

## IMPROVEMENTS AT COUNTY FARM RECOMMENDED BY JURY

### Grand Jury For June Completes Work Last Evening and After Making Report is Adjourned.

The grand jury for June completed its work last evening and made the following report with recommendations to the court:

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon, county of Union.

In the matter of the report of the grand jury.

We, the grand jury for the June term of the above entitled court, for the year, A. D. 1911, beg leave to make the following report:

We have been in session four days, and have returned into court nine true bills of indictment, and three not true bills of indictment, and carefully investigated all other cases and matters brought to our attention.

We have visited all the public offices at the court house, and, so far as we are able to judge, public property, and records are carefully and properly kept and cared for; and public officials are faithful, competent and courteous.

We find that in the west jail, cots only are used for prisoners to sleep on, and there are no iron bunks attached to the walls of the cells. The sheriff reports that prisoners, either wilfully or otherwise, break and ruin these cots, and that they are otherwise unsuitable for jail use. We recommend that iron bunks be supplied and attached to the irons on the walls of the cells, and that the use of portable cots be discontinued.

It has come to the knowledge of the grand jury, that the public highways and bridges of the county, in various sections, are continually, during the irrigation and other seasons, damaged, and persons and property lawfully traveling the same, endangered by the reckless and lawless use of water along and at the sides of roads, and bridges. It is our judgment this practice should be prohibited by the proper authorities, that life and property may receive adequate public protection from the dangers arising from these conditions.

We visited the county farm, in a body, on the 7th day of June, 1911, and found the following conditions and make recommendations as follows:

(1) We found the farm and orchard in a prosperous condition, well cared for, and all things in good shape except the irrigation flume which is old and in a dilapidated condition, and no longer capable of conveying water. We recommend that the old flume be replaced by a pipe line adequate to con-

vey water to the fields.

(2) In regard to the outward condition of the buildings we find them in good repair and well preserved.

(3) In regard to the hospital building, we find a good modern building equipped with porcelain bath tub, urinal, lavatory and toilet properly connected with a cesspool, off some distance from the building; but we find that the building is without any water connection whatever, and that every drop of water used by the inmates must be carried some little distance, from the well in the rear of the hospital house. None of the inmates are physically able capable of carrying sufficient water for the use of all, especially for bathing; we also find no provision is made for heating bath-water, except in a can on top of a little heating stove, with the result that bathing, a dire necessity among the inmates therein, is involving so much labor, and inconvenience, as it does, has become a past art.

We find that the wards are not properly equipped with bedding; many of the mattresses and comforts are ragged and dirty and should be burned and replaced by new ones. There are no sheets. We found seven inmates in the hospital, three of whom are quite helpless, and confined to their beds; one of the latter three is paralyzed and the other two are almost entirely helpless with rheumatism. One of these men has been an inmate about five days only, and he is not only in a helpless condition, but is in extremis, not expected to live more than a few days. He says he suffers excruciating pain, depriving him of his sleep, and that he has not been seen by a physician since he has been placed in the county hospital. This patient needs not only a physician but a nurse as he is helpless and so restless that he tears the clothing from his body. This man, in addition to being helpless, is covered with running sores and from lack of proper nursing is in a filthy and stinking condition. We find that the hospital is not provided with any attendants other than the inmates themselves and they are not physically able to look after the building and helpless patients, in any proper manner. None of the inmates or employes made any complaints to us and this report is entire-

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## COMMITTEE FINDS WORK ON ELM SATISFACTORY

A report of the investigation of the Elm street paving which was instanced by Councilman Lodgaden's attack on the Warren Construction company, was made to the council last evening at a special meeting called for the purpose of hearing the report. The investigating committee represented all property, with the exception of one lot on the corner of Jefferson and Elm streets. This committee made its investigation yesterday and reported that it found the work being done in a satisfactory manner.

Below is a copy of the report as submitted by the investigating committee.

La Grande, Oregon, June 8, 1911. To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon:—

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned property owners along Elm street, in the city of La Grande, Oregon, after having made a careful examination of

the materials used in the foundation for paving on said Elm street, desire to express our hearty approval of the materials used by the Warren Construction company in this work. We consider it first class in every particular and do not consider that the Warren Construction company are trying to use inferior material, nor in any way trying to evade their contract with the city, but are making every effort to use the best material obtainable and are strictly complying with the plans and specifications in every case.

