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THE FALL RACES.

Last evening a few business men of La Grande met and pledged a guarantee necessary to insure the fall race meet. They did so because first, they love horse races, and second because they have an interest in La Grande and want the people of Eastern Oregon to meet here and enjoy themselves.

This time it is no haphazard, plug racing. Races will not be made up at the barn while the crowd waits in the grandstand. Not at all. This program is a race program of class and character. It is already made up. Every horse is entered right now; every driver is named, his colors registered and he has been given a number in the particular race that his horse starts in. The program made up now will go through without a hitch or break the second week in September.

Instead of gathering in just a few of the local horses for these races, the organizer has combed the coast and the states as far east as Colorado to get the very best horses, and he has secured them. Over 150 entries have been made, which means that more than 150 race horses will be on the La Grande fair grounds for the four days racing program. Each race has been laid out and filled, and when the horse owners unload their horses here they know each day what races they will take part in.

It is without doubt the best arranged, the most thoroughly worked out racing meet ever offered to the public, and everyone who loves a horse will find it hard to stay away from any of the four days meet.

PASSING OF MR. FLOYD.

When the earthly remains of A. Floyd were shipped to The Dalles last night every older citizen of La Grande thought over the career of this excellent man, whose life went out Tuesday.

He was not a spectacular character, but he was a great man nevertheless. To him the spot light of popularity never appealed, but the earnest

toil that accomplishes results was his lot and he enjoyed it. The fact that he helped build the famous Monitor—the battleship of the civil war—yet he seldom told of it, portrayed his modest and unassuming character. And he was a pioneer in building transportation lines in Oregon, having been the oldest of the old crowd who came into the state to span it with rails of steel.

He lived the life of a good, quiet American citizen always ready to do his part in any community work; always ready to befriend those who needed help.

His memory will be revered and respected by everyone who knew him.

Don't overlook the date August 17th—when the O.-W. Employes' picnic is to be held at Gibbon. La Grande should turn out en masse for La Grande is a railroad town. J. M. Burley is arranging a big program for the occasion and will hang up a few prizes that will be worth competing for. He, and all the railroad people, especially invite the La Grande business men to join with them in the railroad celebration which has become a delightful annual event.

Pay as you enter the Speed 'Em Up park Saturday and Sunday. You will feel much better and the boys who are behind this big occasion need the money to pay the expenses.

One La Grande man says: "I find the test of true friendship is in dividing your 'shipment' with a neighbor."

Welcome to Pendletonians. They're coming Sunday in force.

Those June rains were a little late, but very pleasantly received.

STATE NEWS.

Historical Society Formed.

The Klamath Historical association has filed articles for incorporation. The principal office of the corporation will be at Klamath Falls.

Grant County Working Road.

W. C. Calder, who has returned to Baker from a trip by auto to Sumpter, Whitney and Austin reports that the Grant county commissioners are putting the Dixie Mt. road in good shape.

Porcupine Disturbs.

A lady living in Baker was frightened a few nights ago by a porcupine that had taken refuge in a tree close to the house. She first thought it a marauder.

Clan Holds Reunion.

About 65 members of the Rowel-son clan gathered at Woodburn recently.

Board Makes Investigation.

The desert land board, consisting of Governor Withcombe, Secretary of State Olcott, State Treasurer Kay, Percy Capper and Attorney General Brown, during the past week, made



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an extended tour of southeastern and central Oregon. The trip was planned for the purpose of making a first-hand inspection and study of the project being undertaken by the Harney Basin Development company for the irrigation of the Malheur valley by the storage of Silvies and Blitzen rivers' the drainage of the Malheur lake and the reclamation of the vast acreage of the valley.

If carried to completion this will probably be the largest project of its kind ever undertaken in the west. The valley contains more than 700,000 acres of land, the greatest part of which is subject to reclamation by irrigation and drainage.

In addition to this the project contemplates the construction of a drainage canal between Malheur and Harney lakes which would make 40,000 acres available for cultivation.

During the trip the members of the board visited and inspected the holdings of the American Nitrate company at Succor creek, Buzzard canyon, Rawhide canyon, and Wagontire mountain.

Mail Box Thief Caught

A 16-year-old youth has been caught at Silverthorn breaking into the mail boxes and taking the mail out. It is thought that several others have also been tampering with the mail boxes there.

Woman Starts Campaign

Mrs. Alexander Thompson, of The Dalles, is the first woman candidate to seek an office in Hood River and Wasco counties. Mrs. Thompson is a Democrat, is seeking the joint representation of those two counties.

Scarlet Fever in Pendleton

Miss Marjorie Spencer is ill with scarlet fever at her home in Pendleton. So far as known it is the only case in Umatilla county and it is believed that she contracted it.

Lebanon Spreads Papular

About 200 visitors were anxious to know about Lebanon's condition.

Pioneer Miner Dies

Gov. W. Cowden, for the past twenty years a miner in the Umatilla county, died at the home of his daughter Tuesday. Mr. Cowden was a member of the Christian Science church, under whose auspices the funeral was conducted.

Married Life Not Success

M. V. Bragg of Baker, has brought suit for divorce against his wife.

Sadie Bragg. He alleges cruel and inhuman treatment.

