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- Dates: (a) January 23, 24, 1908;  
(b) May 14, 15, 1908; (c) June 11, 12,  
1908.
  - Program:
    - Thursdays—Arithmetic, Writing,  
History and Civil Government.
    - Fridays—Grammar, Physiology,  
Geography and Spelling.
  - Sources of Questions:
    - Geography—State Course of  
Study, Redway and Hinnan's  
Natural School Geography.
    - Spelling—Eighty per cent. from  
Reed's Word Lessons, and  
twenty per cent. from manu-  
script in Language.
    - Writing—Specimens of penman-  
ship as indicated in copied mat-  
ter and from manuscript in  
Language.
    - Language—Buehler's Mod-  
ern English Grammar, no dia-  
gramming.
    - Civil Government—United States  
Constitution.
    - History—List of topics from His-  
tory Outline in State Course of  
Study and Current Events.
- Notice: Teachers preparing classes  
for examinations will please notify  
county superintendent 30 days before  
examination according to law.  
J. W. KIRNS,  
County Superintendent of Schools.

**Ideas For  
Wedding Gifts**

The dictum of Fashion's decree  
says wedding presents of plate,  
silver or gold, should always be  
engraved.

Nothing has nor probably can  
take the place of silver plate as  
suitable gifts at weddings.

At E. B. WHEAT'S jewelry  
store in Enterprise is a large and  
varied line of beautiful silverware  
and Mr. Wheat is an adept in  
the art of engraving.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vest came out  
from their winter home on the lower  
Imasha the latter part of last week for  
a few days stay. Mr. Vest attended the  
gentlemen's meeting of which he is  
secretary. He reports the range the  
best for several years.

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**Something Worth Studying.**

By far the most important matter on the ballot next June will be the proposed amendment to the Oregon constitution drafted by the Oregon Tax Reform association. By the side of it all the other initiative measures, and the question of who should be elected to any or all the offices, state and county, dwindle into insignificance. It is a matter that will at once touch every pocketbook in the state, and more than that, it is the opening wedge for a change in tax assessment that has been agitated for a half century without one real step forward.

If the foregoing statements are true, as the News Record verily believes, it follows that every voter should thoroughly inform himself on the proposed amendment, and its probable effect. It also follows that everyone should approach the subject with an impartial mind, not prejudiced for or against the new method, but resolved to not commit himself until he understands what the new method is, its effect elsewhere, and whether it is equitable or not.

The initiative and referendum places a duty upon electors to vote intelligently. We should not hastily read a new thing and then say: "I am against it," or tear our shirt and throw our hat in the air in ignorant enthusiasm for something that strikes our selfish bone.

The News Record approaches this amendment wholly unbiased for or against it, confessing it knows very little of it, except, as stated, that it is the most radical and most important change in taxation methods ever submitted to the voters of Oregon. But we propose to find out all we can about it between now and June, and will publish all the facts about it we can learn. If it is a good thing for Oregon and for the people we are going to vote for it; otherwise we will oppose it.

The petition for its submission has been filed with the secretary of state with the largest number of signers ever on a similar petition, coming from all parts of the state and indicating widespread interest in the matter. It proposes to tax land values (not acres) and exempting, the text of the amendment reads, "all dwelling houses, barns, sheds, outhouses and all other appurtenances thereto, all fences, all machinery and buildings used exclusively for manufacturing purposes, and the appurtenances thereto, all fences, farm machinery and appliances used as such, all fruit trees, vines, shrubs and all other improvements on farms, all live stock, all household furniture in use, and all tools owned by workmen and in use shall be exempt from taxation."

With this explanation of the amendment, the News Record leaves the matter at present to search for more light, with this caution to the voters: Don't be in too big a hurry to make up your mind about it; it is four months before we vote on it.

**New Postal Ruling.**

By a ruling of the postoffice department, that went into effect January 1, all publications must keep their subscriptions paid up, or such as is not will be denied second-class rates. While this new order was primarily aimed at "mail order" publications, it had to be made general and hits every newspaper in the land, including country weeklies.

The sum and substance of the ruling, as it affects the News Record and every other Wallowa county newspaper, is that every paper sent to a subscriber whose subscription is a year or more behind, must have a one-cent stamp affixed. This no country weekly publisher can afford to do, and it means that all such subscribers will have to pay up, or the paper will be discontinued to their address. It means practically that weekly newspapers must go to a cash basis, for the present order is undoubtedly only preparatory to another that will require papers to stop when time paid for is up. The present one-year extension is simply to give papers time to put their lists on a cash basis.

The subscribers will be the big gainers by the new ruling for they will not be loaded up with papers they do not want, and bills running up against them. Hereafter when you subscribe for a newspaper, 1 month, 3 months, 1 year, or any other time, the contract will be construed as for that period only, and the paper will stop when the time is up.

The News Record must conform to the ruling, and accordingly notices will be sent in a few days to all who are more than a year in arrears. Hereafter, on new subscriptions and renewals the time paid for will be the period of that subscription, and when that period expires the PAPER WILL STOP UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE SUBSCRIBER.

**Street Vacation.**

Captain A. C. Smith in his remarks to the council Monday night said he was opposed on principle to vacation of streets by city council after they are once dedicated to public use. That is the News Record's position exactly. The reasons for such vacation should be very explicit and the fact that public interests would not suffer now or in the future should be very clear before a street is vacated, and even then the vote should be by three-fourths majority. By a wise provision of the state law, such vacation ordinance is subject even then, to a referendum.

