

**FLASHES \$1000 BILL TO PAY HOMESTEAD ENTRY**

Mortimer Collins of Grossman, this county, nearly paralyzed the La Grande land office officials, Tuesday, by offering a \$1000 gold certificate to pay the \$16 filing fee on a homestead. Receiver C. R. Eberhard felt in every pocket of his trousers, vest and coat but couldn't dig up enough change by \$931.72, and Register F. C. Bramwell was powerless to help. The "poor homesteader" then offered them a \$100 gold certificate, which was changed with the assistance of Chief Clerk Carpy and the stenographer.

Mr. Collins filed on the sw of section 35 in the famous township, 41, 41, that was thrown open to entry on Sept. 15, 1908, and which has been the occasion of so many contest cases between squatters and timber claim entrymen.

Judge J. W. Knowles is in Pendleton on the circuit bench in place of Judge Bean, who was interested in suit in his court.

**ADDITIONAL TWELVE MILES OF ROAD CONTRACTED FOR**

The Eagle Valley News says: "It has been a question in the minds of people who are acquainted with the tremendous task of building a railroad down Snake river below Homestead, as to whether the road would be continued. It has been thought that possibly the road would not be built beyond Homestead as at this point all the rich mines of this section are accessible and the road would be a paying proposition if it were not constructed further.

"Word has been received on good authority that a contract has been let for the construction of 12 miles of road below Homestead which means that the company will push the road to completion on down Snake river and thus the company will have a water grade from Huntington to the Pacific ocean."

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

White Loaf Flour, \$5.00 per barrel at E. M. & M. store.

I must make room for my immense spring stock. Hence all grades of wall paper, regular 40 to 90c goods, at 10c a double roll. 85b2 FRED S. ASHLEY.

**EXACT NUMBER OF RANGE LIVE STOCK**

**CENSUS BUREAU TO SECURE CORRECT DATA—ALL REPLIES CONFIDENTIAL.**

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17—The United States Census Bureau is making extraordinary preparations to ascertain the approximately exact number and value of live stock on the ranges in the United States on April 15 next, the date of the live-stock inventory, as required by the act of Congress providing for the thirteenth census.

Fearful that for one reason or another the live stock raisers may be deterred from freely stating the number and value of their holdings, the census bureau is exerting unusual efforts to assure the ranchmen and farmers, especially of the western range states, that their interests, whether personal or corporate, can not possibly be affected in any way by their frank and full disclosure of their live-stock possessions. The information gathered by the census office is held strictly confidential not only in respect to the fact that under no circumstances is it ever imparted to any one not connected with the census office, but in respect to its ever being given to any other branch of the government.

**Assurance of Secrecy.**

"In behalf of the census bureau," today said Assistant Director William F. Willoughby, "I can give as positive assurance of the confidential treatment of information called for by the live-stock questions in the general agricultural schedule as I could if a confidence were to be imposed upon me personally and privately. The census bureau is concerned only in the collection and publication of statistical facts. The spirit of every act of congress providing for the various decennial censuses has been, and is, that the information as to individuals, firms, and corporations is to be given inviolable secrecy. It is as much 'privileged information' as that imparted by a client to a lawyer, by a patient to a physician, by a dying man to a minister. It can not even

be imparted to another branch of the federal government, no matter how much the information may be desired. No court ever has or ever will ignore this immunity from personal or business involvement bestowed in return for information required by United States census inquiries. To do otherwise would impair, if not wholly destroy, the scientific efficiency of the census work. So far as the live stock census is concerned, the bureau, following fair, impartial, and unbiased methods, quickly separates the person, firm, or corporation from the facts furnished, and private or corporate identity in connection with any census data remains forever sealed and sacred in the great safes of the census office."

**Local Firm's Bid Lowest of Four**

**Fred S. Ashley Gets Contract For Court House Furniture and Fixtures**

The county court has awarded the contract for furniture for the court house to Ashley, the furniture dealer in Enterprise, his bid of \$1607.10 being deemed the lowest and best of the four bids, two by county dealers, one from Portland and one from Spokane. The furniture is of quarter sawed oak throughout, finished in wax. It will come from Eastern manufacturers.

Fred S. Ashley was also given the contract for the counters and railings on their bid of \$726. These are also to be of first-class material and workmanship.

The contract for the steel roller shelves, files, cases, cabinets, etc., was awarded to a Portland house for \$1465.

**To Buy Cells.**

The county court went to La Grande Friday to examine the new jail fixtures recently installed. If found satisfactory in quality and price, the order will be given to the same firm that installed the Union county fixtures.

Big Loe of breakfast foods at Funk's.

All furniture at a close out price to make room for spring stock. 85b2 FRED S. ASHLEY.