Respectfully submitted:  
D. Fitzgerald.  
W. H. Bohnenkamp.  
Island City Mercantile and Milling company, per Fred J. Holmes, president.  
La Grande Nat'l Bank.  
By Fred J. Holmes, Pres.  
Turner Oliver.  
A. C. Huntington.

## JEALOUS MAN SECOND QUAKE MURDERS TWO MEN DESTROYS TOWNS

### HEAVILY ARMED HE FLEES FROM PURSUING POSSE INTENT ON HIS CAPTURE

## ONE OF POSSE WOUNDED

### Whipple Murdered in Wife's Hotel—Byrd Was Jealous of Victim and Angry Because Mrs. Whipple Would Not Return His Affections—Posse Is Led by Sheriff Stone—It Is Feared Others May Be Killed.

Spokane, June 9.—Armed with a high power rifle and with plenty of ammunition, William Byrd, who killed John Manuka and G. H. Whitola and perhaps fatally wounded Justice C. W. Melsner of Disman, has so far escaped capture.

### Big Posse Pursues.

A big posse led by Sheriff Stone is composed of a large party of men hunters in Siletter county, 25 miles south of this city. The posse is determined to capture the murderer and more blood may flow before he is caught or killed.

### Jealousy Is Cause.

It is believed that Byrd killed Whipple partly because he was jealous of him, and partly because Mrs. Whipple refused to reciprocate his affections.

The murder took place in a hotel conducted by Mrs. Whipple. Byrd stayed at this hotel.

### Melsner in Posse.

Justice Melsner was a member of the posse which was pursuing Byrd when he was shot by him. It is feared others may be killed before the fugitive is killed or captured.

## BAKER ELKS ARE COMING

### BIG BALL GAME BETWEEN THEM AND LOCAL ELKS SUNDAY A. M.

### Special Train to Come With Baker and Many Rooters.

"Play ball, Bill, and hold that bat in your left hand."

That's the slogan for Sunday morning's ball game for Baker Elks are coming to rounce the La Grande Elks if they can at the national game. But Frank Bramwell, Jack Peare, et al. openly assert that Baker's antlered bunch have never seen the day they can put it over the Elks of the Grande Ronde valley. This bit of contention will reach a climax Sunday morning when to the strains of music from two of the best bands in Oregon, the umpire will call the Elks' ball game at the ball park in this city.

For some time this game has been on. Dates have been set but something prevented and now all obstacles are cleared away according to Louis Fernald's telegram from Baker, and they are coming. Coming in pairs, in bunches, coming like the gladiator of old to conquer the boastful Grande Ronders, who in turn are obstinately holding their own and demanding that the old Missouri blood be shown.

The big fun will begin the moment that special train whistles for La Grande. The herd will be met at the train with La Grande's band and hundreds of good fellows with the glad hand. A band concert will be rendered on the street after which the game will take place.

In the afternoon Baker's regular ball team plays with La Grande's hitters and all of the Elks, the band and the accompanying rooters will witness that exhibition also.

### EARTH TREMORS IN SOUTH DO GREATER DAMAGE THAN THE FIRST SHOCK.

## HUNDREDS KILLED IN RUINS

### Reports From South Tell of Total Destruction of Towns—Volcano Colima Thought to Be Extinct Is Again in Eruption and Population of Surrounding Country Terribly Stricken—Great Excitement in Mexico City.

Mexico City, June 9.—That hundreds of people have been killed and half a dozen towns completely destroyed by a recurring earthquake today, is the gist of meagre advice received here.

### Colima in Eruption.

The shock which has caused greater damage than the first, destroying towns and killing their population, was the severest near the volcano Colima. Colima is again in eruption and is causing the wildest kind of terror among the population living near its base. Colima was supposed to be an extinct crater but is again belching forth smoke and cinders.

### Towns Destroyed.

The towns of Seapotin, Tonila, Platanar and San Andreas are reported to have been completely destroyed and hundreds of the population of these cities killed.

Great excitement prevails in Mexico City over the report of the recurrence of the earthquake. The authorities here are doing all in their power to ascertain the truth of the reports.

### Fifty Dead in Octalan.

Guadala Jura, June 9.—Reports received here today from the districts of Jalisco and Colima say that the earthquakes have continued here intermittently all day. Tonaya is said to have been destroyed and a number killed. In Octalan there are 50 dead and many buildings are destroyed.

