

# BIG TIME ON JULY FOURTH

Elgin is planning for a great two days' celebration of the national birthday anniversary this year. Backed by the newly organized commercial club and sanctioned last evening by a mass meeting of the citizens of the city, Elgin invites everybody from everywhere to spend either Friday or Saturday July fourth and fifth with them in a good old time celebration. It is too early to make any definite announcements as yet, but all the details will be told in due time.

As a city to be counted on every season in every year Elgin stands second to none. Sometimes business is better, but it is always good. This year the lumber mills promise to cut the largest run in their history, estimating the season's output to total about twelve million feet. A new creamery has been started in Elgin and is becoming one of the important industries of the town.

Many improvements are being planned for this summer, and to start the year off right last week was cleanup week which was well observed.

### O. W. R. & N. Improvements.

It has become known that the O. W. R. & N. is planning to make some important improvements in Elgin. It is proposed to change the location of the depot, building a new depot a block nearer the center of the town, and marking a beautiful park out of the several extra acres that the railroad owns. These improvements will not only give Elgin much better depot facilities, but also add material to the attractiveness of the town.

# MINAM FARMS NEED WARMTH

## FIRE DESTROYS BERRY RANCH IN CANYON.

Personal Mention and News From Minam.

Minam, Ore., May 15.—(Special)—The few days of rainy weather of the last week have not prevented the farmers in their work of plowing and seeding which is coming on rapidly. The fall grain on Smith Mountain is looking fine, and the alfalfa crop promises to be excellent.

Mrs. Frank Victor of the Wallowa canyon, had the misfortune of having her strawberry and blackberry patches run through and mostly destroyed by a fire, supposed to have been set by a tramp. Quite a piece of fence was also destroyed by the fire, it being one of those dry warm days we had. Mrs. Victor found it very difficult to keep the blaze from spreading, but finally got it under control without further damage.

Scott Bros. sawmill on Smith's Mountain commenced the season's run Monday. All things indicate a very busy and successful run this summer.

Grandma Conley is again residing Hershel Scott is able to be around on her homestead near Lovely. around again after quite a severe case of typhoid fever. Dr. Gregory of Wallowa attended the case.

Mrs. Emma Spray has moved from Wallowa where she resided last winter, to her homestead near Minam.

Mrs. Dave Scott is recovering rapidly from her serious illness of two

weeks. Dr. Gregory of Wallowa attended.

The Minam school closes this week and parents as well as pupils wish there were a longer term. Miss Horne, the teacher, is liked by all, and she has made many friends since coming to Minam. She is now closing a very successful term of school.

The Minam district is a new one, this being only the second term of school taught there, but were the school as fortunate in getting so enterprising and diligent a teacher, it could easily compete with many of the older districts soon. Miss Horne has the best wishes of her many friends.

The sawmill at Minam is in operation again with a full crew of men. Loraine Davis of Enterprise is employed at the Wallowa fish hatchery this season.

George Victor arrived home last week from Portland where he was attending school during winter.

Mrs. Lou Wade and Harry Hide were to Smith's Mountain on business last week and looking up their range stock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher took a trip to Clarke creek and Elgin last week on business.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scott a girl. Gus Mahrone was a pleasant caller at the home of John Fisher Sunday.

Jeff Baker and family have moved from Minam and are now living on Mr. Conley's land a half mile above Minam on the Wallowa river, where Mr. Baker intends to clear a small piece of land and plant a garden.

Miss Lilly Riggle drove to Wallowa one day last week, returning the same day.

Mrs. Lortie and children have moved from Smith's Mountain to Minam, where they now reside in the house vacated by Jeff Baker.

## COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

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bridges .....	61.55
C. Carter, work on river and bridges .....	57.50
P. J. Lilly, work on river and bridges .....	28.45
D. Schouter, work on river and bridges .....	175
E. Z. Carbine, work on river and bridges .....	75
B. P. Courtney, work on river and bridges .....	73.55
J. Linchell, work on river and bridges .....	20.62
John Linchell, work on river and bridges .....	17.50
O. P. Kingsley, work on road district No. 3 .....	7.00
Chas. Taal, work on road district No. 3 .....	5.00
Ernest Brannon, work on road district No. 3 .....	105.00
Fred Grout, work on road district No. 3 .....	75.00
E. Z. Thompson, work on road district No. 3 .....	92.50
Mrs. C. Davis, work as cook road district No. 3 .....	40.00
W. M. Beaumont, work on road district No. 3 .....	122.00
D. Brannon, work on road district No. 3 .....	88.35
John Wood, work on road district No. 3 .....	108.25
Fred Wells, work on road district No. 3 .....	45.50
C. Ohmes, work on road district No. 3 .....	57.25
R. Chenault, work on road district No. 3 .....	17.88
G. W. Berry, work on road district No. 3 .....	17.00
J. L. Davis, work on road district No. 3 .....	27.40
T. Brannon, work on road district No. 3 .....	32.68
Union County Co-Operative Co., supplies for road district No. 3 .....	156.26
N. K. West, supplies for roads .....	13.00
J. F. Campbell, labor and cash advanced for roads .....	308.25
Henry & Carr, supplies for roads .....	267.25
Bolton-Bodmer Co., supplies for roads .....	533.96
Grande Ronde Meat Co., supplies for cook wagon .....	41.02
Golden Rule Co., supplies for roads .....	3.45
F. L. Lilly, supplies for roads .....	43.70
Goodenough M. & S. Co., supplies for roads .....	49.05
R. M. McKenzie, work on road district No. 7 .....	7.00
Toney End, work on road district No. 7 .....	10.00
Duck Picklin, work on road district No. 7 .....	22.50
G. I. Wade, work on road district No. 7 .....	1.75
M. I. McRae, work on road	

# BIG CROPS IN INDIAN VALLEY

In Indian valley the crop outlook for the coming season is very gratifying. A few days more of sunshine and no one, not knowing, would ever guess that we had experienced a late spring, so fast is all vegetation growing.

Everyone predicts record breaking productions in all lines. Also potatoes, pumpkins, fruit, grain, etc., are all covering an extended acreage over last year.

The Elgin country is rapidly becoming famous as a stock producing section. The dairy business is also rapidly increasing, as well as poultry and hog raising. This section of the county holds up its share in making a fact out of Union county's claim to be the most diversified county in Oregon. And the most diversified section should be and is the most prosperous county in the state.

district No. 7 .....	19.50
J. S. Perry, work on road district No. 7 .....	53.75
S. R. Hiatt, work on road district No. 7 .....	51.25
J. D. Woodell, work on road district No. 7 .....	53.75

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