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### DATE ON THE LABEL.

The label on your paper gives the month and year your subscription expired or will expire. The new postal laws require subscriptions to weekly papers to be paid up to within a year.

### Advances Butter Fat Price.

The Wallowa Valley Cream company advanced the price paid for butter fat to 27½ cents, beginning October 1.

## MUCH SUGAR BEET LAND IN WALLOWA

F. G. TAYLOR OF LA GRANDE MADE TOUR OF VALLEY LAST WEEK.

There is enough land in this valley, particularly adapted to the raising of sugar beets to keep several factories going if it was all sown to beets, said F. G. Taylor of the Amalgamated Sugar company while in Enterprise last week. Mr. Taylor in company with L. E. Jordan of the O. R. & I. company rode over considerable of the Slope and Prairie Creek and met a number of farmers. His special mission was to see if the farmers here would consider the raising of beets, and later on a representative of the company will come in and make contracts. It is hoped to secure a thousand of acres of beets in this valley.

Mr. Taylor says where beet culture is followed on scientific principles it proves a very profitable crop for the farmer. Statistics gathered by the U. S. department of agriculture show the average net return in the whole country is \$49 per acre. In the Grande Ronde some farmers went into beet raising on too large a scale at the start, sowing hundreds of acres, much more than they could attend to properly.

The best results are secured by the farmer, said Mr. Taylor, who plants from 20 to 30 acres, or what he and his family can attend to easily with the extra help sent by the factory during weeding and thinning. Beets do not wear out the soil and where alternated with potatoes may be raised indefinitely. The La Grande factory secures extra help, Japanese—when white labor cannot be secured—for the laborious work of weeding and thinning.

Mr. Taylor says 3000 acres will furnish enough beets to warrant a factory. In this connection it is proposed to quote from a letter to T. M. Littleton of this city, who wrote a friend back in Ohio who is in the business:

"Now as to your sugar factory proposition. You will need a plentiful supply of pure water, limestone, coke, coal or oil for fuel and most important of all an assured supply of beets. And it takes lots of beets. There have been so many mistakes made in the East in locating factories where people after a few years refused to take hold of a proposition of this kind. You should be sure that you can count on ten thousand acres of beets within five miles of the railroad and within fifty miles of the factory—not for one year only, but with suitable rotation with other crops.

"I think the best and wisest way (Continued on last page.)

## Death Of Pioneer Wallowa Citizen

John H. Standley Passes Away In Napa, California, Hospital, Last Sunday.

John H. Standley, a resident of Eastern Oregon since 1862, and a pioneer citizen of this county, died in a hospital at Napa, Calif., Sunday, September 2, aged 81 years. The remains were brought to Wallowa for interment, where the funeral was held Thursday, under the auspices of the Masonic lodge.

The deceased was well known in both this and Union counties, and was held in high esteem. For the last two years he has not been in good health and for some years has spent the winters in California. Mr. Standley was unmarried and leaves two brothers, Marion F. and James H., a sister in California and one in Missouri. A deceased sister, Mrs. W. H. Hoffman, was the mother of Mrs. J. H. Dobbins of Prairie Creek and of Bert Hoffman, editor of the Pendleton East Oregonian. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dobbins of this vicinity attended the funeral.

### Expect Big Business.

The La Grande papers quote Superintendent Buckley as anticipating big business on the Wallowa extension. The increase in traffic is expected to be so large that it will warrant the erection of a new stone depot in La Grande.

## ASSESSMENT WILL EXCEED \$6,500,000

INCREASE OF QUARTER OF MILLION MAINLY ON RAILROAD AND TIMBER.

The assessed valuation of Wallowa county for 1908 will reach \$6,500,000 is the estimate of County Assessor S. F. Pace, who with his deputy, Arthur Pace, is making up the roll preparatory to the meeting of the county board of equalization the third Monday in October.

This increase, Mr. Pace thinks, will come mainly from the railroad, non-tillable land (timber and school land) and cattle.

Mr. Pace of course cannot give the exact figures yet, but years of experience have taught him a thing or two about assessment rolls, and he usually hits it pretty close with his estimates made before the totaling of the columns. Last year the total assessed valuation was in round numbers, \$6,242,000. This year there will be an increase of over a quarter of a million of dollars.

The increase on the railroad will not be anything like what it will be next year for all the construction work in this county has been done since the first of last March. In 1907 the railroad right of way was assessed at \$54,300. This year the O. R. & N. will be on the rolls for approximately \$200,000.

The increased number of cattle will mean some additional revenue for the county but it may no more than offset the falling off in sheep. The number of swine and horses is about the same.

There will be considerable increase on timber land, as Mr. Pace holds up the valuation at \$1000 a quarter despite the protests of the big timber companies. When Pace was first elected assessor, timber was assessed at \$320 a quarter. In 1905 he raised it to \$500 and last year to \$1000.

As the timber companies think the rate is too high, wouldn't it be a good idea for the county to have the timber cruised for valuation purposes? This has been done in a number of counties in this state, and in every instance cruising has more than paid its cost the first year. Take in this county. It is of common knowledge the timber companies buy only the choicest claims. They won't look at anything that has less than a million feet, except now and then when a quarter section is in their path. Many of the claims have three and four million feet on them. But take one million as a low average and the low valuation of \$2 per thousand stumpage, that alone would double the assessed valuation and add at least \$625,000 to the tax roll, as there are over 100,000 acres of wooded timber lands in this county. The Crossett Timber company has to exceed 36,000 acres, the George Palmer Lumber company to exceed 15,000, and the Grande Ronde company over 13,000 acres.

