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JUST ONE OF SEVERAL.

The announcement last evening that a brick building was to be erected this spring on the Snodgrass corner is only one of several new business buildings that are planned. Such intelligence cannot help making every citizen of La Grande rialize that his home city is fast approaching that enviable place in history when all village ways shall have been nut aside and metropolitan methods and prices must prevail here.

The need of more business houses has been apparent for some time. No be effected in the parlor by a feather time in the past two years has there duster that medical weapon of inbeen sufficient business buildings to accommodate the commercial enter- this city should be flushed before prices and those that would like to have located here. In one way this seems too bad, but in another way of viewing it there can be no doubt as to La Grande's healthy business location. There is not a firm in the city that is not doing a better business than the year before. So gradually and surely the commercial importance of this city is mountaing the ladder until the entire northw st is taking due and prop-er notice of La Grande and giving it

UP TO FRUIT MEN NOW.

McKennon and Chandler took to Portland the prize winning steers, and they were Grande Ronde steers. All prizes were captured from sweepthat the Grande Ronde is the home of the beef steer.

But there are other prizes to be takfruit men to prove this excellent dis-fruit men to prove this excellent dis-pr appliances designed to secure the tinction by competing for prizes in the safety of railroad employes and travfruit shows this fall.

the busin as section of Portland, went will show you where he has a good laws. thing where he can look after it and his future values are assured. No. be is not in the market for any such

Baker City is talking municipal ownership of her electric light plant. Baker claims to have sufficient power

yourself with.

Fred J. Holmes, Pres.

F. L. Meyers, Cashier

current for the city's use. But even in this Baker need not grow chesty, for La Grande has a water power just outside of the city limits wher cur-rent could be generated in quite a

Alread- the street making machinery is at work. Both the bitulithic crews and the city crews are laboring to build pay d streets and to make the dirt roads better. Let the good work go on. La Grande needs good streets more than she needs a bank account.

And the sunny days came to a close with a nice invoice of heavenly dew drops—all of which the vall y to thankful for. Cannot raise good grain without moisture as well as sunshine.

DANGER OF DUST.

(Inland Herald.

Give an energeti cbut ignorant maid. unaware of the fact that the danger of dust lies not so much in its presence. but in its motion, a feather duster and the average man is glad to g t out of the room. The public is gradually beginning to understand that curtains and carpets are the worst breeders of diseases in any household. While the average householder, however, is reforming his home practice, the streets are left very much as they were a generation ago. Any man walking the business streets of Spokane aft r a certain, not too belated, hour in the evening is liable to be choked by clouds of dust raised by the scavenger department. Dust that rises penetrate the lungs of every passer-by, gets into every open window, destroy-ing the furniture, the shop goods and the health of everyone with whom it comes into contact, to settle again after the machine brush passes. What is effected? There is little surface cleanliness, but after the removal of dirt and dust about the same result is accomplished in the street that may duster, that medieval weapon of ignorance. The sidewalks and streets of sweeping and if this were done spinal meningitis and its allied dust diseases. so productive of infant mortality. would disappear.

It may be said that the city has not sufficient water to accomplish this undoubtedly beneficial reform, but if the water commissioner, C. M. Fassett will make a thorough examination of the matter he will probably find that there is quite as much water wasted as is used in this city. In the summer credit for being what it is—the com-the waste of water is laid at the fing city of the Eastern Oregon coun-door of the lawns, but lawns are not watered in winter and waste of water still goes, on.

"THIS IS MY 65TH BIRTHDAY.

Edward A. Moseley.

Edward A. Moseley, secretary of the interstate commerce commission since stakes down. It was a great victory its organization in 1887, was born in for this valley. It means a reputation Newburyport, Mass., March 23, 1846. that will last years; that will attract At the age of 16 he ran away to s a good stockmen here; that will place and for some years was connected with live stock from this valley high in the East India trade. Later he enwith the many other good things this rose to fortune. He studied law and valley produces, McKennon and Chan-served several terms in the Massachudler have shown to the outside world setts legislature. In 1887 he was appointed secretary of the interstate commerce commission at the request of President Cleveland. Mr. Moseley en. No finer fruit can grow that this is regarded as the leading authority in valley produces. It is now up to the the United States upon all measures ON THE WATCH FOR THIEVES.

