

YOU CAN PAY TAXES NOW

COUNTY TREASURER CLEARS DECKS FOR RUSH OF GOLD.

New Law Changes Collection Department From the Sheriff's Office.

Tax paying time is on. Yes, it began this morning when County Treasurer Frawley, acting under the new law, squared himself behind the big desk and began to receive the cash.

He is assisted in the tax collecting department by Hal Rees, who before the new law went into effect was in charge of the tax collection department in the sheriff's office.

Mr. Frawley and Mr. Rees are ready for the big rush and today laid out their desks with several thousand tax receipts in order to do the work quickly and not keep the people waiting.

This is the first time the county treasurer's office has ever collected the taxes, and while it may be new and a little to adjust in some counties, it will not be here, for Mr. Frawley has been so closely in touch with the county's business for so long that it is second nature to him to pick up the work in any offices where money is handled. Then too, he has the benefit of having Mr. Rees with him who has served time under the sheriff's regime when that officer had to handle the county money.

Probably the only thing distasteful to Treasurer Frawley is the fact that the legislature in adding this duty to his office failed to provide any extra compensation for the work.

WANTED—Washing, to do at my house. Mary Sweet, 1311 Monroe Ave., Phone Red 401. 1-19, 6t

Uncle Sam's Loan Office

Loans Money on WATCHES, DIAMONDS GOLD, JEWELRY We sell unredeemed pledges less than wholesale price. We sell clothing, shoes, suit cases, gents' furnishings at very low prices. 1111 Adams Ave., Foley Bldg.

REX HALL

DANCING ASSEMBLIES Each Saturday and Tuesday Class and Private Lessons Taught Afternoon and Evening By Appointment. Bert M. Sherwood Proprietor and Instructor. Hall for rent Wednesday and Thursday nights of each week, except holiday nights and also nights preceding holidays. Rates, \$25 to midnight; \$5.00 per hour after midnight. No decorations can be permitted.

We Are Winners!

Now For the Home Stretch--Geibel's 15th Annual Clearance Sale Closes SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH

One More Week of Rare Bargains--One More Week of Opportunity--The Harvest Will be Past Etc.--Will Your Needs be Supplied? Take an Inventory of What You Have--Determine Your Wants and Supply Them Before This Great Sale Passes Into History

The Place to Buy . .

GEIBEL'S

Where Reductions Are Genuine . . .

SHERRY'S THEATRE PACKED

Large Audience Grooms Kenworthy Players On Initial Performance.

Sherry's Theatre was packed last night to witness the first presentation of the Kenworthy players, who produced Lena Rivers, a play that has been on the stage for years. A remarkable mixup keeps up a tension of feeling and is relieved only by the release from a promise which allows a young girl of supposedly spurious parentage to unravel the whole mystery.

Tonight the same company will produce "The Cowboy," and have assured the audiences of last night that it would not be the usual blood and thunder creation that has made cowboy life hideous, but will be a pleasing presentation with plenty of humor.

MUCH BUILDING

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a city of 10,000 in less than five years. This is the prediction of men who have seen the city's growth in the last three years and who are familiar with the influx of people to this valley.

It is more than likely that work on the new Catholic church will be in progress as soon as the weather opens. The report made to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Baker, some time ago by Father Driscoll was so pleasing to him that he has recommended building this year. Complete details will appear later.

EXTRAORDINARY

Manager Gardinier, of the Arcade, is arranging with the Peoples Amusement Co. to include La Grande in a circuit with Medford, Astoria and Portland in producing on Monday and Tuesday of each week the famous plays wherein stars have made their international reputations. These will be such productions as James O'Neil in the Count of Monte Cristo, Mary Pickford in the Bishop's Carriage, and many others of this class. Amusement houses in Portland are charging twenty and thirty cents for these shows, but Mr. Gardinier is fighting to keep the Arcade price down to the usual ten cents—Adv., 1-19, 1t.

CITIZENSHIP TO BE PROVED

CAN DENY INGRESS WHERE PAPERS ARE FRAUDULENT.

Naturalized Have Sent Papers to Relatives In Old Country.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The supreme court has handed down a decision in which it maintains that federal courts may, at the request of immigration officers cancel and annul American citizenship granted to aliens who have been given naturalization papers.

This decision makes particular reference to the cases that are suspected of being fraudulent and advises and empowers the courts to use their discretion according to the evidence presented in deciding for or against an applicant seeking admission.

In the past, men have sent their naturalization papers to relatives living in the old country and these have presented the same to the immigration authorities, when seeking admission to the United States, claiming that they had been back to the old country on a visit.

The decision was handed down in a test case presented by Charles Malbaum, of Chicago.

TEACHERS GET CERTIFICATES

Union and Wallowa County Applicants Make Required Points.

