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Wants

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FOR SALE.

Two thousand acres of choice level land in the Turlock Irrigation District. This land is level, sandy loam and will grow anything from oranges to Alfalfa. Sold on easy terms at \$75 to \$100 per acre.

BOILER AND ENGINE—75 H. P., for sale. Suitable for a saw mill cutting from 25 to 35,000 feet per day or for a planing mill of large capacity.

320 ACRE FARM, 2 miles from Enterprise, Bargain. Terms easy. R. D. Sanford, Enterprise, b1m

GOOD SEED BARLEY—1 1/2 cts. a bushel. S. L. Magill, Lostine, Or. bm

ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY. Immediate possession of greater part. W. M. Sutton, City. b2m

SWAP.

TIMBER CLAIM on Alder Slope for property in or near Enterprise. C. E. Vest, b1m

STRAYED OR STOLEN.

THREE MARES: One light bay mare, 3 years; one brown mare, 2 years; one iron gray mare 2 years; all three branded HL (joined) on right shoulder. Reward for information leading to their recovery. H. C. Laird, Enterprise. b1m

FOR RENT.

160 ACRES within a mile of Enterprise. Good house, 8 acre truck patch. A good place to keep a few cows, and work in town. See Enterprise Real Estate Co.

LODGE NOTES.

General Organiser F. B. Tichenor of the W. O. W. is in the city starting a class to be initiated into that order.

Harley Fleener was initiated into the Enterprise lodge, I. O. O. F., Saturday, and a large number of his friends from Lostine were present to give him moral support.

J. H. Fordice of Lost Prairie and Calvin Smith were given the entered apprentice degree by the local lodge of Masons, Saturday night.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Rev. Crockett will preach at the prayer meeting in the Christian church Wednesday night, on "Fretfulness."

It is now Governor Benson. Chamberlain's resignation took effect Sunday at midnight.

One day more of Big Theodore. Wheat touched \$1.19 in Chicago Saturday.

An additional Federal Judge has been granted by congress for Oregon, and the job goes to Fulton. Sessions of the court will be held in Medford and Pendleton.

MANY BUSINESS AND LAND DEALS

FINE RESIDENCE PROPERTY IS SOLD—OPERA HOUSE COMPANY SHARES SOLD.

The past few days have been prolific in important land and business deals at and near Enterprise, and are considered by men in the heart of things a fair indication of the activity that will prevail all spring.

C. E. Vest sold for F. A. DePue the south end of his home property, 240x230 feet, to J. A. French, whose home adjoins it on the west. At the same time Mr. Vest himself bought of DePue the north end of the 5 acres containing the home and other buildings.

Litch Buys Another Corner. Another transfer of residence property in the south part of town was made Saturday, when Sam Litch bought an unimproved tract of Wm. Zurecher, running from the river 270 feet south on River street to the George Emmons place, with a depth of 240 feet.

Opera House Shares Sold. T. R. Atkins, A. C. Miller and W. I. Calvin have bought the shares of S. L. Burnaugh and E. B. Wheat in the opera house company, and the three are now sole owners of the stock of that concern.

Old Chieftain Office. Ben Weathers has bought the interest of his former partner, J. W. Allen, in the one business room, first door west of the postoffice, formerly occupied by the Chieftain plant.

Morgan Dairy Sold. Thomas Morgan has sold his dairy plant to Hugh Wilson of Joseph for \$3800. The deal includes 57 cows and the milking machine. Mr. Morgan took 25 head of horses in the deal, and about 200 acres of land adjacent to Joseph figures in the transaction. Mr. Morgan paying Mr. Wilson a difference of \$3000.

Lewis Mill Sold. W. E. Lewis has sold his saw mill to Lew Bloom and John Bowman. The mill is in the Rouse timber west of town.

CHICO CHRIPS.

Chico, Feb. 26.—Spring will soon be here. The birds are building their nests and the sap is rising in the trees.

Robert Edgmand and his mother and sister were visiting at J. T. Edgmand's, Thursday.

William Tippet's house burned down a short time ago. It was quite a loss, as they had just got in

a load of provisions. It happened about 5 o'clock in the evening when Mrs. Tippet and the children were alone.

Miss Anna Hawkins was seen on Chesilmus, Monday.

Mrs. A. E. Tinsley and children are visiting her mother, Mrs. Mattie Edgmand.

"Rattlesnake Bill" and his wife, who have been working at Endicott's, have returned to their home on Poverty Flat.

Joe Edgmand is cutting wood on the creek.

Comedy Company Makes Popular Hit

Curtiss Troupe Is Even Better Than Its Flattering Press Notices.

The large audience was more than pleased with the first performance Monday night of the week's engagement of the Curtiss Comedy company in this city. The troupe is far ahead of the usual repertoire show and it is no exaggeration to say that in average merit it is equal to the stock companies of large cities.

Monday night's play, "La Belle Marie," might have been a dramatization of all of Laura Jean Libbey's novels blended into one, but it is of the good, old fashioned kind where villainy, on top for four acts, is completely exposed and punished in the fifth, and virtue is triumphant as the curtain goes down in a "happy ever afterwards" style.

