

FARM AND FRUIT LANDS; DAIRY AND STOCK RANCHES; TIMBER AND WOOD; CITY HOMES AND INVESTMENTS.

THREE YEARS AGO GEO. H. CURREY

After spending a large portion of his life as merchant, editor, and citizen of this city, entered the Real Estate business in La Grande, Oregon. His reputation was as good as it was general, and in the past three years, acting in the capacity of land agent for his many friends, he has enjoyed an unusual success.

A Different Policy

Upon entering this work he decided on the somewhat novel plan of selling strictly on a commission basis. Others, experienced, said he "couldn't make it that way." He would have to "fudge on the price." But he has made it that way and he hasn't fudged on the price at all.

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strictly on a commission basis. He always brings buyer and seller together, and helps them draw up a contract that is satisfactory to both. Each party receives the same fair treatment. The seller has the advantage of the very just offer and the buyer purchases at the lowest price possible. Mr. Currey's part in a sale is simply that of agent to all concerned, and he tries his best to give satisfaction to each party. Furthermore he devotes his entire time and best knowledge to your service, having no special section under development. Also he advertises the property he has for sale. If you become interested in any of his listings an auto will take you to look over the property.

GEO. H. CURREY HE WHO SELLS **Real Estate** La Grande, Ore

A LITTLE LOOK INTO THE PAST

Hundreds of years ago, so says the old medicine man, Grande Ronde Valley was a great inland sea. The Indians had thousands of miles of land, but much of it was barren and they had a hard time to provide a living. The Great Spirit, seeing that they deserved a country that would yield them furs, and roots, and meet one night in a great thunder storm literally pushed the end out of this great lake and sent all the water rushing toward the ocean down thru the canyon that is now the course of the Grande Ronde River.

In a few seasons many herbs and grasses had covered the rich bed of the valley—thousands of birds had

made it their nesting place, and many deer and wild animals were seen on the foot hills. Truly, protected in this hollow in the hills, the braves hunting the wild beasts, and the squaws digging the rich roots of the camous grass, the horses feeding on the now famous bunch grass, the popooses playing along the banks of the river, truly the Great Spirit of the Indians had provided his people with an earthly Happy Hunting Ground.

Many years after a party of pale skinned men and women, wearied with thousands of miles of difficult and dangerous travel camped one

night on the brow of a hill. Worn out as they were they ate a few mouthfuls of dried meat and lie down for their night's rest. As each awoke that morning he was convinced that he was dreaming for before him lay a large and beautiful valley unlike anything he had seen in all of his long travels. Set in the far distance with hazy blue-tinted fir and pine-covered mountains, here and there a snow covered peak piercing far above the horizon, rimmed with the soft green meadows of the foot-hills, in the center of this picture was the Grande Ronde Valley. With wild hay growing far above the horses' bellies, springing out of a rich and last-ling soil (for this was the bed of the ancient sea), this valley created a desire of never going any further to these early explorers, as it has in everyone since who has ever seen this vision.

Part of their number wished to go on, but most decided to stay here where nature seemed to rub-a-dub-du

Prosperity for La Grande and Union County the Coming Year

Altho there are a score of new contractors in La Grande there is not a single carpenter of any description that is out of a job. Many new residences in all parts of the city are being built and many more are awaiting their turn. Also there will be over half a dozen large business and institutional buildings erected during the summer. Besides this there are several valuable additions to La Grande's already enormous payroll pending final action. It is certain that some of these will be realized this summer. Business has never been better, and the money market has never been easier. Every indication points to an unusually active year for La Grande.

With a spring neither too late nor too early, with plenty of snow in the hills, and moisture in the ground, the crop outlook could not possibly be better.

It is the great diversity of products which Union county yields that makes it immune from anything like a general failure, and when as usual, we have a general success there is no outside force that can possibly disturb the peace and prosperity of this section.

In some crops last year some trouble was experienced in marketing the yield. This was not due to lack of consumers; but to a very insecure and unscientific method of handling the crops. The growers have investigated all these conditions and it is prophesied by experts everywhere that that trouble will not be encountered again the coming year. Anyhow, if hard times could come, it would be nice to live in a country that grows so much that the world can't eat it all. Panics are simply a disease, and the American people have had their minds so thoroughly inoculated in the past as to be immune from future attacks. That is the disease germs of fear have been counteracted by faith bacteria and thinking restoring common sense.

Property in and around La Grande will never be cheaper. As the surrounding country develops La Grande will grow, and as La Grande grows more intensified will be the farming. When we think that Europe sustains a population five times as dense as that of our eastern states; and that they have a population ten times as dense as Oregon, it can readily be inferred that Oregon property will never be at a lower ebb. The Panama canal will bring thousands of home seekers, and thousands more will come from other sources.

La Grande is well situated to accommodate her share of these. The geographical and commercial center of all Eastern Oregon undoubtedly this city will before long become a

so abundantly. Others came and stayed. A little town was built in a corner of the valley. This town, now the city of La Grande, at once became the great center of Eastern Oregon and has always held that position. In 1884 the railroad was completed. It was then that La Grande took on the air of a metropolis, growing in a few years from a little town of 600 to a thriving city of 2,000 or more. (Quite a population for those early days.) Since then La Grande has enjoyed a continual steady, healthful growth. With never a boom nor a setback, it has always kept just a little ahead of the development of the country round about it.

