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GRANDE RONDE LAND AGAINST THE WORLD.

The surprisingly small price asked for land in the Grande Ronde valley is the prevailing mystery among real estate men in other parts of the state. Here are a few facts:

A person who can buy this land in a proven productive area for less money than he can take up and improve a homestead.

A person can buy the land that has been tilled and rendered almost perfect in production for less than half of what he will have to pay for sage brush land under a Carey Act project and the cost of watering the same.

There is no exaggeration about either of these statements. Then, why do we as a community not unite our energies to get the Grande Ronde valley lands before the people the same as Medford or Hood River is doing? Why do we not carry this message of magnificent opportunity to all directions? Today there are a lot of people on the coast who are looking for interior lands. Harney county is atttracting a great number because of the alleged free lands offered by the government. It is well known that government land is not free land, and that improved property sells for less than one can possibly take up government land and improve it. And, besides, if you invest in the Grande Ronde you cannot be very far from a good town—a community that has the benefit of age and organization, a community that is already improved with churches and schools. Whereas, if you seek the Harney county frontier all of the schools churches, roads court houses and other public improvements must be made.

There is every argument in favor of the Grande Ronde valley. Its land stands today as positively the cheapest real estate investment in the United States when the real valuation is considered.

If you agree with this exploitation of the truth, do not merely say, "yes that is a fact," but get out and pass the word along the line. Tell every stranger you see what grows around La Grande, Union, Cove or Elgin. Speak to the traveler about Wallowa county—a country of immease promise.

Do something. Don't wait for the Lord to do it all. He has been abundantly kind to us all in this community, but He helps those who help themselves. Get busy.

PASSING OF MARK TWAIN.

Death, a thing we must all face, has taken from the United States one of her most favorite sons. It has left vacant a place in literary work that will indeed be hard to fill. Mark Twain has gone to that other land. His humorous tongue is stilled; his friendly smile has ceased.

The west had strong claims on Mark Twain, just as it has had on nearly all men of improtance. Few writers have ever reached high prominence who did not spend at least a portion of their lives west of Rocky mountains. California has furnished a number, while the sage of Nevada has done equally well in proportion to her population. Oregon retains her hold on that grand old writer, Jouquin Miller although his hair is quite gray and his step feeble. The west, the glorious west has been a field for literary work. Jack London admitted that to see and know large things one had to cross the Rockies. The life of Mark Twain was closely mingled with western ways and manners and some of his richest humor was cast in a truly western setting.

In the loss of this good man the whole world bows its head for long before death Mark Twain was more than a national character.

Portland is having a hard time getting a crematory. For the last six months the council has been deliberating on the different plans, and still it is undecided. Let us see, what is it makes these crematory plants cost so much, anyway?

Why, certainly Teddy would ont everlook a chance to give the picture shows a good film. But, really Teddy is not a bit shy when it comes to landing under the spot light anyway. Everyone can see the ex-president just as he hunted the hippopotimi in Africa. They acn witness his graceful "hikes" through the forests and can see the every present smile. It is great to have picture shows, and probably greater to have a Teddy.

The committee of local businessmen has visited Portland and returned home with information on paving that is undoubtedly of value to every property owner in La Grande It was decided not to make public their findings until at the next meeting of the city council, which is quite right, for the council and the mayor are the first to be infromed of the information in an official manner. We have no knowledge of what the committee really thinks regarding the different pavements offered, but one thing is certain—the best interests of La Grande will be carefully guarded by such men as composed the investigating committee, and it will be hard for a paving concern to job the city provided there is any disposition to do so. There are paving companies and paving companies. Some are good and some are not, of course, just as in any other business. For this reason, the city is lucky indeed to have sent the committee on its importnat errand.

Marshmallow drops, 10c per lb at the Fair Saturday evening.

Roosevelt film at Star Theatre Apr. 28. No extra charge for admission.

Duchess Gum Drops 10 cents per pound at The Fair Saturday evening.

HEACOCK'S GLASSES FIT—ASK ANYONE.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Union County.

Nellie Farmer, Plaintiff, vs. Cleve Farmer, defendant, Summons:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby summoned and directed to appear and plead to the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit and court, on or before the 8th day of April, 1910, the same being the last day of the publication of this summons, the first day of publication hereof being February 25th. 1910.

