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OUR TIMBER

The startling information contained in Secretary A. A. Wenzel's report to the Union-Wallowa Counties Fire Association should be read by every person, and the salient points of it should be impressed upon all citizens in these two counties.

For instance, with all the precaution taken last year against forest fires, still \$100,000 worth of lumber was destroyed in the tree by fires. Everyone thought last year was a remarkable year in the prevention of forest fires, and so it was. Then think of what the loss used to be before this organization became active in saving from ruthless loss the greatest resource of this section. There is no way to tell what fires have cost because until recently no books were kept and one was capable of estimating the loss.

It must not be overlooked that quite a number of last year's fires were caused by campers. This is nothing but criminal carelessness and no good excuse can be offered. So many fail to realize when they look at standing timber that in those trees is not only lumber, but bread and butter for the hundreds of people employed in the lumber business—meal tickets by the thousands are attached to every body of standing timber.

It behooves every person, who is a good citizen, to watch carefully in his endeavor to prevent fire in the forest, which when once started never ceases until at least sufficient damage is done to wipe out a small fortune.

PROPER OBSERVANCE

La Grande proved herself a Christian community Friday when the wheels of business were still during an appointed time for all to observe Good Friday.

The idea is a splendid one. It gave everyone time to pause; to think of things other than business; to lay aside the commercial world for an instant and think of things spiritual.

Commemorating as it did the time when Christ was on the cross, the mind drifted to spiritual life; drifted to the One who suffered torture and persecution that the world might live.

May the observance of Good Friday in La Grande be permanent, and each year may the services increase in attendance until from this city will radiate the Christian sentiment sufficient that other localities may join in this most fitting manner of observance.

PRISONS BECOMING RESORTS

This is certainly the age of reformation. The human mind seems to be working overtime to invent new and startling innovations in the regular order of things. Warden Osborne of Sing Sing has so transformed the prison that the convicts are treated like hotel guests and are given every available opportunity for entertainment. Of course the convicts laugh at the warden and call him a "nut" but that makes no difference.

Down at the federal prison in Atlanta, even Mr. Osborne has been out done. Here are a few of the reforms that have taken place there recently:

Abolition of stripes—substitu-

tion of plain, unmarked clothes.

Men addressed by name instead of by number.

Two half holidays a week for games and pastimes on the grounds.

Abolition of silent system.

Freedom of conversing at meals and elsewhere.

Full orchestra with professional director.

Letter writing once a week.

Allowed to buy more tobacco.

Allowed to buy and use safety razors.

Allowed to have lights until 10 p. m.

Better food—motion pictures—sanitary barber shop.

Games with outside baseball teams.

Of course everybody wants to have the prisoners treated well. Every-

thing in reason should be done for them, for they are the unfortunate

of the world, but it sometimes seems as though the dreamers sort of make

a farce of the whole business. About the only thing left to do for the con-

victs at Atlanta is to let them spend their summers at Mackinac Island.

The dreamers have even been over-

zealous to establish Utopia for the convicts. There must be some sort

of punishment, you know, or a premium will be set upon manslaughter

and other crimes.

The Portland school board used excellent judgment in retaining Mr.

Alderman as superintendent and dis-

charging the high school teacher who was raising the trouble. Without

discipline there can be no schools or anything else much, and there is no

way to have discipline with an under teacher constantly in rebellion.

Either Chamberlain or Harry Lane deserves a big chromo, for in-

ducing Col. Bryan to desert grape juice and take on the Oregon logan berry. We have heard that desert-

ing the "grape" is no easy task.

Not all women who refuse to wear the new short skirts are how legged,

but a casual observation provides that not one of the wearers of short skirts is how legged.

Elihu Root says it is "sheer nonsense" to think of him as a presi-

dential possibility. If there were more of that sort of nonsense, this would be a greater country.

The Turkish press agent seems to have taken Egypt alone and single handed. Wonderful imagination. He ought to write movie plays.

Harvard's new library will have 62 miles of shelves. Quite an improve-

ment over Dr. Eliot's five feet of books.

