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SETTING THE PACE.

This is the year that La Grande sets the pace, commercially, for every other Eastern Oregon city. Did you notice the land deals already, pending and consummated? Did you notice the amount of money involved in these transactions? And did you notice further, that local dealers and real estate men are taking on life and stimulation as a result of the outside investors? Now, real estate men either make or break a growing community. By their efforts they can make it go forward rapidly, or if they are not alive to the situation they can place a community on the shelf and let it remain in a state of coma for years when nature has done everything for that same community. But it is evident the real estate men of La Grande are going to be a live bunch this year and largely through their efforts the pace will be set for neighboring cities.

Baseball enthusiasts are already beginning to enthuse, which is a sure indication of the approaching spring-time. But the great trouble with baseball is lack of organization and lack of support. To run a ball team properly the money should be raised in advance and a good business man placed at the head. It is the great game and there should be a two-county league here for the summer. There is no use to try it, however, unless the preliminaries mentioned are made before the first ball is put over the plate.

Do not get excited about growing rice in the Willamette valley. Rice culture is very different from any other cereal. It requires a great deal of water during the growing season, something the Willamette valley does not possess. One rice canal in the summer would drain the entire Willamette valley. The experiment is likely talked of by some energetic promoter. And besides the mosquitoes in the valley are not large enough for a rice growing district.

The finding of Ellixson's time book will assist the jury in believing it did the right thing when a verdict of guilty was returned against the slayer of

Waldo Perry. With Perry dead, Ellixson in prison, the curtain is rung down on what was one of the worst crimes Union county has ever known. And it might appear to some that there were actors in this fearful drama who never got the censure they were entitled to.

For the number of mudholes in the residence district La Grande has every other city beaten to a standstill. If the city streets were properly graded and drained Ed. Fowler and the rest of the transfer and hack lines would save a third on horse feed in the winter time.

Last evening an automobile stuck in the mud in a close residence section. It was a good machine, but the mud was too deep for it. This is another reason why we need some road grading directed in a common sense manner.

President Taft's statement to Diaz that there will be no interference in Mexican affairs probably meant there will be none so long as Diaz lives. But if the old gentleman should die, just watch your Uncle Samuel.

IMPRISONMENT FOR SMUGGLING.

New York Times.
Mrs. Hill, whose three days of imprisonment in the Tombs for attempted smuggling were completed yesterday, was the first to suffer imprisonment for this crime since the recent strict interpretation of the customs laws began. But the courts have served fair warning to all offenders. Imprisonment for petty smuggling under conditions as flagrant as those revealed in this case, is likely to be the common penalty hereafter. The law provides for imprisonment as well as a fine, and it is right that the law should be strictly enforced. Nor is it to be taken for granted that all who are convicted will be sentenced to imprisonment for so short a term.

This example should tend to lessen the practice of smuggling among women who travel abroad. But doubtless the customs officers may be skeptical about any means of breaking up that practice. Recent events have indicated that the smuggling habit is strong and hard to break. Women of ample means, who would scorn to commit any other crime, seem to regard this manner of swindling the government as laudable and even amusing, until they are found out. But the collector of the port is keeping his eyes open, and the chance of successful smuggling is now very small. Smuggling is not respectable, it is not decent, and a term of three days in the Tombs, or one of a month or six months, cannot fail to injure a woman's social repute. It is likely there will be less attempted smuggling of furs and jewelry next summer than there was last year.

Sheriff's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Union, bearing date the 4th day of February, 1911, and to me directed and delivered upon a judgment duly rendered in said court on the 31st day of May, 1910, in an action wherein O. W. Smith doing business under the firm name and style of Union Coal and Feed Co. was

Spring Modes

for Your Approval

Our Ready-to-Wear Department for Ladies and Misses is more attractive than ever before. All the prevailing styles for this Spring's wear are on display now, in shades and qualities to meet the demands of the most particular dresser.

THE NEW WOOLTEX SUITS are here and must be seen to be appreciated. Tan and Gray mixtures and Blue are the prevailing shades. All linings are guaranteed for two season's wear Wooltex means All Pure Wool.

SUITS \$20.00 to \$40.00
COATS \$20.00 to \$35.00
DRESSES \$6.50 to \$35.00



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We are prepared now to fill your wants in Clothing and Furnishings in this department as well as the most exclusive men's store of the large cities.

FOUR GREAT CLOTHING LINES:

BENJAMIN

New York Styles for Men
\$20 TO \$30

SOCIETY

Young Men's Clothing
\$20 TO \$35

SINCERITY

Suits for Men Who Stay
Young, \$15 to \$25

EIDER-HEIMER, STEIN & CO'S, CLOTHING FOR YOUNG MEN and BOYS WHO WANT THE BEST
Boys' Xtra-good Suits, \$3.50 to \$9.00
Young Men's Suits \$12.50 to \$22.50



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THE OFFICERS

of this bank will be pleased to talk with you at any time concerning mutual business relations

WHEN the Federal Government, the county, the city and a large and growing list of commercial and private depositors entrust their funds to this institution to the extent of \$800,000.00, you may be sure that it is a safe one for you to identify yourself with.

