

AMONG THE EXCHANGES OF THE INLAND EMPIRE

State Land Sales.
Much interest has been aroused in the sale of the state lands located in Persimmon county which will take place in this city at the court house Monday, December 21. The sale includes 26 parcels located in New Adams county and containing from one and a half to 160 acres. The appraised values of the land range from \$10 to \$30 per acre and no land is sold for less than the appraised price. The terms of sale are liberal and it is expected that several bids will be present for each parcel. The state requires a payment of one-tenth of the purchase price and interest for one year on the remainder. This is made payable in 10 annual payments which provide an opportunity for the land to be paid for from the crops grown.

More Convenient Train Service.
The Commercial Club has taken steps to see if the O. R. & N. Co. can change its time card so as to let all trains stop at North Powder. Under present arrangements, parties desiring to visit the county seat must come down on the evening train and remain overnight. This works an inconvenience upon those parties, also upon La Grande. As it is, La Grande receives little if any trade from that section, as they can go to Baker City and return the same day. The Commercial Club is right in this matter when they present it to the company there is little doubt but what they will see the justice of their petition and will readily grant their request.—La Grande Observer.

Bar and Horse Burn.
Last night, a little before midnight, the alarm of fire was sounded and it was discovered that the barn belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Prescott, corner Second and Spring streets, was in flames. Before the department could reach the fire the building and contents were consumed. A fine driving horse was confined in the stable and was burned to death before the fire was discovered. There was a considerable quantity of hay and feed, and also a buggy and harness which was destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. Prescott places the loss at about \$1250 about half covered by insurance.—La Grande Observer.

From Up in the Interior.
Colonel F. Smith came over from Caldwell last of the week. The surveying of new canal lines through the Columbia Southern Irrigation company's tract of land has been discontinued for the winter owing to frosty nights which have frozen the ground to a depth too great to per-

mit of the driving of stakes. The canal lines proper have been constructed to Cline Falls and next spring work will begin on the laterals on the west side of Cline buttes upon the surveyed lines which have been partially completed. By early summer it is expected that all the ditches necessary for the reclamation of the entire 20,000 acres will have been finished.—Creek County Journal.

Twenty-Two Contest Cases.
Jay Bowerman returned Sunday from The Dalles where he spent several days defending the homestead rights of Miss Lizzie Burres and Lloyd Junkins whose claims, near Ajax, were recently contested. Ralph Walkinshaw contested Miss Burres' claim and Nathan Bullard coveted the 160 acres on which Mr. Junkins had filed his right. The cases were the first of 22 similar ones from the Ajax neighborhood and Mr. Bowerman believes that the contestants have not much show of winning a decision in the general land office. The other cases will be heard at this place an order to that effect having been issued from Washington, D. C.—Condon Globe.

Disagreed and Discharged.
The case of the state vs. Leonard Foster charged with the murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Charlotte Peck, was given to the jury at twenty minutes to six o'clock last evening.

At eleven thirty o'clock this morning the jury went to the judge that they were unable to agree. They were brought into court and after stating that the vote stood nine to three for acquittal and that there was no show of there being a change they were discharged.—Baker City Herald.

Sold 1,500,000 Feet of Lumber.
Robert Service, of the firm of Service Brothers, which operates a sawmill near McEwen, was in town today. While here he closed a deal with Seymour Bell for the purchase from the Sumpter Lumber company of a million and a half feet of logs. They will be cut from lands in the vicinity of the saw mill and a camp will be established there at once to get them out. The price is not made public.—Sumpter Daily Miner.

New L. O. O. F. Lodge.
Odell, one of Hood River valley's districts, has an Odd Fellows lodge, which was instituted a few evenings since by O. D. Doane, grand treasurer, who acted as deputy grand master, and Charles McIntosh, Kemp lodge is its name and there are 10 charter members.—The Dalles Chronicle.

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