The state examinations for teachers have been held and the list of names of successful ones for the entire state is out. La Grande has contributed to the list and Wallowa county has been prolific of pedagogical material. Below is the list for the two counties:

Wallowa county—One year certificates, Thomas F. Lathrop, Wallowa; Byron F. Miller, Enterprise; Ruth M. Dupe, Joseph; Jennie Mitchell, Enterprise; Flora Katsch, Rondowa; M. C. McInturff, Troy; Mrs. Ella Russell, Bartlett; Claude S. Cole, Enterprise; Mrs. Flora Roberts, Enterprise; Eva M. Hayes, Wallowa. Union county—One year certifi-

cates, Myrtle Lucretia Clark, Elgin; John Robert Towner, La Grande; Ina Gilbert, Imbler; Bernice Oliver, La Grande; Lucile Switzer, La Grande; Ruth Bush Jackson, La Grande; Mrs. M. H. Mitchell, Elgin; Wanda Haller, Telocaset; Edna Green, Island City. Five year certificate, William Westenskow, Imbler.

LADIES' CLUB ENTERTAINS

Proceeds Will Go to the Scholarship Loan Fund.

In place of the regular meeting of the Neighborhood club Tuesday, January 20, the Scholarship Loan Fund committee will entertain in a unique fashion. The study of Mexico has occupied the club during the winter and the ladies are planning a Mexican afternoon. Mrs. Fred M. Bock and others who have lived or traveled in old Mexico have loaned a collection of articles for exhibit and characteristic refreshments will be served. Mrs. Renscroft, who so delightfully entertained the club in her recent talk on Mexican life, will assist in the entertaining.

All members and friends of the club are invited and a liberal silver offering for the Scholarship Loan Fund will be appreciated.

Measles Thick In Enterprise.

Enterprise, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—There are now in Enterprise probably fully 100 cases of measles. The disease also is prevalent in adjoining farm sections and seems to be spreading. Joseph has escaped thus far with only a few cases, but it seems hardly likely that city can avoid a general attack.

In the Enterprise schools, nearly 50 children are out of the three lower grades with measles, and a number in higher grades. Very many children under school age are also ill, and a few grown persons. The disease is widely scattered in the Chapman district and there are cases on Lower Prairie Creek and other places.

Union People Not Married.

A statement made by our Union correspondent to the effect that Wm. McMaster and Miss M. Taylor are to be married is requested corrected by the young lady in question. According to a letter received by this office from her the information is not correct and the Observer makes the correction as requested.

SEPARATED SISTERS MEET.

Thirty-Five Years of Separation Comes to an End at W. G. Allen Home.

The G. W. Allen home of this city was the scene of a noteworthy gathering of three sisters who had not seen each other in 35 years. Mrs. I. O. Jones of Seattle, Mrs. G. W. Allen and Mrs. O. S. Allen of this city are the happy sisters who are reciting some of the dear old times back in New York where they first saw the light of day. They are 72, 74, and 68 years of age respectively and appear to be good for many years more. They are descendants of an old New England family and come from one of the hardest of families. They have been in the west varying periods of time, but have never seen each other in the time indicated.

Mr. Allen some years ago met his brother whom he had not seen in 55 years. Owing to their longevity they need not be alarmed about an opportunity to see their kith and kin.

AUDITING BOOKS CONTINUES

Public Accountant Busy With Work Logan Assisting.

The work of re-auditing the city's books and records of the treasurer's office continues today. Public accountant Goudy, assisted by ex-Treasurer Logan, are at work on the job. Definite time for the work to be finished has not been given out as yet.

Mrs. Bramwell Slightly Better.

Mrs. F. S. Bramwell's condition was slightly improved over yesterday, but she is still critically ill and chances are almost even for and against her. She has put up a brave struggle for life and her many friends are praying for her speedy recovery.

SCHOONER REFUSES AID

Disabled Craft, In An Effort to Save Salvage Charge Refuses Tow Line.

Marshfield, Or., Jan. 19.—A wireless was received this noon stating that the crew of the steam schooner Yellowstone, bereft of her main and mizzen masts, with her fuel gone and minus her rudder, lay helpless 18 miles off the coast of Coos Bay. She refused to take the tow line of the steamer Catana, which lay by all night waiting to give her assistance.

It is presumed the captain of the Yellowstone was of the opinion that he could make port without the aid of another vessel and could thus save the salvage charge. The Catana proceeded on her way, but the steamer Chatham lay by in an effort to be of assistance.

The news of the Yellowstone's plight was brought here by the steamer Fair Oaks, which had abandoned the plan of towing the disabled craft, owing to a shortage of fuel and water.

How Much For One Drink.

Texarkana, Jan. 19.—Up to today no applications for saloon license had been received by the city fathers of Marked Tree, Ark. Said city fathers do not expect that any will be made, in view of the fact that \$20,000 is the fee asked by the city council. Added to the high cost of running a saloon at Marked Tree, is the statute requiring a saloon to close at nine o'clock in the evening. Marked Tree residents who might take an occasional nip if a saloon should open under these difficulties, are wondering how much they would have to pay for one highball or cocktail when a license costs \$20,000, if such concoctions sell for fifteen cents or two-for-two-bits—under a \$300 license.

ARCADE

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Streets Of New York

Three Acts-Four Reels

The Sensational Feature From the Well Known Play by Dion Boucicault

Today and Tomorrow FARLEY AND PRESCOTT Comedy Singing and Acrobatic Dancing

50 Cent Show for 10 Cents