

# I CAN INTEREST YOU in Real Estate

All Kinds of City, Farm, Fruit and Stock Propositions. Several Business Opportunities that will bear investigation

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### City Property

- No. 39.—Six room house with pantry, first class condition, stone foundation with cellar, woodshed, chicken house with yard fenced, city water and well, fruit trees. Lot 140 on Adams by 200 feet on Cherry. Price \$2,500. Terms.
- No. 41.—Good two story house situated south end of 4th St., nine rooms papered, painted and stone foundation, wired, barn room for eight head of stock, 16 tons of hay, chicken house and woodshed, 200 fruit trees, all fenced. Price \$2,500. Terms.
- No. 35.—On U Avenue. I have a 1 acre tract; good five room house with stone foundation, city water and water right, barn room for three head of stock, chicken house, fruit trees and berry patch, good soil. Price \$2,550. Small payments.
- No. 31.—South La Grande, Cor. 2nd and D St. Seven room two story house, bath and city water; also water for irrigating, barn and chicken house. Price \$2,900. Terms \$250 down.
- No. 65.—On east Adams Ave., lot 60x114, good four room house, woodshed, city water, nice lawn. Price \$1,500. \$1,000 down.
- No. 65 1-2.—New house and two good lots, five rooms, bath and toilet, very nicely arranged, and strictly modern. Price \$2,000.
- No. 12.—Four room house on North Spruce, two lots, woodshed and cellar, city water in yard and sewer runs in front of place, near school. Price \$1,100. Terms.
- No. 45.—House East Adams Ave. Eight room plastered house facing north, stone foundation and basement, lot 50x110. Price \$2,100.
- No. 40.—Fraction of lot 1 and all of 3-4-5 in block 3, Arnolds Add., D. St. Seven room house with stone foundation and cellar, barn for four head of stock, two good chicken houses and about 20 fruit trees, city water and well. Price \$1,500. Terms.
- No. 43.—Madison and Fir; lot 45x110, five room house, stone foundation and cellar, city water and barn. Price \$1,400. Terms.
- No. 47.—Fine large two story house with basement full size of house, three large bed rooms up stairs, well built and double papered, shingled and painted two years ago, hot and cold water, bath and toilet, can be heated with furnace. Henry Henson's home. Price \$4,250. Terms.
- No. 37.—In Sunnyside Add., and in reach of steady employment, eight room new house, cellar, woodshed and outbuildings. Lot 40x120. Price \$1,000. Terms very easy.
- No. 67.—On east Adams Ave. 1 lot 60x114 and good four room house, very good location for \$1,400. Terms.
- No. 53.—No. 2110 First street there is a good five room house and one lot 60x110 which can be bought for \$1,750.
- No. 21 1-2.—One fourth block and four room house on Fourth street which can be purchased for \$1,000. \$100 down.
- No. 55.—One fourth block and a good four room house on Fourth street which can be purchased for \$850. \$300 down.
- No. 7.—Four room house, Monroe Ave., nice barn and well built poultry house, cellar and city water; three lots and everything in good condition. Price \$1,400. \$300 down, \$15 per month.
- No. 11.—On the corner of Oak and Adams is a nice eight room house; thoroughly modern in every respect. Price \$3,500. Terms.
- No. 21.—Nice location, nice lawn, and good five room house on Wash. Ave., has a cellar, barn and one large lot, city water. Price \$1,400. Terms.
- No. 25.—Good five room house in North La Grande, large lot, good barn, fruit trees and water right. Price \$1,750. Terms.

### TOWN LOTS.

I have some splendid buys in town lots in all parts of the city. Very good lots for \$100, choice ones from \$300 to \$700.

No. 51.—Block 13 and 14 in Arnolds and Drays

add., for \$1,000, with easy terms.

No. 33.—Lot 3, Block 53, Chaplin's Add., Price \$800. \$350 down and balance can run for three years.

