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RESOLUTIONS.

At a recent meeting of Emerald Rebekah lodge, the following memorial resolutions were adopted:

To Brother and Sister Cramer and family:

Whereas, The All-Wise Father, who rules in love, has seen fit to call from this earth the dear son of Brother and Sister Cramer, be it

Resolved, That the members of Emerald Rebekah Lodge do hereby extend to Brother and Sister Cramer and family, their heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow and bereavement and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Brother and Sister Cramer and copy be handed to the News Record for publication.

(Signed) EVA WILLGERODT, ABBIE BURNAUGH, BERTHA CRONIN, Committee on Resolutions.

To Sister Weathers and Family:

Whereas, God in his wise providence has called from this earth to a home above the aged father of our sister, Alta Weathers, be it

Resolved, That the heartfelt sympathy of the Emerald Rebekah lodge be extended our sister and family in their sorrow and grief. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded our sister and a copy printed in the News Record.

(Signed) EVA WILLGERODT, ABBIE BURNAUGH, BERTHA CRONIN, Committee on Resolutions.

ALTOGETHER, NOW, WHO WANTS THIS \$5 GOLD PIECE.

Lon Davis has in his possession a five dollar gold piece. He found it on Clean-up Day. He holds it, subject to a description by the loser, whereupon, after sundry other matters have been attended to, it will be turned over without a quiver of soul or the bat of an eye. Any one who can give the correct date, Lon says, and tell where it was found and whether the eagle is crippled or not, and how many feathers it has in its tail, and whether it screams every Fourth of July, or not, can have the coin after paying for this notice. And inasmuch as the printer wants to break even, and insure enough prosperity to go around, he will charge double price for the notice. Now, don't all speak at once, gentlemen.

There will be a meeting of the Twilight League at the Wallowa Title & Abstract company's new brick office building, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Each of the four clubs are asked to send delegates.

NEW CHRISTIAN PASTOR ACCEPTS ENTERPRISE CALL

Rev. Gifford Ernest of Creston, Wash., has accepted the call extended him by the Christian church of Enterprise, and may arrive in this city in time to fill the pulpit Sunday. In the event that he does not find it possible to reach Enterprise by that time, the pulpit will be filled by Mrs. Ellen M. Hunter of Portland. Mrs. Hunter has for some time been engaged as teacher in the Chinese mission of Portland, and latterly has been associated with the work of the C. W. B. M. of Oregon. In the event that Rev. Ernest arrives for Sunday, he and Mrs. Hunter will divide the pulpit for that day.

Many Marvins.

Flora, April 21—The census takers say about half the boy babies under two years old in these North Country precincts, are named Marvin. This is a straw going to show the popularity of Wallowa county's hustling sheriff—with the ladies. Oh, Edgar!

Breezy Notes From The Flora Country

Acreage in Fall Wheat Greatly Increased—H. A. Thomas Near Death.

Flora, April 21—The wet spring has retarded plowing but the warm weather of the last few days has dried out the ground and farmers are rapidly catching up with their work. The acreage in fall wheat is greatly increased over any previous year and the stand is good and color and general condition excellent.

Several of the Lost Prairie farmers have contracted their hogs through George Cannon to Combes & Hitchcock at 9 cents delivered in Enterprise. About 400 head will be taken out by May 10.

William Fordice, well known Lost Prairie farmer and stockman, is in very poor health from stomach and heart trouble.

H. A. Thomas, one of the earliest pioneer residents of Paradise, is very low of the affection from which he has suffered greatly the last two years. It is feared he will not live many days. His daughter Venus has resigned from her position as operator in the Home Telephone central at Enterprise, and came in Monday to be at her father's bedside.

Dr. C. T. Hockett of Enterprise came in from Enterprise to see Mr. Thomas Tuesday. Mrs. Thomas' sister, Mrs. W. C. Wilson, accompanied the doctor in. Mr. Wilson came in today.

Harlow A. Thomas settled in Paradise in 1886, the same year as Moses Austin and family. These were (Continued on page 3ree.)

OPPORTUNITY GROWS HERE IN WALLOWA

Rich Wheat Lands Lie Waiting for Coming Settlers.

THE FUTURE HOME OF HORTICULTURE

Enterprise, the Busy County Seat City, Made Up of Wide-Awake, "Live" Ones.

A considerable number of stories has been written of the west. In some instances these stories have been merely—stories. There have been colored accounts of this or that quality foisted upon eastern communities. There have doubtless been exaggerations of soil and climate, mineral and water power, land and opportunity. Enthusiasm has spurred to some of it and the desire for gain has spurred to some of it. But in it all there was a keen desire to serve. Moreover what is now the past was once the west, and it too sent back the same stories of the land of plenty and the cornucopia spilling golden dreams and silver clouds of wealth and a profusion of everything that is best and most desirable and that enlivens the average human breast with the hope of possession.

Such Stories Obsolete. But such sort of stories is obsolete. It is a brand that passed away with the passing of ignorant credulity. Today it is not possible to "fool" the eastern settler about lands, fruit belts, climate, soils, nor the business man about good business openings. For the reason that the migrating public, taking advantage of our modern means of communication and transportation, is awake to the opportunities of the earth—everywhere. Government reports serve this public with detailed information. Travel has widened the settler's scope of knowledge and comprehension. Reading has taught him to have a care, as to exactness of expression and correctness of reflection of any locality. And more than that the settler today has money enough and time enough first, to come to see any locality he is interested in. Such settlers would never be hoodwinked by any exaggerated statements, however glittering and brilliant. In the language of the vaudeville song, they would walk right in, turn around, and walk right out again.