## WRIT OF REVIEW SERVED

### SERVICE MADE ON CITY RECORDER LAST EVENING

### Court Asks for Records and Papers Pertaining to Sixth Street.

A writ of review issued by Judge Knowles of the circuit court for a review of all records and papers pertaining to the paving of Sixth street was served on C. M. Humphreys at 6:30 last evening by Sheriff Childers.

The issuance of the writ was asked for by several property owners whose property has been assessed for the street improvement.

Those who are plaintiffs in this case are F. D. Haistens, George Ball, E. J. Ball, P. L. Thornton, Mamie Lewis, the trustees of the Baptist church, Hattie McDonald, M. A. Anthony, Bertha Berger, E. Rosenbaum, F. L. Washburn, M. A. Harris, E. Coleman K. M. Floyd, D. Fitzgerald and F. M. Bock.

The court requires that the writ together with all documents, records and papers pertaining to the paving of Sixth street be returned to the court for review on or before June 19th.

### To File Dietz Appeal.

Hayward, Wis., June 9.—As soon as stenographers complete transcribing the 400,000 words of evidence in the John Dietz case, attorneys will file an appeal for the defender of Cameron Dam who is now under sentence of life imprisonment following his conviction of killing Deputy Sheriff Harp

## QUADRUPLE MURDER COMMITTED NEAR PORTLAND

### Entire Family Horribly Slaughtered by Fiends For Whom Entire Country Side and Officers are Searching.

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### NO MAIL WHERE VICIOUS DOGS.

### Ruling Made to Lessen Danger of Postmen.

Washington, June 9.—Special notice has been sent to all mail carriers that they need not deliver mail to homes where vicious dogs are kept during the summer. Government officials state that the ruling was made to lessen the chances of the mail carriers being bitten by dogs suffering from hydrophobia.

### Railway Telegraphers Celebrate.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., June 9.—A celebration was held here today in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, which was organized in Cedar Rapids June 9, 1886. The organization started with a dozen members. In 25 years it has developed into one of the largest and most influential labor organizations in America, with 20,000 members representing the telegraph and kindred services of virtually all the leading railroad systems of the United States, Canada and Mexico. For more than 20 years the order had its headquarters in Cedar Rapids, but a few years ago the offices were removed to St. Louis.

### Credit Men to Meet.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 9.—All arrangements are complete for the entertainment of the 16th annual convention of the National Association of Credit Men, which is to meet in this city next week for a session of four days. A representative gathering of 10,000 credit men throughout the United States is expected.

### Ratz vs. Spain in Court.

The case for the replevy of a horse in which Fred Ratz is plaintiff and A. C. Spain of North Powder is defendant was commenced last evening and the offices were removed to St. Louis.

## CALIFORNIA LIMITED WRECKED; SIX PASSENGERS KILLED

Albuquerque, N. M., June 9.—A Santa Fe passenger train, No. 3, known as the California limited, collided today, with a tie train and it is reported that six of the passengers on the limited were killed. A considerable number of others were injured.

The wreck occurred near Domingo

### Meeting of Harvard Clubs.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 9.—Hundreds of Harvard graduates from all parts of the country gathered in Minneapolis today to renew acquaintances and to join in singing the praises of their alma mater. The occasion is the 15th annual meeting of the Associated Harvard clubs. The members held their annual business session this morning at the Radisson hotel and this afternoon were taken on automobile rides about the city. Tomorrow will be spent at Lake Minnetonka and in the evening the gathering will close with a banquet in

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### Mrs. Hill Daughter of Cowin.

The two children, Phillip, aged nine, and Dorothy, aged five, are the children of Mrs. Hill by her divorced husband, James Rintoul, an athlete and newspaper man residing in Salt Lake City. Mrs. Hill is the daughter of Thomas Cowin, a prominent Portland attorney.

### Detectives Rushed to Scene.

Immediately upon the discovery of the crime detectives were rushed upon the scene. City detectives from Portland, and deputy sheriffs from Multnomah and Clackamas counties are working on the case, and citizens are forming posses to search for the fiends.

### Neighbor Makes Discovery.

The discovery of the mutilated bodies of Hill and his family in their home was discovered by Mrs. C. B. Matthews, a neighbor to the murdered family.

Hill was an employe of the Solwood Gas company.

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### Conducting Religious Institute.

Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wn., June 9.—Dr. B. S. Winchester, formerly professor of natural science in Whitman college, but at present educational secretary of the Congregational Sunday school and publication society of Boston, is visiting in the city and conducting an institute of religious education.