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PEOPLE ARE INVESTIGATING.

Home people who are earning more than their living and who are looking for small investments have begun to investigate the offerings nearby. The saneness and reasoning has taken hold of the community and we believe that a Laurelhurst or Kenton salesman would now have a hard time interesting La Grande money, whereas a few weeks ago this city was looked upon as easy prey for the "fly-by-night" agent. Today it is some different, for the investor is asking, "what returns am I to get on my money? Am I to wait until a quarter century elapses before the town lot in Portland is within reasonable distance of settlement so that I can turn my property? These questions when rightly put are what queers the agent. Most of the smooth sharks would rather sell lots from a blue print than to show their customers the real estate in all its physical appearance for frequently there are ditches, hills and brush piles which do not look good to the eye, whereas the blue print eliminates all of them and only show the good. Look at the pictures being run in the newspapers of some of the additions. Very pretty to look at, but go and see the property. You will be disappointed, and you will be more disappointed if you have invested a few hundred dollars and cannot get loose. The Grande Ronde fruit lands lie

at your very door. You know what men are doing with the land. You can ascertain truthful statements as to earnings, if you choose, and besides your investment is close by where you can watch it.

There is no foreign town lot scheme or stock proposition that in any way approaches Grande Ronde land.

The Observer stands willing and ready to prove this statement.

A HAIRY REVOLUTION.

If every American man should suddenly take to the Scottish kilt and bare legs, it would be no more of an innovation, nor mean nearly so much as does the present queue cutting in China, where 40,000 queues were cut off in Hong Kong alone in December, while there were hair cutting festivals in many of the large coast cities and such outlying places as anila, Singapore and other cities of the Straits settlements, says The National Guard Magazine for March.

It must be remembered that vast China is ruled by a handful of Manchus who conquered the land four centuries ago and as a mark of subjection compelled the men to wear the "pig tail" while the women were obliged to bind their feet.

This also prevented the movement of families, as the women could not hobble far, while the braid of hair was easy to grasp and several prisoners could be tied together.

In time these marks of subjection became the most highly treasured emblems of loyalty. But today the cry is "China for the Chinese" and maybe the Manchus day has set.

Starting with the radicals of the New China party, the docking of the queue was urged by them as the visible and necessary sign of an acceptance of new ideas. Patriotism demanded that the Chinaman should rid himself of all the customs of the dark ages said the reformers, and there was no better evidence of emancipation from conservatism than the absence of the

queue. It was not more than three years ago that the New China party started the queueless crusade and so rapidly has the movement spread that before the end of last year a riscript from the dragon throne itself advised the wholesale cutting of the hair and the new, half organized Tzucheng Yuan or national parliament, passed a measure commanding the removal of all queues.

This change is all the more significant in that it came from Chinese inspiration and not through foreign suggestion. Thirty and more years ago the foreign missionaries in China attempted to make headway against the practice of foot bind and their suggested innovation was at first bitterly resented. It was not until within the last ten or fifteen years that anti-foot binding societies composed of Chinese made any great headway against the evil and now the reform is by no means general.

AN APPALLING DISASTER.

The whole country was shocked Saturday evening when the Evening Observer and other evening papers announced a fearful fire in New York city where over a hundred young girls lost their lives. Strange as it may seem in the metropolis of this nation, the building was too high to be reached by life saving devices. Most people believe that fire protection is looked after more closely than that. Few can realize that permission would be granted to build a building so high that firemen, trained in their work could not reach the top from the ground in order to save human life.

Yet such is the case. Thousands of people gathered around the burning structure and saw young women in the prime of life burned to death. Not one, but over one hundred of them. Their dead bodies choked the elevator shaft and the street was piled with dead bodies, much like the yeoman piles his cordwood. It is all too horrible to contemplate.

Can it be that in the mad rush for the dollar at this day and age that safety of life is so little thought of? Can it be that poor girls who are forced to work in cities are not only to undergo the agony that heavy constant toil brings, but that they must also be subjected to death in order to earn their living? It would seem that instead of this grandstanding political reform and other limelight reforms now in progress that some good philanthropist should take more interest in the factory situation.

Notice of Street Improvement.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, on the 5th day of August, 1909, creating Improvement District No. 3 and designating Main avenue, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 15th day of March, 1911, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Main avenue, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon bitulithic pavement, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefitted by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:

All that portion of Main avenue, from the west side of 4th street, to the west side of First Street.

(A) And the property affected or benefitted by said improvement is as follows:

All the property between the south line of Main avenue and a line drawn from Fourth street west through the center of blocks 10 and 13 in Grandy's addition to La Grande, Oregon, to the center of block 2 in Romig's addition to the town of La Grande, Oregon, and all the property between the north line of Main avenue and a line drawn from Fourth street west through the center of blocks 1, 9 and 14 in Grandy's addition to the town of La Grande, Oregon, to the center of block 1 in Romig's addition to the town of La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefitted by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$12,250.00. That the council will on the 5th day of April, 1911, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said as-

essment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, March 20th, 1911.

CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.

By C. M. HUMPHREYS, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

March 20-10t

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 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.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, for the construction of 10,670 square yards of bitulithic pavement on Sixth street between Washington avenue and F avenue, together with excavation curbing and drainage, the same to be constructed according to the plans specifications and estimates on file in this office. All bids to be in by 8 o'clock p. m. April 5th, 1911, and each bid to be accompanied by a certified check of 5 per cent of the amount of the bid. The council reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Attention of all contractors is called to the agreement of Warren Brothers' company, filed with this city, in accordance with which agreement Warren Brothers company agrees to license all contractors desiring to bid for the work to lay bitulithic pavement in accordance with its patents and the terms of said agreement. La Grande, Oregon, March 18th, 1911.

C. M. HUMPHREYS, Recorder. Mch 18-29th.

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.

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 Bicycle Riders.

Bear in mind on ordinance prevents you from riding on sidewalks in all parts of the city and this ordinance will be enforced to the letter after April 1st. Please do not violate this with the expectation to get off easy for such cannot be.

J. W. WALDEN, Chief of Police.

Directory of the Fraternal Orders of La Grande, Oregon

A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, J. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons. L. M. HOYT, W. M. A. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

REBEKAHS—Crystal Lodge No. 60 meets every Tuesday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are invited to attend. MRS. KATIE ARBUCKLE, N. G. MISS ANNA ALEXANDER, Sec.

B. P. O. E.—La Grande Lodge No. 433 meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Elk's club, corner of Depot street and Washington avenue. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend. H. J. RITTER, Ex. Rul. H. E. COOLIDGE, Rec. Sec.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Red Cross Lodge No. 27 meets every Monday night in Castle hall, (old Elk's hall.) A Pythian welcome to all visiting Knights. JESS PAUL, C. C. R. L. LINCOLN, M. of R. & S.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—La Grande Lodge No. 169 W. O. W. meets every second and fourth Saturdays at K. P. hall. All visiting members welcome. D. FITZGERALD, C. C. J. H. KEENEY, Clerk.

O. E. S.—Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. C. holds stated communications the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invited. CARRIE B. HUNTER, W. M. MARY A. WARNICK, Sec.

M. W. A.—La Grande Camp No. 770 meets every Monday in the month at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting neighbors are cordially invited to attend. F. R. SNOOK, C. D. E. COX, Clerk.

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT—Grande Ronde Circle No. 47 meets every first and third Thursday evenings in the month at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are welcome. CHLOE ROBINSON, G. M. LIZZIE ELLSWORTH, Clerk.

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