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RUSH ORDERS ON RAILROAD GRADE

Rails Now Laid To Mouth of Wallowa --Mile a Day Up The Canyon.

"Rush work on the grading; it must be completed by December 31, for the steel gangs are crowding us." That's the message from the representatives of Erickson & Peterson, who have the contract for the railroad grading, to John E. Patterson, sub-contractor for the depot grounds and the 2 1/2 miles of unfinished grade from Enterprise north. Mr. Patterson was sent for Monday to meet Superintendent Jeffries and Assistant McManus at the camp on Sheahan's place and sign his contract. They impressed on him the necessity for rush work. The temporary bridge over the Looking Glass is finished and the rails are laid down the Grande Ronde to opposite the mouth of the Wallowa. Rails and ties are on hand to rush the laying of the track up the canyon as soon as the bridge across the Grande Ronde is finished, which will be in about six weeks or by December 1. All grading is done except the 2 1/2 miles north of Enterprise, the fill at Wade's, and two short stretches between Lostine and Wallowa. Gangs are at work on the last three places now and Mr. Patterson will have a force at work in a few days. He will use local labor if possible. Mr. Patterson was told the rails up the valley would be laid as soon as the grading was done. He believes track will be down inside the county before January 1, and completed to Joseph early in February. Engineer R. I. Long confirms the good news of rush work. He says the track will be laid as far as Wallowa by New Years. It is expected a mile a day will be put down this side the Grande Ronde bridge. Mr. Patterson has closed the contract

to operate a sawmill on the Looking Glass this winter for Rumble & McCully. The temporary bridge over that stream was being used when he was over there Friday. The big slide that so long delayed laying of rails down the Grande Ronde is still an obstruction, but a temporary track has been laid around it.

Fine Range On Lower Innaha

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vest will leave in a few weeks for their cattle ranch on the Innaha where they will spend the winter, which will seem less long and lonely than heretofore as now there is a weekly mail delivery down the river 19 miles from the bridge. The mail route is locally known as the Lightning mail route, not from any unusual celerity in its delivery but because its northern terminus is the mouth of Lightning creek. Mr. Vest sent in 3300 pounds of supplies and horse feed Tuesday. They will help beguile the long winter nights by reading the News-Record each week. The range in that country is luxuriant and nutritious almost the cold season through. Last winter Mr. Vest fed his cattle only 5 days and the winter before only 10 days. Among the well known cattlemen who will have stock this winter along the lower Innaha, Lightning and Cow creeks and other tributaries, are Mr. Vest, C. G. Holmes, Logan McCormick, C. F. Graves and J. M. Blakely of Enterprise; Haas Brothers and Lawson & Beecher of Alder Slope; James Rice, Leonard Snell and Bowman & Faught of Joseph.

How's This for "Dry Land"?

W. E. Lewis reports threshing a field of oats for Baker on the old Hedrick place at Whisky creek that weighed out 99 bushels to the acre. He also had three days threshing of wheat up there that averaged 40 bushels to the acre. Jupiter Pluvius did all the irrigating that land received.

MIDNIGHT BLAZE BURNS TWO BARN

Fire at Paradise Destroys \$3000 Worth Of Property--Attempted Arson at Enterprise

Two barns owned by Willis C. Straley, the Paradise storekeeper, were burned about midnight, Monday, together with \$1000 worth of hay, some machinery, and a buggy, all the property of Mr. Straley; two horses, harness and rig owned by E. W. Southwick, the Wallowa stage driver. The total loss is at least \$3000; insurance only \$1000.

One of the barns was a new structure and the largest and best in the north country. It cannot be replaced for less than \$1500. The other was an old log building. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin as it started in the lower unused corner of the log barn.

Mr. Straley was in Lewiston at the time of the fire. His neighbors worked hard and helped by a favoring wind saved the store. One of the stage horses was cremated and the other was burned so badly before it got out that it will die.

Attempt to Burn Preacher's Home

Rev. M. J. Thompson believes an attempt was made to burn his home on Residence street the first of the week.

Mrs. Thompson discovered a little pile of partly burned kindlings under a board up against the kitchen, with every appearance of having been carefully laid. It is supposed the board smothered the fire.

Rev. Thompson believes the design was to burn his house in revenge for his activity in prohibition work. He is president of the Anti-Saloon league in Wallowa county.