Insurance and Notary Public

Geo. H. Currey is the agent for three strong reliable insurance companies, the Williamsburgh City, the Rochester German, and the Security. He will be pleased to take care of your business in this line. He also holds a commission as notary public

A Few Farm Bargains

Choice Sandridge Forty.
40 acres of the best Sandridge land at only \$100 per acre. Half down, balance in three years. This is in the heart of the fruit belt and is an unusual offer. (74.)

320 Acres Near Alico.
20 acres meadow, eight acres in alfalfa, all the rest fine grain land. Good house, large new barn. Owner desires to sell and has cut price. Will make a real bargain on a cash offer. (45)

Seven Miles North of City.
80 acres 7 miles north of La Grande. Every inch first class land, fair improvements. Price \$8000.00. Implements go with place.

80 Acres Alfalfa.
80 acres east of city, all in alfalfa. Small house and barn. Price \$5,000. Splendid roads to town. Terms.

Cherry Orchard.
20 acres, eight acres in fruit, mostly cherries which are now contracted for \$65 per ton. Balance in apples. Nice 6 room house, good barn and splendid soil. Two miles from La Grande. Beautiful view of the Grande Ronde valley. Price \$4500.00. Terms.

Some City Listings

5 Room House 1604 First
New, full basement, plastered, bath and toilet, street and sewer paid. Barn 18x24, nice lawn, sitely view. Lot 50x110. Price \$3,000. Terms are reasonable.

Four Room House, 401 Spring
\$200 cash, balance \$20 per month. Price only \$1100. Lot 50x90. Rooms large, also 6x8 pantry, hot and cold water, toilet, woodshed, wired for lights. Quite well furnished.

Cor. Sixth and O Ave.
5 room house, stone foundation, bath and toilet, sewer and paved streets. \$1000 down, balance on very easy terms. This is a very residence.

Acre and 4 Room House.
This is a good tract and may be purchased on exceedingly easy terms. Chicken house, well. Close to large brick school house.

City Lots.
I have choice residence and business locations in various portions of the city at prices ranging from \$100 to \$1000 each. A splendid business proposition for \$2,000. This is now worth \$3000.

LA GRANDE

THE CITY OF HOMES AND PAY-ROLLS.

Real estate will never be cheaper in La Grande than at the present. New people. New money, new enterprises are headed this way.

1913 promises to be a year of unusual progress. New institutions, new businesses, new homes are already under construction.

The crop outlook for the Northwest is excellent. La Grande is backed up by the whole of the great and rich Eastern Oregon country. Its business is secure in its steady payroll. Its prosperity is secure in its steady business.

We have many choice lots, and houses suitable for nice homes or profitable investments. Also some good business propositions. It will pay you to investigate our listings.

SOME FINE HOMES

7 ROOM PLASTERED HOUSE.
Near corner O and First streets. Good house, bath and toilet, wired, range and linoleums. Nice lawn and trees, one half block to pavement. Only \$500 down, balance to suit. This owner is anxious to sell.

NEW MODERN HOUSE
Plastered, basement, two toilets, bath, sleeping porch, fireplace. Close in on Washington avenue between Second and Third streets. Owner is non-resident and has priced to sell. Terms reasonable.

COUNTRY PROPERTY WANTED
I have a new modern plastered five room house valued at \$2200.00 near the high school which owner desires to exchange for unimproved acreage of about equal value.

UNION COUNTY

THE VALLEY OF VARIED RESOURCES.

As LaGrande grows Grande Ronde Valley will develop, and as farming becomes more intensified the larger will La Grande grow.

The Grande Ronde farmer is surrounded by all the luxuries of modern civilization, telephones, electricity, fine schools, good roads, co-operating unions, automobiles, daily mail routes, social organizations, etc.

Oregon is destined to greatly increase in population during the coming few years. The Panama canal and other causes now at work will bring great hosts. And why not? Union county can easily provide for ten times the present number. You know what this will mean to real estate values.

SOME GOOD FARMS

ONE TO FIVE ACRE TRACTS

We have many small tracts on the outskirts of the city for sale at reasonable prices and on easy terms. We have a large variety in this class of property and will be likely to have just what you want.

CHEAP GRAZING LAND.

960 acres of well watered bunch grass land, early spring pasture at \$5 per acre. This is one of the few tracts that is now on the market at this price. The price of stock ranches is going up to stay up.

A SPLENDID BUY.

640 acres of good land, over 500 acres of this tract can be cultivated. A few miles north of Elgin. Price \$12.50 per acre. This would make several good farms. This will bear investigation.

ACQUAINT US WITH YOUR WANTS. WE WILL BE PLEASSED TO SATISFY THEM.

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He Who Sells REAL ESTATE La Grande, Ore.

Let's Swap

Man, a nervous sensitive, complex organism of progress and activity, is always longing for the thing.

The farmer labors hard for years so he may retire on his savings and live in the city. The city man works and schemes so he will be able to buy a country home and enjoy a quiet life.

However, if a person really wishes to make a change, it is better for him to do so. New conditions always inspire fresh enterprise and awaken new enthusiasms.

We have some good trades in city as well as farm property. We also are in touch with some excellent propositions in Portland, Seattle, and other outside places.

Home, Home, Sweet Home

Truly there is no rented palace like owning your own home, be it ever so humble. There is a sense of independence, a feeling of security, an air of importance attached to the home owner that makes him a better father, a truer husband, a larger citizen.

With a very little money you can buy a lot, secure a loan on the lot, and build you a fine home, then pay for it just like you are now paying rent to the landlord. Or you can buy a nice home by paying a little down and the balance on easy terms to suit yourself. In some cases it is criminal not to own your own home. Always it is a blessing to yourself and family if you do.

Acquaint us with your wants and we will be pleased to satisfy them.

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