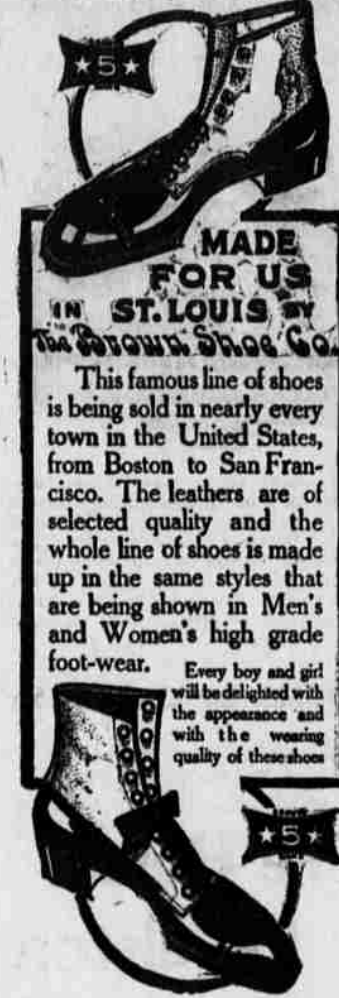


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REDUCE THE BIG EDDY GRADE.
Plan to Lower Expense of Portage Railroad.

The new board to be appointed by Governor Chamberlain in the near future consists of L. A. Lewis of Portland, W. J. Mariner of Blaine and J. T. Peters of The Dalles, who, according to The Dalles Chronicle, will have charge of the new improvements to be made by the board of portage railway commissioners at Big Eddy. They will confer with Superintendent C. E. Steelsmith. The present plan is to reduce the grade for the hauling of the freight at that place to 11 per cent grade.

According to Mr. Steelsmith's report the earnings of the road for the past month were \$375.52 and the expenses connected with its operation and maintenance amounted to \$190.72. Among other things the report says: As per request of the state board, the matter of improvement at Big Eddy was taken up with the members of the new board. Judge Mariner and Mr. J. T. Peters visited the Big Eddy and looked over the situation. The expense of this improvement was taken up at a meeting of the Open River association when it was agreed that the association pay one-half the expense of the improvement, but not to exceed \$2,000. I am of the opinion that the plan of making a 12 per cent grade between the high treads and the present incline and using the donkey engine to lower and hoist cars would be most economical and satisfactory.

The Open River Transportation company's steamer, J. N. Teal, is expected to be ready for service May 15.

Wonderful Eczema Cure.

"Our little boy had eczema for five years," writes N. A. Adams, Henrietta, Pa. "Two of our home doctors said the case was hopeless, his lungs being affected. We then employed other doctors, but no benefit resulted. By chance we read of Electric Bitters; bought a bottle and soon noticed improvement. We continued this medicine until several bottles were used, when our boy was completely cured." Feet of all blood medicines and body building health tonics. Guaranteed at Tallman & Co.'s drug store, 50c.

Charles E. Halliwell, vice president of the American Tobacco company, and one of the heaviest stockholders in the corporation, died suddenly of apoplexy in New York. He was reputed to be worth \$20,000,000.



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WANT BETTER RATES

BAKER CITY WILL START
A CAMPAIGN TO THAT END

Under the Leadership of Col. Butcher, Who Will Present the Arguments in the Case to the State Board of Railway Commissioners—Boise and Pendleton Have Baker City Over a Barrel, the Former Having Distributive Rates, the Latter a Long Haul Rate.

Baker City will make an effort to have an equitable freight rate given her. The finance has been raised to start the campaign and the citizens are behind the move. Colonel Butcher has been employed in a legal way to conduct the matter and it is expected that soon action will be begun to bring the railroad to the rack and show why it is giving Baker City the muddy end of the stick on freight rates.

Colonel Butcher was in Portland yesterday to call on the board of railroad commissioners and familiarize himself with the workings of that body. "A start was made last year," said Col. Butcher, "to bring the attention of the interstate commerce commission to the exorbitant freight rates to Baker City, but the plans did not assume definite shape. Now, however, the necessary money has been raised and we are going to see what can be done."

"One of the principal complaints is that Baker City is shut off from Huntington and Snake river territory through the fact that Boise has distributive rates. Boise can ship to Huntington, a distance of 101 miles on the Short Line for the same rates charged for shipments from Baker City, which is about 17 miles from Huntington. Furthermore shipments offered at Baker City are often allowed to remain on the platform several days before they are loaded on cars. It costs the railroad one-half of one per cent a ton per mile to haul goods from Portland to Baker City, making the cost about \$2 while the rates are from \$10 to \$12 a car."