Court House Notes

New Suits

J. S. Applegate, by his attorneys, Burleigh & Boyd, has brought suit against M. R. Applegate for the sum of \$1800. The complaint states that the plaintiff leased 80 acres of land from the defendant in sections 24 and 25, T 5 N, R 44 E, and that by a contract and agreement between them at the end of the lease M. R. Applegate was to buy the improvements the lessee put on the property or sell the land to him at a reasonable price. The plaintiff says he put on a dwelling house, barn, wood house, smoke house, fencing, wind mill and pumping plant, the whole of the reasonable value of \$1800, and that defendant refuses to buy the same.

Fred W. Falconer, by his attorneys, DePue & Cook, has brought suit to foreclose mortgages amounting to \$1350 on the west half of ne and west half of se of sec. 35, T 3 N, R 45 E. The land is owned by G. H. Daugherty who gave a mortgage to A. Levy, Oct. 1, 1906, to secure a loan of \$700, also a mortgage to Falconer, April 2, 1907, to secure a loan of \$650. The Levy note was bought by Falconer. The Enterprise Mercantile & Milling Co., W. T. Bell and R. D. Sanford are also made parties to the suit as they claim some interest in the real property owned by Daugherty.

Doings In Probate.

Mrs. E. Moore, the widow of the deceased, has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Elmer V. Moore, and also guardian of the minor children. Order of appraisement and inventory was issued Wednesday.

F. X. Musty has been appointed administrator of the estate in this county of James Musty, who died recently in Jackson county.

Marriage Licenses

Oct. 14—Green S. Trump and Belle Thompson.

Oct. 14—Walter Sutherland and Cora E. Stubblefield.

Oct. 16—George B. Bales and Laura E. Rucker.

Engineer Long Hurt

Engineer R. I. Long of the O. R. & N. was badly bruised about the head by being dragged and kicked by a runaway team south of town Thursday. He got out to open a gate and grabbed the lines when the team started to run.

He was dragged some distance and kicked once, but Dr. C. A. Ault, who dressed the wounds, reports no bones broken.

\$25 Alfalfa on \$35 Land

B. A. Reynolds of Alder Slope paid \$35 an acre for his land. His alfalfa fields this season brought him \$25 an acre.

Splendid Fruit at Lostine Fair

The fruit and fancy work exhibits were the successes of the county fair at Lostine last week. The fruit surprised even those best acquainted with the possibilities of Wallowa's soil and climate. There were apples, peaches, prunes and plums of splendid quality not only from the Innaha but from this valley. The fruit tree agent in charge acted boorishly in refusing to allow a photograph taken of the exhibit that was to be used as an illustration in the advertising pamphlet gotten out by the county court.

The live stock exhibit was a disappointment in numbers, but the horses and cattle shown were fine animals. McDonald's peerless Clyde, Whitmore's and Allen & Eade's Percherons, a yearling Percheron owned by Fred Fitzpatrick, and the German Coach horse from Wallowa were all splendid stallions. L. P. McCubbin's two Percheron mares were voted by many horsemen the largest and best for age ever seen. He also walked away with the blue ribbon on a splendid Jersey bull. W. C. Dorrance, George Craig and the Fitzpatrick's exhibited Hereford bulls. Elliott's and Makin's jacks were shown. The sheep exhibit was not representative and swine were conspicuous by their absence. The race entries were few but those run furnished exciting sport.

The exhibit hall receipts on Enterprise day were about \$150 and on Wallowa day less than one-third of that amount.

The Lostine people worked hard for the success of the fair, entertained hospitably and are not responsible for the small number of exhibitors in the live stock department.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR COUNTY HIGH

Sent to State School Board for Approval--Will Add Library and Laboratory

County Judge Corkins, Superintendent Kerns and Treasurer Reavis of the high school board held a meeting Monday and considered the purchasing of a library, equipment for a physical laboratory and other necessary fixtures for the high school. The course of study was adopted and sent to the state school board for its approval. Principal Moore reported one addition to the enrollment, and submitted the following letter, which was read and ordered published:

The County High School

There is nothing to which our people should point with more pride than toward our schools. There is no one thing of more importance to the public in general than the education of the rising generation. Taking these facts into consideration every citizen should feel morally bound to manifest an interest, yield support and become a factor in bringing about a higher school standard and more proficient school work.

This is an age when an education is essential; public and private affairs demand it. The boy or girl that goes out into the world without having at least acquired the fundamental principles of the common school branches is deprived of that which affords the greatest opportunities and assures success in life if only backed up by a little energy and judgment.

We should not be contented to stop with good common schools but should be anxious for our children to have the advantages of higher education. The age demands it. The conditions governing commercial and professional life are changing, the requirements are becoming more stringent and competition is growing stronger. This is an age of commercialism—a time when every boy and girl should be taught

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DANIEL BOYD,

Secy. of Wallowa Law, Land and Abstract Company