elers upon railroads. He has written One man in La Grande, instead of appliances on railroads and has been several books on the subject of safety buying town lots five miles away from instrumental in securing the adoption of federal and state legislation reout to Imbler a year ago and purchas-ed a few acres of fruit land. Will that and other safety appliances. At its man exchange his investment for any commencement last June Notre Dame of the town lot and stock schemes in university conferred upon Mr. Mosefar off cities? Just ask him and he ley the honorary degree of doctor of

> "I had been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me," writes Thos. E. Williams. Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Cham-beriain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cure

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Precautions Taken to Keep Jewelry and Gold and Silver Articles, That May Have Been Stolen. Out of the Government's Melting Pot.

The way in which the United States assay office in Wall street keeps itself from becoming a "fence" where thieves and crooks may bring their stolen wares to have them melted and receive cash for the same was recently explained by the superintendent.

The federal statutes make it difficult for those in charge to refuse any gold or silver handed in. The statute reads in part that "any owner of gold and ailver bullion shall be entitled to deposit the same, and it shall be melted and assayed immediately." It does not designate that only the rightful owner may apply for service, and inasmuch as possession is nine points of the law of rightful ownership the assayer is not allowed to be a doubting Thom-

"Several years ago." said the superintendent, "there was a city detective stationed in the building to watch for jewelry and gold and silver pieces that were presented for assaying to determine whether or not they were stolen goods. He remained here for eighteen months, and during that time he did not catch a single thief. The reason was that the news undoubtedly went out to every 'fence,' crook and thief of every description in the city that a guard was at the assay office and to watch out for him.

"After the city detective was withdrawn it became more necessary to secure some other means to prevent our offices from really becoming a 'fence' for stolen articles.

"The one provision we finally incorporated into our rules that has kept away from us the greatest portion of stolen goods that might otherwise be headed in our direction was that we refused to accept any bullion that will assay less than \$100. In this way we are able to refuse any ordinary quantity of rings, watches and other trinkets that would be stolen and which we know will not contain pure metal

we will accept stuff and it will turn | count and the settlement thereof. out to be worth a few dollars under the amount, but we cannot always 1911. guess correctly when looking at goods.

"We have many other ways of deter-Uncle Sam's Assay Office In Wall mining whether goods presented to us have been stolen, but it would not be wise to let every crook in town know every time we have suspected things were not right we have secured immediate co-operation of the New York detective bureau, and I believe we have secured better results than when a man from the central office was constantly on watch. Then the stuff did not appear. Since then we have been of assistance in tracing down several

burglar mysteries, "When goods are stolen that value or would assay over \$100 it is much easier for us to keep the lists of the same which are furnished by the police department and to be on the lookout for what is wanted.

"Then when the value of the articles is over that amount we are in much safer position to put a few questions to our customer, to discover who he is and why he wants to get money for the articles. If we are still suspicious that all is not as it should be it is a simple matter to make a few investigations before we complete the transac-

"I am perfectly aware that the idea is prevalent in many quarters that the United States assay office is a 'fence' for thieves to bring their wares. This may have been the case in New York in the old days, and it may be so now in other places, but I feel that it is a pity that such feeling still exists in New York. It may be that there are cases where stolen articles get by us, but we are constantly on the lookout for crooks and what they have looted. and I feel safe in saying that there is less justice to the term 'fence' being applied to us now than at any other time in the history of the office."-New York World.

Notice of Final Account

Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Donnelly, administratrix of the estate of John P. Donnelly, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Union County, Oregon, her final account in the matter of said estate and the County Court has appointed Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 1911, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. at the court house in La Grande, Union county. Oregon, as the time and place for to that amount. Of course sometimes I hearing of objections to such final ac- Inquire of D. Birchoux.

Dated this 28th day of February,

ELIZABETH DONNELLY. P. Donnelly, deceased.

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lecting. Apply of E. C. Herzinger, Savoy hotel. FOR RENT-Five room house for rent

WANTED-Man and wagon for col-

close in. Inquire of Geddes Bros. store. March 21-3t

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