

AROUND THE EDGES.

Just be patient, spring will come some day and then the radiator will not freeze.

The bug has its uniforms ordered, but did Ridenour a big fur cap and a baton and a white suit so he can act as drum major. If he did not, it must be done.

Commercial clubs rise, flourish and decay. It is about time for a new crop to sprout.

Lucius Wright was over from Union this week looking like a brand new citizen, ready to promote a gold mine or organize a junketing tour to Europe. He had been down in the lower country for four weeks and said the reason he looked so bright was due to the fact he got back among the people who have "pop."

"Will wonders never cease?" This was the remark of a La Grande business man when he saw C. D. Emmerich, Rev. N. Sherman Hawk and George Curry out on a soliciting committee for the Methodist church. "I have seen many reformers spread over the country," but when I witness with mine own eyes Emmerich out with a church committee, I'll give it up—I'm behind the times."

Several months ago "Bill" Duckett, of Fruitdale bought ten acres of orchard land across the river and immediately began plans for "residence and cultivation." Not long after that deal was closed Mr. Duckett was offered a substantial advance on his bargain. Instead of accepting the offer he closed the deal.

last week for the purchase of twenty acres adjoining the first tract on the theory that Grand Ronde farming land will never be worth any less money than it is today.

One would take Dr. Mossman for a chief of police, what he is all of that. Years ago when he was living in Owego, Kansas, the town had an epidemic of burglars. A half-breed Indian led the band and Mossman was able to take the half-breed. Dr. Mossman, then a younger man, tested out his muscle, his eyesight and his ability with a revolver, saying "show him to me." The arm of the law decided it would not be legal for the doctor to go forth with gun in hand and run in the outlaws, so he was made chief of volunteer police force. The robbers were caught including the half-breed, but Dr. Mossman was never discharged as chief. He is still chief of police of Owego, Kansas.

Has the apple come back? Hubert Anderson has long ago consigned a carload to put in Texas—localities to which he had shipped apples and potatoes last year—and without accompanying the shipment of having been bothered with very much in the way of details the best apples in the lot brought two dollars a box, and the whole shipment was sold at prices that were satisfactory. Such an item as this would have been like a fairy tale not many years ago. Carload after carload of apples have been shipped on consignment from La Grande that didn't fetch enough money to pay the freight.

The income tax man has had his troubles and is gone. His patience has long backed clear off the board for the men and women who go to him with a batch of figures asking him to figure them out of paying any tax, are many. The prevailing ill-

ment according to best information, is the man who cannot comprehend that his living expenses are profit to him. Many men believe all expenses should be deducted and those placed upon the net that is left. But your Uncle Sam has another way of figuring it—he contends that your living is included and take it for a fact, unless you report right the position will get you this year sure.

Have you got that "love" letter from Lee Warnick which tells you how much money you must go through with to keep the state, county, city and school machinery running? Well, if you have not received it you will for Lee is impartial and believes in treating all alike. The city tax and school tax are the big items and as you figure and figure and figure you will wonder where the end will be. The answer is that you can't have all city improvements, day and night police, water in the house, good schools, etc., unless you pay for them. Yes, there is a way out—take to the woods as did Joe Knowles and live an isolated life. But do you want to do it?

Gilbert M. Curtis, engineer of this city, was in the town of Umatilla, in the county of the same name, last week, on the day after the voting of the big road bonding project in that county, and he saw there a bulletin on the results of the election poll on the project, he says, was 145 votes, and there was a majority of 142 votes in favor of the bonding issue. The Umatilla police, he said, were trying to discover the identity of the lone opponent of the good roads movement, intending, if they found him, to start him on a long hike over all the bad roads in the county, with no return or stop over privileges.

ISLAND CITY NEWS

ISLAND CITY, March 15. (Special)—The ladies finished several convalescent notes for Red Cross this week.

Mrs. August Moser entertained the Island City social club Friday at her home in La Grande.

Mrs. Will Mitchell entertained the Oregon Birthday Club Thursday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. John Schroeder. Covers were laid for twelve and the guests were served with delicious refreshments. The color scheme of red and yellow was very beautifully carried out.

