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The La Grande Chronicle says that every available acre in Union county will be seeded to wheat this spring.

Sheepraisers of Crook county have had a very successful lambing season, nearly all of the lambs being saved. All sheep have wintered well, and their wool is in good condition.

B. S. Chandler of Lakeview had a stroke of paralysis the other day while sitting in his chair waiting for breakfast. His wife called him to breakfast, and heard his paper drop, but as he did not appear, she went in and found him helpless. On account of his advanced age, the stroke is severe on him, but he has improved considerably.

EASTER EXERCISES.

The Easter services conducted by Rev. Jones last Sunday evening, were very impressive, the little children acquitting themselves very creditably to themselves and instructors. The band was in attendance and did its part in making the exercises a success. Rev. Jones deserves to be especially commended for the agreeable and intelligent manner he presided and carried out the program of the evening.

The following program was rendered:

Selection—by the Band.
Doxology.
Song—by the Choir.
Reading and Prayer.
Recitation—Frank Gowan.
" —Alice Sweek.
Song—by the Children.
Recitation—Louise Cecil.
" —Edna Walton, Lela Jefferies and Juanita Geer.
Song—by the Choir.
Recitation—Frankie King.
Concert Recitation—Lee Shelley, Leona Thompson, Topsy Sweek, Amiee Woldenberg, Bertha Brenton and Rosie Symes.
Selection—by the Band.
Recitation—Cora Rusk.
" —Veva Cowing.
Song and Chorus—by the Little Ones.
Recitation—Myra King.
" —Lee Robinson.
Song—by the Choir.
Recitation—Dan Campbell.
" —Byrdie King.
Song—by the Children.
Recitation—Lulu Johnson.
" —Alma Smith.
Song—by the Children.
Recitation—Vinie Rusk.
" —Mable Gowan.
Solo—by Mrs. Jones.
Selection—by the Band.

Burns Public School.

EDITOR TIMES-HERALD: Will you allow me to express a few thoughts in your columns regarding our school or rather its finances? I learn from the district clerk that this district, that is, Burns district or No. 1, is in debt as near as can

be ascertained from the inaccurate condition of the books as heretofore kept, \$4000, not including the bonded indebtedness of the district. When and how this enormous back indebtedness was incurred this deponent knoweth not, but such is certainly the case, and just so certainly we have it to pay.

Our school taxes are already prodigious, to it add \$4000 back indebtedness and to that the bonded indebtedness, and the very contemplation of the situation makes one feel "creepy." The taxpayers of this district have been very lenient giving their aid and assistance on every occasion when more money was required to carry on the school. If we are finally to become insolvent, and I must say it looks very much like it at this date, the sooner we go into bankruptcy and give an estimate of assets the better for the taxpayer.

We have a fine school house sitting on the hill which looks very nice when viewed from the outside, but go in and examine and you will find it has been very much abused, considering the short space of time since its erection and to this I desire to call the attention of the county school superintendent, who according to our school laws has general supervision of all school property in the county, also the attention of directors of the district and teachers. Observation and examination of the building will prove what I say to be correct.

It is certainly the duty of the aforesaid officers and teachers to strictly guard and prevent unnecessary destruction and defacement of public school buildings built by the taxpayers for a good purpose. But what good is a fine school building with a dynamite bomb of indebtedness of prodigious size underneath it ready to explode at any moment?

We are further told by the clerk that he received an application from a teacher, well recommended, proffering to teach our school for \$60 per month, now we are not a "stickler" on wages we believe the laborer is worthy of his hire, and further believe if we get talent and experience we must pay for it, but you know beggars should not be choosers. We are now paying, so I am informed, \$100 per month for the upper room, besides \$10 per month for a janitor, and if we can get as good teachers for less money and one that will attend to his own school room or hire a boy to do it why not avail ourselves of the offer?

It is my honest opinion that we should not have a longer term of school than sufficient to draw our apportionments, until this debt is paid.

We hope the taxpayers of this district will give this matter careful thought, and if they think necessary call a meeting and talk the situation over.

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