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THE BARBER COMMISSION.

The other day I saw three fat, lazy men, in the pay of the state going to a little town to investigate the barber; to see if he kept his mugs and towels clean, says old Ed. Howe, of Kansas. These three men were appointed in pursuance of a law passed by the legislature, and signed by the governor; and they not only receive liberal salaries, but allowed themselves such liberal expenses that they themselves were investigated.

And think of the three of them devoting a couple of days to "investigating" one country barber!

Half our laws, and most of our commissions, are as ridiculous as the Barber Commission.

NOT TOO SERIOUS

The most important advice ever given me I was unable to accept, remarked a citizen not far from La Grande recently.

And there was no other reason for my neglect of it than that I couldn't realize that the advice was important.

I do not take myself as seriously as I once did; taking myself too seriously resulted in the expensive blunder referred to above.

Sift everything you hear or read; maybe you are carelessly missing something of value.

Why not have a municipal choir? We have two pipe organs in La Grande, one organ player and hundreds of good voices. Who will start a movement that will reflect municipal pride and set La Grande far to the front. A chorus of two hundred voices is a very possible thing to have here.

Quite a difference between the weather yesterday and fifty years ago when Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Grandy were married. And their many friends hope the remainder of their lives may be blest with such sunshine as we enjoyed yesterday.

Sheriff Hurlburt is outdoing the irrepressible Tom Word in Multnomah county. He gathered in a bunch at a cock fight Sunday, and there is no record of Word ever paying any attention to such "harmless" amusement.

Leon Stoddard gives some encouragement when he says, after visiting the east and midwest, that lumber business is showing a bit better outlook.

Enterprise entertained the "Dokies" and again La Grande Knights of Pythias vote Enterprise as the

hostliest host within a radius of many miles.

It pays to look both ways before crossing a street in La Grande. The buzz wagons are getting thicker than mosquitoes on a rice ranch in Texas.

All of the papers are announcing the arrival of Spring, but the old settler says, "just you wait, we'll have some squally weather yet."

Judging from the number of Fords being received here, "the little old machine goes rambling right along."

It seems the Kaiser dropped a few of those bombs on Paris, after all.

Turns Down Offer.

Lincoln, Neb., March 23.—A request that his firm of horse buyers bid on a contract for furnishing the German government 30,000 horses for service in the European war has been received by George Woods of the firm of Watson, Woods Brothers & Kelly, of Lincoln. This is the first request from an agent of the German government received by the firm, though both the English and French governments have had representatives confer with the horse men. Woods was also requested to meet the German government's agent in New York. How the animals was to be delivered into the war zone was not discussed in the messages, as that part of the problem, Woods said, would be up to the purchaser.

The firm will not bid on the contract, Woods said, because it has been found that the governments' agents resort to a sharp practice which robs the transactions of the profit. The animals are contracted for subject to inspection, he says, and when delivered a large percentage of them are declared to be below standard and so refused. Then these pay a considerably lower price, the owners being obliged to accept the lower figure to get rid of the animals and stop heavy feed bills. But these alleged contractors, Woods says, are in reality also buying horses for service in the war zone, and the entire shipment of horses reaches the purchasing government, though at a lower figure than the original contract price.

Corn-Mad? Use "GETS-IT," It's Sure

Makes Corns Vanish Like Magic!

A hard cap of skin makes up every corn. When you put 2 drops of "GETS-IT" on it, it shrivels up and comes right off!—and there's your corn—gone by thunder! Simple as taking off your hat! That's



Don't Waste Time "Hollering." "GETS-IT," World's Simplest Corn-Cure, Never Fails. why corn-millions have gone wild over "GETS-IT"—nothing like it ever known. Some folks, to this day, putter around with bandages, sticky tape, thick plasters, corn "pulling" salves, gouge corns out with knives, snip them with scissors, make them bleed and then howl because they can't get rid of sore corns. Use "GETS-IT." There's nothing to do but apply 2 drops. The work is done. "GETS-IT" does the rest. No pain, no fussing, no changing shoes, no limping. It never fails. Try it tonight for any corn, callus, wart or bunion. Be sure that you get "GETS-IT" and nothing else. "GETS-IT" is sold by druggists everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago.