In the matter of closing Greenwood street, however, the city council is, as we understand it, in honor bound to vacate it if desired by the county court. The present city council has the power to vacate a city street by a two-thirds vote, and it is admitted the council in an informal meeting did promise the court to vacate the street, and the court chose the site of the high school with that understanding. If those premises are true, the word of the city is pledged and the promise should be kept to the letter and dot, just as if it were down in black and white, with red seals attached.

It will be a material injury to the city to have Greenwood street closed. It is a material injury that North, Main and Grant streets leading onto the hill, are closed. Every one should be open. It is conceded, however, that Main street is now closed for all time, as its opening would cut the high school grounds in two. But there should be some power lodged in the council to condemn land for street purposes. North and Grant streets should be opened beyond all doubt. Further, if the court is willing to accept, as is reported, 30 feet of Greenwood street and a strip 60 by 240 feet elsewhere, that much of Greenwood should be reserved as a public thoroughfare. If that or some other trade is not

satisfactory to the court, the city should certainly keep faith and vacate the street.

**Land of Sunshine.**

Sunshine and pure air are the two chief requisites for a healthful climate. These two, with pure water and sanitary surroundings, will cure nine-tenths of the ills that flesh is heir to.

Wallowa county can boast of more sunshine than any place in the United States. There has not been ten days in the last five fall and winter months in which the sun has not shone out bright and clear. This is a veritable land of sunshine—out of the burning, fatal, tropical kind, nor yet the blinding, sand-glare California variety—but the healing, life-giving warmth that old Sol gives only in a temperate climate.

The clear, pure mountain air, pine-scented and sun-kissed, is another inestimable boon enjoyed by Wallowa county residents, while from every mountain side and dashing through every beautiful valley are innumerable streams of pure water, as clear and pure and cold as the virgin snows that give them birth.

Not the least asset of this favored land is its climate, and the day is not far distant when thousands will come here because of that alone.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

(The News Record will print communications on topics of public interest, providing they are brief, not abusive and the article is signed or the writer known to the Editor.)

**Wallowa County Fair.**

Editor News Record: The fair commissioners, Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Face, have designated Wallowa as the place for holding the county fair this year, and this selection was duly approved at the term of the county court just closed.

It is to be hoped that everyone who has the interest of the whole county at heart will do what they can in the way of saving their best products, and in their personal attendance to make this fair a grand success. The fact should be made prominent that this fair is not confined to any locality but is for the whole county. The state will donate \$500 for premiums, and the people of Wallowa will do their full part towards making everyone welcome and providing all necessary conveniences for exhibitors. By next October—the time of holding the fair—the railroad will be in, and settlers will be pouring into the county. We want something to show them that will be a convincing argument for them to locate here. For this purpose there is nothing to compare with an exhibition of fruits, vegetables, live stock and other products such as Wallowa county can put forth. We can even surprise ourselves along this line if we all pull together. Let us keep this fair in mind, save the best of everything to take to it, and it will be a good thing for Wallowa county.

O. M. COOKINS, County Judge.

**Carriers of Liquor and Pistols.**

Grouse, Jan. 28—We stand 70 per cent against liquor and pistols in Grouse precinct. There are many evils we have to contend with but two that cause more trouble and sorrow than all the others combined are liquor and pistols. They invariably go hand in hand. The liquor makes fools of men and the pistol is brought into use to defend "honor" (?) and for "self-defense."

The liquor traffic is being rapidly cut down and will ere long be run out of the state; illegal traffic will figure largely for some years to come, for we have a degraded set of people that know and care nothing for law and order.

A young man that has no higher ambition than to place a bottle of liquor in one pocket and a pistol in another, is indeed in a pitiable condition, but how is the condition to be remedied? That is the question; who can best solve it?

The pistol carrier always gets off lightly in the courts. A small fine sets him free and he continues to carry his weapon of defense. Would a large fine and a course in the penitentiary be any good? If troubles ever come about the pistol seems to be at hand and on the spur of the moment the carrier becomes a murderer, and often with only slight provocation.

The ungovernable temper often has a part in trouble brought about by liquor. A high tempered man should never allow himself to be armed with a deadly weapon.

Liquor excites the temper and de-thrones reason and a man is then ready for anything mean. The pistol carrier and the liquor vender and drunkard are dangerous people and should be confined to narrow limits.

It's a monster evil in any community and its traveling companion, the pistol, always adds horror to its work.

Why should an honest, upright man go walking about with a pistol in his pocket? Ah, such men do not carry them. Brave men never carry pistols in the ordinary walks of life. They have nobler aspirations. Neither do brave and noble men carry bottles of whisky in their pockets. These whisky and pistol carriers will eventually come to some bad end.

The writer has had but little to say of the barkeeper and his work. Suffice it to say that if all men be must be the most miserable, if he ever stops long enough to contemplate what he is doing. He is sending out death and debauchery in every place he can reach. He is taking bread and meat from thousands of helpless children and suffering them to grow up in ignorance and disgrace.

Parents, do you want your children

**Coyote Bonny Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that no coyote scalps will be received by the Wallowa County Wool Growers association before Aug. 1st, 1908.

The reason for this action is that considerable inconvenience and expense is caused by the present system, and that no money will be available until Aug. 1st, 1908.

We ask all to kill as many coyotes as possible and bring in their scalps on or after the above named date.

THOS. MORGAN, Secretary.  
Enterprise, Ore., Jan. 25, 1908.

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