### Farm, Stock and Fruit Ranches

No. 54.—Here is a 588 acre farm ten miles from La Grande; 130 acres in cultivation, 15 acres in timber, balance pasture, family orchard of 50 trees, four room house, barn 50x50, chicken house and other outbuildings. Price \$6,000.

No. 38.—The Geo. Childers Farm is now on the market at a reduced price, 440 acres of choice land, 350 in cultivation, 60 in pasture, 20 in alfalfa, 20 in timothy, splendid large house, barn and other buildings. Has been rented at \$1100 cash for five years. Price \$55 per acre.

No. 66.—Nice 215 acre farm; 2 1-2 miles from Island City, all tillable land, 30 acres in meadow and balance in cultivation; two story seven room house, barn, two cellars, and other buildings; family orchard, well improved, buildings insured for \$3,500. One of the best farms in the valley can be bought for \$78 per acre.

No. 68.—Just one mile from town is a 30 acre tract, 25 acres tillable, good six room house with full basement, barn 16x24, 250 fruit trees; can be bought for \$2,800, \$1,000 down, balance secured by mortgage.

No. 56.—Farm of 200 acres, 50 acres in cultivation, balance pasture, fenced and cross fenced, 25 acres in alfalfa, 400 fruit trees, plenty of water to irrigate first two crops, water piped to house, barn, chicken house and other buildings. Rural delivery and telephone, close to school. Price \$6,000.

No. 42.—Farm 250 acres, 80 acres in cultivation, can be irrigated from springs which run through place, balance timber and pasture, 60 acres timothy, two acres alfalfa, good new six room house and lumber on ground for barn, 2,000 cords of wood or saw timber. Free from frosts and 2 1-2 miles from main street of La Grande. Price \$8,000.

No. 40.—152 1-2 acres all in cultivation except a small portion which is in pasture, part alfalfa, good house, barn and family orchard, depot on place and good road to La Grande, R. F. D., and telephone, 1-2 mile to school. Price \$85 per acre.

No. 48.—80 acres tillable land, five acres in 9 year old apples, young cherry orchard and other small fruit, good new eight room house, barn, woodshed, windmill, etc., near school and five miles from La Grande at Mt Glenn. Price \$9,000.

No. 8.—The Old Homestead, 160 acres up Mill Creek Canyon, 4 acres cleared, 24 acres stump land which would make a good field if cleared more than half the land is level, all fenced with two wires, log house 18x20 boxed on inside, barn, good well, 5,000 cords of wood and some saw timber, good mountain road. Price \$2,000.

No. 20.—Eighty acres of good land near Valeria school house, soil first class, on rural delivery and telephone. Entire tract fine alfalfa land. \$75 per acre.

### FRUIT FARMS AND ACREAGE.

No. 50.—Tract of 35 acres in Cove, 7 acres in commercial apple orchard of different varieties, 5 acres in pasture. Price \$7,000.

No. 4.—Very profitable 5 acre tract in May Park, 1 1-2 miles from town, well improved with good house, barn, all fenced and under irrigation water is pumped by 5 H. P. electrical pumping plant; 475 apple trees, 50 cherry trees, 40 pear trees, 22 peach trees. Price \$5,000.

No. 70.—Eight acres one and one half miles from town, four room house, six acres under irrigation, all tillable, three acres good alfalfa. Price \$2,700.

No. 16.—Commercial apple farm in Cove, 7 1-2 acres of five year old trees, 17 feet to water, house of five rooms and two good wells, barn, cellar and chicken house, household goods and 100 chickens included with the place. Price \$4,500.

No. 24.—Five acre tract; 1 acre in cherries different varieties, 1-2 acre family orchard, eight room house, barn room for eight head of stock; water right goes with place, R. F. D., and telephone. Price \$2,000. Terms.

