

BIG MEETING HERE SATURDAY

EVERY INDICATION POINTS TO
HUGE GATHERING.

Catherine Creek and River Projects
Attract Much Attention.

That next Saturday will bring an outpouring of ranchers from Union and the Grande Ronde river district, to this city to attend the meeting of Union county citizens at the Commercial club, Saturday, where means to stop the annual inundation of low lands by overflow from Catherine creek and the river, appears to be a certainty. E. S. Norris who is pushing the meeting, has been advised that there will be big representations from many parts of the county. The plan is to take steps to have Catherine creek straightened out so that it will not overflow its banks and inundate thousands of acres hereafter as it has in the past each spring.

"The movement is popular, as it should be," said Mr. Norris today. "The proposition is gigantic but nevertheless possible and will be one of the biggest things Union county has ever undertaken, but for all that it should be swung. The meeting Saturday will discuss ways and means—the need is too apparent to require any time or sup or tive arguments."

PENDLETON QUINT READY

PREPARES TO GIVE LA GRANDE
BIG RUN.

Two Teams Will Meet At Pendleton
Next Friday Evening

Pendleton, Feb. 18.—(Special).—One of the principal basketball games of the season for Pendleton will be that of this coming Friday evening when the Pendleton and La Grande high schools will meet on the local floor to establish claims to supremacy. La Grande has a fast team this year and the locals are practicing to give them a hard battle.

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HERE ONLY 2 WEEKS LONGER

Otto West, with George A.
Anderson Co. Soon to
Leave La Grande.

Announcement has been made by the George A. Anderson store that their designer and dressmaker, Mr. Otto West, is to leave La Grande in two weeks. Mr. West has been busy here for the past month instructing the ladies of La Grande in the art of making high class gowns and has gotten splendid results. His plan is to have the lady select the fabric she desires, then he drapes it just as it will appear when made up. After pinning the goods secure he instructs the lady how to make up the garment herself. In this way the cost of beautiful dresses is reduced besides the student gaining expert information in the dress makers' art.

Two weeks more will end his engagement in this city with the Anderson store and all ladies who have not benefited by his visit to La Grande are requested to call at once.—Adv. 2-16,t.

SARGENT NOW IN CONTROL

STATE OFFICIALS THINK BANK
WILL REOPEN.

Closing Was Entirely Voluntary—Di-
rectors Plan For the Future.

North Powder, Feb. 18.—S. G. Sargent, superintendent of banks of Oregon, arrived yesterday and began a check of the Powder Valley State bank which closed its doors yesterday and is still closed pending an investigation of the bank's future.

Mr. Sargent said that the closing was entirely voluntary on the part of the bank's officers who found the reserve had been running low for several days despite efforts to the contrary and, wishing to avoid difficulties they appealed to the state officials for an examination.

Arrangements for a reorganization are now being made, Mr. Sargent said and it is possible that the bank may reopen its doors within a few days. Mr. Sargent said that in no way had the officials of the bank overstepped the law and that under no circumstances could they be held criminally liable for the bank's difficulties.

A meeting of the board of directors was held yesterday afternoon and on this meeting depends the action which will be taken toward reorganization and reopening. No publicity has been given the meeting.

BONDS BRING PREMIUMS.

Very Satisfactory Sale of Bonds Made
at Baker.

Baker, Feb. 18.—(Special).—Rollins & Company of Denver, Colorado, were the successful bidders for the Baker water bonds yesterday, their bid being the best and accepted by the city commissioners after short consideration. The bid of Rollins & Company is par, accrued interest and a premium of \$2352.65. Twelve other bids were received, all offering a premium except three, and only two discounting the total issue of \$98,851. The Citizens' National Bank of Baker and Baker Loan and Trust company each submitted excellent bids, the former offering a premium of \$1039 and the latter a premium of \$1136.80, bidding separately on the two issues, one of which is for syphon reconstruction and the other for the new South Baker lines. All other bids, with but one exception, were for the total issue.

Several bond companies were represented at the meeting of the commissioners when the bids were opened. The Causey-Foster company of Denver offered par and accrued interest, but asked an allowance of \$1890 attorney fees and expenses. Sidney, Spitzer & Company of Toledo, O., made a similar bid, asking \$1450. A total of 14 bids were received, 13 bond buyers being represented, two different proposals being submitted by Wm. S. Sweet & Company of Denver. The second best bid was from A. B. Leach & Company of Chicago, who offered par, accrued interest and a premium of \$2244.

Baker Dogs Executed.

