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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Collection of News Paragraphs and Advertisements.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a Mothers' meeting Friday afternoon at 2:30 in the Christian church.

A good social dance at Zuber hall every Tuesday and Saturday night. Private dancing lessons every evening. Phone Black 1211 for appointment.—Adv. 3-14-tf.

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Mrs. M. L. Haviland, of Twin Falls, Idaho, arrived in the city Wednesday morning, being called to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. T. H. Moore.

Sidney Lyle, the piano tuner will be here in May. Leave orders at Newlin's Book store.—Adv. 3-23-tf.

Oregon Nursery Co., George Ball agent, 1212 Wash. avenue, La Grande.—Adv. 3-17. 1m. pd.

6 1-2 Per Cent Money. \$30,000 for long term at 6 1-2 per cent interest for loans on Grande Ronde valley farms. See W. B. Sargent at La Grande Investment Company at once. 2-2-tf.

The M. I. A. Shadow dance for tomorrow night is postponed. The regular dance will be held. Lindsay's orchestra.

Beautiful work in enlarging of pictures at Silverthorn's Family Drug store.—Adv. 3-27-tf.

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Col. Wm. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) will be at the Colonial theatre Monday only in the big Essanay production of his adventures.—Adv. 3-28-4t.

The United States in 1915 produced 550,055 tons of lead.

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Your films are promptly developed and printed, if good, on short notice at Silverthorn's.—Adv. 3-19-tf.

Dr. Van Water's Sermon. The subject of the Rev. Dr. Van Water's sermon this evening in St. Peter's church, will be, "What It Is To Be a Disciple." The service begins at 7:30 and lasts for an hour.

PLAN TO ATTEND ENTERPRISE SHOW

Andrew Blockland, J. E. Reynolds, Duncan McDonald and other Union county stockmen plan to attend the Enterprise horse show, April 14. This is the Wallowa county seat's first horse show and as Wallowa has always supported the Enterprise show it is believed that a number of Union men will show their horses and attend the exhibition, April 14.



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Foley. R. E. Clanton, Bonnaville; Herbert Mires, L. J. Furgason, City; E. F. Boissevain, Detroit; R. T. Hoffmark, L. J. East, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. French, Cove; A. N. Kugler, Seattle; M. F. Baker, Boston; Pete J. Teschbach, North Yakima; Marion Jack, Pendleton; E. M. Dowling, New York; T. H. Morelock, Joseph; Dr. Kirby, Elgin; A. Hempel, Chicago; Mrs. L. Pefferle, Baker; W. G. Winchester, Enterprise.

Savey. Geo. H. Clark, Monte Stepp, John Spain, Ole Adkins, A. Brodreskift, Willis Moss, City; William Valswinkler, Island City; Wesley Duncan, Joseph; J. F. Tanner, Sand Point, Ida.; Eugene Talbot, Summerville; Mrs. J. A. Shields, Hattie Shields, Enterprise; Edwin Behrens, Four Nights; Dick Galloway, Union; C. L. McKinnis, Summerville; W. S. Daugherty, Elgin; James Meyen, Baker.

POISONING SQUIRRELS BY PAUL SPILLMAN (County Agriculturist.)

In Klamath, Jackson, Josephine and Wasco counties farmers are working together in a united effort to rid themselves of ground squirrels, grey diggers, sage rats, and other rodents. These pests are doing thousands of dollars of injury each season in these counties. In Union county the ground squirrel and red squirrel are doing a great amount of damage to fields and pastures each season. The United States biological survey has been working for several years in an endeavor to help communities badly infested with these pests get rid of them. This endeavor has required a study of various methods of poisoning the rodents and the use of different grains to be used as bait. It has been found that different kinds of squirrels prefer different kinds of grain, in some cases mixtures are used.

That the farmers of the county may have the advantage of the results of the work done by the biological survey arrangements have been made to have R. A. Ward, the biological survey field man meet the farmers of the districts that are badly infested and have him demonstrate the proper mixing of the formula used by the government, and which has been giving particularly good results. Aside from the use of properly prepared bait cooperation among neighbors is necessary to get the best results and Mr. Ward will tell his experience in other parts of the west in organizing communities for this purpose. The exact schedule for this county will be completed in the near future. The first Wednesday PM 10:00 AM, DeDeam first meeting will probably be held Wednesday April 4.

BY PAUL SPILLMAN (County Agriculturist.)

Are potatoes a safe crop for the coming season? Are there going to be more potatoes planted this season than last? These are two questions that are often asked and when answered are merely the opinion of a single individual. The best plan under such conditions as we are having at the present is to plan an ordinary acreage as you have always done. Seed potatoes are high, labor will be at least no more plentiful than last season, so a safe practice would be to plant the normal acreage of potatoes. Don't try to make your stake in one season as you may find you have made a mistake. The man who makes money with potatoes is the man who grows a given acreage each season.

