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## CROP FAILURE UNKNOWN HERE

RESIDENT SINCE '64 TELLS OF A RARE RECORD.

While Amassing Fortune From Tilling Soil, Keeps Other Data.

To come to Grande Ronde valley in 1864 without a dollar, and be able in 1911 to show clear title to hundreds of acres of fertile Grande Ronde valley purchased by the fruits of the soil and not through speculation in any form, is the feat accomplished by John Von Blockland, a resident of the Island City district; but what is even more remarkable he yesterday gave S. M. Slough, Commercial club manager, authoritative data on local crop condition in that long period of time which would be interesting reading to local people but is even more so to eastern wheat-growers after western facts. While he has amassed a fortune in tilling the soil he learned these definite facts; since his arrival in '64 he has never seen a crop failure, has never seen or heard of a man or beast freezing to death or overcome by heat; has grown 72 bushels of wheat an acre on a small tract, has never sold an acre of ground once purchased. The industrious son of the "Fatherland" has a record for thrift that few can duplicate and his industrial data certainly is interesting and lauding to the Grande Ronde valley.

### ROOM BILL STARTS TROUBLE

Young Man Arrested at Baker Accused of "Jumping" Room Bill.

E. C. Smyser was arrested in Baker last night and brought to La Grande this morning on a warrant issued from Justice Williams' court charging him with "deserting" a room bill at the Savoy hotel. He will be given a hearing before Justice Williams.

## ELGIN MECCA FOR PIONEERS

SPECIAL TRAIN ARRANGEMENT FOR VISITORS.

Big Event at Elgin Tomorrow Provides Convenience for All.

Provisions for giving La Grande and surrounding towns splendid train accommodations to Elgin tomorrow to attend the pioneer reunion were made last night when the O-W. announced it would provide a special return train for all visitors to the reunion. The visitors to the annual affair at Elgin tomorrow will leave La Grande and intermediate points on the same schedule which prevails every week day and at 6 o'clock a special train will leave Elgin to carry the visitors home again. This regular train leaves La Grande at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The round trip ticket will cost one dollar.

### DENIES WIFE DESERTION.

Charles Johnson Claims to Be Still Living at Home.

Charles Johnson, who resides at 1516 Monroe street, denies vehemently that he has left his wife, as accused by an erroneous Observer news item a few days ago. "I was and am living with Mrs. Johnson and the family has never been separated. We went to Portland together and returned on the 11th of this month, coming together. As far as my wife's illness is concerned, it may have been brought on by a hysterical attack to which she is subject. The point that I dispute is that I have left my wife," said Mr. Johnson today in asking for a correction of the misstatement of facts.

It is rumored in Washington that Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire, has decided to retire from public life, owing to recent family bereavements.

## LIKES HOME IN MOUNTAINS

FRONTIER LIFE PLEASANT TO PARTICIPANTS.

District South of City to Have Improved Schools, Too.

Mrs. M. M. Burnapp of Lone Elm ranch, eight miles south of La Grande was in town today. This occurs about once a month at which time the family receives its mail, provides necessary food supplies and clothing to last until they can come down from their frontier home once more. It is a rocky, hilly road to town and the fewer times they need to come to the city the better. Mrs. Burnapp can hear the roosters crow from neighbors barn yards, but they are more than two miles away. Hidden away in what she terms a little garden of Eden in the Blue Mountains she and her family immensely enjoy the weightful summers and strenuous winters. The school district has voted a 20 mill tax to perfect its school system and the mountaineer boys and girls will have better schooling hereafter. They are harvesting, back there in the hills, and the high and prolific grass makes ideal hay and all in all the mountaineer's life is well mixed with pleasures as well as hardships and frontier inconveniences.

### WALLA WALLA SHIPS BUTTER

First Time in History of City That a Car Was Consigned.

A Walla Walla dispatch says: For the first time in the history of Walla Walla industry a carload of locally produced butter was yesterday shipped from this city. The butter was the product of the Walla Walla creamery and comprised 12 1/2 tons, all of which was consigned to Seattle. "Usually we have to import large quantities of butter" said Ward Emigh

manager of the creamery, today. "but during a few months in the spring we sometimes have enough to make shipment profitable. Within six weeks we will be shipping in butter again, for there is not cream enough produced in the northwest to supply the demand of the northwest for butter."

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