And if you fail to appear, answer, or otherwise plead within the said time, the plaintiff will apply thereafter to the above entitled court for default against you for such failure, and demand the relief prayed for in her complaint filed herein, to-wit—For a decree forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant, by reason of defendant having deserted and cause or excuse and without plaintiffs abandoned plaintiff without just consent for more than one year immediately prior to the commencement of this suit; for cruel and inhumat treatment of plaintiff by defendant and personal indignities inflicted by defendant on plaintiff as set forth in the complaint filed herein to which reference is hereby made; that plaintiff be decreed her former name and alimony from defendant; that any and all rights of defendant in and to the SW 1-4 NE 1-4 Section 12. Tp 2 S R. 35, E. W. M. be cut off and extinguished and the same be decreed to plaintiff absolutely; for her costs and disbursements herein and for general relief.

This summons is published by virtue of an order made and entered by Hon. J. W. Knowles, Judge of the above entitled Court, at Chambers, in La Grande, Oregon, on the 24th day of February, 1910, which Order directed the service of this summons upon you by publication for a period of six consecutive weeks in the La Grande Evening Observer, a newspaper published at La Grande, Union County, Oregon.

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L. DENHAM,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Feb 25. Mar. 4-11-18-25. Apr. 1-8.

Mikado tonight—Steward Opera House—Popular prices.

Chocolate wafers, 10c per pound at the Fair from 7 to 9.

HEACOCK'S—The only place in Union County that you can get a new lens exactly like yours in less than three or four days. Office over

Notice to Water Consumers

You are hereby notified that hereafter water rent must be paid in by the tenth of the mouth of the water will be shut off. The water committee will se that this order is strictly enforced and the water system placed strictly on a business basis. Please call at office and settle as there will be no collector and the books will be closed after the 10th of each month.

J. K. SHEAK,
G. T. FLEMING,
W. J. CHURCH, Water Committee.

4-12-5-1.

Candy sale at The Fair Saturday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

4-22-12.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Mary Lieurance—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Mary Lieurance, deceased, and has duly qualified as such; and all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present them, duly verified, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, either to the undersigned at his residence at Cove, Union county, Oregon, or at the law office of Jno. S. Hodgin, in La Grande is said county and state

Date of first publication, April 16, 1910.

LEO A. BLEVINS,
Administrator.

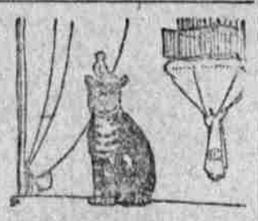
4-16-23-30-7-14.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be recived at the office of the Recorder of the City of La Grande Oregon, for the construction of 43,920 Cu. Yds. of macadam pavement, to be constructed according to the plans and specifications now on file in this office. Bids will be received until 4 o'clock, p. m., May 4th, 1910, and must be accompanied by a certified check for 5 per cent of the amt. o fthe bid. The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

D. E. COX,
Recorder of the City of La Grande.

Daddy's Bedtime Story—The Calico Cat and the Canary



Sat on the Cat's Head and Sang

"NOW, children," said daddy. "If you can keep your sleepy eyes open for three minutes I'll tell you the tale of the cat and the canary. The canary lived in a little brass cage hung in the parlor window, and the cat always sat on the window sill right beneath.

"The canary was a sweet little singer, but the cat didn't have any voice at all. It never even purred or meouwed. Most canaries are afraid of cats, and well they might be, for cats like to eat canaries. But this canary wasn't a bit afraid of this cat, and the bird wanted to get out of its cage and sit on the cat's head and sing.

"So one day the canary's cage was opened, and the bird flew down and lit on the cat's head and sang a sweet little love song. The cat just sat there and didn't move a peg. So after that every day the canary was let out of its cage and flew down and sat on the cat's head and sang a little love song."

"I bet it wasn't a cat like mine," said Jack, "or he would have caught that canary and swallered him."

"But this cat," said daddy, "was an extra good cat. He had been taught good manners and how to be gentle and kind. He was the best mannered cat in the world. Why, he never even begged for food. In fact, he never ate a mouthful in all his life, though he was always stuffed, and he never jumped around all over things, like most cats."

"I'm sure he wasn't like my kittens, then," said Evelyn, "for they jump up and pull at the tablecloth and catch hold of mamma's knitting yarn."

"No," said daddy, "this was a very handy cat to have in the house. He never woke the family up by making loud catcalls on the back fences at night, as our neighbors' cats often do, you know. Daddy wishes mamma would get that kind of cat instead of our Tommy Tabby, who sometimes tries to get on the table and steal daddy's breakfast bacon."

"But I don't b'lieve" said Jack, "that there's a really truly good cat like that anywhere. I don't think that kind of cat would be any fun at all."

"Oh, yes, there are such cats," said daddy. "There used to be a great many more of them in the world, too, but that was before Teddy bear got to be so popular. Ladies used to set these old fashioned cats in the parlor window so that they would look like real live cats from the outside. But they weren't live cats at all. They were stuffed calico cats, and that's why the canary could sit on this cat's head and sing without getting hurt."