Baker, Feb. 18.—(Special).—Eleven dogs, under sentence of death with their execution date set for tomorrow unless their owners happen to reprieve them, are at the city pound today and by nightfall this number is expected to be increased materially. Poundmaster Caviness and Officer Hanna, with Special Deputies Olson, Durr and Boyer, appointed last night by Mayor Palmer, went out at sunrise this morning and began making prisoners of all dogs which appeared on the streets of Baker not provided with muzzles as required in the new muzzling ordinance which went into effect at midnight last night. Armed with wire nooses on the end of a pole the poundmaster and his assistants had the stray canines at a disadvantage and one by one the yelping muzzleless brutes are being taken in tow and placed in the pound where only their kind heartedness of their owners can prevent their execution.

FOR SALE—Good improved 40 acres near good town and railroad, cheap. Owner, 2015 Spruce St. 2-18,3t.

HOMESTEAD AREA GROWS

EASTERN OREGON LAND PUT IN
THAT CLASS.

Forty-five Thousand Acres Can be
Filed on After March 9th.

Approximately 45,000 acres of land adjacent to Flora, Long Creek, Monument, Beach Creek, Pilot Rock, Enterprise and Baker have been set apart for homesteading. This is classed as semi-arid land and will be subject to the enlarged homestead act. This land will be ready to be filed upon on and after March 9th, and the applicant for the land will have the right to file on 320 acres, that is if he is an original entryman. If he already holds 160 acres of this kind of land he is entitled to increase his holdings to 320—that is he may file on 160 acres more—if he has a pending entry on which he has "not made final proof." If he has made entry and final proof on 160 acres of semi-arid land, his right is exhausted and he "cannot make another entry for further holdings."

GILL HAS BIG LEAD

Former Enemies Rally to His Sup-
port and Elect Him In Primary.

Seattle, Feb. 18.—Hiram Gill at noon had a lead of 10,000 over his nearest competitor in the race for mayor. In yesterday's primary J. D. Trenholme was second by 350 votes. These two men will fight it out at the regular election March 5. Judge R. Richardson Windsor, the socialist candidate, was third. Hiram Gill's lead is all the more remarkable by reason of the fact that he was threatened with recall during his administration as mayor after defeating Cotterill for the office.

ASSOCIATED PRESS IS DUMMY

Charge That It Is Controlled By Bond
Holders to Be Investigated.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 18.—Asserting that the Associated Press is controlled by a clique of bondholders and is mutual in name only, Wm. D. Faulke head of the National Municipal league and former head of the United States civil service commission, appealed to Attorney General McReynolds to act on the recent application of the New York Sun for an investigation. The investigation will effect the morning service only, as most of the news for the afternoon papers is supplied by the United Press association.

WILL NOT HEAR CASE

Mother Jones Must Proceed In Lower
Court If She Desires Relief.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 18.—The supreme court refused to take original jurisdiction in the case of "Mother" Jones' application for release on a writ of habeas corpus from the state military authorities at Trinidad. The decision compels her lawyer, if she wishes to proceed, to do so in the lower court. Original jurisdiction would allow the supreme court to hear the complaint without submitting it first to a lower court.

HALF MILLION HOME BURNS

Art Treasures and Furnishings Bring
Total Value to Million.

New York, Feb. 18.—Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt's home, worth half a million dollars, and with art treasures worth as much more, burned this morning on Jericho, Long Island. A caretaker of the building attributed the fire to an overheated furnace.

How to Prevent Bilious Attacks.

"Coming events cast their shadows before." This is especially true of bilious attacks. Your appetite will fail, you will feel dull and languid. If you are subject to bilious attacks take three of Chamberlain's Tablets as soon as the symptoms appear and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers.

QUEST OF EL DORADO.

That Elusive Land of Gold and Jewels
In South America.

Guiana is bounded on the north by the great river Orinoco and on the south by the still greater river Amazon. These two grand rivers are connected with one another, the Cissiquire, a branch from the Orinoco, falling into the Rio Negro, a tributary of the Amazon. Within Guiana itself are many rivers of very considerable size. The kingdom of El Dorado was reputed to exist somewhere between the Rio Branco and the Essequibo, called by the Indians the Brother of the Orinoco. Manoa, the capital, was said to be somewhere between the Rio Branco and the Rupununi, a tributary of the Essequibo. From the thirties of the sixteenth century some eighteen expeditions had been sent by the Spaniards to Guiana in search of the golden kingdom. Diego de Ordaz, one of the captains of Cortes at the conquest of Mexico, led the first attempt in 1531. After him followed many a brave cavalier, but all was in vain, and disasters as well as failure attended nearly all the expeditions.

From a state paper in the public record office, London, it appears that in 1580 persons who traveled in America had reported that there was a place where the women wore great plates of gold, covering their whole bodies like armor. In every cottage pearls were to be found; in some houses a peck. Banqueting houses were built of crystal, with pillars of massive silver, some of gold. Pieces of gold as big as a man's fist were to be found in the heads of some of the rivers. Raleigh read accounts of these expeditions, but their want of success did not deter him from attempting to find the golden region.—Blackwood's Magazine.

