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INCORPORATE WALLOWA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Wallowa Athletic association has filed articles of incorporation in the county clerk's office. The incorporators are E. A. Holmes, Edwin Starvin, E. L. Holmes, S. T. Combs and C. T. McDaniel. Capital stock is \$1800 divided into shares of \$10 each. This is the company formed to buy the baseball ground and conduct the business affairs of the club. Grounds have been secured across the street from the creamery.

Wallowa will play in Enterprise May 15. Union will also come here for a game in about two weeks.

INTEREST TO HOMESTEADERS.

The contest by the government against the homestead title of Levi Wilson, above Troy, heard before U. S. Commissioner Sheahan in this city, was abruptly terminated by the government, the witnesses for the defense not being called.

Japalac, varnish stains, linseed oil at Burnaugh & Mayfield's.

IMPORTANT RULING BY LAND OFFICE

CONTESTANTS CANNOT IGNORE FIRST HEARING AND START NEW SUIT.

The La Grande land office has recently dismissed a number of contests by squatters against those who filed timber claims in township 4 north 41 the township in this county that was thrown open on September 15 last. The Star says the ruling while it affects in the present instance a comparatively small number, outlines the procedure that will be required by Register Bramwell and Receiver Eberhard in all contest cases by private parties.

In these particular cases, contests were filed, dates for hearing set, and upon the day set the contestant in a number of cases failed to show up, though the contestants did, often at

great expense and inconvenience. The land office would then dismiss that contest and give the contestant a certain time to move to reinstate his case. Instead of doing this, a large number of them dropped the first case and started new contests on exactly the same ground. The local office allowed such contests for some time, but their frequency and manifest inconvenience, and in some cases, injustice, led to a full examination of the matter on the part of the officers, and last week in an opinion written by Receiver Eberhard, concurred in by Register Bramwell, the land laws were exhaustively discussed, and the conclusion reached that such contests were not legal. Accordingly they were dismissed.

The opinion of Receiver Eberhard, if sustained on appeal, will hereafter require all persons to stay with their first contest and fight it out in that case.

The current work in the land office at present is heavy, and besides taking care of that with the office force, Register Bramwell and Receiver Eberhard are working early and late on contest cases, proofs, etc., which are on file.

John Lang, recently of Spokane, is now meat cutter in Combes city market.

GAME LAWS.

Any person knowing of any violation of the game or fish laws of this state, or of persons not properly keeping screens over irrigation ditches, are requested to notify

JOE CLEMONS, Deputy State Game and Forest Warden, Zumwalt, Oregon. 421

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W. C. HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

THREE BOYS FORM FIRST GRADUATING CLASS—LAST DAY EXERCISES.

The first commencement of the Wallowa County high school will be held in the high school assembly hall, Friday night, May 14, at 8 o'clock. There are three graduates, Vernon G. Corkins, Charles E. Oakes and Ivan C. Jackson. The program of the graduating exercises is as follows:

Chorus High School Glee Club
Invocation—Rev. W. S. Crockett
Salutatory, "Uncle Sam's Big Ditch" Charles E. Oakes
Oration, "The Three Sides of a Dollar" Ivan C. Jackson
Duet Amy Olmsted, Edna Ragsdale
Valedictory, "Modern Industrialism." Vernon G. Corkins
Class Address President Ressler of Monmouth
Presenting of Diplomas Judge Olmsted
Quartette Misses Olmsted, DuFur
Misses Bue, Ragsdale.

Following are the high school pupils exempted from all examinations because of their good work during the year: Charles Oakes, Vernon Corkins, Ivan Jackson, Amy Olmsted, Maude Litch, Nina Miller, Charles Rodgers, Julia Marvin, Mamie Kooch, Lora Kooch, Janet Willgerodt, Evelyn LaCerte, Asa Craig, Lola

Haskett, Irl Olmsted, Arlie Brock. Closing Day Exercises.

The inspection day of the public school postponed from last December, will be held on the last day of school, Friday, May 14. Short programs will be given in the various rooms from 9 to 11 a. m., to which all patrons are invited.

