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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.

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 sweepstakes down.

One man in La Grande, instead of buying town lots five miles away from the business section of Portland, went out to Imbler a year ago and purchased a few acres of fruit land.

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

in her city water system to generate 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 where current could be generated in quite a quantity.

Already the street making machinery is at work. Both the bitulithic crews and the city crews are laboring to build paved streets and to make the dirt roads better.

And the sunny days came to a close with a nice invoice of heavenly dew drops—all of which the valley is thankful for.

DANGER OF DUST.

(Inland Herald.) Give an energetic but ignorant maid, unaware of the fact that the danger of dust lies not so much in its presence, but in its motion.

It may be said that the city has not sufficient water to accomplish this undoubtedly beneficial reform, but if the water commissioner, C. M. Fasset

"THIS IS MY 65TH BIRTHDAY."

Edward A. Moseley, secretary of the interstate commerce commission since its organization in 1887, was born in Newburyport, Mass., March 23, 1846.

"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.

The Opening Date

and Particulars of the

\$60,000 Assignee's Bankrupt Sale

will be announced in Saturday's issue of the Observer

Watch for It!

Millinery Showing of Spring Models

Gage Pattern Hats Lyman Pattern Hats Tailored Street Hats

Exclusive Styles

N. K. WEST

The Quality Store



BARS THE CROOKS

Uncle Sam's Assay Office in Wall Street Not a "Fence."

ON THE WATCH FOR THIEVES.

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 silver bullion shall be entitled to deposit the same, and it shall be melted and assayed immediately."

"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."

"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."

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

"We have many other ways of determining whether goods presented to us have been stolen, but it would not be wise to let every crook in town know what they are. Sufficient to say that 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."

"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 transaction."

"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."

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 hearing of objections to such final ac-

count and the settlement thereof. Dated this 28th day of February, 1911.

ELIZABETH DONNELLY, Administratrix of the Estate of John P. Donnelly, deceased.

Classified Advertising

FOR RENT—Furnish room. Block post office. Inquire Mrs. J. C. Gulling. Mch22tf

TEAM WANTED—Medium sized team horses; gentle and safe. G. F. Ducher, Cove, Ore.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. Mrs. Roy Rynanson. Close in. 1620 Sixth street. tf

WANTED—A man with a few good teams to take contract for hauling 1 1-2 or 2 million feet of lumber, 8 hour trip. Apply at once to Overton Lumber Co., Union, Oregon. (tf)

FOR RENT—A furnished flat. Bell phone 462. Hattie R. McDonald. tf

FOR SALE—Two good fresh milk cows. Easy milkers. Inquire 1001 corner 2nd and J streets.

WANTED—Man and wagon for collecting. Apply of E. C. Herzinger, Savoy hotel.

FOR RENT—Five room house for rent close in. Inquire of Geddes Bros. store. March 21-31

CITY SCAVANGER—Joseph Turnbull, city scavanger. Anyone wanting my services call up City Recorder's office.

FOR RENT—Furnished and light housekeeping rooms. Mrs. E. C. Moore 1617—Fourth street.

WHITE LEGHORN roosers for sale. Inquire Mrs. W. G. Hunter, Red 691.

FOR SALE—Two good homestead relinquishments in Wallowa county. Inquire of D. Birchoux.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE—We furnish all kinds of reliable help on short notice. We have them listed in our office. If you are reliable phone us your wants. Wilson & Reed, employment office in postoffice block.

FOR SALE—Sixteen lots, four blocks from round house. A. M. Hendricks.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Two 80-acre tracts, unimproved, in Jackson county, one on county road, also 10 acres nearly all clear 1 1-2 miles from railroad station, with seven acres young fruit trees. Will trade any or all three pieces for property in or near La Grande. Address Box 567, Newberg, Ore.

TO LOAN—A client will loan \$ ,000 at 8 per cent interest, one year or longer, first mortgage farm security. F. S. Ivanhoe.

For Sale. A Bean power spraying outfit in good condition at a bargain if taken at once. Inquire of C. O. Ramsey, or J. B. Stoddard.

FOR SALE—At a bargain. One acre tract, six room house, barn and poultry yard; 50 full blood Barred Rocks, 80 fruit trees, also gooseberries, strawberries, etc. Fine place for poultry ranch. Owner leaving valley, must sell at once. TO SEE IS TO BUY. A. L. Rice, Imbler Ore.

WANTED—Housekeeper for man with no family; widow lady preferred. Box 321, Union, Ore.

FOR SALE—Twenty head of two and three year old horses. H. Eichenberger, Ladd Hill horse ranch.

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