When it is considered that this town has to pay local freight from Boise on bananas and that a carload of oranges can be shipped to Pendleton and then be shipped from Pendleton here by local freight cheaper than it can be shipped direct to Baker City, there is something decidedly wrong. And on trans-continental business the merchants here pay the rate to Portland and the local freight from Portland to this point.

WOULD DIVIDE CROOK COUNTY.
Unceasing Efforts Made in That Direction.

That the next assessment for the northern portion of Crook county from which it was proposed to create the new county of Jefferson will show taxable property to the amount of \$2,500,000 is the belief expressed by Deputy Assessor N. H. Pinkerton, who recently completed the assessment in this district, his work covering a large portion of the territory embraced in the proposed new county, says the Madras Pioneer, which has visions of Madras becoming a county seat.

Much of the farming land which is not at present assessable for the reason that the entrymen have not received government patents to it, will next year be taxable, as numerous patents have been held up in the general land office by the restraining order that has been in effect during the past year or more. The issuance of these patents is now being expedited as the result of a recent order to the department, and in addition to these, numbers of homesteaders will be proving up on their claims and that applications will pass to patent without hindrance from this time on, as rapidly as the government will can grind out the work. The number of these latter cases will be large, as it was five years ago during the spring and summer that this region experienced its greatest rush of homestead settlers.

With the steadfast purpose of securing county division and the creation of the proposed new county of Jefferson, Mr. Pinkerton says the settlers are planning to prove up in order to give the new county movement the support of as big a tax-roll as is possible. He says that the desire for a new county is strongly alive among all the residents of this end of the county and that during his entire canvass of the district he encountered just one rancher who was opposed to it.

The tillable land was assessed at \$6 per acre. Non-tillable land, which includes all land not under the plow was assessed at \$1.50 per acre. Thousands of acres are annually being cleared of sagebrush and put under cultivation and the increase of taxable values from this source will be great. The natural increase in improvements will still further swell the tax-roll.

When asked if it were true, as reported, that some lands had been assessed for which the holders have not yet received patents, Mr. Pinkerton said:

"Some property of this kind was entered on the assessment roll, but it will not be taxed. County Clerk Brown has secured corrected plats and advices from the land office at The Dalles, and such unpatented lands as have been entered in the assessments will be stricken from the roll."

Consul H. H. Morgan, of Stuttgart, reports that German capitalists of Wurttemberg are investing large sums of money in lands in the district of Kilwa, German East Africa, for the purpose of raising cotton on a large scale.

THE BOMBMAKER.

He Makes an Apparently Harmless Letter a Deadly Machine.

So expert are bombmakers nowadays that an apparently harmless letter may kill any person who tries to open it. A piece of cardboard is cut to a size which, when folded over, will fit into an ordinary envelope. The four corners of this are slit into narrow strips. Fulminate of mercury is spread over three of the slits, and the sheet is folded and fastened together. Projecting from each side of the folded sheet is a little metal strip, or detonator, glued to the cardboard in such a manner that the envelope cannot be opened without striking one of them. Upon meeting this slight resistance the hand moving the paper cutter instinctively pushes harder, and the result is an explosion that either kills or maims.

The easiest bomb to construct is set in operation by simply turning it upside down. It is usually a good sized cracker box, lined with paper and half filled with a mixture of chlorate of potassium and ordinary sugar. Into this a bottle of a powerful acid is introduced. The remainder of the space in the box is filled with scraps of metal. Then the lid is soldered on.

All that is then necessary is to place the box upside down at the spot in which it is to explode. The acid eats quickly through the cork of the bottle and comes in contact with the chlorate of potassium. As a result of the chemical combination which takes place there is a terrific explosion.—Chicago News.

THE ESPOUSAL

Ancient Ceremony of the Mutual Promise of Marriage.

The first part of the matrimonial office was anciently termed the espousal, which took place some time prior to the actual celebration of marriage. These espousals consisted in a mutual promise of marriage, which was made by the man and woman before the bishop or presbyter and several witnesses.

After them the articles of agreement of marriage, called tabulae matrimoniales, which are mentioned by Augustine, were signed by both persons. After this the man delivered to the woman the ring and other gifts, an action which was termed subarratio. In the latter ages the espousals have always been performed at the same time as the office of matrimony in all the churches abroad, and it has long been customary for the ring to be delivered to the woman after the contract has been made, which has always been in the actual office of matrimony.

The ring is a special token of spouseage. In some of the old manuals for the use of foreign cathedrals before the minister proceeds to the marriage he is directed to ask the woman's dowry—viz, the tokens of spouseage—and by these tokens of spouseage are to be understood rings or money or some other things to be given to the woman by the man, which giving is called wedding or covenanting, especially when it is done by the giving of a ring.—New York Tribune.

Knew Him at Once.

