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AN EDUCATIONAL BAND.

The Oregon Agricultural college band, composed of thirty musicians, led by Captain H. L. Beard, will appear at La Grande high school Dec. 25, in repertoire of operatic and popular music, songs and instrumental solos.

As nearly everyone knows, military drill is carried on at all state colleges such as the Oregon Agricultural college, and the military band is an integral part of the cadet regiment.

Musicians all over the northwest are attracted to O. A. C. in the hope of "making" the band. On this account Captain Beard found it necessary to form a "second band" in which embryo first-handmen are trained until they reach a degree of proficiency compatible with their being advanced to the coveted position at which time "tryouts" are held.

Every year the band makes a tour of the principal cities along the main lines of western Oregon. Last year they toured Southern Oregon, and, owing to the great success of the trip, it was decided this year to give those living in the eastern part of the state a chance to hear military band music.

Will Contested.

Alleged methods whereby Albert Hindman, a wealthy farmer of Durkee

is alleged to have unduly influenced Thomas Huffman to bequeath him his property and to cut off his sister, Mary H. Darby of Boise with \$5, and the alleged manner in which the will was signed as recited in an amended petition for contest of Thomas Huffman's will, filed today by Mrs. Darby through her attorneys, Smith and Rand and William H. Packwood, Jr.

It is further charged in the complaint that Mr. Huffman was too weak to sign the will and that his name was signed by W. J. Woods, who is alleged to have pretended to sign under the direction and at the request of Mr. Huffman who, it is alleged was dying at the time, and had no knowledge of what was transpiring.

Baker Man Inventor.

Baker Dec. 10.—An invention which the inventor, R. S. Wilkie, who has been working as millwright for W. H. Miller and the Baker White Pine Lumber company, says will revolutionize the steam engine has been perfected and Mr. Wilkie is now waiting for his letter of patent from Washington which is expected in a few days.

The invention is a rotary steam engine. One of these engines will be made in Baker this winter and will be demonstrated here.

The Wilkie engine uses the expansion of steam pressing on a piston with what is said to be the same efficiency as is now used in the reciprocating type but in a rotary motion around a shaft with no reciprocating points except the valves, thereby avoiding the steam waste in stopping and starting the heavy pistons at their connections, twice for each revolution of the shaft.

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LA GRANDE HAS PARK ADDITION

Sugar Factory Site Will Be Turned Into Residence District.

There is to be a Park addition to the city of La Grande. Mr. J. A. Russell, who recently purchased the so-called sugar factory site stated this noon that he had now made the plat for the same and that he would have the land on the market at once.

Chemical Engineers Convene.

New York, Dec. 10.—With delegates from scores of states attending, the annual convention of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers opened here today.

Noted Divine Here.

Dr. T. C. Iliff of Denver, Colorado, will preach the dedicatory sermon in the new Methodist church Sunday morning, December 14. Dr. Iliff arrived today and has been busy looking over the city this afternoon.

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ORAI GOES TO BAKER. Comrades Turn State's Evidence After Leading Guilty. C. B. Orai went to Baker this noon to finish the case of the State vs. C. F. Hyde who was charged with the crime of shooting game on a game preserve.

Retail Department--Phone Main 8 For Lumber, Lath Shingles, Sash and Doors Ruberoid Roofing GEORGE PALMER LUMBER CO

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