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WALLOWA COUNTY

Raises the largest corps per acre, year in and year out, on the lowest priced land, quality considered, in all the West. Great areas of finest wheat land untouched by plough, lots of it open to Homestead entry. Unexcelled cattle, hog and sheep country, valleys specially adapted to hay, potatoes, sugar beets and other big money making crops. Natural irrigation; unfailing water. All fruits of temperate zone grow fine and the climate is perfection of four seasons kind. Railroad into heart of county is being constructed, which when completed will give Portland, Seattle and Spokane markets and prices. Now is the time to come before land goes up to its real value. Sell your quarter section east of the Rockies, and with the proceeds come to Wallowa County and buy a section of land that will return far more per acre than the land you sell.

County officials: County Judge, O. M. Corkins; County Commissioners, Sam Litch, W. C. Wilson; Sheriff, J. M. Blakely; County Clerk and Recorder, J. A. French; Treasurer, F. A. Reavis; Assessor, S. L. Pace; Superintendent of Schools, J. W. Kerns; Surveyor, H. E. Merryman.

COMING EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER.

Saturday, Nov. 23—Last day of Special Prize offer.

Thursday, Nov. 28—Unhealthy day for turkeys. "Brown's in to n" at the opera house in the evening.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

I. O. O. F.—Enterprise Lodge, No. 153. Emerald Rebekah Lodge, No. 119.

K. of P.—Enterprise Lodge, No. 94. Juanita Temple, No. 7, Pythian Sisters.

MASONIC—Enterprise Chapter, No. 30, Royal Arch Masons, meets first and third Tuesdays of each month in Masonic Hall. All visiting Royal Arch Masons welcomed.
W. T. BELL, High Priest.
D. W. SHEAHAN, Secretary.

Wallowa Lodge, No. 82, A. F. & A. M., meets second and fourth Saturdays of each month in Masonic Hall. Visiting Masons welcomed.
J. A. FRENCH, W. M.
W. C. BOATMAN, Secretary.

Wallowa Valley Chapter, No. 50, O. E. S., meets first and third Saturdays of each month, in Masonic Hall. Visiting Stars are always welcome.
AMY E. FORSYTHE, Worthy Matron.
W. C. BOATMAN, Secretary.

M. W. A.—Eagle Camp, No. 10197, M. W. A. Anerold Camp, No. 3542, R. N. of A.

W. O. W.—Enterprise Camp, No. 535, W. of W Almota Circle, No. 278, W. of W.

SPECIAL AND CALLED MEETINGS.

Jerseys For Sale.

High grade Jersey heifers, fresh next spring. Call at H. B. Davidhizer's place on Prairie Creek, or phone the Wallowa Valley Cream company at Wallowa or Enterprise.

33 CANDIDATES NOW IN CONTEST

Fine Start Made by Several In District No. 1—Open Race for the Prizes.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Candidate.		Votes
Lida Flowers	Enterprise	11155
Lucile Corkins	"	9000
Zora Combes		Enterprise
Harold Kinney		Joseph
Evelyne Green		"
Myrl Donnelly		"
Mrs. Joseph Lay		"
DISTRICT NO. 2.		
Nellie Davis	Wallowa	375
Mayme Johnson		Wallowa
Anna Edwards		Lostine
Cora Williams		"
Sadie Womack		"
Homer Bemiss		"
Bethel McKenzie		"
Mrs. Reta Fitzpatrick		"
Lenore Goodman		"
O. F. Mays		"
E. W. Southwick		Fairview
J. E. Tulley		Wallowa
Fred G. Potter		"
Maude Davis		"
Margaret Boner		"
Mrs. Alice Daisley		Lostine
DISTRICT NO. 3.		
Thomas Rich	Fruita	600
G. C. Bolding		Troy
Nathan Halsey		Prairie Creek
Wellie Simmons	"	"
Lelah Cole		Flora
M R Applegate		Appleton
Lillie Yager		Arko
Myrtle Thomas		Flora
Mrs Lucy Duley		"
Bessie Friddles		Grouse

Thirty-three candidates are now entered or have been proposed by friends for the News Record's $405 prize contest. It is barely started, work only beginning in many parts of district No. 3 within the last day or two. Securing a few new subscribers will put any candidate among the leaders. Announcement of the winners of the special prize will be made next week. Candidates are asked to send their subscriptions and coupons in time to reach us Wednesday of each week.