There are other sure ways of bringing a man to mind besides mentioning his name. Among the candidates who were sent from Princeton to a Philadelphia church was one young man whose language was of the sort which dazes and delights the younger members of a congregation and sometimes pleases the elders as well. In this case the committee were besieged to ask for the young man again, and they consented, but unfortunately the man to whose lot it fell to write the letter had forgotten the candidate's name. Nothing daunted, he wrote to one of the seminary professors:

"Please send us that floweret, streamlet, rivulet, cloudlet, starlight and moonbeam young man again. We've forgotten his name, but we're no doubt you'll recognize him."

"We do," wrote the professor. And the desired candidate was sent and subsequently was called to the parish.

To Extract Essence From Flowers.

Procure a quantity of the petals of any flowers that smell sweet and fragrant. Take thin pieces of muslin or fine linen and after having dipped them in good Lucca oil or Florence oil place them as layers between the petals. Sprinkle a small quantity of fine salt on the flowers and put a layer of linen and a layer of flowers alternately until an earthen vessel or wide mouthed glass bottle is full. Tie the top over with oil silk or parchment, then lay the vessel in a south aspect in the heat of the sun, and in fifteen days, when uncovered, a fragrant oil may be squeezed away from the whole mass.

Stage Dressmaking.

Our plays are for the most part overdressed, with extravagance, vulgarity and inappropriateness obtaining in place of artistic fitness. The new costumes have to some extent frequently undone the results of undress rehearsals, the actresses no longer representing the drama as they did before the dressmaker sent home their gowns, while the variety of their impersonations is swamped by the uniformity of their fashions.—A. W. Pinero in Costume.

Inconsistency.

"What is inconsistency?" asked the curious one.
"Well," responded the wise one, "it is that spirit which moves a woman whose sleeves stop at the elbow to scold her husband because he hasn't any cuffs on."—Chicago News.

Fortune gives many too much, but no one enough.—Labertus.

The big stick is all right—if it doesn't get into wrong hands.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Hotel St. George.—F. S. Finkler, J. E. Riger, F. E. Ramsley, J. W. Watson, Portland; Geo. McGilvery, Spokane; C. W. Isaac, Portland; King Benson, East Side; L. L. Rogers, Adams; Della King, Echo; Fred A. Wilson, Walla Walla; F. Heron, N. Y.; F. A. Marm, Athol, Mass.; Max Wolf and wife, Cincinnati; W. W. Grove, Spokane; W. M. King, Herndon; J. A. Allison, F. C. Hanley, Portland; J. G. Callison, Echo; Mrs. E. Birgh, Umatilla; A. S. Pail Gam, city; C. H. Edwards, Boston; R. P. Trolley, N. Y.; A. M. Brown; T. H. DeBols, Spokane; F. A. Bennett, Portland; C. M. Fulliton, Portland; Jerome Wolf, San Francisco; J. J. Hogan, Portland; Harry Shlar, Squedunk; Wm. L. Price, Lawing, Wash.; S. R. Caplinger and daughter, Weston; E. S. Crouse, Portland; Leon Clifford, Frisco; John H. Strutt, St. Louis; J. B. Harvey, Echo; Marguerite Waver, Weston; Frank Wastcott, Weston; J. B. Granger, Twin Falls; F. V. Gunhorn, Two Rivers; J. E. Taylor and wife, Echo; F. D. Eldridge, Chicago; T. Trow, O. R. & N.; Chas. T. Earl and wife, Hood River; Reg. Earl, Hood River; H. L. Brink, Spokane; F. E. Riddot, Spokane; R. H. Allen, Herndon; E. C. Skiles, Portland; E. H. Brown, Herndon; J. F. Fink, Portland; O. D. O'Brien, Portland; W. S. Gill, Spokane.

Hotel Pendleton.—F. W. Sheffield, Newsa, Ore.; A. D. Chase, Roston; J. S. Ball, S. T. Freeman, H. Hausman, Portland; Ed. Little and wife, Guthrie Center, Iowa; Frank Lee, W. H. Seaves, San Francisco; A. Shultz, Portland; R. I. Barnett, Spokane; James M. Kyle, Echo; C. K. Blann, C. L. Morgan, Herndon; R. R. Johnson, Echo; P. Nester, Herndon; C. F. Vande Water, Walla Walla; M. H. Mullens, Spokane; D. H. Kecheiderfer, A. G. Dickson, Walla Walla; F. Wieden, E. S. Leedy, C. H. Edmonds, Portland; J. P. Pratt, Los Angeles; E. S. Faver, Walla Walla; Thos. Nester, E. F. Culp, W. L. Readig, G. W. Nellis, Portland; W. H. Wood, La Crosse; Mrs. J. A. Hedges, Pontello; Mrs. D. B. Mackintosh, Kinsbrick; Albert Penny, Los Gatos, Cal.; M. D. Fruch, Hopner; E. S. Holmes, Denver; E. M. Chilcote, Mammoth Springs, Ark.; F. M. Hallinger, Denver; C. A. Barrett, Athens; J. C. Lane, New York; C. C. Simpson, Portland; W. Z. Wells, Portland; B. W. Witherspoon, Pierre, South Dakota; F. T. Cowan, Tom Anderson, Walla Walla; F. S. Derlich, Pontello; E. Dobbins, Portland; C. H. Reeves, Spokane; A. W. Garrison, Salt Lake City; J. H. Fell, John Day.

