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NORTH UNION COUNTY ROAD

In building a direct road to Walla Walla, Elgin and North Union county are following the axiom that self help is the best help in the world. The collective neighborhood effort that Elgin citizens are putting into that commendable enterprise will get results.

A short direct mountain road from the Walla Walla valley to the Grande Ronde and Wallowa valleys will tempt many residents of Southeast Washington, which is hot and dusty in summer, to motor to the Grande Ronde and Wallowa valleys, which offer better summer climate and numerous beautiful spots to recreate.

Every day in summer from Heppner to Lewiston, the residents thereof cough up quantities of volcanic ashes—the wonderful soil that produces their unusual wealth—and after spitting and blowing their noses look longingly at the Blue Mountains and plan a trip over them.

In earlier times the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla and Snake River Indians, when spring ended, vacated the bunchgrass plains which furnished them refuge from snow storms in winter, and migrated en masse to the valleys within the Blue Mountains which offered them relief from heat and dust in summer.

The present white owners of this Blue Mountain Hillside intend not to exclude the natives of the contiguous prairies, whether they be white or copper colored, but are making effort to induce them hither; and, unlike the aborigines, who fought back intruders, the present settlers invite tourists and make the way easy for them to come and share the charms of this country.

However, the Elgin-Walla Walla toll road is an important contributing lateral, particularly useful this summer when the Blue Mountain section of the State Highway is torn to pieces in the process of construction.

It is unfortunate that the fine road from Summerville over the lowest pass in the mountains by way of the head of the Umatilla river canyon was allowed to go to pieces. Some time that will be rebuilt. Already the forest rangers are marking it with a good horse trail.

The Elgin-Walla Walla road, for which always there has been considerable demand, might have been better maintained by public appropriations if it had not been for the feeling on both sides of the mountains that public money should not be used to build approaches to a private toll road, which the center section of that highway was made by an ill advised Oregon legislature.

THE LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL

La Grande schools are drawing to a close. A successful year has backed the past season and our children have advanced under the tutelage of caretaking, sincere women and men who are putting their lives to that noble cause of teaching the young mind.

This city is very proud of its schools, but it exercises that pride in much the same way as men hold religious beliefs—with no demonstration. How fine it would be if the different school buildings were thronged with fathers and mothers during the last few days of school attendance.

ent functions, see the exhibits and say a word of praise to the teacher who has labored honestly for the advancement of the child.

People may think that teachers are paid money for their work and that is a business proposition. Money consideration is of course necessary for teachers to live, but there is no money price to be considered for a teacher who does her work with her whole heart wrapped up in the child's welfare.

NOW IS OUR TIME

The Ad. club will hold an important meeting Tuesday when the matter of the state highway entering La Grande will again be brought up. The county court is anxious to have the support of the club in an endeavor to bring this road in over the hillside just below the hospital, and all citizens who look into the future should be in attendance to lend their assistance to this movement.

THE GRANDE RONDE FLOODS

Excitement when streams begin to rise is ever present and immediately many believe that floods are more serious than they really are. This is true of the Grande Ronde valley at present. Of course the land is very wet and on the southern section of the valley water is standing in pools on the lower lands so that at first appearance it would seem that vast areas of the valley are flooded.

There is a portion of the valley under water but even this up to the present time is not in bad shape. Catherine creek is on a rampage but drainage is such that if the creek subsides soon the land will be free of water and the damage to crops will not be exceedingly heavy.

Oregon Impressions

TO OREGON.

It was in April, with its rain-washed sky, I came to settle down in Oregon;

The white-fleeced clouds above me sailed by, Beneath the gleaming of a brighter sun.

I saw the blooming flowers, and caught the scent Of fresh woodlands and pastures, bright and green;

The ever-fleeting shadows came and went, Casting a spell o'er the beautiful scene.

I saw Mt. Hood, with mighty towering head Reared among the clouds, white with snow, Standing as a monument to the dead Historic Age of long ago.

I saw the valley sparkling with dew, The Columbia rushing onward to the sea; A waterfall dashing downward through A canyon, twinkling with melody.

I saw a circling eagle slowly mount To the uppermost realms on sturdy wing; Oh! My pen cannot recount All the glories of Oregon in Spring.

—Carl Franklin Bangert.

A Spring Twilight.

O'er yonder hill the rising moon, Is big and round, and radiant with light; The evening wind a-whistling through the trees, Is singing a welcome to the coming night.

