

NEED CITY HALL AND FIRE HOUSE

COUNCIL APPOINTS DR. HOCKETT COMMITTEE OF ONE TO MAKE PURCHASE.

The need of a city hall and fire department house was discussed at the meeting of council December 6, and Councilman Hockett was appointed a committee of one to see C. O. Knodell about buying a lot south of the White Front barn and along the alley. There is a one story dwelling on the lot now that would be moved off and a two story stone or brick building erected, the lower story to be used for the fire apparatus and the upper as a city hall. It is a central location and would answer the purpose admirably.

The matter of extending the city boundaries on the south and west was also discussed. Street signs were ordered made and put up at street corners. An arc light was or-

dered installed at the corner of Boyd court and Depot street. G. I. Ratcliff was given permission to extend the water mains to his hill property at his own expense, the water rates to be applied on the cost. Following are the

Claims Allowed.	
J. Hartshorn, building bridge	\$ 25 00
W. J. Funk & Co., lantern and oil	1 45
G. S. Craig, tapping main and pipe	9 40
E. J. Forsythe, lights	58 00
C. E. Vest, hauling	1 50
Pacific Coast Pipe Co.	970 99
W. E. Taggart, city recorder, Nov. pay and rent	16 00
T. M. Dill, city attorney, Nov. pay	5 00
Charles Giovononi, work on water works	35 00
Chas. Hug, city marshal	75 00
Sterling Smittle, hauling dirt	45 00

COURTHOUSE PROGRESS

The slate roof is nearly completed on the court house. It was delayed some by the non-arrival of the cornice, but that is now on and the windows will be put in and the steam heat turned on that the plasterers may work on the upper story.

Assessed Value of Valley Towns

Nearly One-Fifth of Total Roll for 1909 is in Four Cities.

Nearly one-fifth of the assessed valuation of Wallowa county is in the valley towns, Enterprise, Joseph, Wallowa and Lostine. The total for the four towns is \$1,640,650, while the total for the county is \$8,676,770. Following is the assessed valuation of the towns:

Enterprise	\$651,220
Joseph	557,350
Wallowa	329,105
Lostine	102,975

This is a substantial increase in each town over last year's figures. Joseph leading with an increase of \$109,705, Wallowa and Enterprise following with \$64,345 and \$63,025, respectively.

The valuation in the Enterprise school district, the smallest in size in the county, is \$819,065. The Joseph district is \$744,920 and Wallowa district \$630,090.

Russian Thistle Along R. R. Tracks

Worst of Pests Has Secured Start in County Says A. Go'lnick.

A. Go'lnick of Asotin county, who has been visiting his sons just west of town, sounds a note of warning in regard to the Russian thistle, which he says has already gotten quite a start along the railway track between Lostine and Wallowa, with a few plants this side of Lostine. The railway company and all road supervisors near the railway should be compelled to keep the way cleaned of this obnoxious pest, the worst with which farmers have to contend.

The plants should be cut down green, if possible, but when cut ripe or dried should be gathered in piles and burned. One branch contains thousands of the minute seed, and as the plant is light, easily carried by the lightest wind, one little branch may seed a big field. They are considered the worst of all plant

pests in Dakota and Minnesota, where Mr. Go'lnick formerly resided and the most rigorous measures are taken to eradicate them.

The seed has been carried here in freight cars as the plant was unknown in this county before the advent of the railroad and this first year has grown only along the right of way. A branch of the thistle is in this office for anyone to see who does not know the weed at sight.

BAPTIST CHURCH BUYS.

The Baptist church society has bargained for the Wm. Reavis property on River street from the Wagner corner to the flume. The price is said to be \$2000. The purchase includes the frame building formerly used as a meat market, and which will be remodeled into a temporary church. It is reported the society will later build on the ground south of the temporary church, and not on the Main street lots bought some time ago for that purpose.

New Suits Filed.

Dec. 8—George Houser vs. Copper King Mining and Development Co.
Dec. 8—James Allen vs. Geo. S. Craig.

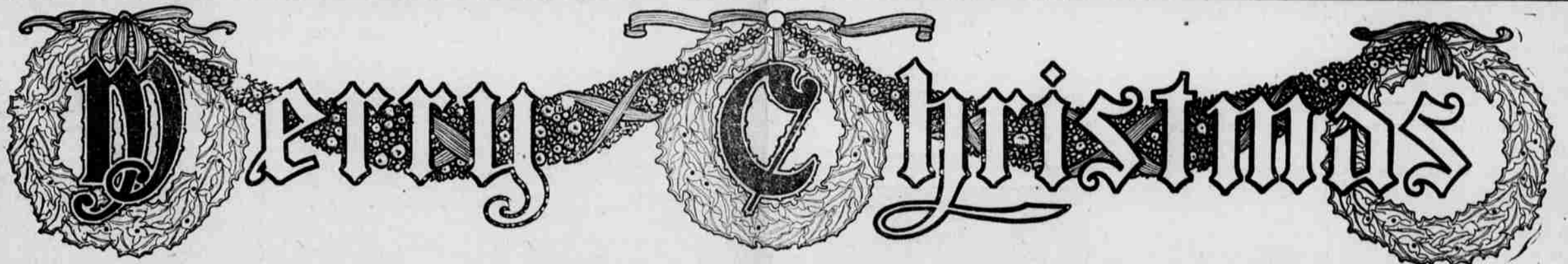
BUSINESS BIG IN RECORDER'S OFFICE

WALLOWA COUNTY AHEAD OF UNION IN NUMBER OF INSTRUMENTS.

Wallowa county has forged ahead of Union county in number of real estate transfers and number of instruments filed for record. The total number of the latter filed in the recorder's office at La Grande from July 6 to November 26 last was 3898, while for the same period there were filed in the office here 4302 instruments, or 404 more than in Union county.

At the same time the recording fees averaged for four months in Union county, \$251.23 a month. The receipts for recording during the same period in Clerk Boatman's office were as follows: August \$305.80, September \$341.95, October \$340.25, November \$320.70; total \$1308.

(Continued on last page.)



TO ALL OUR PATRONS AND FRIENDS

Shopping a Pleasure in Our New and Enlarged Store

In Our Dry Goods Department You Will Find the Most Appropriate Gifts for Ladies and Children

Silk and Lace Shawls
Silk Lined Gloves
Scarfs, Lace Collars, Furs,
Belts, Children's Toques,
and the Largest Line of
Handkerchiefs in Wallowa
County.

Ladies' and Children's
Stockings

Big Line of Children's
Shoes

Blankets, Indian Robes

Christmas Special

Until Christmas All Our Ladies' Coats Will Be Sold

ONE-FOURTH OFF!



W. J. FUNK & CO.

Enterprise, Oregon



The Best of Everything at Least Possible Price

"World" Brand of Silverware Guaranteed to carry not less than 50 percent more Silver than Standard Plate

CUTLERY OF ALL KINDS

Many Gifts for Men. Mufflers, French Briar Pipes in handsome plush cases, Men's and Boys' Wearing Apparel, Hats, Caps, and Shoes

Fancy Candies, Figs, Dates, New Crop Walnuts, Chestnuts, and Everything in Dried and Fresh Fruit, Bottled and Canned Goods



Fancy Dishes
Decorated and Plain Ware in Sets and Single Pieces, Cut Glass, Vases
Jewelry

Everything in the Glove and Mitten Line
See the SEALSKIN-LINED Driving Glove