**LARGE TAXPAYERS ON ROLL OF 1909**

**LIST OF THOSE ASSESSED FOR \$3000 OR MORE—NAMES AND AMOUNTS.**

Following are the names and amounts of those who are assessed on the 1909 tax roll for \$3,000 or over:

(Continued from first page.)

W. F. Craig	7295
Couch & Boyd	9950
N. D. Crofutt	3750
G. E. Coleman	3950
M. J. Coleman	3207
Conley & McCully	10993
Crow & Co	13000
G. L. Cole	6123
A. E. Cole	8553
O. W. Chambers	3971
L. E. Caviness	17089
L. M. Chapman	3587
L. Couch	9796
Chas. Crow	8340
S. J. Cusins	3120
Tanny Cole	4750
G. B. Cook	3210
J. W. Cook	5165
M. Crow	6900
S. P. Crow	10720
A. W. Courtney	6150
M. O. Courtney	7920
James Cole	3190
A. B. Cole	3310
G. M. Cannon	3655
J. K. Carper	4600
L. C. Cooper	8870
Waldo Chase	5930
Campbell Bros.	6195
Mary J. Creighton	47300
Davis Bros.	4335
James Day	3680
J. C. Dodson	13445
DeBonnott & Rambond	6000
W. B. Daugherty	5470
Duncan & Boner	4045
I. N. Doak	10155
W. C. Dorrance	7515
Chas. Downs	15830
David Diggins	4870
H. B. Davihlzer	28405
Dawson Bros.	4580
T. L. Davis	4505
H. E. Driver	12580
T. J. Dryden	5515
James Doris Est	4000
Amanda Davis	8345
J. A. Downing	3660
W. T. Daugherty	7915
D. M. & R. Co.	69300
Jas. Daugherty	3070
J. A. Denny & Wife	6535
Blaine Davis	4000
W. I. Downard	3600
Jay H. Dobbin	122775
Jullian Ellis	4115
Enterprise Hotel Co.	15300
Enterprise Electric Co	6500
L. B. Emmons	3000
Ent. Fraternal Bldg. Ass'n.	9400
E. M. & M. Co.	72500
F. R. English	5895
Oscar Elliott	3000
C. R. Elliott	8470
East. Ore. Merc. Co.	12300
W. C. Eades	11270
Jas. Erikson	10275
T. N. Estes	4225
J. A. Eggleston	12050
C. F. Evans	4066
S. W. Evans	3375
J. W. Emmons	4145
H. H. Edwards	4000
R. E. Elliott	3700
J. A. Fitzpatrick	3430
F. W. J. A. and Maggie Fitzpatrick	10250
C. A. Fitzpatrick	7520
F. W. Fitzpatrick & Co.	18900
F. W. Fitzpatrick	5240
Maggie Fitzpatrick	4550
John Fisher	5240
T. H. Feagins	3550
1st Bank of Joseph	63000
1st Nat. Bank of Joseph	24160
Flathers Bros.	9295
A. J. Fleenor	4070
N. D. Varner	10640
Mrs. E. Fleming	5830
John Fruits	4665
Josephine Fisk & Son	6890
S. K. Francis	3690
Edwin Fallas	8600
Peter Fordney	4645
J. W. Fisher	3210
Flora Milling Co.	5000
J. H. Fordice	3580
W. B. Fordice	5480
Andy Forbes	4185
Fred W. Falconer	4050
Falconer Bros.	51430
J. A. French	18510
W. J. Funk & Co.	25600
C. E. Funk	3440
Henry Fletcher	15545
W. H. Gibson	3895
Jos. Gill	4775
C. E. Glenn	10745
W. F. Gillespie	5780
Richard Galbraith	12700
John Goebel	6270
Gastin & Cussins	5800
A. A. Green	4490
A. M. Gastin	6620
G. W. Gregg	3965
E. D. Gorsline	8570
Frank Gowing	5740
G. C. Gowing	5850
F. A. Gaylor	4075
J. A. Gillaspie	6775
Grande Ronde Lumber Co.	84335
W. H. Graves	13106
Geo. Palmer Lumber Co.	385955
J. D. Halsey	8450

M. E. Hotchkiss	10350
Jonathan Haas	23955
C. S. Haney	5390
J. R. Halley	3405
John Huber	3010
Annette Higgins	3275
D. H. Hearing	4040
Haaland Bros.	5720
C. A. Hunter	23260
A. J. Harris	15065
F. W. Heskett	3165
Heskett & Mays	3200
E. A. Holmes	4610
R. E. Heskett	8710
Hamack Bros.	6150
Geo. W. Hearing	8940
W. B. Hunter	3460
L. L. Hambleton	3460
Houser & Gaillard	6350
J. H. Halsey	3560
Huffman & Son	3120
J. W. Hayes	4940
W. S. Hayes	3270
Haas Bros.	25665
W. L. Hewitt	3795
S. C. Himelwright	6825

(Continued on page six.)

