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GATHERING OF A FLOWER

Today the home of Mr. and Mrs. Freenor of La Grande is darkened by the death of their five year old son which occurred last night, and which was caused by an extraordinary accident. The little boy was on his way home from school, when a workman on public works took an interest in him and engaged in play just as any man who has a heart is likely to do with a sweet child. He tossed the little boy in the air and good naturedly they enjoyed each other's company for a time. But in tossing the boy in the air an inward injury occurred that caused the boy's death. Grief too bitter to describe surrounds not only the father and mother but the man who played with the boy. It is one of those unfortunate accidents which no one can foresee. The general community extends sympathy to bereaved ones over the loss of the little flower of the Freenor home.

ANOTHER WHOLESALE HOUSE.

With the coming of Allen & Lewis in the wholesale business announcement is made today that the Baker City Grocery company will also put in a wholesale grocery house in La Grande. This means that this city, after many years of expectancy, is to enter into its own in the jobbing and wholesale business. Every man with business judgment has always maintained that this city was the logical place for breaking bulk and distributing commodities. Its location is exactly right to supply the Eastern Oregon country, but until now it has not been possible to make headway along those lines.

With the Allen & Lewis and the Baker City company each protecting its interests in this section by establishing not only warehouses but a wholesale business here, there are bound to others follow, not in the grocery line, perhaps but in hardware, machinery and various other commodities which can to advantage be shipped to La Grande in carload lots and distributed from this point at a saving.

A HORSE EXCHANGE FOR LA GRANDE.

The announcement that Fred Billings, formerly a prominent horseman of Union county, is to establish a stallion exchange in La Grande, is of considerable importance to the horse industry of this valley. It means that no longer will there be chances taken on the purchase of breeding animals and that these animals will be supplied to Eastern Oregon at about half of the former cost. This applies to home grown stallions which are pure bred, and also to exchange stallions. There are some strains of blood that will necessarily for a time have to be imported, but for the general horse industry, the advent of Mr. Billings in this line of business will be of great benefit to Union county and to Eastern Oregon.

WILL HELP THE GRANDE RONDE

The investigation of fake orchard concerns is going to materially assist the legitimate concerns in the Grande Ronde to come into prominence because it will list every concern in the state, showing the price of lands and what is offered in the way of morit. That is exactly what the orchardists of this valley should invite and do invite. For no place in the entire north-west can productive fruit lands—fruit lands that will actually return dividends—be purchased at the price they can in this valley. Nothing will militate to the advantage of this property so much as a separation of wild cat enterprises and forcing a complete history of fruit-lands on the public.

A married couple may get along pretty well when they agree on politics, religion, suffrage, each other's relatives, wall paper, onions, children, drinks and cats, but when both are born on the same day, die the same day seventy-six years later, and bunk in the same grave, as did a Wichita Kas, pioneer and his wife, we believe they may be called congenial.

The artists complain that wealthy people are buying automobiles instead of pictures. That gives the artists a fine chance to paint automobile bodies, thereby getting money to cut their hair and give the children a roast beef dinner.

Several English spies have been sent to jail in Germany and a job lot of German spies have been sent to jail in England. Why not call a truce, exchange prisoners and save board bills.

Royal purple is the reigning society color in Washington this season. It is a relief from the deep blue which has been the reigning color at the white house for some time.

The shoe manufacturers give reasons for the 50 cents a pair increase, but how can the public be expected to comprehend when such a blow is struck at its understanding.

While we doubt if the United States standing army could lick Russia, we have untold military resources in the Daughters of the Revolution, the Colonial Dames, and the suffragettes.

A Kansas poet dies, leaving an estate valued at \$200,000. Probably he played summer baseball or did something else equally removed from amateurism, as a side line.

A new play is announced by the title of "The Wife Decides." It may be new on the stage, but it's an awfully old story in the gallery.

