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COURT HOUSE AT WORK.

The people selected workers in the new county officials for every office is humming with business these days.

In the assessor's office there is also perfect organization and a keen desire to do up the annual work and to keep the odds and ends tied in so that any citizen at any time can call in that office and obtain information on any subject that the office deals with.

Recorder Proctor has the habit of also keeping up the records in his office, and according to our way of thinking, the court house is going some right now with every indication that the work will not lag.

LA GRANDE AS A MEETING PLACE

As all know, the next meeting of the Oregon Retail Merchants association is to be entertained by La Grande. This will doubtless start what should have been started some time ago—a movement to make La Grande a meeting place.

Governor West and the legislature can fight as many rounds as they please so long as they keep down the expenses of this session. In fact the people are not caring much about the fight—it is results that they want to see.

Last night the Moose held forth with one of their delightful social dancing parties which again impressed the fact that the Moose are a decided factor in La Grande's social circles.

The rotary got as far as Minam, and that is far enough unless the map changes as to the staple drifts in winter time. Then Minam is a good place to stop, anyway.

Union people feel justly indignant over the Governor's proposal to send inmates of the insane asylum across the mountains to raise produce on the experimental farm. That is adding insult to injury.

Just as a forecast it might be well to call attention to what bumper

crops this valley produces the year following heavy snows.

Some one has said no freak bills had been introduced in the legislature. What is the definition of the word "freak?"

Pendleton now has 200 more population. The insane asylum was filled from the Willamette valley this week.

Who said anything about cleaning snow from the sidewalks in the resident district?

DARROW JUROR BIASED.

This Is Statement Made by Prosecution at Los Angeles Trial.

Los Angeles, Jan. 28.—Claiming he has positive information to prove that George C. Robbins, accepted as a juror in the Darrow trial, is prejudiced for the defendant, District Attorney Ford has announced the court will make a determined effort to oust Robbins from the jury.

Walter Is Word-Lashed

Chicago, Jan. 28.—"You hold up enough people without going out of your regular line of work," said Judge Scully to John Barton, a waiter, in sentencing him to two months for larceny.

Negroes Will Celebrate.

Washington, Jan. 28.—There will be an inaugural ball in Washington after all despite the fact that President-elect Wilson frowned on it and the inaugural committee gave it up.

Hair Work.

Ladies, bring your combing and have them made up by Madam Kennedy at Savoy hotel, room 8. Will be here only one more week. Highest prices paid for combings.

Railroaders Protect Widow.

Huntington, Jan. 27.—(Special)—A spontaneous expression of human sympathy has gone out to Mrs. Esther Evers, whose husband died a few days ago. The case is sad in the extreme.

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WEST'S

The Quality Store

made strenuous efforts in her behalf, as he husband was a very popular railroad clerk. They are arranging to protect the interests of the small home purchase in Portland and which was not fully paid for.

Bridging the Clearwater at Orofino.

Lewiston, Ida., Jan. 28.—(Special)—A large crew of men is now rushing work on the new steel bridge across the Clearwater river at Orofino. The bridge is being built by the county of Clearwater and the contract price is \$18,000.

BIG TIMBER SALE NEAR.

Over 200,000,000 Feet to Be Sold to Highest Bidder April 1.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 28.—The largest sale of government timber ever made in the northwest will be consummated April 11, when the national forestry service will dispose of 263,000,000 feet of saw timber in the Kaniken forest in Pend Oreille county of Eastern Washington to the highest bidder.

The minimum prices that will be considered by the government for the timber vary from \$1 to \$5 per thousand feet and it is estimated that the timber will net the government at least an average of \$5 per thousand, making a total of considerably more than a million and a quarter dollars for the lot.

Bids for the lumber are being received by the forest supervisor at Newport, Wash., and by the district

supervisor at Missoula, Mont.

More than 25 different corporations have submitted applications to purchase parts of the timber, which is located on the west branch of Priest river and along Moore's creag, covering some 18,000 acres of land in the national forest.

The sale of the timber will mean a great deal of activity in the district in the next few years, as under the terms of the sale the timber must be removed at a rate of not less than

30,000,000 feet a year. It is expected a number of new sawmills will be built as a result.

Bidders for the timber are required by the government to submit with their offers a statement of the proposed means of logging and development, which will be considered in awarding the timber.

About 55 per cent of the timber, or about 150,000,000 feet, is high class white pine and the balance is about equally divided between yellow pine and Englemann spruce.

AT ONCE - CLOGGED NOSTRILS OPEN, HEAD COLDS AND CATARRH VANISH

Breathe Freely! Clears Stuffed-up, Inflamed Nose and Head and Stops Catarrhal Discharge. Cures Dull Headache.

Try "Ely's Cream Balm." Get a small bottle anyway, just to try it—Apply a little in the nostrils and instantly your clogged nose and stopped-up air passages or the head will open; you will breathe freely; fullness and headache disappear. By morning! The catarrh, cold in head or catarrhal sore throat will be gone.

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Don't lay awake tonight struggling for breath, with head stuffed; nostrils closed, hawking and blowing. Catarrh or a cold, with its running nose, foul mucous dropping into the throat and raw dryness is distressing but truly needless.

Put your faith—just once—in "Ely's Cream Balm" and your cold or catarrh will surely disappear.

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