Miss Leota Howard is an actress of intelligence and zeal. Her work was that of a finished artist, and the effect was enhanced by her beauty of person and voice. Lillian Mullally was nearly perfect as sister Grace, while Bessie Canwright and Flossie Striker carried their roles admirably.

The men of the company sustain the high standard set by the women. Leslie Smith, as Stubb, the office boy should feel satisfied, as he kept the house in roars of laughter whenever on the stage.

The company is not only deserving of the best patronage our people can give them, but they give value received. It is safe to say the majority of those present on the opening night will return several times during the week. For once we have a troupe that is even better than the press notices, and they were mighty good at that.

For the attraction tonight Mr. Curtiss has selected the big Cow Boy play, "Out West." This play was written by Hal Reid, and will be found as full of comedy and pathos, as his well known play of "Human Hearts." The drama shows from first to last that Mr. Reid is well acquainted with the habits and dispositions of typical cowboys and the interesting plot and well defined characters brings out a play that would hold the attention of any audience.

On Thursday night the same clever cast will be seen in Willie Collier's great comedy success, "The Man from Mexico," a play that has caused as much hearty applause as any play ever written. On Friday night, Frederic Brightton's great romantic drama, "The Gambler's Wife," will be given with Miss Leota Howard in the title role. Miss Howard has appeared in this role in all the leading cities during the past five years and has received much favorable comment upon her careful and artistic rendition of this difficult part. Saturday afternoon a grand performance of the well known emotional drama, "East Lynne," with Miss Howard as "Lady Isabel" and "Madame Vine," with a strong supporting cast. Saturday night this excellent company will close what promises to be one of the most successful engagements ever played here in J. B. Polk's famous comedy, "Mixed Pickles." Seats for any and all performances may be secured at Burnaugh & Mayfield's.

8 Weeks Without Mail.

H. S. Brown, who owns a good ranch on the bluff above Troy, is out with the petition to the county court for a bridge at Troy. It has the names of 125 freeholders on it. If any place ever needed a bridge, one is needed there. For three weeks this winter the entire Troy, Grouse and Eden country was without mail, and all trade is driven over the mountains to Lewiston.

MUST PAY \$1000 MORE STATE TAX

REAPPORTIONMENT BY EQUALIZATION BOARD RAISES WALLOWA'S SHARE.

Under the new emergency tax law for the reapportionment of the state revenue among the various counties, Wallowa's share is raised \$1000, and this county will have to send \$10,327.50 to Salem.

The old law by which the counties paid state tax in proportion to the amounts expended by the various counties for county purposes, except roads, bridges and new buildings, was unconstitutional by the Supreme court, and the legislature passed the emergency law by which a special equalization board went over the assessments made by the county assessors, equalized them as best it could, and reapportioned the state tax according to this equalized assessment. It called in the assessors from all over the state and the assessment for some counties was doubled and trebled while others were reduced. The result is believed to be as fair and equitable as was possible to secure on short notice. This equalized assessment is effective only for state taxation and does not change the valuations for county taxation.

As far as Wallowa is concerned we have no great kick coming. Union which was already paying over \$28,000 state tax is raised to \$29,707.50, or nearly three times that of this county. This probably is about a fair proportion.

The equalized assessment of this county is \$4,844,885, a decrease of \$2,382,000, in round numbers, from the county assessor's figures. Union's was raised from \$7,109,835 to \$13,936,521. Baker's county assessment was raised one-half by the state board. Benton's doubled, Columbia's more than cut in two, Harney's trebled, and Hood River's doubled.

The proper inference is that where the assessments were reduced the county assessors had been trying to follow the law, and where they were raised by the state board, the county assessors had been evading the law. The board did not try to bring them all up to a full valuation but only tried to equalize, bringing the high ones down and the low ones up to a common mean.

Will Appoint Surveyor.

The March term of the county court will convene today, Wednesday. There is quite a large amount of road business to be considered, the usual batch of bills and claims to be audited, and a county surveyor to be appointed in place of R. I. Long, resigned. A petition asking the appointment of A. H. Rudd has found many signers. Mr. Rudd is at Golden, Col., at present, but still owns his home here and expects to return as soon as he finishes his business in Golden.

Ex-County Surveyor Merryman has many friends who would like to see him get the place. He has no petition out but is willing to assume the duties of the office if the court appoints him.

The Poe Sale.

S. F. Pace, who cried the A. J. Poe sale near Lostine, Friday, reports good prices. The stock especially

Enterprise Opera House

All This Week The CURTISS COMEDY CO.

in a great repertoire of plays. WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Out West

THURSDAY NIGHT.

Man From Mexico

FRIDAY NIGHT

Gambler's Wife

SATURDAY MATINEE, 2:15 p. m.

East Lynne

SATURDAY NIGHT

Mixed Pickles

Prices 25, 35 and 50 cts.

sold well. The sale totaled nearly \$3,500.

Apply for Bank Charter. Application has been made to the proper treasury official for a charter for the Enterprise National bank, with a capital of \$25,000. This is the new bank that was organized by local capitalists a few weeks ago.