Simple Truth Telling. It is the desire of this paper to give at frequent intervals a conservative account of the city of Enterprise and of Wallowa county. These accounts will in a large way be sent to the states of the middle west, in many instances to personal friends of the editor. And the effort, therefore, will be made to understate rather than to overstate the wide, varied possibilities and potentialities of the city and county.

First Impressions. The first impression the newcomer from the east will have is the magnificent climate here, then the spanking good county seat city of Enterprise. After which it will dawn upon the settler that these hundreds of thousands of acres of land in Wallowa county reveal a future agricultural and horticultural greatness that is really appalling in its greatness.

In some portions of Wallowa county are wheat lands—thousands of acres of them—equal if not superior to the famous "Palouse" lands which adjoin the county on the north. Back in the states of the middle west the farmer is delighted with a wheat crop of twenty bushels to the acre. Sometimes he gets twenty-five bushels, and when, in exceptional cases, one there gets thirty bushels to the acre there is a vision of riches and bedizened prosperity, that swoons in to dreams of ease and incites to

hopes of eternal opulence.

In Wallowa county, after breaking up the new ground, rolling it and first planting to rye, the farmer can raise from thirty to forty bushels of wheat to the acre regularly; and out here he feels more like getting discouraged that it is not forty-five bushels, than like growing enthusiastic over a big yield. That is the difference.

Some years ago it was held popularly that oats could not be raised in an adjoining county in the Grande Ronde valley. People who had never tried said it was "too sandy." Like all new countries some one with initiative enough and courage enough had to try it. One rancher tried, with the result that he raised 101 bushels of oats to the acre, and ever since then no one has disputed that oats could be raised in the Grande Ronde valley.

So it was with Wallowa county wheat, apples, pears, plums, cherries, and vegetables. When these were tried and the crops cared for abundant yields came and the agricultural and horticultural possibilities here were demonstrated. "Frost" was the great cry. But with cultivation and continued working of the soil, loosening it and caring for it as it is cared for everywhere, "frost" began to disappear.

A Parallel Case.

A parallel case is found in the history of Illinois development. Today Illinois stands at the head of the corn producing states, having won over Iowa last year for the first time in history of corn raising. No one today would dispute Illinois' right to the claim of being a corn producing state, unless he wanted to be laughed at. But in the development of Illinois, the time was when settlers rode across the rich prairie land, ignoring it with disgust, to settle along the streams and to chop down a tree and grub out a stump for every hill of corn they planted. Until some one with initiative enough and courage enough, conceived that possibly he might raise corn on the Illinois prairie. Today the prairie land is the greatest corn land of that state.

There is another similarity also: When settlers began turning over the bottom lands of Illinois for corn, everybody in the locality "took" malarial fever. The river bottoms swarmed with malaria. People had the "shakes" and malaria enlarged the settlers' livers until practically the only medicine used by the doctors was quinine or blue mass of both. The writer has met one pioneer physician who, in the early day, used so much of both that he named his team of ponies one "Quinine" and the other "Blue mass." Settlers urged to flee such a country. At intervals everybody nearly, in a given locality, would be sick. Turning up the damp, poisoned soil let loose fevers and discouragements and added hardships. But cultivation outlasted malaria, thwarted the fever, eliminated it, and brought corn and riches and comfort and happiness within a generation.

The similarity exists, in that continued cultivation in portions of Wallowa county where frosts occur, will in time eliminate the frosts to the extent that cultivation in Illinois bottoms eliminated the fevers.

But there is in reality no comparison between early Illinois and present Wallowa county. Here there are no fevers, no unhealthful conditions of any kind, no epidemics. The climate is clear, serene and healthful. The purest and coldest drinking water that can be found anywhere pours down from the eternal snows of the mountains. Springs bubble from the foothills, and the water is piped to Enterprise. Sunshine is prevalent and the skies practically always smile. Nearly every farmer has a spring or several springs on his homestead or ranch. And above all, instead of cultivating fevers out of the soil, all the farmer has to do is to stick a plow into the ground and raise a crop of wheat or oats or other product.

The wheat belt, like the eastern corn belt, is becoming more defined every year. The bread consumers of the world are finding out scientifically just where wheat can be grown to advantage. The consump-

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DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Elizabeth Putman, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Merryman, in this city, at 8:15 this Saturday morning, April 23.

Mrs. Putman's maiden name was Elizabeth Coulson. She was born in Linn county, Missouri, July 1, 1839. She was married to Jonathan J. Putman, in Missouri in 1860. Together they crossed the plains to Colorado in the sixties, returning to Missouri again where they lived for a number of years. Six children were born to them, two of them dying in infancy, and one at 16 years of age; those living are: William L. Putman, Ida Putman Landon of Albany, Ore., and Mrs. Mary P. Merryman of Enterprise.

Mrs. Putman had resided here since August, 1903, and has a host of friends who sympathize with the bereaved ones. The funeral will be held from the M. E. church at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. E. Trueblood.

Frank Boyer and W. S. Davis Arrive

Gentlemen Originally From Kansas Here to Look Over Promising Wallowa.

Mr. Frank Boyer and W. S. Davis formerly of Kansas, arrived in Enterprise Thursday evening on the O. R. & N. train from LaGrande, coming from Portland. Both gentlemen have been looking over the Wallowa valley, investigating the land possibilities there, climate, soil, and the probable development of that worthy section. But they were not entirely satisfied to snap up realty before continuing the search, and are in Wallowa county to at least spend the summer and possibly to purchase land holdings here.

Wallowa county is pleased to be looked over. Her resources, just beginning to be opened and drawn upon by human industry, will speak for themselves to these gentlemen and to all prospective settlers. Enterprise and surrounding territory offer great prospects to all comers who locate here, and the future of Wallowa will respond with good values to every investment that is made.

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