

WITHYCOMBE FRIENDS ACT

UNION EXPERIMENT CHIEF MAY BE CANDIDATE.

State Representative is Said to Be Waiting for Union Citizen.

La Grande is "pulling" strong for Robert (Bob) Withycombe of Union, for county representative. The political camp at Union has been buzzing for some time without Robert's acquaintance in the matter, and the buzzing has reached La Grande. Local friends of the state experiment chief see in him a man of ability to handle the work cut out for an Oregon law maker, and before long Mr. Withycombe will discover he is being actively talked of for the job. True, he turns away in fitting modesty and thanks one for suggesting it, but though he hasn't declared himself in the race, he has nevertheless not refused to run. That he will consent to run, his friends confidently believe—especially when he has had time to digest the boom which has broken loose in the past few days both here and in Union.

BAKER BISHOP ON LONG TRIP

WILL VISIT THE HOLY LAND THIS SUMMER.

Bishop O'Reilly Expects to be Gone From Oregon Eight Months.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Charles J. O'Reilly Bishop of Baker, leaves Sunday night for a six or eight months trip to Rome, the Holy Land and other places of interest in the Orient. He will sail for Liverpool from New York on the 24th of this month in company with a pilgrimage of which he will be the chaplain.

The bishop passed through the city this morning on his way to Pendleton, where he will visit the Mission on the Umatilla reservation, one of the prospering missions of Eastern Oregon in this diocese. From there he will go on to Spokane from which city he will begin the pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land. He expects to celebrate mass in the "Arous Monks' church at Jerusalem on Easter morning.

The trip is the prescribed visit to the Holy See which every bishop is required to make every five years.

Baker Woman Dead.

Mrs. C. M. Foster passed away at 2 o'clock this morning at her home on Dewey avenue, her death following an extended illness. She had been failing gradually for several weeks, and it was many times given out that she could live but a few hours, her vitality in each case pulling her through the crisis when it was thought that she could not survive.

The deceased was about 60 years of age.

NEW FOUR ROOM HOUSE RENT
—Inquire E. G. Adcock; phone Red 31 or Black 3102. 2-6tf.

Read the advertisements too.

REX HALL

DANCING ASSEMBLIES

Each Saturday and Tuesday. Class and Private Lessons taught Afternoon and Evening; Private Lessons by Appointment. Bert M. Sherwood, Proprietor and Instructor.

Hall for rent Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights of each week, except holiday nights and also nights preceding holidays. Rates, \$50.00 to midnight; \$10.00 per hour after midnight. No decorations can be permitted.

INSTALLATION SUNDAY AT 11

DEAN OF THE PACIFIC SEMINARY TO BE HERE.

Rev. W. C. Drahn Will Be Installed Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church.

Rev. P. W. Fredrick, dean of the Pacific seminary at Portland, will install the Rev. W. C. Drahn pastor of Zion Lutheran church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Professor Fredrick was formerly a professor of the Chicago Lutheran seminary, one of the largest of its kind in the country, and was for several years pastor of the English Lutheran church at Pasadena, Calif. While he is better known as an educator than an author his sermons and addresses are always full of rich and mature thought and of the kind really worth hearing. Rev. Drahn, the local pastor, has been in La Grande nearly a year and has sufficiently made up his mind to make La Grande his future home, to definitely accept the call extended to him last spring. All branches of the work have shown a marked improvement during 1913 and Zion church is looking forward to a very active and prosperous year. Prof. Fredrick will remain in La Grande several days as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Drahn, in the interest of educational work. Pastor Drahn having been a member of the board of directors for several years, is keenly interested in the welfare of the seminary at Portland.

ENGINEER DRAY PASSES AWAY

YOUNG ENGINEER PASSES IN PORTLAND HOSPITAL.

Leaves Wife and Two Small Children—Made Engineer Year Ago.

Engineer Henry Dray, aged 28, died at Portland yesterday after an illness commencing two days before Thanksgiving. While the funeral arrangements are incomplete, the body will arrive here tonight and the funeral will probably be held from the residence Sunday afternoon. Mr. Dray has several relatives aside from his wife and two children, Evelyn aged four, and Albert aged one and a half years.

Mr. Dray was born in La Grande and lived here always. He learned railroading, first as a fireman and about a year ago was promoted to engineer having a regular run out of here. His death is a distinct shock to the many friends in the city, as well as to the relatives.

Starkey Pioneer Dead.

J. M. Hagey the Starkey pioneer who died yesterday morning, was born in Burlington, Iowa, March 15, 1845. He crossed the plains in 1848 and settled in Union county. He was married April 25, 1867, to Miss Nancy Harpole, at Salem, and to that union were born nine children, four sons and five daughters. Sixteen grand children were his. In addition to the wife and children, one brother, Wesley Hagey, lives at Portland. The sons include Ben, Henry and Fred of Starkey, and Marion of Hilgard; Mrs. Nellie Wilson of Portland, Mrs. Jessie Parks of Cottage Grove, Ore., Mrs. Minnie Glass, Mrs. C. E. Stults and Miss Eva Hagey, all of Hilgard.

Mr. Hagey was a prominent citizen of his community and highly respected. He was deputy assessor and road supervisor for several terms, and though nearly 70 years of age, was sturdy and active until Christmas, when he was taken ill and failed to recover. The funeral services were held today from the Henry & Carr undertaking parlors.

Banquet Pleases 100.
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ands and never scratched a passenger, and held this out as a good argument for La Grande people to extend to Eastern friends in urging them to come via the O.-W. through La Grande. O.-W. employes have a

marked ability to obey the rules and avoid disaster, he said. He also urged the establishment of an exhibit hall here.

