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## PUBLIC NEEDS LAND OFFICE ABOLISHMENT FALSE ECONOMY

The La Grande U. S. Land Office has been abolished. This is an evident case of where false economy has played an injustice in the public service. The program of consolidation of the office of Register and Receiver was a commendable move in economy, but the doing away with the La Grande office will prove a hardship in the next few years to come to hundreds of people in Union, Wallowa and Baker counties. The La Grande land office district will probably be divided between the Vale and The Dalles offices.

Late word from Washington, D. C. was that the need of the La Grande office had been recognized in Washington and that Congressman Shattuck had the situation in hand. It seems to the News that somebody has slipped up in their vigilance. If local people have been recently notified of the danger of losing the office they have failed to bring the matter to the attention of the public. If no local notice has been given, then our delegation in Congress should be criticized for permitting this office to be abandoned without consulting the people whom it serves as a matter of courtesy at least.

The office does not contribute greatly to the city of La Grande, but it is a service that the people of the La Grande district need continued and the transferring of the land office business 150 miles away from the center of this district will work a real hardship on hundreds of people unwarrantedly.

It seems to the News that it is up to the Union County Chamber of Commerce to take immediate steps to at least protest the action and if possible to revive the office.—La Grande News.

## THAT'S THE SPIRIT

Bear valley, the Grant county precinct containing approximately 800 square miles and 80 voters, also contains several of the largest winter herds of deer in Oregon and some of the most ravenous cougars. Fred Lemecke, who hails from the valley, said yesterday at the Imperial hotel. The cougars have served as a source of some revenue during the past winter, quite a few of the 80 voters taking it upon themselves to hunt the felines, later collecting the \$25 bounty given for each one killed. In this way much tobacco money has been earned. The Weaver brothers accounted for seven cougars during the cold weather and Ed Cameron probably set the individual record with five killed. Milton Weaver killed one cougar with a pocket knife

and into a pole, crawling into a cave in which the cougar was hiding and stabbing it a la Brutus. Mr. Lemecke says the cougar hunting is not all over and that snow still lies in the valley. He predicts that the town of Seneca, which at present consists of a combination postoffice and ranch house, will within not many months have a population of several thousand. Fred Herrick is building a railroad into the valley from Burns to tap his extensive timber holdings, and one mill is assured and several more expected. Some grading for the roadbed is being done already and five or six more crews are expected to be added in several weeks. Mr. Lemecke brought his wife to a Portland hospital, where she was operated on Saturday. She was reported yesterday to be doing nicely—Oregonian.

## AS OTHERS SEE US

Is it possible that the people of the great county of Harney are dependent upon coyote scalps for a living? Are coyotes the mainstay of this great county and these good people? We do not believe it, can not believe it, regardless of the statements published in the Harney county papers. From these statements one is led to believe that the great farming section depends on coyote scalps for a living. And the county court has agreed to it by protecting the coyote by removing all aid for the eradication, which is as far as they can go toward the protection. Harney county has put forth all her efforts to destroy the efforts of sister counties and the state to destroy the coyote, and in published statements in the papers they claim that it is the main resource of many of their farmers. Some in Harney are evidently working for a great reputation for their county. And if it were a fact that many of the farmers had to depend on coyote scalps for a living, they ought to keep still about it and not publish the fact to the world and those responsible for such publicity ought to be muzzled.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

## STORE BROKEN INTO

The dry goods department of the Wellstein Mercantile Co. was broken into during Wednesday night, or more likely in the early morning hours of Thursday. The plate glass in one of the front doors had been broken. It is not definitely known what was taken but the goods were more or less disturbed and some men's suits as well as ladies wearing apparel is missing. Indications showed an attempt had been made to force an entrance from the rear and also on the south side without success.

## FORESTRY IN OREGON—TODAY AND TOMORROW

(An address by District Forester C. M. Granger)

Continued from last week  
 Through fire protection, reforestation can largely be made to take care of itself. This means, however, giving out over lands the same protection that is given commercial timber lands, which is not now the case. A great deal of cut-over land is not given protection because the owners are not in forestry as a permanent thing. Through proper tax adjustment, which would make lands bearing young timber carry only a fair tax, private forestry will undoubtedly take its place as a permanent thing in Oregon, and adequate protection would thereby be given to forest growth in all its stages of development. This could be done at a very small expenditure per acre.

**Permanent Industry Needed**  
 Permanent timber production and timber manufacturing are the things needed in order to make Oregon's timber resources of the greatest value. As indicated above, permanent



Throughout the Illinois-Indiana districts where the great tornado swept, taking a toll of 1000 lives and injuring 3000, all selfishness is forgotten as states and nation make the effort to render relief and assistance. Above is shown one of the emergency open-air food stations at Murphyboro, Ill., where hundreds were fed. Below, an airplane view of the leveled town of Frankfort, Ill., a scene typical of virtually all towns in the path of the terrible storm.

