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THE OVERFLOWED LAND.

Right now, while it is fresh in their minds would be a good time for the owners of land in the valley which is overflowed to get together and ascertain if this could be prevented in the future. The loss incurred in this season alone no doubt would pay many times over for this improvement. The Observer has been told, by what it considers good authority, that the overflowing of the Grande Ronde River, Catherine Creek, and other creeks in the valley could be prevented at a low cost. The engineering features are said to be simple, consisting of dredging and lowering the channel of the river and blasting out riffles, etc. It should be a simple matter to determine if this is a feasible engineering project and to ascertain the cost. Then if it is feasible, a district could be organized to put it through. Now is a good time to investigate and settle this overflowed land question—if it can be settled—once and for all. The Observer has been told that the project was considered at one time and dropped, as many good projects are. Now is the time to revive it.

It is strange how a person's spirits are affected by the weather. Why should a person feel better on a bright, balmy spring day than on a cold, dark day. And why should a person feel less like working on a spring day than on a winter day? We know that scientists can explain everything, and we have read their explanations of this phenomenon and forgotten them. We imagine it has something to do with the wanderlust inherited from ancestors who used to learn from the weather when to go fishing.

BUY A LIBERTY BOND.

There are many persons who have money who should step up to the counter of either of the local banks and buy U. S. treasury certificates or subscribe to the Liberty Bonds. There are many persons with small savings who can buy one of the \$50.00 bonds. The local banks have donated their services to the government and have both subscribed. There are no better investments than government bonds. Our people should get into the habit of buying them. They are much better than many of the rat holes into which the savings of the people are poured.

COUNTIES DO NOT PAY FOR THE BASE OF STATE HIGHWAYS.

The following official bulletin has been received by the County Court:

To all County Judges, State of Oregon.
Gentlemen: The Oregon State Highway Commission in session on April 10th, decided, on account of the general

MILITARY MANEUVERS.

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First come first served.
A 2000 yard advance in battle formation, in exact imitation of a charge, is part of the program. As the parade grounds are not very spacious, the troops will be moved forward several times past the grand-stand. Guard mount ceremony, the most impressive of any in the category of maneuvers, school of the company, and a full set of drills which will exhaustively portray the movements of company, squad and soldier, are part of the entertainment. It promises to be a splendid entertainment.

The ball game will be shortened to accommodate the time. It will be either five or seven innings, depending upon the time consumed by the maneuvers which come first.

Although the captain and several others of the first-rank Company M players are out on out-post duty, the selection of the Company at home has rigged up a formidable aggregation of college and high school players to meet the men Manager Stodivant will commandeer to do duty on the field tomorrow. The soldier players are:

Glen Ackerman p; Fraser c; Proctor 1b; Taylor 2b; Captain Neer 3rd; Tasto ss; Jackson rf; Bradesson lf; Angus Fraser cf; Pike, Aspinwall and Arnold utility.

Arrested for Bootlegging.

Price Gates of this city was arrested yesterday for bootlegging, given trial, found guilty and fined \$100 and five days in city jail.

News Notes of Elgin

Elgin's newly organized Red Cross Auxiliary had a total of 77 members yesterday. The organization was not perfected until two weeks ago and at the present rate will soon obtain a membership exceeding 100. Membership committees are now in the field and will obtain numerous members.

An excellent meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church last Saturday afternoon when addresses were made by Principal Hampton, of the La Grande schools, and by Mrs. Goodhue, secretary of the La Grande Red Cross. Both speakers explained in details the workings of the organizations and related thoroughly the relations of auxiliaries to the parent societies.

Mrs. George Cochran, another prominent member of the La Grande organization was in attendance. Dr. M. K. Hall was to have delivered the principal talk but a rush of professional duties prevented his coming, and Hampton acted in his stead and in an able manner.

Lecture Postponed.