Sherry's Tomorrow

The universal theme of the photoplay "The Christian" taken from Hall Caine's successful novel, which will be presented at Sherry theatre by the All Star Feature Distributors, Inc., is the conflict between man and matter, between the body and soul. Besides the wonderful acting which Miss Edith Story in the character of Glory Quayle, and Mr. Earle Williams, in the character of John Storn, have accomplished, the entire supporting cast is superior to any moving-picture company that has ever been assembled.

While this play, which toured the United States for eight seasons under the management of the Liebler Company, is full of thrills and emotional values, it leaves a deep impression upon those who see it because it makes a moral appeal to all human nature.—Eight parts. Over 600 people used in the Mob scenes. Adult 25c Children 15c Adv. 4-3-11

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EASTER.

Glad Spring disgaged

With music fills the bracing bou-

ant air.

Like bird released

From captor's cell

With joyous cry

Mounts up the sky

On rapid wing

To see his hills,

And greet the rills,

Forget his ills

And find his mate and nest.

The gurgling streams

Wake from their dreams

To add their tunes

In rhythmic tunc

And celebrate

Their glad release

From frost and snow.

The buttercup

In yellow wax

Peeps laughing

From its bed of green;

And further kittens climb

The slender willow's limbs

And play their hourly peek-a-boo

In mirror-pool below.

All nature sings;

In music flings

Her challenge to mankind.

Her gage of war

The glove of love—

We dare not lag behind.

With deeper sensibility,

The kindred of infinity,

With promised immortality,

And spirit born vitality,

Man is 'or deeper joy designed.

Mankind had yearnings

Deep and strong

To keep for aye

His very own;

For ever since

A mother's love

Laid Abel's form away

To burn to dust,

The human heart

Could not but pray

Thou cruel Death

A conqueror might find.

The cry of Eve

An echo found

In every mother's breast.

Then Jesus came.

No other name

So startled human ear.

He smoothed all fear

And said:

"Though dead,

In three days

I shall rise.

Will you believe?"

And then he died.

Upon a cross of cedar-wood

Beside which others gory stood

He bled;

He hung his head;

In sharpest agony he died,

And in the grave was laid,

Then women cried;

And death hand tied

Stood by and saw his work undone.

His icy fingers could not hold

The Hero of the race.

Thus God released his only son

And answered mother's prayer.

"I came from out the gates of Death

To show you that the gloomy grave

Is not the end—

Is but the door

You all must pass

Before you enter on the scene

Of human destiny complete;

Designed,

Proclaimed

And protected

For who-ever will.

From sin

Made free,

Come in

And see,

And live forever more

With me."

Thus Easter with its joyous Lord

Is God's reply—His mighty word—

To them who sat in Death's dark

pall

And prayed he be not king of all.

—J. D. GILLILAN.

Call for Bids.

Notice is hereby given, that the County Court of Union County, Oregon, will receive bids for furnishing and delivering 100 cords of 3 foot, 9 inch, yellow pine or red fir wood, cut from green timber, free from limbs, such wood to be delivered and corded in the basement of the Court House at La Grande, Oregon, on or before October 1, 1915. All bids to be filed with the County Clerk on or before April 8, 1915, and to be accompanied by a certified check amounting to five per cent of the bid. The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

ED. WRIGHT,
 County Clerk.

Dly—Wed. Sat. 3-10, to 4-8.

Bids Wanted.

The Camp Carson Mining & Power company will receive bids until next Tuesday, April 6, for hauling 100,000 feet of saw logs about three-quarters of a mile to its saw mill at Camp Carson. The haul is mostly down hill. It will also receive bids for hauling machinery and supplies from La Grande and Hilgard to the mines. All bids should be in sealed envelopes addressed to H. T. Harvey, and left at the Foley hotel.—Adv. 4-3-11

Wood Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the District School Board of School District No. 1, of Union county, Oregon, will receive up to 7:30 o'clock p. m. of April 10th, 1915, sealed bids for furnishing said School District No. 1 with 225 cords of four-foot wood split yellow pine, tamarac and red fir wood, said wood to be cut while green and not later than June 1, 1915, free

from large knots and acceptable to

said school board.

Said wood to be delivered; 250 cords at high school building, 75 cords at Greenwood school and to be corded up neatly and closely where directed by the Board. One hundred cords to be delivered by July 1, and all on or before September 1st, 1915. Bids to be left with school clerk.

Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

ARTHUR WILLIAMS,

School Clerk.

D.—Apr. 3-10 W.—1t.

LEGAL NEWS.

Conveyances.

E. W. Oliver et ux to I. U. Temple \$16,500, warranty deed, conveys: E. 1-2 of E 1-2 of SE 1-4 and E 1-2 of W 1-2 of E 1-2 of SE 1-4 of sec 20 and the SW 1-4 of sec 21 in tp 2 S R 39 E W M (Recorded book 63, p 268.)

Charles Dearlove et ux to Sarah Bellmer \$1 etc. Warranty deed conveys lot 3 blk 30. Williamson's add to La Grande. (Recorded book 63 p 269.)

Grace C. McAllister Executrix of last will and testament of John W. McAllister deceased to George Keltz and Mary A. C. Keltz \$1650. Conveys tract com. at point on N line of sec. 9 tp 3 S R 38 E 60 ft E of N E cor of NW 1-4 of NE 1-4 of NW 1-4 of said sec 9 and then E along said sec line 443.8 ft to point 156.2 ft W of NE cor of N W 1-4 said sec 9 then S 951.5 ft then W 443.8 ft then N 951.5 ft to beg. (Recorded book 64, p 137.)

Satisfaction of Mortgages.

Chas. B. Orni to Anna C. Heitzel and J. C. Heitzel, releases mtg dated 4th March 1913, recorded book 44 page 635 and covering lots 15 and 16 and 10 ft wide off of the East side of lot 17 all in blk 153 Chiplin's add to La Grande. (Marginal Satisfaction.)

Joseph Ott to Leota Patterson, a widow, releases mtg dated 29th March, 1910 recorded book 10 page 64 of mtg and covering tract beg 100 rds north from SW cor of SW 1-4 of sec 19 tp 2 N R 40 E then E 160 rds then N 60 rds then W 160 rds then S 60 rds to beg. (Recorded bk 48 page 481.)

Condition Bill of Sale.

Zimmerman-Wells-Brown Co. to Wilson Lumber Co \$385 One No. 13 A left-hand Wheland Gang-Edger complete with 3 16 inch inserted tooth saws, front and rear tables, front rear pressure rolls. 2 miles S W of Minam, Union Co. Oregon. (Bk 1, page 2 Conditional bill sale.)

Execution Docket

Beulah Newlin, doing business as the Newlin Book & Stationery Co. plff. vs. Maggie D. Mahaffey deft. J. Trans \$125.64. \$150 issued to sheriff of Union Co. Oregon April 1, 1915, request R. J. Green. (No return had to this date.)

Satisfaction of Judgments

E. W. Oliver by Pioneer Flouring Mill Co. Dated Mar. 21, 1912, Costs. Satisfied. E. W. Oliver by Grande Rondo Grain Co., Pioneer Flouring Mill Co. Ed Kiddle, Fred Kiddle and Merton Kiddle. Docketed Sept. 11, 1914 Sup. et costs \$70. Satisfied April 1, 1915.

E. W. Oliver, W. F. Stine and L. Louise Stine by La Grande National bank docketed June 5 1913 \$12,800. Int 7 per cent attorney fee \$1000. Costs \$34 released as to SW 1-4 sec 21 E 1-2 E 1-2 SE 1-4 and E 1-2 W 1-2 E 1-2 SE 1-4 sec 20 all in T 2 S R 39 E.

THE CHRISTIAN

Dog Notice.

Notice is hereby given that all dogs running at large must be muzzled from and after April 10, 1915. Muzzles must be wire or leather strap muzzles with one strap over the tip of the nose. They must be effective in preventing the dog from biting.

—Adv.

BY ORDER COMMISSION.
 4-3-11.

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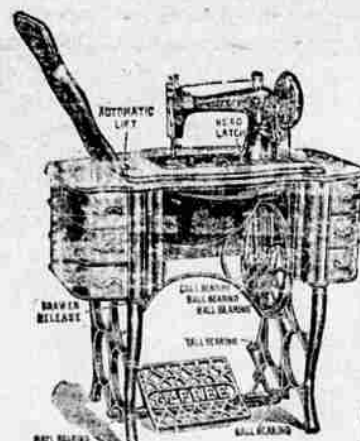
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