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CITY OFFICIAL PAPER

Wants

MONEY TO LOAN

State Funds loaned, 6 per cent, John P. Rusk, Atty. State Land B'd. Joseph Farm loans at 71/2 percent. Call or write First Bank of Joseph. 58bff. WANTED.

Lumber. Anyone having lumber of any grade in any amount for sale, or who has timber he intends to saw soon, and wishes to contract the lumber, call on or address W. F. Rankin at Haney planer in Enterprise, Agent for W. R. Kivette.

White Loaf Flour, \$5.00 per barrel at E. M. & M. store.

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Monday Evening FEBRUARY 14, 1910 St. Valentine's Day

> The management announces for the above evening, a grand

Masquerade Ball

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WOOLGROWERS IN ANNUAL MEETING

COUNTY ASSOCIATION LEVIES TAX FOR COYOTE BOUNTY -OFFICERS CHOSEN.

The Wallowa County Woolgrowers association met in annual session Tuesday, February 9. From the opening of the meeting much interest was manifest and the attendance was the largest ever known,

Mr. Black of the forest service took an interest in the meeting by answering many questions regarding the range, etc.

The coyote bounty was thoroughly discussed and the following was decided on: That % of a cent would be levied on all sheep in the county, the same to be used to pay a bounty on all coyote scalps that the state

It was further arranged so that the holder of coyote scalps could get both state and county tax.

By conforming with the state law and presenting an affidavit from the county clerk to the Wallowa National bank, a person will be paid \$1.50 by the Woolgrowers association.

All having detatched scalps secured prior to Feb. 10, 1910, may get \$1.50 for them by sending the same to Thomas Morgan, Joseph.

The scalps must be turned in on or before March 1, 1910; after that date the state law will have to be complied with.

As it is now arranged the price of \$5 to \$6.50 can be secured for every coyote by complying with the state requirements

1st. A perfect h'de must be presented to the county clerk. He will mark the ears in a way that will not injure the sale of the same.

2nd. An affidavit will be given by the county clerk which when presented to the Wallowa National Bank will get \$1.50 from the Woolgrowers association, making \$3.00 as bounty and the pelt is worth \$2.00

The election of officers resulted as follows: J. H. Dobbin, president; W. H. Graves, vice president; Thomas Morgan, secretary and treasurer.

An advisory board was elected, the purpose of which is to work with the forest service as regards the range management, etc. The following were elected on the advisory board: J. H. Dobbin, Frank Stubblefield, Ernest Johnson, L. C. Johnson, C. L. Hartshorn.

Resolutions in regard to the management of the forest reserve will be published next week.

Timber Sales On **National Forests**

Threefold Increase in Oregon and Washington-Revenue in Six Months, \$114,000.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10 - A statement received at the Department of Agriculture from the Forest Service office at Portland, Ore., shows that the timber sale business on national forests in the Pacific Northwest is increasing very rapidly; This increase is regarded as an index of the revival of business in the lumber industry generally, and shows also the growing use of national forest resources by the public.

The contrast between the amount and value of timber sold during the last six months of 1909 and that sold during the corresponding period in 1908 is very marked. The figures just received are for most of the national forests in Oregon and

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RADICAL CHANGE IN HOMESTEAD LAW

CROP PRODUCTION INSTEAD OF ACTUAL RESIDENCE PROPOSED AS CONSIDERATION.

The following letter has been recived from Senator Bourne:

Washington, D. C., Dear Sir: I am sending this general form of leter to many newspapers, guages and commercial organizations of Oregon for the purpose of getting before the people the idea I have embodied in a bill I shall introduce in the Senate that production of crops rather than residence upon a homestead is the essential of successful and most, efficient development of our resources. I have done this in the hope that the people of Oregon will favor their dele gation here in Congress with their views as to the wisdom of the proposed legislation.

I am informed by William Hanley, an extensive stock raiser in Harney county, that there are 20,000, 000 acres of vacant land in Eastern Oregon incapable of irrigation, but nearly all of it susceptible of cultivation under the scientific methods now in vogue in "dry farming." Mr. Hanley's suggestion of substitution of crop production for actual residence as the consideration for obtaining title increasingly impresses my mind.

If the bill which I have prepared should become a law, the homesteader on non-irrigable land in what is known as the arid region need not live upon his land at all, but must live within the state. He must cultivate it either personally or by representative and he must show by annual proofs that within a period of five years the land has produced crops of a total value of \$1500.

Assuming Mr. Hanley's estimate of 20,000,000 acres of vacant land in Eastern Oregon is correct and that same can be brought under cultivation by adoption of what is known as "dry farming," this area of land, would furnish opportunities for 60,-000 homestead entrymen who, before they could acquire title, would be obliged to produce crops of a total value of \$90,000,000. Thus it will be seen that the nation, state and community would be benefited in the development of our natural resources, wealth increased, and, what is more who would be obliged to produce rather than merely live on the landa population of workers

In its present condition and in the present state af settlement and of transportation facilities most of this land is not suitable for home-making, though it could be culvilated by men who would make their home elsewhere, or upon the land during only a part of the year. '

My bill is based upon the theory that if a tract of land is made productive it will provide some family with a home even though that family lives in a town near the land rather than upon the land itself, and that, therefore, all of the essential objects of the homestead law will be accomplished. The great difficulty inder the present homestead law is that a great many men who settle upon land under the homestead act do as little cultivating as the law will permit and avoid as many as possible of the Government's requirements, and their land is not made productive.