Lester and Clifford Dickland purchased two registered Poland China sows from Wm. Whiting of Mt. Vernon this week.

The Island City school band had their rehearsal Tuesday evening at the school house. Their band work has been greatly hindered this school year on account of the ban and ex-work.

Church Notice Sunday school 10 a.m. Church service 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Morning sermon: "The Calling of the Master." Evening sermon: "The Gospel of the Second Millenium."

LAMES LEITCH, Pastor. Thursday evening after choir practice the young people had a surprise in their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Leitch. A most delightful evening was spent in visiting and playing games. Delicious refreshments were served and they went home at a late hour with many good wishes for Mr. and Mrs. Leitch.

The allied armistice terms stipulate that Lemberg and the oil wells shall be left in the hands of the Poles.

Berlin newspapers, with the exception of the socialist organs, were prevented from appearing Monday as a result of a sudden strike.

Amity has a cheese factory installed and in good running order, making a first-class grade of cheese.

ANOTHER DRIVE! FOR CLOTHING

OBJECT IS RELIEF FOR ALL DISTRESSED PEOPLE

Third Collection of Used and Surplus Clothing by the Red Cross From March 24 to 29.

The previous collections were made by the Red Cross for the Belgian Relief Commission which distributed the garments on the other side of the water. This collection is made by the Red Cross under its own auspices. The American Red Cross will be responsible for the shipment and distribution of the garments, every garment will prevent actual suffering.

For All Distressed The two previous collections were for the French and Belgians behind the German lines. This collection is for all the distressed and suffering war stricken people of Europe except the central powers.

Every Kind is Needed. Every kind of garment, for all ages and both sexes, is urgently needed. In addition, piece goods, sheeting, blankets and wool on goods of every kind are needed. Light warm cotton flannel and other kinds of cloth from which to make garments for new born babies is one of the most urgent needs.

Shoes of Every Size are Needed. While garments should be strong and durable material, they need not be in perfect condition. Do not mind garments, as there are thousands of women in Europe who can earn a small but self respecting wage by mending them or by making them over into garments more suited to their own countries.

Bring your contributions to the Red Cross headquarters at Honza hall. If it is not possible to bring them in call Mrs. C. C. Bull, Red 841; or Mrs. Donald Fague, Black 112.

The Eugene Fruitgrowers' association will spend several thousand dollars this season in enlarging its cannery and fruit evaporator.

The North Bend Mill & Lumber company plant at North Bend, which has been closed three months, will resume operations March 19.

Beautiful new millinery, featuring all of the latest ideas in hats of good taste. New spring models in smart small shapes as well as the medium and large styles at the store where you can depend upon getting the best values—quality and style considered. The Walling Millinery Store, next door to Silverthorn's. 3-16-19

GREAT BUILDING ACTIVITY

Private individuals and corporations are responsible for most of the building activity in that section of the country east of the Missouri river and north of the Ohio, according to a statement just issued by the division of public works and construction development of the United States department of labor. The building figures in the statement are for the first three weeks in February and, while they show building activities far below the pre-war normal, they show, also, a marked increase in February over January of this year.

Contracts awarded during the first three weeks in February cover building and construction works to cost, approximately, \$92,000,000. The total of the January contracts was but \$50,531,000. February's increase over January, since the former figures are for three weeks only, will be more than \$50,000,000, or almost double the January figures.

New England is not making the showing western districts are making. The New England states, during the first week in February, reported contracts awarded to the amount of \$331,000. In the second week the sum was \$554,000 and for the third week, \$662,000, making a total for the three weeks of \$1,547,000. The January total was \$4,648,000. The department of labor's statement makes this comment on the New England situation: "The New England section contracts in this respect with other sections of the country, especially the middle west, where February is showing a large gain over January in the amount of contracts awarded. Of the contracts awarded during the week ending February 20, private construction was 94 per cent while 6 per cent was for government construction, nothing in the way of municipal or state improvements being included. Of the private construction 22 per cent was of an industrial character, 32 per cent business, and 46 per cent residential."