Dredging Land Involved

R. W. Derby of Sumpter has brought suit against Thos. and Claire Bessler, father and son, seeking a decree of the court giving plaintiff title to certain dredging ground in the vicinity of Sumpter and also a restraint order against the defendants, who admitted to have trespassed on the ground in question.

Baker Girl Injured

Miss Lela Engstrom of Baker, was slightly hurt when she stepped from the curb in front of an automobile, driven by Geo. Chandler. The latter saw her but not in time to bring his car to a full stop.

Hotel "Belle" Vanishes

The "Hotel Belle" which has made Milwaukee notorious throughout the state, has been taken charge of by Miles Cookly, an experienced hotel man, who gives assurance that it will be run in an orderly manner.

College Talk Is Surprise

Saying that it had already been decided that it was impossible to unite the Pacific University and Albany college, the trustees of the latter school were surprised at the action taken by the Congregational churches of Portland opposing the merger.

Chautauqua Chases

The annual Chautauqua at Roseburg has closed after a successful session.

Cherries Rained

The Lambert cherry crop in Lane county is reported to be an almost total loss, due to the heavy rains there. Great quantities of hay are also reported ruined.

Prize Papeons Shown

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wannanweir, Warren Springs Indians, are the parents of the prize papeons of Oregon. The Indians recently held a papeon show at their reservation and they say a number of good looking youngsters were shown.

Big Show Set For Saturday

A show consisting of yamoville, readings and instrumental and vocal music will be produced by the Knights of Pythias at the Fairgrounds land at Enterprise Saturday.

Marcus Todd Passes Away

Marcus Todd, a farmer in the Pen-

dleton section passed away at his home yesterday. His body will be sent east for burial.

Case To Be Retried.

The case of R. W. Service, of Baker, vs. the Sumpter Valley railroad will be retried in the Baker courts, according to the judgment signed by Judge Anderson.

More Horses Are Entered.

Secretary Waddell, of the Intermountain Fair and Racing circuit has announced more entries of harness horses for the various meetings of that association.

More Evidence Wanted.

Holding that the evidence was insufficient for a judgment, the state water board has been asked by the Hood River county court to gather more evidence in the case of the Oregon Lumber company against the East Fork irrigation district.

Gold Bench Globe Sold.

The Gold Bench Globe owned and published by S. E. Marsters for the last few years, has been sold to one of the owners of another paper in that town. He will probably consolidate the two.

May Organize Auto Club.

A number of Baker auto owners are organizing reorganization of the Baker Automobile club.

Steers Bring Big Price.

Ten head of steers brought \$99.17 in the market at Baker recently. They were shipped to Portland markets.

Recall Petition in Polk County.

Petitions for the recall of members of the county court of Polk county are being circulated and if sufficient signatures are secured the election will be held the same day as the regular election in November. Candidates have already been selected by the Polk County taxpayers' league.

Sinnott Asks for Patents.

The interior department at Washington has approved the bill introduced by Congressman Sinnott authorizing the issuance of patents for grazing lands in the Umatilla reservation, without requiring a residence or the cultivation of the lands.

Committee's Right to FBI Vacancies.

According to an opinion rendered by Attorney General Brown the central committee of a political party cannot fill a vacancy occurring on the ballot through the failure of a candidate to accept a nomination.

Oregon's Autos.

Since the first of the year about 30,000 automobiles, valued at \$24,000,000, have been registered with Secretary of State Olcott. About 7000 of these are new machines.

Millwright Is Killed.

John Edwards, a millwright at Leona died as the result of injuries sustained when the fly-wheel bursted at the Leona mills.

Calves Shipped from Tillamook.

Twenty-five thousand young calves have been shipped from Tillamook in the past few months by express to all parts of this state and other states.

Physician Buried.

The body of Dr. J. W. Ashford, a physician, has been taken to Canyon City for burial. He passed away in Portland following an operation. He is survived by a wife, a mother and son.

Married 50 Years—Given Divorce.

Henry Wicks, a prominent rancher near Baker, was allowed a divorce from his wife Margaret Wicks on the ground of desertion. The couple had been married nearly 50 years.

Mayor in Fist Fight.

The mayor of Butteville and Jim Kenyon were both arrested recently charged with fighting over the borrowing of a shovel which the mayor did not return.

Held on Murder Charge.

Bert Hopkins, a shepherd near Baker, is held on a murder charge for killing Lawrence Eggers near Durkee. He is being held to the Grand jury without bail.

Suit to Quiet Highland Title.

D. W. French, trustee for the creditors of the Highland Gold Mines yesterday filed a suit at Baker against Delbert G. Metzger to quiet title to the Highland property, which Metzger recently filed on. The filing was based on the claim that the management work on the property had not been done. The plaintiff's claim that they had a man working there at the time Metzger posted his notices.

In Search of Golden Ballbow.

The "Lost Blue Bucket" the fountain of wealth is again going to be searched for by two Baker miners, Joe Buckley, Kit Harpman and Win. Reed of Payette, who recently started on an expedition to find the hidden treasure, where, so the story goes, gold nuggets were picked up that filled a water bucket.