These are all foreign companies. The timber is held for speculation, or when cut will be shipped out of the county, and the only good Wallowa county will ever receive from her magnificent timber belt, the finest in all the Inland Empire, is the miserable, little pittance of tax. And even from that must be subtracted the increased cost of lumber in the county. Lumber has nearly doubled in price since the timber companies have cornered the log supply, and the difference between the present price of lumber and what it was a few years ago is what we are paying for the honor of having Eastern capitalists buy up our timber. Doesn't it seem reasonable that those companies should pay a tax on the true valuation of their holdings? Farmers must on their land and crops, stockmen must on their stock, merchants must on their wares and goods.

### POLICEMAN'S DIRTY TRICK.

Trouble is in store for some bright mark on the Portland police force, if the rumor afloat here is correct.

Last Thursday Sheriff Marvin of Wallowa county passed through La Grande on his way to Portland after a much wanted man. Instructions are said to have been telegraphed to the Portland police to hold up the man. Instead a patrolman tipped Sheriff Marvin's hand and the man got away. When Sheriff Marvin arrived in Portland, it is said, he

was also given the wrong track by the Portland police. However, Marvin is on the man's track and may land him yet, despite the fact that he succeeded in escaping from the state.—La Grande Star of Tuesday.

The details of the matter referred to in the above article, or the name of the man Sheriff Marvin is after, will not be given at the sheriff's office today, Thursday. When Mr. Marvin left here last week it was stated he was going to Salem for requisitions for Bill Cottingham and Scott Clark, Jr., who are at large on bail in Asotin county.

## Ben Weathers Is Named Postmaster

President Roosevelt Appoints Editor of Wallowa Chief as Nabby of Enterprise.

Ben Weathers, editor of the Wallowa Chief, was appointed postmaster of Enterprise, September 23, by President Roosevelt. The appointment had been expected for some time, as Congressman Ellis had given assurance that he had recommended Mr. Weathers for the office, and it was not anticipated there would be senatorial opposition.

The change in the officials of the local office was due to the election of Postmaster Bell as county treasurer. Under the ruling of the department he could not continue as postmaster and county treasurer both, and as he preferred the latter office he sent early in June his resignation as postmaster, which was accepted and in July, under departmental instructions, his bondsman, W. W. White, J. M. Blakely and L. Berland, named an acting postmaster to serve until Mr. Bell's successor was regularly appointed by the President. The bondsmen chose Mrs. W. T. Bell, who has filled the office to the satisfaction of the patrons since then.

After it became sure that Mr. Bell was elected county treasurer, Mr. Eisensbeis of Joseph, sounded a number of business men here on the subject of his becoming Mr. Bell's successor. About the same time Mr. Weathers came out for the place, and with the double backing of local pride and his many friends, quickly was made the popular choice.

### WEDDING BELLS.

Miss Versey Brumbach of The Buttes and Mr. I. S. Surber, a prosperous young rancher of the same neighborhood, were married at the Methodist parsonage, Sunday afternoon by Rev. C. E. Trueblood. The groom's brother, Emmett Surber, was an attendant. The young couple have a host of friends who wish them a long and happy married life.

### Coming to the Fair.

La Grande business men are planning an excursion to the county fair at Wallowa on October 10. If 50 agree to come a special rate will be made.

### Sold Out in California.

F. H. Brownlee of Wallowa, who went to California a few months ago to remain, sold out there slick and clean and has returned to this county to live. He has bought a Smith Mountain claim.

## TRACKLAYERS AT LOSTINE STATION

PROGRESS OF RAILROAD UP VALLEY—GRADING MAY DELAY STEEL GANG.

Tracklaying reached the Lostine station grounds Wednesday night, and there is great rejoicing thereat in the pretty town down the valley. Bridges were completed across the river at Williams Tuesday night.

From present indications the graders will be caught by the steel gang after all. J. M. Mitchell will not finish until next Monday, he stated in Enterprise, Thursday, and the tracklayers will be right up to his work by then if not before. Contractor Patterson is having his troubles with the short piece of grade in the swamp on Murray's place, and unless he gets more teams and men will not finish in less than ten days, probably longer. Even at that the track will reach the Enterprise station grounds by the date, October 15, set by Mr. Brandon a month ago.

There are two river bridges to be put in between Lostine and Enterprise.

The run from La Grande to Wallowa and return is too strenuous for a mixed train, which is late from an hour and upwards daily at Wallowa, and of course even farther behind its schedule on the return trip.

### Automobile Stage.

The automobile stage made its first trip Monday but broke a wheel on the first trip down and laid over at Wallowa a day. It made three round trips Wednesday between Wallowa and Joseph and carried a lot of passengers. It hits the pike a rapid gait alright, making the run between the terminals in a few minutes over an hour. Just the same Billy Wright makes a round trip every day with the old reliable stage, carrying the mail, baggage and express.

### NORTH COUNTRY NEWS.

From the Flora Journal. A son was born to the wife of W. A. Moore of Grouse, September 24.

D. D. Conley, a Flora merchant, and Miss Susie Botts of Lost Prairie were married at Lewiston, September 16.

Issac Bingham of Imbler and sister, Mrs. A. D. Buzzard of Cove, are North Country visitors.

A Garden of Eden corral speaking of four horse talking produce up "Peewhakes mountain" says it is a beautiful but dangerous road.

The waterspout and washout at Deer Creek canyon and Grande Ronde roads stopped all travel for a week down the former, and repair on the Shumaker hill road will not be completed for six weeks.

### Snake River Railroad.

Car loads of laborers are passing through La Grande bound for Huntington to work on the Snake river railroad. This seems to bear out Harriman's statement made when in Oregon a few weeks ago, that work on that road would be continued but not rushed.



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