LOGGING TRAIN AGAIN RUNNING

TRACKS AT WALLOWA NO LONGER SOFT

Real Estate Deal Closed—Bank Building Renovated.

Wallowa, Ore., March 23.—The Nibly-Mimnough Lumber Co., began operating the logging train again yesterday. The train has not been running for over a month.

The two doors in the front end of the bank building have been taken out this week, and replaced by one large door, and a new coat of paint given the outside woodwork, the work being done by John Langano.

A deal was closed last week, whereby F. H. Brownlee purchased the 7 acre farm near Bear Creek, from Edwin Marvin. Mr. Marvin took in part payment a small house and lots in Evergreen Addition.

Mrs. Rebecca Ruark died last Saturday morning, about 9:30 at her home. She has been an invalid for about ten years, and has lived here with her sister, Miss Wood. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. L. A. Cook of the M. E. church, with interment in the Wallowa cemetery.

A meeting of the senior class was held last week to decide on what style of graduating invitations they wanted, and also to order the class pins and rings. The program for the graduating exercises was discussed, as preparation on this will soon begin, after the class play which will be given, April 2, is over with. There are thirteen in the senior class this year, besides two, who graduated at the end of the first semester.

OPENING DAY NEAR Industrial News from the State at Large.

Portland, Ore., Mar. 23. (Special).—Unless there is a rearrangement of present plans, the Cello Canal will be opened for the passage of boats for five days in April, probably between the 10th and 15th, and it is expected that a number of steamers now on the upper river will be brought to Portland for overhauling and two or more boats will carry freight from Portland to Pasco, Kennewick and other points. Construction work on the canal is practically finished, but little remaining to be done except to clean out an accumulation of refuse and to build a few bridges for the accommodation of owners of fish wheels and two for the passage of teams. The canal is being finished several weeks earlier than was expected, and it will probably be opened permanently for navigation on May 1st.

Pendleton March 23.—For the purpose of presenting to President Wilson, Secretary of Interior Lane and Commissioner Sells a petition to extend the period of trust for which the reservation lands are held by the government, Chief No Shirt of the Walla Walla, accompanied by Otis Halfmoon, a Nex Perce interpreter, left Gibbon station today. He called at the agency yesterday with a trunkful of papers which he is taking back. No Shirt wants the trust period on the Umatilla reservation extended 50 years. The present trust period of 25 years expires in 1916, and, under the original act the president has the power to extend the trust for any Indian who is still incompetent. "If the petition of No Shirt is granted, it means that the Indian lands on the reservation will be exempted from taxation for another fifty years. No Shirt will be joined by Indians from the Yakima and Fort Hall reservations.

ELGIN ROADS FIRST CLASS

SPRING MUD HAS DISAPPEARED GENERALLY

School Report Out—Farmers Sowing and Fencing.

Indian Creek, Mar. 19.—(Special)—Messdames Sanders and Bennett were visitors at the Spiker home on Sunday.

Geo. Scott and Milton Bennett are plowing on the Bennett place. They expect to sow spring wheat.

Mr. Merritt died Sunday evening at his residence in Elgin. Funeral services were held in the M. E. church Monday at 2 p. m.

Messrs. Wilson, Gray and Earl Palmer were visitors to Elgin on Wednesday.

Mrs. Clingheimer called on Mrs. J. B. Wilson Thursday afternoon.

L. L. Cross and sons were in Elgin on Friday for fencing wire, as they intend to build some new fence this spring.

Messrs. Wilson and Gray are busy repairing fence.

A. S. Zeamer was in Elgin on business Friday.

J. S. Spiker was an Elgin visitor on Saturday.

May Zeamer was a visitor at the Spiker home Thursday afternoon.

The roads are getting in fine condition for this time of the year.

Quite a number of children are out of school helping their parents with the spring work.

J. B. Wilson was in Elgin Saturday.

J. S. Spiker's mother of La Grande is visiting with her son.

Arthur Bussear was in Elgin Saturday.

School Report of District 14.