Union County Jail Empty. Union county, for the first time in over two years, has not an inmate within her county jail.

Personal Appeal To All Citizens

Spread the News of Low Rates To All Your Eastern Acquaintances.

Portland, March 1.—Today is an extremely important one in the growth and advancement of the state of Oregon. It is the opening day of the lowest-priced one-way tickets to the state sold for years, and calculated on the basis of rate per mile. Oregon has the advantage of every other state in the Union. Tickets for Oregon points will be on sale today and continue until April 30, at every ticket office in the United States and Canada, and if the buyer of the ticket is posted in advance he can get a ride from Winnipeg, Canada, to the farthest rail point in Oregon for \$25. This same fare applies from St. Paul, Omaha, and Kansas City, while from St. Louis it is \$30.50, Chicago \$38, New York city \$50, and proportionate rates from every other place.

To spread the knowledge of these rates the people of Portland are doing everything in their power, and leaflets are going out in almost every letter that leaves the city, advising that people can buy their tickets to any Oregon point just as cheaply as to Portland. Every city, town and village in the state should get busy in its own behalf to tell Eastern people of this fact. There is every indication now that the travel will be very heavy—it should be enormous. Every reader of this paper should take this article as a personal appeal and do his full share toward adding to the population of the state.

All the doubts about the new railroad through Central Oregon have been removed by the definite promise of Secretary of the Interior Garfield that proposed construction maps will be approved by March 4. Forty million dollars will be expended by the Harriman system in building this line, but its benefits to the people of Oregon will be many times that great sum.

A series of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held in Eastern Oregon and Washington are being held under the auspices of the various commercial bodies. Addresses by Manager Tom Richardson of the Portland Commercial club on the advantages to be derived from publicity work have resulted in the raising of generous sums. In but thirty minutes Walla Walla subscribed \$8,000, and her citizens are determined to increase this to \$20,000 before undertaking a great advertising campaign. Milton, Oregon, got \$1,500 in a quarter hour, with \$500 more in sight. Freewater and Milton will cooperate in their campaign. S. F. Pace, who cried the A. J. Poe sale near Lostine, Friday, reports good prices. The stock especially

Kinney Pardoned. Richard Kinney, sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for participating in a riot, has been pardoned by the governor. Kinney is the man who escaped right after sentence, but was captured at Walla Walla by Sheriff Marvin last summer.

Marriage Licenses. Feb. 27.—Ira Hoskins and Margaret E. Coulter.

Feb. 27.—John H. Sheets and Bertie M. Harper.

RAILROAD SPIKES. Agent Harman announces his office hours as follows: Depot opened at 7 a. m., closed from 12 to 1, open from 1 to 6 p. m. The warehousemen who have been assisting the agents at Enterprise, Wallowa and Joseph, have been discharged in the interests of economy, leaving the agents to handle all the work themselves.

LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY AT LAKE

DETAILS OF PROJECT MEANING MUCH TO UPPER VALLEY DEVELOPMENT.

A project that undoubtedly means much for the upper valley and probably for the entire south half of Wallowa county, is initiated by the filing in the county clerk's office of the articles of incorporation of the Wallowa Lake Light and Power company. The purpose of the company is very broad and includes the appropriation of water for irrigation, power and light purposes. The incorporators are Jay H. Dobbins, of Prairie Creek, the great vegetable grower, Aaron Wade of Alder Slope, and L. E. Caviness, land owners and capitalists. The other two members of the board of directors are L. Knapper, banker and landowner, who is president of the company, and A. Wurzel, real estate agent at Joseph, who is secretary. Mr. Wade is vice president.

The company will take the water of the river just below the dam at the foot of the lake, and conduct it in ditch and flume to the power house where a fall of 147 feet will be obtained. A plant will be put in to generate a minimum of 3000 horsepower at the start.

The capital stock is only \$15,000 at the start, divided into 500 shares. The necessary money for building of power plant, pipe lines, wires, etc., will be raised by assessment on the original shareholders, it being stated there is no stock for sale. The plans and engineering for the project have been made by C. R. Thornton of La Grande.

At a meeting of the Joseph council Monday night, the company asked for a power and light franchise for 50 years. The McCully company also asked for a renewal of its franchise, and the disposition of the two applications will be made at a special meeting Thursday night.

The new company will ask the county court at the present session for a franchise to erect poles, string wires, etc., over the county roads. One of the directors said Tuesday it was the purpose of the company not only to supply power and light in Joseph and Enterprise but to all the farmers within reach of its lines.

Wheat Highest in 5 Years. Chicago, Feb. 26.—The price of May wheat went to the highest point since September, 1904, when it reached \$1.18 1/2; today it went to \$1.18 1/2, sold at that figure, and closed there.

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Lostine Flour Best on Earth \$1.25

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Berry and Fruit Sugar

(Best) per cwt. \$7.40

Beet Sugar per cwt. \$6.50

Horseshoe and Star

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Oranges, Lemons, and

Bananas, per doz. 40c

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