

## NEED CITY HALL AND FIRE HOUSE

COUNCIL APPOINTS DR. HOCKETT COMMITTEE OF ONE TO MAKE PURCHASE.

The need of a city hall and fire department house was discussed at the meeting of council December 6, and Councilman Hockett was appointed a committee of one to see C. O. Knoll about buying a lot south of the White Front barn and along the alley. There is a one story dwelling on the lot now that would be moved off and a two story stone or brick building erected, the lower story to be used for the fire apparatus and the upper as a city hall. It is a central location and would answer the purpose admirably.

The matter of extending the city boundaries on the south and west was also discussed. Street signs were ordered made and put up at street corners. An arc light was ordered installed at the corner of Boyd court and Depot street. G. I. Radcliff was given permission to extend the water mains to his hill property at his own expense, the water rates to be applied on the cost. Following are the

### Claims Allowed.

J. Hartshorn, building bridges \$5 00  
W. J. Funk & Co., lantern and oil 1 45  
G. S. Craig, tapping main and pipe 9 40

E. J. Forsythe, lights	68 00
C. E. Vest, hauling	1 50
Pacific Coast Pipe Co.	970 99
W. D. Taggart, city recorder, Nov. pay and rent	16 00
T. M. Dill, city attorney, Nov. pay	5 00
Charles Giovononi, work on water works	35 00
Chas. Hug, city marshal	75 00
Sterling Smittle, hauling dirt	45 00

There was a man in Ch'angan who was very fond of giving dinners, but the food given was atrocious. One day a guest threw himself on his knees in front of this gentleman and said, "Am I not a friend of yours?" "You are, indeed," replied his host. "Then I must ask of you a favor," said the guest, "and you must grant it before I rise from my knees." "Well, what is it?" inquired his host in astonishment. "Never to invite me to dinner any more!" cried the guest, at which the whole party burst into a loud roar of laughter.—North China Herald.

### Persistent.

Shopkeeper (to commercial traveler)—"Can't give you an order. Quite overstocked. Traveler—Let me at least show you my samples. Shopkeeper—Spare yourself the trouble. I can't look at them. Traveler—Then will you allow me to look at them myself? It is three weeks since I have seen them.—London Penny Pictorial.

### English Cigars.

"Do cigars ever contain rope?" "No. That's just a pleasantry of the jokemakers. As a matter of fact, hemp is too expensive to put in the cheaper brands of cigars."—London Mail.

The eruptions of Vesuvius greatly increase the fertility of the ground in the vicinity.

## Assessed Value of Valley Towns

Nearly One-Fifth of Total Roll for 1929 is in Four Cities.

Nearly one-fifth of the assessed valuation of Wallowa county is in the valley towns, Enterprise, Joseph, Wallowa and Lostine. The total for the four towns is \$1,640,650, while the total for the county is \$8,676,770. Following is the assessed valuation of the towns:

Enterprise	\$651,220
Joseph	557,350
Wallowa	329,105
Lostine	102,975

This is a substantial increase in each town over last year's figures. Joseph leading with an increase of \$109,705, Wallowa and Enterprise following with \$64,345 and \$63,025, respectively.

The valuation in the Enterprise school district, the smallest in size in the county, is \$819,095. The Joseph district is \$744,920 and Wallowa district \$630,090.

### COURTHOUSE PROGRESS

The slate roof is nearly completed on the court house. It was delayed some by the non-arrival of the cornice, but that is now on and the windows will be put in and the steam heat turned on that the plasterers may work on the upper story.

Indian blankets at Funk's.

## Russian Thistle Along R. R. Tracks

Worst of Pests Has Secured Start in County Says A. Gollnick.

A. Gollnick of Asotin county, who has been visiting his sons just west of town, sounds a note of warning in regard to the Russian thistle, which he says has already gotten quite a start along the railway track between Lostine and Wallowa, with a few plants this side of Lostine. The railway company and all road supervisors near the railway should be compelled to keep the way cleaned of this obnoxious pest, the worst with which farmers have to contend.

The plants should be cut down green, if possible, but when cut ripe or dried should be gathered in piles and burned. One branch contains thousands of the minute seed, and as the plant is light, easily carried by the lightest wind, one little branch may seed a big field. They are considered the worst of all plant pests in Dakota and Minnesota, where Mr. Gollnick formerly resided and the most rigorous measures are taken to eradicate them.

The seed has been carried here in freight cars as the plant was unknown in this county before the advent of the railroad and this first year has grown only along the right of way. A branch of the thistle is in this office for anyone to see who does not know the weed at sight.

### BAPTIST CHURCH BUYS.

The Baptist church society has bargained for the Wm. Reavis property on River street from the Wagner corner to the flume. The price is said to be \$2000. The purchase includes the frame building formerly used as a meat market, and which will be remodeled into a temporary church. It is reported the society will later build on the ground south of the temporary church, and not on the Main street lots bought some time ago for that purpose.

### New Suits Filed.

Dec. 8.—George Houser vs. Copper King Mining and Development Co.  
Dec. 8.—James Allen vs. Geo. S. Craig.

### Flying Fishes.

A dazzling silvery splendor pervades the surface of the body of the best known species of the flying fish. The summit of its head, its back and its sides are of azure blue. This blue becomes spotted upon the dorsal fin, the pectoral fin and the tail. This fish is the common prey of the sea birds and the more voracious fishes, such as the shark. Its enemies abound in air and water. If it succeeds in escaping the Charybdis of the water the chances are in favor of its meeting its fate in the Scylla of the atmosphere. If it escapes the jaws of the shark it will probably fall to the share of the seagull.

### Too Honest.

Woggs—Young Smith has failed in business again. I'm sorry for the boy, but too close adherence to high principles ruined him. Boggs—How so? Woggs—He advertised, "Our product is thoroughly tested before it leaves the factory," which is a very hard thing to live up to when you are manufacturing dynamite.—Luck.

## BUSINESS BIG IN RECORDER'S OFFICE

WALLOWA COUNTY AHEAD OF UNION IN NUMBER OF INSTRUMENTS.

Wallowa county has forged ahead of Union county in number of real estate transfers and number of instruments filed for record. The total number of the latter filed in the recorder's office at La Grande from July 6 to November 26 last was 3898, while for the same period there were filed in the office here 4302 instruments, or 404 more than in Union county.

At the same time the recording fees averaged for four months in Union county, \$231.23 a month. The receipts for recording during the same period in Clerk Boatman's office were as follows: August \$205.80, September \$341.95, October \$340.25, November \$320.70; total \$1308.70, or an average of \$327.17, which was \$75.94 a month more than in Union county.

Union county is supposed to have more than twice the population and wealth of Wallowa.

The total receipts in Clerk Boatman's office during the four months were as follows: August \$352.80, September \$386.95, October \$424.75, November \$495.20; total \$1659.70, or an average of \$414.92 a month. The expense for salaries of the clerk and two deputies is \$225 a month.

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