I have a few business propositions, one of which is a good blacksmith shop, well equipped with all the latest tools such as engine, trip hammer, and saw, drill power machine, emery wheel, three good forges, etc., located in a good country and no competition, has been doing a business of \$6,000 to \$12,000. Price \$3,000.

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### THE POWER OF THE BRAHMAN

All the Wealth of the World Would Not Enable a Lower Caste Hindu to Wed into His Family or Touch His Hand—Tyrannical Social Divisions.

Caste distinction in India is a thing difficult for a foreigner to comprehend. All the racial or religious distinctions which separate European nations from each other and divide them within themselves do not equal the number of classes into which the Hindus are divided by what is known as "caste."

The 200,000,000 Hindus are made up of diverse racial elements and speak about nineteen developed languages and over 100 dialects. They are again divided into over 3,000 castes, most of them with subcastes. One of these castes, the Brahmins, is split up into more than 800 subcastes, of which none will intermarry and few will eat together.

The term "caste" includes so many things that it is difficult to define it. There are, however, two properties essential to a true caste—first, there is no entry except by birth; second, marriage outside the caste is absolutely forbidden. To preserve the purity and maintain the exclusiveness of the society many minute rules of conduct, many restrictions on food and many ceremonial observances are imposed on the members and enforced by penalties which cannot be evaded, against which there is no appeal and which in extreme cases follow the offender beyond the grave.

But that is not all. The relations of castes to each other are as much a matter of religious observance as the rules for their internal regulation. The Brahmins are the highest admittedly and undoubtedly superior to all the rest. After them come those who are acknowledged to be twice born. The less honored follow in a graduated descent until the untouchable and unspokeable are reached at the lowest depth.

It may be urged that the separation between the Brahman and, let us say, the Kurmi market gardener is no wider than that between the peer of the United Kingdom and the coal miner. There is this essential difference—that it is impossible for an Indian to change his caste. The coal miner may be elected to parliament, may become a cabinet minister and if he can make money enough may marry his son to a duke's daughter.

The Kurmi must remain a Kurmi. All the wealth of Croesus will not enable him to make an alliance with a Brahman family or to touch a Brahman's hand. The members of a caste may and in some cases do raise themselves in the sight of other castes by adopting more elaborate ceremonies and more scrupulous observances.

A half civilized Gond, for example, may find himself brought into contact with Hindus as the plow encroaches on the forest. He tries to raise his position and add to his self respect by adopting the exclusiveness of his Hindu neighbors. He will even outdo them if he can, and if the Hindu is scrupulous about his food the convert will wash the very wood with which his dinner is cooked.

No endeavors of this kind, however, will avail to lessen by a hair's breadth the distance between him and the caste Hindu or even to induce the Hindu barber to look upon him as a client whose chin he may shave and whose toe nails he may pare without degradation.

Another point connected with caste which has a very practical bearing and must be taken into account is the power of coercion which it gives to the brotherhood. If a man is excommunicated by his caste fellows nobody in the caste will marry him or will accept water from his hands or will eat with him.

If he is married his wife will not touch him or speak to him. He is

dead to his family. The priest will not perform ceremonies for him. The village barber will not shave him, and the washerwoman will not wash his clothes. These are the methods of bringing pressure on the man. The strictest boycott which Irishmen have invented is mild compared to the final sentence of a caste punchayat.

A system like this is a stern fact which has to be faced. There is not a police case or a civil case or a trial at the sessions, there is hardly an appointment to an office in India of whatever degree, in which the matter of caste has not to be considered. It forces itself into every assessment of land revenue, into every adjudication of rent. It affects the administration of justice, the proceedings of municipal and district councils.

The influence and power of the Brahman and the idea that he is above the law and is not to be punished as other people are still alive, although a century of British justice has done something toward eradicating them. On the other hand, the suggestion that a man of a lower caste might rise to an equality or nearer to an equality with members of a caste above him is unthinkable. Where the low caste men are, there they must remain. If they behave themselves it will be made up to them in a future existence.—London Spectator.

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