Manager Lafky Speaks.

How 700 acres of almost worthless land near the city of Salem were transformed into building sites for fifty cozy homes and 500 people in a few short years was told by City Manager F. J. Lafky, in a short address on the manner of publicity of the Willamette valley. He recited how Salem had learned, and predicted that La Grande would soon learn, that it was far more profitable and essential to become known as a community elsewhere, than not to be thus known. He reviewed how he first heard of La Grande in a commercial way when the city of Salem wanted to buy first class horses—they purchased the La Grande horses. He emphasized the necessity of cutting up the large land holdings.

Superintendent Girdler Talks.

City School Superintendent John Girdler brought home the fact that when La Grande commences her campaign to get 1915 fair visitors to stop here, she can use no better medium than the school argument. "Tom Richardson will bear me out in this I am sure" said Mr. Girdler. "The schools of La Grande are worthy of advertisements and the schools of any community are profitably used in the campaign for settlers," he said. Mr. Girdler closed his terse speech with a story that called for a companion "yarn" from State School Superintendent Churchill, who was a guest at the tables, and in addition to "spinning" his "yarn" Mr. Churchill briefly recited and reviewed the industrial fair policy of the state educational department. District fairs showing fruits of study in ten departments of agriculture, such as corn growing, garden products and the like, are to be held prior to the county fairs; the ten winners are to be sent to the state fair and there ten are picked to go to the San Francisco Panama exposition in 1915, at the expense of the state will all expenses paid for a week. In addition to this attractive prize, the state pays premiums that make it desirable and remunerative for the school children, to become diligent and painstaking in their efforts to compete in the various fairs.

The meeting adjourned with less than two hours having been consumed in the service of the dinner and the speech list. The Methodist Aid Society, abetted by the splendid facilities and conveniences of the new church basement, was able to serve a toothsome dinner piping hot with much dispatch and satisfaction to everyone.

This is the first time the basement has been used for commercial club purposes and the success was so marked that others will probably be held there in the future.

Several out of town guests attended, including Jim Miller, traveling passenger agent for the O.-W., A. W. Perley, Prof. J. A. Churchill, Christ and Gearhart Stackland of Cove, and others.

SOME PEOPLE SAY IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

A man who had been hunting property in the city came into the Observer office and inserted a WANTED AD in the columns of this paper. Through this medium he succeeded in getting in touch with a party who had an acre of ground to sell together with a four-roomed cottage on the same. This he bought for \$700. and everybody is congratulating him on his buy. There is no use arguing, when this paper reaches about two thousand readers every night and as many more through the weekly, you are in a position to make known your wants to just so many people. If you had to go around and see that many people it would take you four months. Think of the time saved. But for the want ad in this paper this man would not have been in the position to make this buy. There are many such buys waiting for someone to come along and express a wish. The chances are in this case about 5000 to 50. If your time is worth something the cost of the ad is trifling.

Wood Dealer Bankrupt.

Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 5.—Since the bankruptcy proceedings of B. F. Cook, a wood dealer of the Meacham-Kamela district more than one fuel firm of this city is liable to have to pay double prices for supplies of wood purchased through Cook, as the fuel furnished by this dealer is said to have been cut from government timber against the law.

One firm in this city has purchased about 30 carloads of wood through Mr. Cook and he in turn purchased it from another party who purchased the wood from the original cutter. The man who cut the wood is now being sought by government investigators and cannot be found. Neither can the man to whom he sold the wood be found. This left the responsibility on B. F. Cook, the third owner of the wood, and the parties to whom he sold. Now Mr. Cook has gone bankrupt, and local dealers are the "goat" on the same principle that the law requires the buyer of a stolen horse to return the property.

Just what will be the outcome of the case, the local fuel dealers are not prepared to say, but at present they admit they seem liable to lose money.

Injured While Dancing.

(Baker Herald.) Harry Neer, the well known traveling representative of the Honeyman Hardware company, is suffering from a broken bone in his right foot, the injury being caused by a heavy fall. He slipped and fell to the floor in such a manner as to twist his foot under his body and causing a painful, although not especially serious injury.

WANTED—Man and wife to work on farm, Phone Farm 194. H Vehrs. 2-6, 6t

Something That Everybody Ought to Know

WHAT IS THE MATTER with Adcook & Fritts? They do not have a sale on very often, but they have one now, a real bonafide sale. And quite a number of people have taken advantage of it already. It will pay anybody that needs anything in the furniture line to investigate us before purchasing and see how cheap they can get it of us.

Adcook & Fritts,
SLATER BLDG. Cor. Fir and Jefferson Sts.

Kippered Salmon

We are now carrying Kippered Salmon which is a Smoked Salmon already for eating. It comes in every week, therefore making it fresh for use at all times, it sells at 25c per lb., something different from Fresh Salmon.

All Kinds of Vegetables and Fruits for Sunday

PHONE MAIN 721

BERRY BROS. GROCERY

FOR RENT

Furnished three room house, large rooms close in, including water, \$16 per month.

Six room house, bath and toilet, close in, including water \$16 per month.

FARMS FOR SALE

I have a splendid list of farms for sale. It will soon be time to begin thinking about spring.

Logged Over Lands

The cheapest good land in Union county is the Geo. Palmer Logged Over Lands on Looking Glass and Cabin Creeks. Keep your eye on the weather conditions that prevail in this section. I have actual photographs of this land, call and inspect them.

Geo. H. Currey

He Who Sells Real Estate
La Grande, Oregon