendleton.

This is said to place a handicap on the local boys as they are a negative team and have been dealing their thunder and winning their debates on the negative side of the question. Pendleton's winning team is also a negative one, so it is necessary for one team to make a change, and La Grande has been chosen for the sacrifice.

Joe Ingals, William Hamilton and Arlo Meyers compose the team which by defeating Pendleton will win a chance at the championship of all interscholastic debating teams for the entire state.

Roosevelt Sails for Alexandria

Cairo, March 30.—Colonel Roosevelt and party left early this morning for Alexandria and from there will sail for Naples. The station was crowded with the friends of the former president, who gave him a hearty farewell. He is due at Naples Saturday. Roosevelt made light of yesterday's demonstration by the Nationalists and said he considered it an "interesting incident of an interesting visit."

Treasurer's Call for County and for Scalp Bounty Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Treasurer of Union County, Oregon, has funds on hand with which to pay all Co. and Scalp Bounty warrants which were issued prior to the first day of April, 1910. Interest ceases on the above warrants on March 30, 1910.

JOHN FRAWLEY,
County Treasurer.

Treasurer's Call of City Warrants

Notice is hereby given that there are now funds on hand to pay all outstanding warrants issued on General Fund of La Grande City up to and including No. 7915, endorsed Oct. 13th, 1908.

Interest on all warrants on General Fund from No. 7473 to No. 7915, inclusive, ceases from this date.

La Grande, Oregon, March 26th, 1910.
RAY W. LOGAN,
City Treasurer

Appalachian Good Roads Meet

Hendersonville, N. C., March 30.—To arouse enthusiasm in the work of the Appalachian Good Roads Association, which was organized last October, a meeting of members of the association and others interested in the good roads movement was held here today. Reports of progress were had and discussion of plans considered for the construction of improved highways between Charlotte and Knoxville, Greenville and Nashville and Spartanburg and Asheville. It is hoped to complete the building of all these highways during the present year.

King of Abyssinia Dead.

London, March 30.—The death of King Menelik of Abyssinia occurred last Sunday, according to a dispatch from the capital of the Ethiopian kingdom. This dispatch confirms the United Press cable of Monday.

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