A LIGHT IN AN AUTOMOBILE.

Use One of the Spark Plugs When You
Have No Matches.

Did you ever while making an automobile tour find yourself on a lonely country road, perhaps miles from the nearest house, and suddenly discover that you had no matches? If you were anxious to light the lamps or eager for a smoke such a discovery would not prove at all conducive to the smoothness of your temper.

There is a simple way in which any one may secure a light without the aid of matches. You may be anxious for a smoke or it may be getting dark and you want to light your lamp, but in any event you can secure the necessary light if you will follow these directions:

Unscrew one of the spark plugs and let it lie on the cylinder head. Wrap a small wisp of waste around the end of any small stick of wood or if there is none handy wrap it around the end of a screwdriver or any other tool. Dip the waste in the gasoline until it is thoroughly soaked. Of course you should have only a very small piece of waste; otherwise the blaze will be too big for you to handle. After dipping this in the gasoline lay it close to the spark plug and turn the engine over until this plug sparks. This will ignite the waste and you will have a little torch sufficient for lighting your lamp. Even if there is a heavy rain or snow, you can secure a light in this manner sufficient for your needs.—Detroit Free Press.

Fear of Old Military Service.

A prisoner's appeal to the court of criminal appeal for a longer sentence, although the first on record before that tribunal, is not altogether unparalleled at the assize, for offenders who have had the advantage of inside knowledge of the working of the prisons acts have been known to ask the judge to give them penal servitude instead of a short period of hard labor. They shrink from the more Spartan diet and severer restrictions that attach to the nominally lighter sentence. A century ago, when capital punishment was inflicted for many trivial crimes, a prisoner was sometimes given a choice—death or service in the army or navy. And the services in those days had such a terror for some criminals that many elected to be hanged instead of serving their country.—London Spectator.

"To Keep Young."

Youth is what we all love to have and to hold, and since Ponce de Leon's time many a way of conserving it has been prescribed—dosage, drinking, sour milk, systems of exercise, bathing, rubbing. Any one of these things may help the individual, but not every individual. And let us not forget that youth is in great measure a gift of the spirit. Children are young because for them life abounds. They find springs of energy within and stores of refreshment without. Wonder, curiosity, the enjoyment of ten thousand trifles, a short memory for punishment and pain—all these things make for youth. Quarrels, resentfulness, suspicion, worry, grouches—these bring harder lines around the mouth, hardened arteries, old age. Nothing is too small to delight a child, given the right conditions; nothing too big to darken for very long the spanned sky. That is the secret of youth. Draw the curtain, Master Manager. On with the human comedy.—Collier's Weekly.

FOR SALE—NEAR COVE.

On account of old age and poor health, I will sell my fine 200-acre farm, known as the Grande Ronde Orchard farm, either all together or part of it in tracts of 40 acres and up, as follows: One 40 north side, half of which is set to the Delicious variety of apples, three year old trees, the other half is in fine timothy and a few acres of plow land. This 40 for all cash down can go for \$115 per acre. One 40 facing on county road; nearly all in four year old commercial apples, some land ready for grain, and grain or garden or clover can go between trees; this 40 for \$125 per acre, \$3000 cash down; and one 40 also facing on county road, all in five year old commercial apples, and alfalfa, for \$125 per acre, half cash down; or the whole 200 acres for \$24000, \$10,000 down, balance terms at 7 percent interest. We might consider nicely improved residence property in La Grande or Portland, up to \$3000 or \$4000, if all the farm is taken together and \$10000 cash down, good terms on balance. This farm is all of deep, black, sub-irrigated loam soil, with no waste land on it and lays fine for plating into small tracts. There are fine springs, a flowing well, buildings, shade, a full bearing family orchard of apples, pears, peaches, plums, prunes, cherries, berries, etc. and all kinds of grain including corn, also tender vegetables such as beans, tomatoes, melons, celery, etc., has been raised in abundance there. Anyone wanting any of this land with the young orchards left on it had better not delay for they will nearly all be plowed out by March 1, and the land seeded to grain.

MATT W. MITCHELL,
Mon. Wed. Fri. Cove, Oregon.

Biliousness and Constipation Cured.

If you are ever troubled with biliousness or constipation you will be interested in the statement of R. F. Erwin, Peru, Ind. "A year ago last winter I had an attack of indigestion followed by biliousness and constipation. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets so highly recommended, I bought a bottle of them and they helped me right away." For sale by all dealers. For Frost Bites and Chapped Skin. For frost bitten ears, fingers, and toes, chapped hands and lips, chil-

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Beginning March 1st, Mrs. H. C. Bailey will take a limited number of students in telegraphy. Ten dollars per month; three lessons of one hour, weekly or one half hour each day. Telephone R 1961. Also lessons in oil painting—same rates.

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