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Yesterday the Spanish government gave up its search for the lost fliers. Today they are discovered safe and sound on an island in the Atlantic. Happy news. And with the general feeling of relief at their safety is a hope that these trans-ocean flights in land planes will be discontinued until a greater measure of safety can be assured. Dead fliers cannot make any valuable contribution to the advancement of aviation.

The election of C. L. Starr to the presidency of the new state board of higher education, which will govern university, college and normal schools, is gratifying to Mr. Starr's many friends in this section. Although an ardent normal school supporter for many years, Mr. Starr is greatly interested and thoroughly informed on higher education generally. He will go out of his way to be impartial and fair in his efforts for the development and expansion of all state schools and will provide the type of leadership that will be of utmost value in the workings of the new board. With such men as Callister, Pease, Colt, Sammons, Irvine, Watzek and the others serving with him, there is no question of the ability and energy of the new regents. They have a big job ahead of them but no group in Oregon is more suited to handle it successfully.

AT LAST—A NEW STATION

The long, long wait for a new railroad station in La Grande seems to be near an end. For some weeks a rumor to the effect that the structure would be built this year has been moving from lip to lip in La Grande. Definite assurance that the project was approved has been informally available and The Observer had been told confidentially of the plans while official announcement was withheld.

Now the Union Pacific magazine tells the story to the world in a 2-line item and further secrecy is impossible. The new station will be built this year with construction work starting before the summer is over.

This news constitutes, from a material standpoint, realization of the most desirable project possible for La Grande at this time. New business buildings, new hotels, the new normal school and a marked improvement in residential structures in every part of the community has made of this a new city during the last four years. The most unattractive and out-of-date semi-public building remaining was the old station, and it is to go.

Not that the old structure was anything to be ashamed of in its day. When the building was originally constructed here, it was one of the finest along the line and La Grande was then, as it is now, one of the most important railroad points between Portland and Salt Lake. But the Northwest and Eastern Oregon have grown and changed since the days when the present station was young. The city has gone far beyond the standard first set by the railroad, which is no more than the railroad and the city has hoped.

Now the new building will be as much a credit to La Grande and to the Union Pacific of today as the old one was many years ago. The fact that it has been a sore need for some time is compensated for in the knowledge that by waiting we have secured a better, larger, more beautiful structure than would have been possible if the project had been approved sooner. The budget allowance of \$128,000 indicates that it will be all we had hoped for, and more.

News that it is assured is pleasing to everyone in this section. Both highway and railroad introductions to La Grande will now be such as to give a fine and lasting impression of this community. A beautiful railroad station is a great civic asset and the building of the new structure here will not be without important advertising value both for the railroad system and the city for many years. We congratulate the Union Pacific and the people of La Grande. We know that the city will live up to the expectations of the railroad as indicated by this fine project.

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Look Over Our Want Ads for Bargains

Cougar Passes Near House At Promise, Oregon

By Mrs. Bertha Carper

PROMISE, Ore. (Special)—On a recent evening as Mrs. Lela Trump was at the pump getting a pail of water she saw a large cougar pass near the house. It was not more than 100 yards and in plain sight for several minutes. It was traveling along slowly with its head turned watching her until it passed the open field then sprang over the fence and disappeared into the timber west of their house. On examining the ground they discovered many tracks indicating that it had been in the habit of crossing there. One of the little boys had seen some-

thing a few evenings before. They have a pet lamb which stays near the house and it is thought that the animal was watching the lamb. C. P. Carper made a business trip to Wallawa Wednesday. F. G. Potter was at Fred Trump Monday getting a horse shoe. He stopped at the C. P. Carper home to get a horse on his return. He reports that haying has just begun. Mr. and Mrs. Ula Poulson and Lee Smith returned home last Thursday from a trip to the western part of the state. They attended the state grange meeting at Myrtle Point, spent two days at Bend, Ore., went through the Redwoods of California, and returned by way of Grants Pass where they stayed over night with Joe Caper, an old friend and neighbor. They also visited the Oregon coast. Theresia Smith and Edna Roby were fishing in the Grande Roods

Friday. These will be a picnic and dance at the Grange hall July 3 to which everyone is invited. This community has been enjoying warm summer days although the nights are cool. Hay is coming on fast and some alfalfa being cut. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gorbett Friday, June 21 at their home here. Both mother and baby are reported to be doing nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trump and family visited Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. French Trump, of East Grassman. The children's day exercises at Promise last Sunday are well attended. After the regular Sunday school lesson, Mr. Potter preached an interesting sermon. A beautiful picnic dinner was served in the grove near the Grange hall, after which the children presented an

appropriate program of recitations and songs. Miss Mabel Thompson, of Wallawa, attended the Children's day exercises here last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnson, of Pilot Rock are staying at the Lloyd place. Mr. Johnson has three bands of sheep in this part of the county, which he is looking after. Miss Jetty Bennett is staying with Mrs. Johnson caring for their two small children. Mr. and Mrs. Veager Henderson were calling at the home of C. P. Carper Tuesday evening. Mr. Carper sold Mr. Henderson a fine fat hog. Mrs. Emily Phillips and Mrs. Nellie Pleshman and children made a return trip to Wallawa Wednesday. On their way out the report seeing a nice large deer in the road near Cougar creek. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trump and family were at C. P. Carper's Wed-

nesday. Lillian Carper visited Monday evening with Theresia Smith and Mrs. Stella Poulson. **DIES OF INJURIES** MINEOLA, N. Y., June 29 (AP)—Corporal Elmer Barry died today in the Nassau county hospital from injuries and burns received yesterday when the army observation plane in which he was riding with Lieut. Maxwell Balfour burst into flames and fell 2000 feet to the ground. His condition had originally been reported as fair but he suffered a relapse after midnight. Lieut. Balfour will recover.



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