The important thing is that you use good clean seed and plant it on clean ground. The longer time that has elapsed since the field that you contemplate planting has had a crop of potatoes, the better. Potato diseases live over in the soil for from three to seven or eight years. Before planting, soak your seed potatoes for an hour and a half, not more, in a solution of one ounce of corrosive sublimate to 15 gallons of water. Be sure to use this solution in a wooden barrel or vat. Do not permit it to come in contact with a metal surface. Remember that it is a deadly poison. Do not let children or stock get near it. Potatoes which have been soaked in a solution are not fit for human food or stock food.

In Multnomah county the growers

have a process of what they call greening their seed potatoes. After soaking as above outlined the potatoes are placed where they are in the light so that they will become green, shoveling them over several times. It takes several weeks for them to become fully greened. Cut for seed purposes same as usual. Better try a sack that has been greened along side those that have not been so treated.

THE FORUM

ACROSS THE BLUES.

Imbler, March 28.—(To the Editor) Since permanent roads and the way to obtain them seems to hold the boards, a fair discussion of the Blue Mountain problem may be in order.

The bonding bill and the Eastern Oregon commissioner, both state positively that the extension of the Columbia Highway will reach the Idaho line, via Pendleton, La Grande and Baker, which for the good of the Grande Ronde valley is as it should be.

This article pre-supposes the passage of the six million dollar road bond bill next June—for permanent road building cannot be headed off, and some of us are of the opinion that we would better take the medicine now, while we have a chance to dodge the doctor bill. If it fails to pass this time the same thing will come up again at the first possible chance, only it will be \$12,000,000 instead of six in all probability.

The automobile owners are supposed to be very willing to pay off the bonds, on the theory that the money invested in paved roads will save more than the interest in operating expenses, aside from the pleasure of traveling on pavement.

There will be a stiff fight against any road bond issue by certain men, who fight everything, good or bad, not initiated by them, controlled by them, or particularly benefiting their little community—and also by a small minority who are conscientiously opposed to our system of finance—who would have built the Panama canal by taking a collection in their hats, or defend our country with hot air and sarcasm from the vantage of a soap box, but all these cannot long delay a bit of progress so inevitable as greater highways.

When we build the state road through the Blue Mountains which way shall we go? Through Pendleton and La Grande, certainly, for that is what the bonding bill says, but there is more than one way to get from Pendleton to La Grande in practically the same number of miles, therefore the question is, which is the cheapest and best route?

It is possible to reach La Grande now by two routes from the Columbia River country, viz: The Meacham road and the Woodard road, although the latter is a long way round and practically out of this discussion, but there is a third way not now in use, which was formerly considered the best pass and most direct route between the Umatilla country and the Grande Ronde.

This is known as the old Thomas and Ruckles stage toll road, and as the writer understands the situation, it was not discontinued on account of grades or distance, but because of a great storm which washed out part of the road on the Umatilla side and the inability of the private owners to collect enough tolls to pay expenses. It is the belief of many who were familiar with this road in the old days, and some who have lately investigated, that, with a few minor changes, this would be the best way for a permanent road over the Blue Mountains; for the following reasons:

In the first place, careful figuring shows the distance between Pendleton and La Grande via Summerville to be less than 58 miles, approximately 40 miles of valley road and 18 miles of hills—what I mean by valley road is five per cent grade or less, which includes 21 miles from Pendleton to Gibbon and 19 miles from the foot of the grade above Summerville to La Grande, leaving 18 miles of hills to cover from the two valley points given.

The grades and elevations in this route have not been accurately worked out, but they are said to be much easier than the Meacham pass.

The Meacham road traverses at least 18 miles of dangerous snow range through heavy timber and difficult grades. The Ruckles pass will show not over 16 miles of liability to snow trouble and only eight of that could reasonably be expected to give trouble, because the Umatilla side is a gradual water grade and exposed to the most winter sun.

The Meacham road is 51 miles on the present survey, not over nine miles of valley road and 42 miles of hills to cover. The Ruckles road passes through 36 miles of government reserve, viz., Indian reservation and national forest, for which the government is supposed to stand half the expense, and the Meacham road, on the present lines is in reservation only about 12 miles.

The Ruckles road would follow the Umatilla river from Pendleton to the summit, giving the traveler the benefit of the water and fish of that beautiful stream, as well as the opportunity to stop at the mineral springs and resorts already established there.

The Ruckles route would bring the tourist into, and take them out, at practically the northwest corner of the Grande Ronde valley and would give them a chance to see the best we have to show, instead of only cutting across the most unattractive corner of the valley, which the railroad covers. This route would also bring visitors into the Grande Ronde 15 miles nearer the Wallowa valley, which would be a convenience in case they wished to visit that paradise for lovers of nature, before coming on to La Grande.

The writer has no financial interest in Summerville and realizes that a good post road between La Grande and Joseph will be all that the small valley towns can reasonably expect or need, but it does seem that the old Ruckles stage road has merit which should not be overlooked in seeking the best passage over the Blues—and the attention of our Eastern Oregon member of the commission is respectfully solicited.

GEO. L. CLEAVER, Imbler, Oregon.

Don't forget—April 24 and 25 the Cattle and Horse Raisers' Convention.

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