## COURT TO WORK WITH FEDERAL ROBERT CONTROL MAN

Roy Fugate, associated with Ira Gabrielson of the U. S. Biological Survey in the rodent control department, was before the county court on Wednesday on a proposition of the government giving aid in the eradication of the sage rat and ground hog pests, also pocket gophers, if they are doing any material damage to crops. The court was favorable to such an arrangement and announced that the county would furnish the poison at 5 cents a pound, which is about one half the actual cost. The court will also furnish Mr. Fugate a car and will place this poison at different points in the county where it is most accessible to farmers who desire to use it.

Mr. Fugate has gone out to Baker to complete some work there and is coming back here in a week or so when he will take up active work and put on intensive campaign to demonstrate the method of destroying the little pests, and will also do some investigational and experimental work on the ground hogs which are quite destructive along the foothill ranches and near the rocks. Ed bags and distributed where most needed. The poison will be put up in labeled.

## KIWANIS SPONSORS SCHOOL SING MEET

An increase in the musical activities of Kiwanis clubs throughout the country is exemplified by the action of the club at Madison, Wisconsin.

## SUGAR BEETS SUCCESSFULLY GROWN AT HIGH ALTITUDE

Several days ago Claude Gray handed the writer a clipping from a farm Journal giving the story of record made in growing sugar beets at a high altitude in Colorado. It seems from this writer that the beets were shown to be a profitable crop at an altitude of 8,000, although in the same locality a slightly better yield was made on lands at 7,000 and 7,500 elevation. Mr. Gray wanted to emphasize the fact that this country is ideal for sugar beet growing provided a dependable water supply for irrigation may be had and this can be with properly installed pumping plants on the lands that are particularly adapted to the growing of sugar beets.

While the beets are grown primarily for the sugar content, they are also valuable for stock food and sugar beets encourage dairying.

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In encouraging singing among the school children of that county. More than 3500 rural school children, representing 107 schools in seventeen townships of Eastern Dane county have started training to compete for song prizes offered by the Madison Kiwanis. There will also be a song contest for the fourteen state graded schools of the county.

The plan is to have the school children the following songs:

America the Beautiful; Carry Me Back to Old Virginia; Come, Thou Almighty King; Stars of the Summer Night; Old Black Joe; Battle Hymn of the Republic; Old Folks at Home; Junonia; Coming Through the Rye, and Love's Old Sweet Song.

In the song contest at Madison each group will probably sing but one song. Slips will be drawn to determine the number to be sung. All the pupils in each school are to learn the songs and those of any grade may take part. Each school team is to be composed of not less than eight nor more than twelve boys and girls. Among the state graded schools, the teams will consist of not more than sixteen nor less than twelve pupils. The winning team in each township will come to Madison for the final contest in May.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
 The sun dial always moves forward; so must the Sunday School and Church. We are never too young to do something and never too old to quit. "Whose I am and whom I serve," said Paul at Malta. The great apostle was always at his task. The Duke of Wellington, seeing a British officer standing in a careless manner, asked: "Why do you stand in such an unbecoming attitude?" "I am off duty, sir," was the reply. "A British officer is never off duty, so resume your military standing." We are never off duty in the army of the Lord. Men and women of Christ, resume your military standing. "The fight is on."  
 Divine worship at 11 A. M.  
 Theme of sermon, "Immortality." Easter is high and spring is approaching; the opening bud and flower are foretokens of the new life at hand. Reflection on immortality should anew command our attention. As immortal beings, it is not only a question of "Where we stand" but also "Where are we going?"  
 SAMUEL HARRIS, Minister.

## RAILROAD SUPERINTENDENT INSPECTS

The superintendent of the Short Line Railroad was here Thursday night, his private car being attached to the regular train. He gave out no information, it being understood he was here to inspect the progress of the terminal ground improvements.

Station Agent Morton announces that the business on the road to Burns continues to increase. On one train the other day there were 9 full car loads of freight for Burns and seven cars of cattle out yesterday morning. When asked in respect to the prospect of a daily service Mr. Morton said he had no information. However, a new time schedule is coming out April 16, but whether it effects this branch or not he doesn't know.

The grounds surrounding the buildings to be occupied by the agent and workmen at the terminal are being filled in with fine rich dirt in order that the grass plots and trees may have every advantage to grow.

Engineer W. B. Skogerson, in charge of the terminal ground improvements for the Union Pacific, is absent at this time in Salt Lake.

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Paris decrees the painted ear so New Yorkers have taken it up. Unfortunately, rouge photographs black, and is not very beautifying in picture form, do you think?