The payments on subscriptions are what count. With payments you receive extra votes as follows:

For every 25 cents paid on back subscription.	50 votes extra
For $1.50 on advance subscription (old)....	450 " "
For $1.50 on advance subscription (new)....	600 " "
For $3.00 on advance subscription (old or new)	1500 " "
For $5.00 on advance subscription (old or new)	3000 " "

Each new subscriber secured by a candidate receives the News Record until January 1, 1908, free. New subscribers and those now on the list who pay a year in advance are given their choice of the following premiums free: One year's subscription to the American Farmer; the News Record sent 3 months to any address in the U. S. outside Wallowa county, or an order for a cabinet photograph, $4.50 size, at the Fallman Studios in Enterprise.

Oratory Contest Among Schools

Principal W. E. Moore of the county high school has proposed a county declamatory contest among the schools, the idea being to divide the county into five or six districts and hold a contest in each district some time this winter. Later in the spring have the winners of the district contests engage in a final test to be held in the county high school, gold and silver medals to be awarded to the winner and second best by the high school board. This proposition will be submitted to all the schools of the county and it is hoped to hold the first contests this winter.

County High School Notes.

Vance Thomas of Paradise enrolled in the first year class Monday.

The bookkeeping books have arrived and the regular class work was begun Tuesday.

The class in physics is wrestling with some "perplexing" problems these days.

The literary society has been regularly instituted and is known as the Avant Courers. The temporary officers are as follows: President, Eula Forsythe; vice president, Vernon Corkins; secretary, Amy Olmsted; treasurer, Asa Craig; sergeant-at-arms, Fred Holmes. The question for debate next Friday is "Resolved, that the Japanese should be excluded from the United States."

On December 20 the Pendleton high school debating team will meet the Wallowa county highs in the first debate of the season. The final arrangements are not quite completed.

The students are planning to begin the publication of a high school paper next spring, similar to those issued by other high schools.

The course of study has been approved by the state board.

State High School Debating League.

There is considerable interest being manifested in the State High School Debating league. The following schools are represented in the Eastern Oregon division: Hood River, Pendleton, Wallowa County High School, Ontario, Baker City, The Dalles.

The schools, paired as follows, are to meet in the first preliminaries Dec. 20: Hood River debates with The Dalles, Pendleton debates Wallowa County High School, Ontario debates Baker City.

The Inter-High School debates have been carried on in the state of Washington for the past two years and have proven successful. This is the first year that Oregon has taken hold of the work.

These debates awaken interest, arouse enthusiasm, cultivate school patriotism and home loyalty. They offer good mental discipline and bring into use the power of logic, the command of language and self possession. To stand before an audience and not feel a touch of the "stage scare" is an accomplishment that few people possess. The only way to become a successful public speaker is to speak before the public—not only speak but have control of the thinking powers. Good debates will cultivate this habit and give the boys and girls who have natural talents along this line a chance to develop. Not only this but debates properly managed will arouse a spirit of activity throughout the school and exert an influence the tendency of which is to "wake up" and "be doing." This influence does not stop with the school but is felt by the entire community. The people soon take pride in their debating teams and will give the school a loyal support that it may have strength and efficiency to cope with other schools.

Rumor Was False.

There was no truth in the rumor current in Enterprise last Thursday that two of the largest department stores in Portland had failed.

INTEREST IN PLANS OF ELECTRIC ROAD

Wallowa County May Be Included In Washington & Oregon Traction Company Route.

Much interest is manifested in Enterprise in the Washington and Oregon Traction company of Walla Walla, recently incorporated to build electric railroads into the undeveloped wheat regions east and south of that city. It is reputed to be a solid affair with plenty of money back of it. Among the published plans of its intentions is one to build up Mill creek, tunnel through the Blue Mountains to the head of Little Salmon, down that stream to the Grande Ronde, up that river to the mouth of Courtney creek, thence into the interior of Wallowa county. Such a road would go through a large fertile territory west of the mountains, the Eden and Grouse countries and reach the largest and best timber tract in Eastern Oregon. Back of the new traction company is supposed to be the North Coast road and the latter is a child of the C. M. & St P., which is building to the Coast.

There is a strong feeling in Enterprise that the Walla Walla road should be met half way. There is enough money in this county to build an electric line up Trout and Davis creeks and down Courtney canyon to the Grande Ronde. Engineer R. I. Long, late of the O. R. & N., believes the route a feasible one, and a few hundred dollars will demonstrate it.