Golden Rule Hotel.—J. F. Thomson and wife, Gibbon; W. P. Jones, city; F. M. Campbell and wife, Portland; Robert A. Schuler, Cincinnati; C. Blissett and wife, Walla Walla; R. S. Fruch, Spokane; E. M. King, Spokane; G. E. Ayers, Heppner; D. Newell and wife, Herndon; Malcolm Stevens, Wallula, Walter Heuck, Pendleton; W. H. King, city; Thomas F. Baker, Malheur; John McLaughlin, Portland; H. M. Martin, Walla Walla; Ruby McCoy, Milton, Cora Gibson Milton; W. W. Butler, Spokane; W. R. McRoberts, Spokane; J. P. Alley, Spokane; Wm. Fraker, Echo; C. P. Smith, Weston; A. C. Struther, Weston; J. L. Hall, Gurdane; D. P. Hicks and wife, Gurdane; J. A. Hansen, Baker City; H. S. Shangle, Milton; Fred J. Barnes, Pontello; Geo. Beardsley, La Grande; O. F. Steel, Nolin.

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GURDANE ITEMS.

Weather Favorable and Crops Are All Seeded.

Gurdane, May 13.—The weather has been very warm for the last few days and most of the farmers have their crops all in.

Sunday school is progressing very nicely with a regular attendance of about 43.

Mr. and Mrs. Simonton and family and Miss Wallace of Portland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cate last Sunday.

The baseball game which was played Sunday evening, Ridge team against Gurdane, was very interesting. The score was 6 to 1 in favor of the Gurdane team.

Floyd Hall is reported very ill with measles.

Miss Cassie Olmstead who has for the past few months been in Pendleton, is expected to return home soon.

C. R. Cate left for the John Day river last Monday. Mr. Cate expects to look around for cattle while gone and if suited will bring back several hundred head.

Mrs. J. W. Ray is in Pendleton visiting her two daughters.

Mrs. Marcum, who has been very ill, is reported no better.

NEW BOARDING HOUSE.

Mrs. W. B. Mays, the Popular Boarding House Keeper, Will Open Business in Sturgis Residence.

Mrs. W. B. Mays, who once enjoyed the largest patronage of any private boarding house keeper in the city, will open a private boarding house in the residence of Mrs. Lina H. Sturgis on Water street, about June 1.

Mrs. Sturgis will occupy her new residence on the north side of the river about that time and the well known Sturgis home on Water street has been engaged by Mrs. Mays, where boarders and a limited number of roomers will be kept.

Mrs. Mays has an enviable reputation as a cook and for several years conducted the most popular private boarding house in the city.

Two Employees Wanted.

A civil service examination will be held here on May 29 for the purpose of examining applicants for the position of mail carrier and female clerk in Pendleton postoffice. Applications for the position must be in by May 24, to Ralph Howland at Pendleton postoffice, clerk of the civil service board in this city.

Summer School in District 57.

A teacher's contract from district No. 57 has just been filed with the county superintendent. Miss Mary Gibbons is to teach a six weeks' term there at the salary of \$65 per month. This is \$25 more per month than was paid there last year, and in 1903 but \$33 per month was paid the teacher.

Bad Sidewalks.

Several sections of extremely bad sidewalk are now to be found on Webb and Thompson streets and in order to avoid a possible damage suit it has been suggested that repairs be made. One especially bad place is found on East Webb between Cottonwood and Johnson streets.

Lost or Stolen.

Brindle and white Boston terrier, weight about 25 pounds and has trimmed ears and screw tail. Answers to name of "Brandy." Any knowledge of his whereabouts please communicate to Mrs. Chas. J. Ferguson, Pendleton.

Artisans Attention.

All members of Alpha Assembly No. 9 are hereby notified that beginning May 1 there will be only two meetings a month, the first and third Tuesdays.

Suit to Recover \$75.

Suit has been filed in the circuit court by F. Weber to collect the sum of \$75 alleged to be due him from Eugene L. Smith. The complaint was filed this forenoon by Carter & Railey.

Will Leave for Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rosenberg and family will leave Saturday morning for a three months' visit in Germany.

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