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La Grande National Bank

LA GRANDE, OREGON.

CAPITAL . . . \$ 100,000.00
SURPLUS . . . 100,000.00
RESOURCES . . . 1,125,000.00

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

Fred J. Holmes, Pres. W. J. Church, Vice Pres.
F. L. Meyers, Cashier Earl Zundel, Ass't. Cashier

plaintiff and Jesse L. Smith, was defendant, said judgment being in favor of plaintiff as against said defendant, for the sum of \$144.33 with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, from May 31, 1910, and the further sum of \$10.80 for costs and disbursements, I will on Monday, the 20th day of March, 1911 at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the court house in the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs, and disbursements and accruing costs, all the right, title and interest that said defendant had in and to Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, in Block 22 of the town of Imbler, Union County, Oregon.

Dated this 18th day of February, 1911 at La Grande, Oregon.
F. P. CHILDERS,
Sheriff of Union County, Oregon.
Sat. Feb. 18-25 Mch 4-11-18

FINAL ACCOUNT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Fannie Brown, the undersigned Administratrix of the estate of Benjamin Brown, deceased, has filed with the clerk of the County Court of Union county, state of Oregon, her Final Account, as such Administratrix, and the Judge of the above-entitled court has fixed the 12th day of April, A. D. 1911, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at his office in the court-house, in the city of La Grande, said county and state, as the time and place for hearing any and

all objections that may be filed or made on or before said day, to said Final Account, or to any item thereof. And if no objections are made on or before said date to said Final Account, or to any item thereof, the said court will, at said time and place settle said Final Account with the undersigned Administratrix of said estate.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 4th day of March, 1911.
FANNIE BROWN,
Administratrix of the Estate of Benjamin Brown, deceased.
F. S. IVANHOE,
Attorney for Administratrix.
Dly March 6-13-20-27-Apr. 3.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution and order of sale upon a decree of foreclosure issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Union bearing date the 13th day of January, 1911, and to me directed and delivered upon a judgment and decree duly rendered, entered of record and docketed in said Circuit Court on the 9th day of February, 1911, in a suit wherein Rachel Hilts was plaintiff and J. F. Baker, Joseph Baker, Union County, Sanford K. Baker, executor of the Last Will and Testament of Micajah Baker, deceased and Margaret Baker were defendants; said judgment and decree being in favor of said plaintiff for the sum of \$590.05, and the further sum of \$75.00 attorney's fees and in

favor of Sanford K. Baker, executor of the Last Will and Testament of Micajah Baker, deceased for the sum of \$862.66 and the further sum of \$100.00 attorney's fees and the costs and disbursements of said suit taxed, at \$20.40, and which judgment and decree was for the foreclosure of two certain mortgages upon the premises hereinafter described and directed and ordered that said premises be sold upon execution to satisfy said judgments and decrees.

NOW THEREFORE, in pursuance of said execution and order of sale, I will on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 1911 at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of said day at the front door of the Court House in the City of La Grande, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said judgments and decrees of foreclosure therein including principal, interest, costs and disbursements and accruing costs, all the right, title and interest that said defendants and each of them had on the date of the mortgages foreclosed in said suit in and to the following described mortgaged property, to-wit: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Block 7 in Arnolds & Dray's Addition to the town of La Grande, Union County, Oregon.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 1911, at La Grande, Oregon.
F. P. CHILDERS,
Sheriff of Union County, Oregon.
Dly Mch 6-13-20-27-Apr. 3.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that

the undersigned J. J. Carr has been duly appointed and qualified, as Administrator of the estate of W. L. Touey, deceased; and that all persons having or claiming to have claims against said estate, must present the same, properly itemized and verified, with the undersigned, in La Grande, Oregon, on or before six months from the date of this notice.

J.J.CARR,
Administrator of the Estate of W. L. Touey, deceased.
F. S. IVANHOE,
Attorney for Administrator.
First publication March 6, 1911, last publication Apr. 3, 1911.
D. Mch 6-13-20-27 Apr. 3.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that James C. McIntyre has been duly appointed, and has qualified, as the Administrator of the estate of Frederick B. Small, deceased; and that all persons having claims against said estate must present the same, properly itemized and verified, to F. S. Ivanhoe, at his office, in the city of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, on or before six months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

The first publication of this notice is March 6th, 1911.
JAMES C. MCINTYRE,
Administrator of the Estate of Frederick B. Small, deceased.
F. S. IVANHOE, Attorney for Administrator.
Dly-Mch 6-13-20-27, Apr. 3.