New York and New Jersey show a gain in February over January. During the first week in February, this district reported contracts on building and construction work totaling \$5,716,000; during the second week, \$2,242,000, and in the third week, \$3,201,000. Total for the three weeks, \$9,159,000. The January total was \$8,162,000. Of the contracts awarded during the week of February 21, in money value 71 per cent was for private interests and 24 per cent for state and municipal work, while federal government work was 5 per cent. Of the private construction 78 per cent was of an industrial nature and only 10 per cent residential.

In Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and adjacent territory, contracts awarded in the first week of February were of a money total of \$2,187,000; the second week the total was \$1,577,000 and for the third week \$1,577,000, a total of \$4,941,000 for the three weeks. The contracts in January totaled \$15,805,000. This latter figure, however, was larger than the normal for January based on figures from 1910 to 1917. In that period the

DR. FARRAND IS NEW HEAD OF RED CROSS



Dr. Livingston Farrand, former president of Colorado university, is the new chairman of the central committee and executive head of the American Red Cross. The war council retired March 1. Dr. Farrand earned his place by wonderful work in France.

January contracts did not exceed \$10,000,000.

Ohio, West Virginia and western Pennsylvania show contracts awarded in the sum of \$1,960,000 for the first week in February, \$3,363,000 in the second, and \$1,178,000 for the third week. As January shows contracts in the sum of \$7,916,000, if the district keeps up the February average for the last week in the month it will show a slight improvement over January. Residential building in this territory was 38 per cent of the private building which latter was 60 per cent of the total.

Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri and Kansas, on the basis of the department of labor's figures, show approximately a five-fold increase in February over January. For the first week in February, in this district, the contracts reported totaled \$14,585,000; during the second week, \$8,283,000, and in the third week \$16,146,000. The three week's total is \$39,014,000. The January total was \$12,710,000. The division of public works and construction development makes this comment on the western figures: "It is evident that the business men of the central west are waking up to the fact that those who start building early this spring are not making any mistake in the matter of costs. Of the total of over \$46,000,000 for the week ending February 22, 91 1/2 per cent was private construction, 8 per cent state and municipal work and a fraction of 1 per cent government construction. Minnesota, North and South Dakota show an increase in February. For the first three weeks in February the contracts in this district total \$819,000 as against \$500,000 for the entire month of January. In the third week in February 90 per cent of the contracts awarded were for private construction work and of this 21 per cent was for residential property.

OLD LAWSUIT IS OUT OF COURT

THRESHING MACHINE CASE IS DISMISSED.

History of Transaction Brings Back Memories of Several Years.

By the dismissal of an action yesterday afternoon in the circuit court by the Western Farouhar Machinery company of Portland against the Oregon Co-Operative association, an old and seemingly never-dying series of litigation over whether a threshing machine would properly thresh grain was ended.

Several seasons ago a small rake separator was sold to B. P. Burnett of Starkey Prairie on trial. Burnett gave two notes to the local agent, who transferred both notes to the Portland house. The latter brought an action on the first note against Burnett, and, after a very bitter and sensational trial, the jury excused Burnett from paying the note, on the ground that the separator would not do good work when properly handled and adjusted. In a general settlement had between the Portland and La Grande houses, the other note of Burnett was endorsed to the Portland house, which later brought the present action against the local agent on the endorsement of the note. The Co-Operative people then went into court and filed a big cross charge in damages against the Portland house, claiming damages for the expenses of several lawsuits over the Portland company's rake separators. This case has been hanging fire on motions and demurrers for about two years, until yesterday, when a stipulation was filed by which each side dismissed its claims against the other.