Pitcher George Mullin must get rid of between 25 and 35 pounds before the opening of the playing season. If he could only shed one of his feet.

A Colorado woman has been convicted of murder, but she made the mistake of killing a woman instead of a man.

Virginia raised 12,000,000 bushels of peanuts. That should be enough to last until next crop, even in a campaign year.

The turkey that has thus far escaped, can now pose as an example of "good risk" for insurance men.

"Children donate eggs for pastor," reads a headline. There are several ways in which this might be taken.

Wizard Burbank says he can make paint out of the cactus. Warranted to stick, of course.

We progress. The lightning rod agent is becoming almost extinct.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- February 6, 1664—Queen Anne of England born. Died Aug. 1, 1714. 1796—The state of Vermont adopted a constitution. 1807—Aaron Burr made his escape from Natchez, Miss. 1813—American troops raided Brockville, Ont. 1818—William M. Everts, statesman, born in Boston. Died in New York, Feb. 28, 1901. 1838—Sir Henry Irving, famous English actor, born. Died Oct. 12, 1905. 1862—Commodore Foote, with seven gunboats, captured Fort Henry, on the Tennessee river. 1867—The French evacuated Mexico. 1870—Prince Arthur (Duke of Connaught) visited Boston. 1873—James Henry Coffin, noted meteorologist, died in Easton, Pa. Born in Williamsburg, Mass., on Sept. 6, 1806. 1899—Count von Caprivi, former German chancellor, died. Born on Feb. 24, 1831.

"THIS IS MY 44TH BIRTHDAY."

George A. Dorsey, widely noted as an anthropologist, was born in Hebron, Ohio, February 6, 1868. He graduated from Denison university in 1888 and from Harvard two years later. In 1892-3 he traveled extensively in South America conducting anthropological investigations for the World's Columbia exposition and the following year he acted as superintendent of the anthropological department of the exposition. In addition, Professor Dorsey has been instructor in anthropology at Harvard, professor of comparative anatomy at Northwestern university, curator of anthropology in the Field Columbian Museum and as-

FRATERNAL ORDERS OF LA GRANDE.

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

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.

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.

M. W. OF A.—La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in K. of P. hall, over Lilly's hardware store. All visiting neighbors are welcome. W. A. DUNN, V. G. W. F. LANDRUM, Clerk.

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. A. C. HAYNES, C. C. R. L. LINCOLN, M. of R. & S.

REBEKAHS—Crystal Lodge No. 84 meets every Tuesday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are invited to attend. MISS HELEN McLAUGHLIN, N. G. MISS ANNA ALEXANDER, Sec.

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

Assistant professor of anthropology in the University of Chicago. He is the author of numerous papers relating to anthropology and anatomy. Congratulations to:— George J. Gould, capitalist and railroad magnate, 48 years old today. Isador Straus, New York financier, merchant and philanthropist, 67 years old today. Asher C. Hinds, representative in congress of the First district of Maine 49 years old today. Henry J. Hardenbergh, architect, who designed the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York, 65 years old today.

Notice!

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Advertisement for Selder's Chocolate. Includes text: 'After a Cold Auto Ride', 'what could be more comforting or exhilarating than a nice cup of Hot Chocolate...', 'Selder's - La Grande'

Advertisement for Arcade Theatre. Includes text: 'ABSOLUTELY THE STRONGEST AND BEST BLENDED PROGRAM WE HAVE EVER SHOWN.', 'THE OATH OF HIS OFFICE', 'DELHI DURBAR', 'EXTEA THE MOST SPECTACULAR PICTURE OF THE YEAR', 'THE CAUSE OF THE SOUTH', 'CHUMPS'

Advertisement for La Grande National Bank. Includes text: 'A Working Capital of Over \$215,000.00 Inspires Confidence in This Bank', 'United States Depository', 'CAPITAL \$100,000.00 SURPLUS 115,000.00 RESOURCES 1,000,000.00'