The 8th grade graduates of the public school are Eloise Holmes, Esther Mawell, Marie DePue, Winifred Kay, Elizabeth Willgerodt, Glenn Poulson, Claude Emmons, Zora Combes, John Laird, Muriel Moss, John McPetridge, Dick McAdams, William Laird, Burl Kooch, Delbert Mitchell.

The public and high schools will join in a basket dinner at the high school at noon, and an hour of inspection of the work at the high school will follow, then the following program beginning at 2 p.m.:

Soldiers Chorus High School Glee Club
Reading Edna Ragsdale
School Biographies Elmer Warnock
Latin Song Classical Department
Life's Philosophies Freshman English
The Dixie Kid Mixed Quartette
"Where Rolls the Oregon." Amy Olmsted

Reading India Aull
Remarks J. C. Conley
Closing Song Audience
J. C. Shackelford has generously offered to run a free bus to both places for the accommodation of those wishing to attend. Phone your requests to him. Both phones.

We hope that the people of the town and vicinity will not fail to avail themselves of this golden opportunity to see what is being done in the schools of Wallowa county and the city of Enterprise.

Yours for the cause,
KERNES AND SUTTON.

Liverymen's Association.

The liverymen of Wallowa county met in this city May 3, and formed an organization known as the Liverymen's Association of Wallowa County. Wesley Duncan of Joseph was elected president, J. C. Shackelford of Enterprise secretary and I. C. Endicott of Joseph treasurer. Ben Boswell, J. M. Thompson and Wesley Duncan were appointed a committee on constitution and by-laws, to report at the next meeting.

Dr. H. A. Trippeer, veterinary surgeon, resident of Walla Walla, was here a few days to see some of Mordo McDonald's horses which were sick. Doctor Trippeer lived in Enterprise for a time several years ago and has many friends here who are glad of his rapid rise in his profession. He is a graduate of the foremost veterinary college in the United States.

Probate Register.

May 3.—Final account of Fred Harsin, Admr. Elizabeth M. Harsin, approved.

Elgin Flour at W. J. Funk & Co's. Patent \$1.50 a sack, straight grade, \$1.40 a sack.

WILL ERECT FINE OFFICE BUILDING

TITLE AND ABSTRACT COMPANY TO HAVE SPLENDID HOME—BUILDING NOTES.

"From the plans being prepared in the office of Architect Robert Miller a building boom seems to have struck the towns of Joseph and Enterprise," says the La Grande Star. "Enterprise is soon to have one of the finest, if not the finest, office buildings in eastern Oregon. This building is to be built for the use of the Wallowa County Title and Abstract company.

"According to the plans now being prepared by Architect Miller the new building is to be of pressed brick with plate glass front and beam ceiling. It is to be but one story high at present, but the material to be used in its construction and the plans along which it is to be built will make an extra fine building of it. It will cost about \$2000.

"In Joseph Mrs. E. E. Jennings is soon to build a brick block to be used for business purposes. According to the plans provision is being made for three stores on the lower floor and office rooms in the upper story. The cost of this building will be about \$20,000 and it is to be located in Main street in the central portion of the city. The bids for the construction of the building will be opened May 10 and a number of La Grande contractors will submit their figures."

The building for the Title and Abstract company will be commenced as soon as some complications in regard to the title of the lot can be straightened out, says A. C. Miller, the proprietor of the company. The site is the vacant lot on River street immediately south of Rodgers Bros. store. It is an ideal location, being opposite the front entrance of the new courthouse.

Work on the court house, slightly delayed by shortage of building material and bad weather is again in full swing. The walls of the first story are now being laid.

The foundation walls for Sam Litch's fine big store building are rapidly going in. Good progress is also being made on the woolgrowers warehouse, the concrete walls of which are now several feet above the main floor.

C. F. Graves, the well known cattle man, has bought the lot on Residence street, lying between the houses of C. E. Vest and C. M. Lockwood, of Mr. Vest for \$800, and will build a handsome residence thereon.

County S. S. Convention.

A convention of all the Sunday schools in Wallowa county will be held at Enterprise early in June, the exact date to be announced later.

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