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PINS HIS FAITH TO WEST.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has come forward with another of his concrete facts. He says the soil production must be increased and the place to increase it is in the west. Realizing that the east and middle states are now putting forth their best effort in making the land yield its capacity, Secretary Wilson has turned his face to the irrigated section and pins his faith to the west and northwest.

And right along this line is it not well to take the statement of this learned man in agricultural matters, home to the Grande Ronde valley. The soil must be made to produce more tonnage to the acre says Jim Hill, Secretary Wilson and other students of the situation. That being true, is it not a good time to start the irrigation campaign anew for this valley?

With irrigation the Grande Ronde valley would more than double her crops; with irrigation no valley in the world will outrank this for fertility, and it is only a question of time until the irrigation comes, so why not make that time short and let the present generation enjoy some of its benefits?

THE NEW COUNTY CRAZE

Right now in Oregon there seems to be a craze for the forming of new counties. Umatilla county is the latest to be threatened with this division. Dissatisfaction has arisen over around Milton and Freewater. The people there feel they are big enough and strong enough to have a county of their own and cut loose from Pendleton and the exclusive wheat growing section.

Baker county is threatened also by some agitators who would lop off the east side of the county and form a new one. But Editor Putnam of the Medford Tribune, goes them all one better and demands that the new state Siskyou be carved from Oregon and California.

The danger of gerrymandering state lines is very apparent and the evil of fooling with county lines is so well known that no mention need be made regarding it.

Every man who has an ax to grind will bob up with a bill in the next legislature and ask for a new county to be formed, while Putnam and the Medford boosters will be on hand ready to announce secession from Oregon.

None of the proposed will be accomplished. They should not be.

Things are all right in Oregon, so far as county lines are concerned. Let us get more people. You cannot get more people without the population. Let us instead of using energy to change lines in the map it would be better for a harmonious campaign to prevail that will bring in settlers in this great state which has hardly been scratched.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Don't be alarmed if there should be some objections to the improvements that have been outlined by the city administration. La Grande surely would be a peculiar city if some one who owns a great deal of property did not raise some objection. But bear in mind, that every city has the same thing to contend with. There is always a certain percent of the people who believe in letting well enough alone, but they get over it.

As soon as it is demonstrated beyond a shadow of a doubt that these improvements enhance values \$1 for every one dollar of expense then the ones who have registered a complaint usually recant and join the majority.

There is a little rough place in the track while this process of explaining is in progress and there may be an occasional jar felt, but it will be all right. Everyone will be happy when the work is completed and after all results are all that count in this world.

La Grande is entitled to be the large town of Eastern Oregon but the first thing to make her the largest point is to do just what the city council has started—build cement sidewalks, pave the streets, build a sewerage system and keep everything looking in first class condition. The first appearance of a city on a stranger's mind is lasting. Fortunately this city has the railroad entering at a proper point while many other Eastern Oregon towns show up badly from the tracks. And the appearance of La Grande will be greatly improved when the traveler can look westward from the depot and see the paved streets.

Ruth Bryan is to take unto herself another husband. Here's hoping that Ruth may get her affinity this time.

Notice of Sale of State Lands.
Notice is hereby given that the State Land Board will receive sealed bids until 11:00 o'clock a. m. August 1, 1910, for the following described school lands, to-wit:

S 1-2 and S 1-2 of N 1-2 of Section 16, T. 5 S. R. 34 E.
All bids must be accompanied by a regularly executed application to purchase and at least one-fifth of the amount offered.

No bids for less than \$15.00 per acre will be considered.
The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

Applications and bids should be addressed to G. G. Brown, Clerk State Land Board, Salem, Oregon, and marked, "Application and bid to purchase state lands."

G. G. BROWN,
Clerk State Land Board
Dated April 22, 1910, Apr. 29-Aug. 1

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Put a little "Sunshine" in your home and see what it will do to old furniture, picture frames or any woodwork that is marred, scratched or weather beaten. To make anything new apply "Sunshine." All Fin-

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PERRY PEOPLE ALARMED

THIRTY DAYS GIVEN TO ALL THE SMALL PLACES.

La Grande and Perry Alike Have 30 Days to Complete Count.

Residents of Perry were very much alarmed yesterday when it was discovered that no enumerator had been in that neighborhood during the 15 days allotted for taking the count in cities and towns. A canvas was made of the residents at the sawmill town and it was learned that there was no sign of an enumerator in that section. The alarm was untimely, however, as all towns under 5000 population at the last census have 30 days in which to make the count. This information reached this city yesterday and it has been transmitted to Perry, alaying the alarm felt there that no count might be made of the entire town. La Grande is included in that category hence there yet remain 15 days in which to complete the count here.

WILL GATHER CLOTHING

BAKER CLEANING SHOP EXPANDING AT RAPID RATE.

Perry, Island City and Palmer Mill to be on Regular Route.

C. W. Baker, the tailor, starts next Monday to make regular calls on the Palmer Mill and at Perry. He will deliver to these places on Saturday. Island City calls will be made on Tuesdays and delivered on Friday. Three or four men will be added to the force to handle any and all kinds of work.

The shop has been manned with two men but the business has been increasing to such an extent that it has been found necessary to expand. Mr. Baker believes he will soon have cause to enlarge his prospective crew for he feels that support will be given him in his effort to make the largest cleaning and repairing establishment in Eastern Oregon in his shop. As soon as he can make arrangements to handle the business, he will expand still further and include other points in the valley as his regular patrons.

This is but another step in the right direction by La Grande business men. When Union and Wallowa counties come to realize that the best and largest plants of any kind are to be found in La Grande the natural tendency will be for a portion of all lines of business to come to the capitol of Union county.

Ready for Test of Local Option Law.

Pendleton, April 29—The stipulations have been filed and all is now in readiness for the trial of the case which is to test the local option law so far as it applies to Umatilla Co. The fight is to be made on the ground that the county court had not been officially notified of the result of the election and that the ensuing prohibition order was therefore invalid.

The case against Thomas Murrel, who was one of the large number recently indicted, is the one that has been taken for the test. It is agreed by both sides that he did sell beer containing more than four percent of alcohol, but it is denied by Murrel and his attorneys that he violated any law, giving the reason as alleged above for their contention that there was no local option law in this county to violate.

The dates for the argument of the case have not been set but will prob-

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