The illustrated lecture on "The Home of the Man Eater" to have been given in the City Opera House on May 25, by H. L. Ford, of La Grande, has been postponed until Monday, May 28th. The change was necessitated by reason of Mr. Ford being dated elsewhere on the evening of the 25th.

Elgin people will do well to keep the date of the lecture in mind. Mr. Ford is a native of Australia, has

been twice around the world, visiting many nations and islands. He is exceedingly interesting, a good speaker and will prove a first-class entertainer.

The lecture will be had under the auspices of the Elgin Library Association.—Elgin Recorder.

Time For Straws Now

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Union, May 19.—(Special)—Much damage has been done west and north of Union by the high water. Practically all of the ranches that had levees thrown up to keep the water out have had their levees broken and their land flooded. The sudden cold weather has served to check the flow and averted much more damage that would have resulted had the weather continued warm.

The bridge on Olive street near the woolen mill building is in a precarious condition and the one on Dobb's Lane has its center pier washed away and the street commissioner has dismantled it as far as possible.

John Dobbins has had to move off of his ranch as there was about three feet of water around his house.

The residents of Union were given a genuine surprise Tuesday when they learned of the marriage of W. D. Beidelman to Mrs. Minnie Odell, of Portland. Mr. Beidelman is the veteran harness man of this place and is one of the substantial citizens of the town. Mrs. Beidelman has for a number of years been a resident of

Portland where she has extensive property interests. She was for many years a resident of Union. She also lived in Baker. Their many friends are extending their congratulations.

Dr. D. Y. K. Deering of Medical Spring and Sparta, who is interested in mining in the latter locality, has spent several days in the city.

George Rodriguez and wife, of Nampa, Idaho, passed through Union Wednesday in their auto. They are out for an all summer's trip. Mr. Rodriguez was formerly a resident of Union.

Chester Johnson, wife and child, of Enterprise, are in the city visiting at the home of Mr. Johnson's parents.

The organization and management of farmers' mutual fire insurance companies is discussed in detail in a new publication of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bulletin No. 530.

Statues of Fatty.

The statues of Fatty have arrived. Two were given away to the children this afternoon and two will be given away tonight.

The Iron Claw.

Read "The Iron Claw" in the Observer and see this thrilling film at the Colonial theatre Wednesdays and Thursdays.—Adv. 5-19

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AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 1, 1917

Resources	Liabilities
Loans and Discounts \$846,871.25	Capital Stock \$200,000.00
U. S. Bonds 112,000.00	Surplus 40,000.00
Real Estate, Furniture, Etc. 59,294.60	Undivided Profits 5,228.99
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank 7,200.00	Circulation 72,000.00
Cash Assets	Deposits
Due from Banks \$290,769.79	Individual 1,072,605.79
Due from U. S. Treasurer 3,600.00	School Savings 837.07
Cash on Hand 116,302.23	Banks 30,731.40
Total \$1,436,037.87	U. S. Deposits 14,634.62
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Respectfully,
HERBERT NUNN,
State Highway Engineer.

RUSSIA AND FREEDOM.

The Russian situation is clearing. Gradually out of chaos the nucleus of order and law is appearing. How successfully the new government will be no one knows. It will have a battle to fight with the secret and underground diplomacy of Germany. But it will probably win. Nowhere has the Teutonic diplomacy prevailed. It seems strange that the English diplomacy has always triumphed over the German. The reason, no doubt, is this: The German diplomacy is as ruthless and as selfish as its warfare. To other nations it holds out no hope except absorption and domination. The German hope is to absorb small independent principalities now as it has in the past. The Hohenzollerns had their eyes on Belgium for a long time. Turkey, although she may not know it, is marked for benevolent assimilation—provided she consents—ruthless as in the case of Belgium if she opposes. What the German ruler cannot understand is why any state should not gladly and willingly accept the German Kultur. He cannot understand why any nation or people might prefer to be a little less cultured, a little less disciplined, a little less efficient, but a great deal more democratic and free.

The way the girls are take to wearing overalls makes one think that the costume is becoming.

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