



Just Thirty Years Ago in the Grande Ronde Valley

(March 4, 1892)

An unfortunate accident occurred at the railroad machine shops Monday. While an attempt was being made to remove the head from a piston rod, the mass of iron exploded, slightly injuring F. Bruckler and an assistant named Jacobs.

The La Grande rod and gun club received this week a box full of regular old Missouri Bob Whites.

The Whist club met at the residence of Mrs. H. W. Dwight Tuesday evening. Mrs. J. M. Berry carried home the prize.

William Erickson has disposed of his hardware business to his brother-in-law, W. H. Hohenkamp, who is now in sole charge.

A row occurred at Ramona Sunday evening similar to the one at Bank's saw mill as recently reported in these columns. Fitzgerald, a section foreman and a young man, employed as an engine wiper, by the name of Lyon, became involved in a quarrel in which the section man stabbed the engine wiper inflicting two serious cuts, one in the shoulder and the other in the side. The quarrel was the result of a drunken spree.

Baker City's Alhambra club presented Ramona and Juliet to the people of La Grande Saturday evening. The production was superb and a large number were in attendance.

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Ray of La Grande held a family reunion Sunday last. There were twenty-seven children and grandchildren present.

The La Grande Athletic club have opened their building on Rogers block and have reason to be proud of same. A spacious parlor, modern pool and billiard room, a bath and a large and well equipped gymnasium are some of the reasons. These rooms are quite an attraction to the members and afford a place of entertainment for those who have no home. La Grande claims to have the finest quarters of any similar organization in the northwest.

The last meeting of the Welcome club gave ample evidence of the fact that the interest in this social institution is increasing instead of diminishing. A short program was rendered before the club. An offering by the club's singing band brought forth great applause. It is hoped that a series of two or

Irish specialties. Mrs. Masterton read an essay on the subjects of "clubs." The Lawlor brothers gave a few Dutch specialties that brought down the house. The next meeting will be held next Thursday evening.

County Clerk Oliver paid La Grande a brief visit yesterday.

The Bookworm

A book questionnaire for which five dollars will be paid for the best answer to each one of the questions is given in the March number of the Mentor. The questions are interesting for each call for knowledge of a book that is very well known and generally read. If any reader is not familiar with these books he can readily become so. Think of the gain that would be to yourself, plus the chance of winning a prize.

The details of the contest are fully stated in the Mentor. We give here the questions. How many can you answer?

1. Who was the original Robinson Crusoe and what was his story?
2. What were the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, and what did they stand for?
3. Who was the Wandering Jew? In what books does he appear?
4. What was the Magic Skin, and what was its power?
5. Who were the Lilliputians?
6. What was the real name of the author of "Alice in Wonderland," and what was his profession?

7. What great dramatic incident in romantic fiction is associated with the prison Chateau d'If, in the Mediterranean?

8. Who was the "Black Knight" in Walter Scott's novels, and what part did he play in history?
9. Who was Sydney Carton, and what was the supreme act of his life?
10. Who was "The Man Without a Country," and what was his story?
11. Who was "The Giant Despair," and in what books does he appear?
12. Who were the following characters and in what books do they figure? Nydia, the Blind Girl; Natty Bumppo; Mowgli; Gulliver; Dandy Dimmond; Tito Melema; John Silver; Alessandro; Gavin Dismal; Miss Meadows; Rabb; Red Wolf, and Buck.

Although February was a short month it was a banner one for the libraries in the Union county library system. Union led off with 1222 loans, again with 929, in spite of being closed four days because of sickness. Cave and Imbler were open eight afternoons and report a total of 691 and 291 loans respectively. La Grande had a record month of 4405 loans. All told, this is a gain for the system of 2011 over February of last year. North Powder expects to open a branch library about the 15th of March.

If you are looking for a book of

adventure the "Travels and Adventures of Raphael Pumpelly" should certainly fill the bill. Mr. Pumpelly was a mining engineer in Arizona when that region was terrorized by outlaw white men, the Apaches and treacherous Mexican peons. He traveled in the mountains of Corsica, in the very hiding places of the outlaws of the vendetta. As geologist and explorer in China, Japan and Siberia he had more than the usual share of excitement and is able to relate his experiences in a spicy, amusing manner, which will appeal to both young and old.

NEW TREASURER IS APPOINTED

PENDLETON, Mar. 3.—Charles Krampton, Pendleton accountant, is to be the treasurer of Union county after March 10, when the resignation of Miss Grace A. Gilliam goes into effect.

The appointment of Mr. Krampton was made this morning by the county court. His bond was fixed at \$50,000, and as soon as he secures bonds, it is probable that he will assume his duties. The county court also extended to Miss Gilliam a formal vote of thanks for her "courtroom, painstaking, efficient service as county treasurer during the past five years.

PROGRAM OF NAVY ATHLETICS

(By Associated Press) GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba, Mar. 5.—A lively program of athletics for the benefit of the crews of the United States Atlantic Fleet, now in Cuban waters on its annual cruise, has been announced by the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Hilary P. Jones.

The event will include not only the usual competitions such as rowing races and those between sailing boat crews but also a schedule of baseball games for the fleet championship.

The Guantanamo naval station is especially well equipped with baseball fields and there is ample opportunity for both practice and competition. All the teams already are putting in their spare time after working hours at practice and the crew of the Delaware has played up a vigorous diamond on the deck of the battleship surrounded by with nothing.

more games with the remaining fleet teams and the championship will be decided on percentage.

As the deed of gift of the Atlantic fleet championship pennant restricts the holding of this trophy to battleships, additional baseball trophies have been provided for the destroyer and mine squadrons and the vessels of the train. These trophies are now held by the destroyer Graham, the cruiser Olympia and the Shawmut, of the mine force.

In addition to the baseball pennant, the Athletic Challenge Trophy, the Ancland Cup and the Correspondents Cup will be awarded to the champion battleship teams and the crews.

Championship belts are also offered in boxing and wrestling. Now belts will be offered in cases where the holders of the championship in their respective classes have either left the fleet or have been discharged from the service.

Medals will be given to winners of swimming races. A race for the Dunlap Cup now held by the Delaware will take place here.

The preliminary games and contests already are being attended by thousands of vigorous rovers but all these spectators and enthusiasts are officers and men of the Atlantic Fleet.

QUAIL ADDED TO SONGSTERS

ST. PAUL, Minn., Mar. 6.—Quail are songbirds, according to the executive committee of the State Humane Society, maintaining that

they are also allies of farmers, regulations adopted by the committee urge that all farmers of the states they inhabit be asked to feed and care for them. It is asserted that the work and the small amount of grain thus expended would be abundantly repaid in the destruction of insect pests and the seeds of noxious weeds.

The resolution also proposes that quail shooting be prohibited indefinitely. Without such protection the birds are in danger of extermination, says Sam F. Fullerton, executive agent of the society. The society wants quail shooting stopped for a generation at least, he adds. Although there is now a closed season on quail in this state it will soon expire.

RAGS Wanted at The Observer.

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