And all the little flowers slowly fold Their petals, swaying gently in the breeze; Nodding their heads as though softly bidding adieu To the pretty butterflies and bees.

The gleaming river swiftly rushing by Is calling softly to the distant sea; One by one the stars come twinkling forth, Weaving a scene of rare witchery.

And then the night descendeth down, Nature dons her sleeping gown.

—Carl Franklin Bangert.

Finis.

Out of Webster's book, I took A few words here and there, And placed them herein line by line, Upon sheets that once were bare.

Each word is but a tiny part, That goes to make up the whole; Song that yours from my joyful heart And from my tuneful soul.

And so, dear reader, don't judge me hard, For these are my opinions true, Of life as seen by a jolly bard, And I give them all to you.

—Carl Franklin Bangert.

WALLOWA MILL TO START WORK

WALLOWA, May 21—The new Wallowa mill will start work on Monday. On December 15 the mill closed down on account of the deep snow in the timber, it being too expensive to log at that season of the year.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

Hindsight

(You know the tune) I wish I'd raised my boy to be a plumber Or if I'd even taught him to scoop mortar.

He'd surely buy us many a toy, How oft in life do we learn history, When pull and muscle find wealth's goal—

To me it'll always be a mystery Why I didn't raise my boy to shovel coal.

Screen reformers who are striving for the uplift of the movie drama, no doubt, will rejoice to know that Marie Shotwell is next to appear in "Civilian Clothes."

New York City advertisers for a pathologist at \$250 a year. We don't know what a pathologist is, but if he takes the job he will have to have a good side line of wall-tapering, plumbing or something.

Avant: Can it be that the unroad in Iceland is of blame for potatoes selling at \$1.00 a peck?—C.G.L.
Among Those Present: Over the river bright faces we see, And among them we make out a wop. Who might even yet be among us, if he Hadn't called fellow mortals "Old Top."

SHERRY'S SUNDAY and MONDAY REGINALD BARKER'S PRODUCTION OF Godless Men Adapted From the Famous Story "BLACK PAUL" by BEN AMES WILLIAMS A Big, Powerful Story of the Sea, Seething with Adventure and the Primitive Emotions of Men Guided Only by the Law of Might Also the Comedy "EAT A BITE O' PIE"

The New Rochdale Store A FARMER-LABOR-INSTITUTE Where Labor Will buy Because Labor Owns EXTENDS A VALLEY-WIDE INVITATION TO ONE AND ALL TO THEIR GRAND OPENING, MONDAY, MAY 23rd 305 Fir St. Formerly known as White's Grocery

NOTICE OF CREDITORS MEETING

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Oregon. In the Matter of Wm. B. Hawkins, Bankrupt. In Bankruptcy, No. B. 5796.

To the creditors of Wm. B. Hawkins, of Enterprise, Oregon, in Walla Walla County, and the District aforesaid, a bankrupt.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That on the 19th day of May, 1921, he said Wm. B. Hawkins was duly adjudged bankrupt, and the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of H. E. Dixon, Referee in Bankruptcy, on Saturday the 4th day of June, 1921, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a Trustee, examine the Bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before the said meeting.

H. E. DIXON, Referee in Bankruptcy. (All claims must be sworn to on bankruptcy blanks before filing.) 5-21-21.

Kitten Would Naturally Be Blue. From an Exchange—The bride was attired in a dark blue kitten's ear, beautifully designed in tridescant beads.—Boston Transcript.

A Series of Human Interest Talks on Insurance



How Much Insurance Should a Farmer Carry?

The farmer of today is as much of a business man as any other and figures things out from that standpoint. Suppose he owns a 160-acre farm valued at \$100 per acre and this farm is mortgaged for \$8,000.

The liquidation of that mortgage besides making a living for the family depends on him, he lives he will carry out his contract.

Death may overtake him before he completes the contract. A \$10,000 policy payable to his estate would clear the indebtedness besides leaving ready cash for funeral and administration expenses.

Indebtedness not so protected by insurance generally causes the disposal of the farm—often at a sacrifice in order to raise cash.

Additional insurance should also be carried payable to the wife. Cash value can be used to provide additional comforts for old age if the farmer lives. Premiums on an Oregon Life policy stay here to be loaned on farms. Talk it over with E. Z. HERZINGER The Oregon Life Man La Grande, Ore.