Get in line, Boys

If you want that new suit to be as nifty and stylish as any boy ever wore, join the procession and come with the rest of the boys to see our new Spring line of

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No. of days taught	20
Whole No. of days attendance	264
Whole No. of days absence	82
Whole No. of time late	35
No. of pupils neither absent or tardy	0
Average No. pupils belonging	17.3
Average daily attendance	13.2
Per cent of attendance	76.88
No. of visits by parents	1
No. of visits by school board	1
Total No. enrolled	25

Supt. A. E. Ivanhoe expects to visit District No. 14 next Friday and there will be a basget dinner if the weather permits.

SPIES IN TRENCHES

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which Demielle had drawn, with a note to Demielle written in German: "We don't understand this map. Can't you make it plainer?"

The sentry put the note back in place and let the dog go to Demielle's subway hut. Two men were watching Demielle when the dog entered. Demielle put his finger under the dog's collar, pulled out the note and began to read it when the men jumped on him.

Demielle was very cool about it, but he knew that his end had come. He was taken away and sentenced to death by court-martial. Luckily the firing squad was not chosen from among the men in our trench. The officers paraded him before us as an example. He kept his head high and seemed satisfied with what he had done for his country. Then they took him away somewhere to die.

But the next day we were forced to perform several executions that were harder for some of the men, I think, than shooting their old trenchmate would have been.

"Kill all the dogs in your trenches," ran the new command. I think some of the men who had pets of stray dogs wept the night that order came. One fellow I know slept with his dog that night. We couldn't kill the dogs in

cold blood. We were acquainted with them, just as we were with each other. They had been the bright spots in our muddy, drab lives. Mangy and dirty as they were, we were little cleaner; when there wasn't a smile left on our faces during the rainy or extra dangerous days there was always a sparkle in the eyes of the trench dogs and they were always ready to play.

But we had to kill them. A Portuguese who loved a little white fox terrier discovered the easiest way. He threw a stone out of the trench; the little fellow went after it and just as he picked it up in his mouth about a dozen of our rifles blazed at him and over he went. We made believe to ourselves that we had been shooting at the Germans and that "Poo Poo" had been killed by accident.

So our six dog friends went into eternity that day, laying themselves down among the bodies of the dead soldiers and dying deaths that we ourselves might meet at any time.

"A dog can't expect a better death than his master," said the Portuguese with tears welling in his eyes.

No soldier in all this great war has found a harder thing to do than we had that day when the dogs were sentenced to die.

O'Brien States Attitude.

Pendleton, March 23.—"The O. W. R. & N. Co. is making no fight on the proposed Cold Springs paved road and will not oppose that road if it is desired by the people, but if a hard surface road is built paralleling the railroad from Pendleton to Umatilla the inevitable result will be that the railroad company will lose some of its passenger business and it may prove impossible to keep the present motor car service going. The motor has never been much more than self-sustaining and there was talk last fall of taking it off altogether."

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JEWELRY NOVELTIES FROM PARIS

IN OUR "LITTLE PARIS SHOP" YOU'LL FIND OVER SIX HUNDRED ARTISTIC PIECES OF MERITE JEWELRY: THE SAME NOVELTIES YOUR FRIENDS GO TO EUROPE TO BUY.

You have a big advantage over the women who buy such jewelry abroad. Merite Jewelry is guaranteed by the maker to give you satisfactory wear

Stylish But Inexpensive

The newest French jewelry novelties you can buy at a price that would have opened our grandmothers' eyes with wide astonishment. In their days a woman wore expensive gold jewelry or none. Now times have changed. Today styles in jewelry change as often as the styles in dress. People do not buy jewelry to wear for a life time. They would rather pay less and wear jewelry that is in style. This demand has brought into existence stylish, artistic jewelry called Merite that costs but a trifle and is lovely enough to adorn a duchess.

Fashion's Fads

Here are some of the latest Merite models of the moment. Pendants of artificial pearls and diamonds on slender chains, \$1.50 and up. Pearl beads with artificial diamond clasps, 50c to \$5.00. Lockets on gold plate chains, \$2.00, \$2.50 and up. Scores of other quaint new pieces, ideal for gifts.

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