

AMONG THE EXCHANGES OF THE INLAND EMPIRE

Race With Snowslide.
Loy staggered into Sumpter tonight recently from the skyline above Bourne. He was weak and exhausted and his nerves and muscles were worn to a frazzle by a long race down the mountain with a blizzard of snow. Loy won; on the best of the snowslide to the top of the hill, but he wants to see more such races.
Loy and his son, while coming down a steep slope above Bourne on a sled, started an avalanche, which started an avalanche, which started an avalanche until it resolved itself into a snowslide which reached the bottom of the hill first—the snow was soft and sticky, making traveling for the travelers, with grim grins, a matter of life and death. Loy broke all records for speed, reaching the bottom of the gulch in a position less than 40 feet from the crash into the gulch with a crashing roar. "I wouldn't un-derstand the experience again for half the money," said Loy.—Sumpter Miner.

Buying Up 1905 Wool.
Mr. Clarke, buyer for the J. Kosh-ko, of Boston, yesterday com-pleted his work of closing contracts for 1905 pounds of wool of the 1905 clip of 1905. The wool was contracted at prices ranging from 15 to 16 cents a pound. Last year's clip sold at 12 to 12 1/2 and the high price now realized is the coming crop is thus shown.
Mr. Clarke has secured 100,000 pounds of wool at Pomeroy, 100,000 pounds at Dayton. His work has also secured practically the clip of the Wallowa coun-ty contracts having been closed one month ago.—Lewiston

Shot in the Leg.
Sunday afternoon Frank C. L. Lawson of this city, attracted the shells from a 32-rem. revolver, and thinking he had all out, went to break the shell open to take out the cylinder. The shell still remaining in it ex-posed the ball entering the inside of the thigh, missing the large artery by a hair's breadth, and passing the bone lodged on the out-er side of the upper calf. For some reason the injured boy was unable to seek medical attendance here, and he was taken to a Walla Walla hos-pital Tuesday afternoon to have the

bullet extracted. When he left for Walla Walla the limb was very badly swollen.—Starbuck Star.

Will Flood Ancient River Bed.
The old river bed, whose dry channel across the desert is well defined for a distance of at least 100 miles, and which has excited the curi-osity of the geologically inclined for some time, will once more carry a stream of water—or the last 30 miles of it will. When the D. I. & P. com-pany turns the water into the ditch, which will probably take place early in April, the old river bed is to be used as a wasteway.

There are junipers growing in the channel today, which are over 800 years old, according to their rings, and as to just how long since the wa-ter ripples was cut off no one seems able or inclined to hazard a guess. Its source is just as much of a mys-tery. Some think it was originally Crooked river's channel, and others the Deschutes. At any rate, it is certainly very handy for the irriga-tion company.—Prineville Review.

Revival at Lone.
Rev. J. W. Mount returned from Lone Monday, where he had been for the past month engaged in a revival meeting. Rev. C. P. Bailey, mission-ary Colporteur of Middle Oregon Bap-tist association, assisted in the meet-ings. There were 15 additions to the church. During the meetings a bap-tistary was built, \$7.35 contributed to state missions, \$25.20 paid on indebt-edness, a Sunday school of 75 pupils organized and all running expenses met.—Heppner Gazette.

Feed Demand Heavy.
Dayton millers report the present demand for feed unusual. Every mill is taxed to its fullest capacity in turn-ing out feed for the Portland and Sound markets at the best prices. Bran is quoted in carload lots at \$15.50 up to \$16 a ton and shorts from \$17.50 to \$18 a ton. Rolled barley is \$22.50, but the demand is not as great for bran and shorts. The local demand is normal but outside points are clamoring for more.—Dayton Courier-Press.

Hospital at Heppner.
The enterprise shown by Drs. Higgs, Winnard and Kistner in giv-ing to Heppner a first-class hospital deserves the hearty co-operation and help not only of the citizens of Hepp-ner, but of every one in Morrow county. This is something that is badly needed in this county. The physicians in charge are going to have a heavy expense in fitting up for what is needed.—Heppner Gazette.

IN DIRECTION OF TAX REFORM.

\$2800 Cash on the Grant County Tax Rolls.
If the amount of money in the hands of the taxpayers of Grant county on March 1, 1904, was anything near as small as that indicated by the assessment roll of last year, Grant county would be experiencing one of the worst financial panics known to man. The assessment made by T. M. Ray and his deputies last year dis-closed only \$2800 in cash in the entire county. Of this amount taxpayers of Willow precinct gave in \$175; Warm Springs precinct, \$225; Long Creek precinct, \$200; Hamilton precinct, \$100; John Day precinct, \$100; Quartzburg precinct, \$500; South Fork precinct, \$1500. None of the other precincts in the county had a single dollar in cash available for as-sessment.

Another noticeable feature of this part of the assessment is that this amount is the aggregate of the money given in by only nine taxpayers. Some people wonder why Grant county is in debt. It is not the fault of the assessor or any of his deputies, but the taxpayers themselves in with-holding their property from the as-sessor. The assessment roll of this county should show property of the value of at least \$5,000,000.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

Northwestern Lumbermen.
Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 31.—The 15th annual meeting of the North-western Lumbermen's association, which opened here today, attracted representatives of 1800 lumber yards in Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and the Dakotas. The sessions will con-tinue through the remainder of the week and will be devoted to the dis-cussion of many questions of impor-tance to the lumber trade.

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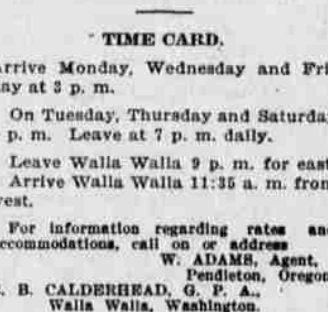
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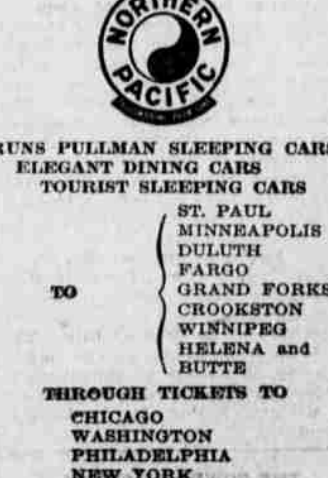
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