The O. R. & N. may not complete its road for years, and in the meantime the farmers of this county will lose the cost of a road several times in lower prices for products. Many of the O. R. & N. right of way deeds in the valley and canyon became voidable if the road is not completed by March 1, 1908, and the way will be clear for a valley electric road also.

Many of the leading men of the valley are very much in earnest about a road to the Little Salmon and on to Walla Walla. One wealthy farmer says he will take $5000 worth of stock, and $5000 more if needed. Walla Walla connection would give far lower freight rates than the O. R. & N. extension. It is likely a representative will go from Enterprise to inquire into this Walla Walla company and see what proposition it will make.

Show Rich Ore.

H. N. Williams, D. Moore, Jesse and Tom Walker passed through Enterprise Tuesday on their way home from doing assessment work on their claims in the Lick Creek mining district. They had a lot of rich ore that proves they surely have good claims. Mr. Williams says that the rich streak in the pay ledge of the Magnet mine is now 17 inches wide and widens the deeper they go. The Walkers did assessment work on the Last Chance. A mine named the Greenhorn was located in the same district for G. W. Williams.

Jealousy Cause Of Man's Murder

Millard Donnelly, aged about 23 years, son of Mrs. J. M. Donnelly of Joseph, was stabbed in the neck by a fellow miner named West at Cornucopia, Monday morning about 1 o'clock, and died in a few minutes. Both men worked on the night shift and were returning to the shaft from the midnight meal. A quarrel arose over a girl, who favored the attentions of Donnelly, and West whipped out the knife and stabbed his companion.

West is an older man than was Donnelly. He is now in jail at Baker City, charged with murder. Millard's brother, Alex Donnelly of Joseph, was at Baker City on business and left for Cornucopia early Monday morning in company with the sheriff and coroner. He telephoned the sad news to the boy's home in Joseph and a brother-in-law, J. W. Rankin, started with a team for Elgin to meet the remains which will probably be shipped from Union.

Millard was a young man well thought of in his home town of Joseph and general sorrow is felt at the tragedy and deepest sympathy expressed for his widowed mother and other relatives.

Cornucopia is a mining town in Baker county directly south across the mountains from Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Brady have moved from the rooms over T. M. Dill's office to the O'Brien house in the southeast part of town.

HOUSE IN ORDER FOR HARD TIMES

Wallowa County Out of Debt, Low Tax Rate Assured and Great Natural Riches.

A splendid showing for Wallowa county's financial condition was made in the semi-annual statements of the county officers published in last week's News Record. The county entirely out of debt, unpaid current taxes due $22,021, and $5752 cash on hand. No county in the state of Oregon can beat that. If hard times should come the citizens of no county will feel them less. With abounding natural riches, no interest on county debt to pay and, if necessary, almost no county tax levy, the people of this favored section would certainly be "strictly in it."

This happy condition was not always thusly. One year ago there were over $40,000 worth of outstanding warrants unpaid with $1500 interest due on them. The years back of that were all of the same character, some worse, some better, but all showing liabilities in excess of resources of from $20,000 up. Thousands of dollars of interest were paid by the tax payers then; not a cent now. The county court has received lots of condemnation because it made a large tax levy and stopped the interest payments, but probably everyone in the county today is proud of the splendid financial showing revealed by the semi-annual statements.

SUPPLIES CHEAP FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER.

Turkeys are reported plentiful, but are commanding a fair price in the Enterprise market—12½ cents for dressed young turkeys; dressed chickens $3 a dozen; eggs scarce even at 30 cts. Vegetables and fruit are plentiful and comparatively cheap. Squashes retail at 2½ cents a pound.

A few hogs were received this week; 4c is present quotation.

Grain Market.

No change in grain market: Wheat 60c bu., oats $1 cwt., rye 90c cwt., barley 85c cwt.

Flour is $4.50 bbl.

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WELL IMPROVED
Dairy Ranch or Timothy Ranch

Will produce two tons to the acre
Only $50.00
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All in cultivation except 50 acres; only one and one-half miles from Enterprise, the county seat.

This can be made to pay 10 per cent on $100 per acre as a timothy ranch.

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DANIEL BOYD,
Secy. of Wallowa Law, Land and Abstract Company

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NICE SUIT, READY-TO-WEAR, STYLISH PATTERN, SPLENDID FITTING CLOTHES FOR MEN, $16
WELL-MADE, GOOD QUALITY, IRON-WEAR SUITS FOR BOYS, $8

REMEMBER US IF YOU FIND YOU NEED TABLE LINEN, NAPKINS, OR ANYTHING IN TABLE FURNISHINGS.

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