Believing that production is the real essential, I made that the most important feature of my bill,' Land suitable for "dry farming" is frequently such as a man would not wish to make his home upon for 12 months in the year, butt he present law permitting an entry on 320 acres requires actual residence, and, I be lieve, withou accomplishing any desirable cut by such requirement.

Under the plan proposed by my bill an entryman under the 320-acre homestead act could keep his family in any town of Oregon, where his children could go to school and all members of his family have the advantage of attendance at church and socil functions, and, at the same time, by complying with the law regarding cultivation and production, he could secure title to the land. There would be no opportunity for fraud because the bill requires that annual proofs must be submitted showing the amount of land cultivated and the character, quantity and value of crops produced.

I believe that the average farmer on 520 acres of land subject to entry under the enlarged homestead act

would be able to produce crops of much more than \$1500 in value in a period of five years; but the \$1500 minimum limit is fixed as a standard to which the entryman must work, and I believe that even under adverse circumstances any man who is enterprising and diligent will be able to produce crops of this value.

The theory of the homestead law is that the Government should provide cheap homes for the people. This theory is in no way violated by my bill. Land taken under this measure would maintain homes for the entryman even though these homes were a few miles distant rather than upon the land itself.

The residence requirement of the homestead law is in the nature of a penalty, the punishment being inflicted not only upon the entryman but

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Revival Services Christian Church

Audiences Continue to Grow in Size and Interest Increases-Sunday Services.

The meetings at the Christian hurch continue with growing crowds and interest, and prospects are good for substantial results. Evangelist Gregg preached on "Repentance" Thursday night, emphasising that as sin is rebellion against God and proceeds from the heart, repentance must therefore be a heart condition." He urges men and women to do right because it is ight and enobles character.

The Sunday Program. The Sunday service will be inensely interesting. The subjects are as follows: Morning sermon, The Great Memorial"; evening, The Devil and his Angels."

There will be no preaching service at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning on account of the dedicaion of the M. E. church at Joseph. Service as usual in the evening with sermon by the pastor, Rev. Samuel

Evangelist Gregg will deliver his ermon "Paramount Issues," to men only at the Caristian church on Sunday at 2:30 p. m. At the same hour airs, Gregg will speak to the ladies ject for this service will be

The sermon-lecture to be given by evangelist Gregg on Sunday night is entitted "The Devil and His Angels." This address has been given on chauauqua platferms and has been well eceived everywhere.

HAY FOR DESCHUTES. Riley & Day shipped a can of hay

day for eight days, ending Thursday. It was baled timothy and went to the Oregon Trunk construction camps on the Deschutes.

Do we want a county fair at Enerprise next fall? Will be decided at a public meeting in the Court House next Monday night,

TO HONOR OREGON'S GRAND OLD MAN

COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET FOR JUDGE GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ON HIS 87TH BIRTHDAY.

Portland, Feb. 11-An event that is of wide interest is a complimentary banquet to be given Julgo George H. Williams, Oregon's grand old man. on his 87th birthday, March 27, in Portland, As Attorney General in President Grant's cobinet and promient in the nation's history throughout his active libe, Judge Williams commands the affection and respecof all Oregonians and the most prominent people of the city are proud to show him honor.

Planning to increase the falling lobster supply, the United States Fisheries department will transplant a carload in the waters of Yaquina bay. Whether lobsters will thrive there is not yet known but it is thought conditions are right for them. Lobsters demond a rocky bottom, without silt deposited by nearby rivers, which is the case at Yaquina. This is the reason assigned for the failure of experiments made heretofore in trying to grow Eastern lobsters in Pacific waters. Senator Bourne has been agitating the matter and has secured the promise of Fish Commissloner Bowers to make the experimenti at Yaquina.

Special round-trip excursion rates have been made from the East to Portland for the annual Rose Festival in June and the national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in July. Both of these events will attract large numbers of people and the rates are to be as attractive as those made last year for the Alaska-Yukon-Packic exposition. These fares should be the means of giving thousands of tourists their first view of Oregon during the coming summer.

It is expected that over 2,000 delegates will attend the annual state convention of the Young Peoples' Christian Endeavor Society in Portland Feb. 15-17, which is likely to be the biggest assembly of the organization ever held in Oregon. The sessions will be held at the First Presbyterian church, Twelfth and Alder streets. While in the city the Endeavorers will be entertained by a reception and banquet by the Y. M. C. A.

Oregon roses are to have wider fame than ever soon for the beautiful blooms that have made a reputation for Portland as a rose center are to be copied by Paul de Longpre, the celebrated painter of roses. The well known artist planned to come here on February 22 at the time of the annual roseplanting but was unable to carry out his intention and will come during the rose festival in June. He will paint some of the famous klowers he will see here.

Gus Price is quite ill and confined to his bed from the allment that has troubled him during the last

293 acres Alder Slope, \$23,000.00 80 acres Alder Slope, \$ 8,000.00 160 acres hill land, about six miles out, \$2,000.00 320 acres, 12 miles out, \$3,200.00

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