I will not be responsible for any bills contracted by others than myself James E. Birdsall, La Grande. 3-16-19

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE OR TRADE

FOR SALE—Household furniture 1417 X avenue. 3-13-14

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—Ten acres, all in apples, lot 8, Thronson Fruit Colony, Union county, Oregon. There is a mortgage of \$1000. How much cash for the equity? Would trade for San Diego property. L. H. Steiger, 3955 Park Blvd., San Diego, Cal. 3-13-14

TWO modern residences, well equipped and almost new, each valued at about \$2300, and cash. Will trade one or both for residence property in Pendleton. Property offered must be worth the money. Security Fund & Savings Co. 3-13-14

FOR SALE—Nice four-room modern bungalow. Phone Black 1981. 3-13-14

FOR SALE—Ewes with twin lambs \$25.00. Write or phone Fred Mires, Union, Ore. New phone. 3-13-14

FOR SALE—Near Greenwood school 6-room modern house with acre of ground and fruit trees. Terms cash. Phone Black 1541. 3-12-14

FOR SALE—3 1/2 Studebaker wagon, almost new. With double tires on hind wheels. Call at Fourth and Y. 3-12-14

FOR SALE—A 1917 Harley-Davidson motorcycle and side-car. Machine has been thoroughly overhauled and is in first class condition. This outfit is a bargain. Apply Clay Pool Hall. 3-12-14

FOR SALE—160-acre farm, 75 acres under cultivation; ten acres in orchard; good seven-room house, water piped to house; good outbuildings all fenced, on county road six miles from Elgin. Price \$5500. Must sell on account of other business. For particulars address Toy Young, La Grande, Ore. 3-11-14

FOR SALE—Six room home close in on pavement. Phone Red 322, or call 502 Main St. 3-11-14

FOR SALE—One Cypress incubator, 244 egg capacity, one Petzinger incubator, 240 egg capacity, both in good condition. Write Telephone Farmers 25X4. 3-9-14

TEAM mules, harness, wagon for town property. G. P. Sears, 157 C St. 3-9-14

FOR SALE—Seed corn Minnesota No. 13. J. W. H. Neeker, Route No. 1, La Grande. 3-9-14

FOR SALE—Three ranches and three residence properties, all modern and nearly new. Call Main 780 or write Box 909, La Grande. 3-7-14

FOR SALE—By owner, four acres directly west of Alliance mill. Inquire 1704 Cedar. Phone 3-9-14

FOR SALE—That moment you want for decorating day is ready for immediate delivery. M. M. & G. Co., 1502 S avenue. 3-17-14

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Nice cozy rooms from \$12 up. 1510 Adams. Phone 2390. 3-18-14

FOR RENT—Newly furnished, steam heated rooms. Block from M. M. Co., 1467 7th street. Phone Black 2311. 3-18-14

WANTED—Miscellaneous

WANTED—A waitress at the Home Restaurant. 3-13-14

POTATOES WANTED—I am buying the highest market price at all times. See me at Sam Harp, Karl J. Stackland. 3-12-14

WANTED—Place on cattle ranch by boy 16 years old. Call Black 3432. 3-12-14

WANTED—Furnished House Man and wife. No children. E. O. L. & P. Co. 3-12-14

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Call Red 38M. 3-10-14

WANTED—Experienced woman or girl for general housework. Permanent position for night work. Phone Main 776. 3-9-14

WANTED—Work by hour or day. Phone Black 3671 or call 1400 T avenue. 3-9-14

WANTED—Plain sewing. Mrs. Webb, 1105 O avenue. 3-9-14

WILL DO temporary stenographic or clerical work. Call Black 1062. 3-5-14

MONEY TO LOAN, at 6 per cent on Union county farms. Apply H. E. Dixon, Foley bldg., La Grande, Ore. adv. 3-13-14

MACHINE HEMSTITCHING done by Mrs. E. C. Tuckey. Latest model machine. 906 Washington Ave. Phone R. 151. 2-22-14

WANTED—Clean cotton rags suitable to wipe machinery. 2 cents a pound. Observer office.

LOST

LOST OR STRAYED—Black cat, male. No marks. Wore winking collar. Reward. Harry Bowers, Connordale Road, p. o. box 29. 3-18-14

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL

A St. Patrick's social will be given by the teachers of the city schools on Monday evening, in the Y. M. C. A. All the young people of the city are invited. Admission 15 cents. 3-15-14

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BIXIE HOSTESS IN FAVOR AT CAPITAL



Mrs. Edwin F. Gay, wife of the new senator from Louisiana, had received a royal reception in Washington, D.C., as a graciously hostess having preceded her from New Orleans, where they lived for years.

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