**Decision Against O. R. & N. Railroad**

**Injunction in Right of Way Suit Decided in Favor of Hector McDonald.**

According to the La Grande papers, Judge Knowles has rendered a decision of the injunction suit in the case of the O. R. & N. vs. Hector McDonald, adverse to the company and dissolving the injunction which restrained McDonald from tearing up the railroad track where it crosses his farm. Clerk W. C. Boatman has not yet received any notice of the decision.

Mr. McDonald had a proviso in his deed of right of way to the railroad company requiring that the tracks should be laid within two years from the date of the deed, otherwise the deed should be void. The tracks were not so laid, McDonald brought suit to restrain the company from laying the tracks just before the tracklayers reached his land, the injunction was issued and there the matter has rested until this decision. The case will be appealed to the supreme court, the company's contention being that it was prevented by the panic and other causes over which it had no control, from complying with the strict letter of the deed.

For bargains in furniture go to Ashley's. He needs the room and the money.

**Sells Timber Tract.**

Steve Hodge has sold a timber tract of 80 acres adjoining the forest reserve west of town to J. W. Emmons.

**PAYNE APPOINTED CLUB SECRETARY**

**COMMERCIAL CLUB DIRECTORS HOLD FIRST SESSION—PREPARE FOR SOCIAL.**

The board of directors of the Commercial club met Thursday night, selected L. B. Payne as club secretary and started things for the big open meeting that is to be held the second week in March.

The board organized by electing B. B. Loyd chairman and A. F. Polley secretary. The vote for Mr. Payne as club secretary was unanimous, and it is believed a mighty good selection has been made. Mr. Payne moved to this city from Iowa last year, bought property and identified himself with the town from the start. He is a booster of a practical kind, has ideas and knows how to express them.

The board spent considerable time in preliminary preparations for the big, open meeting and social to be held early in March. F. S. Ashley was appointed chairman of the committee on program, Dr. C. T. Hockett on the social side of the meeting and C. S. Bradley on refreshments. Each of the foregoing will appoint two more members of the respective committees.

**PAYING WELL STRUCK IN MALHEUR OIL FIELD**

D. M. Hunt, of La Grande, who has been drilling in the Malheur field for the Eastern Oregon Oil & Gas company of St. Johns, has struck oil in paying commercial quantities, and has earned a bonus of \$750 cash and \$5000 shares in the company in addition to his contract price for drilling the well.

A California expert hired by the company reports that the well sunk by Mr. Hunt will yield from 25 to 250 barrels of oil per day without further development, and that this quantity is sufficient to make the well a paying proposition.

**ADVERTISED LETTERS.**

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed at the postoffice at Enterprise, on Feb. 12, 1910:

Mrs. J. N. Brundage, Mr. J. W. Brantley, Mrs. John Brown, Charles P. Bates, Willis Compton, Mr. Gordon Edmonson, Clark Ewing, Mrs. Doty Fitzpatrick, Mr. William Gilmert, Miss Avis Keith, Porter Lee, J. Lindstrom Co., Mr. A. Mayfield, Miss Ellie Newsome, Mrs. J. P. Riley, Frank Ross, A. J. Smedsvik, Mrs. Ophelia Smith, Mrs. E. M. Stevens, Mr. Wm. Thomas, John Valentine (2), Miss Tillie Wolke, Mrs. Edith Williams, Mrs. May Williams, Mr. Frank Wood.

The above letters will be sent to the dead letter office Feb. 26, 1910. BEN WEATHERS, Postmaster.

**End of Earth a Long Way Off.**

By Professor THOMAS C. CHAMBERLIN, Geologist.

FROM THE GEOLOGICAL POINT OF VIEW THERE IS A PROBABLE CONTINUANCE OF HABITABILITY FOR MILLIONS OR TENS OF MILLIONS OF YEARS TO COME, NOT TO PRESS THE LARGER POSSIBILITIES.

There are indeed certain possibilities of collision with heavenly bodies, but these do not seem to be imminent. An end of the earth will no doubt COME IN TIME.

MAN'S FUTURE OPPORTUNITY SEEMS, THEREFORE, GREAT. How far he will realize it is another question. That depends much on two new factors that have come into play, the moral purpose of the race itself and the CONTROL OF THE VITAL FACTORS through research.

293 acres Alder Slope, \$23,000.00  
80 acres Alder Slope, \$ 8,000.00  
160 acres hill land, about six miles out, \$2,000.00  
320 acres, 12 miles out, \$3,200.00

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**Getting Busy**

We are very busy just now taking stock, and haven't time to arrange the line that we expect to cut the price on, but will give you good, liberal cuts on lots of winter stuff. Are you satisfied with your rubber footwear? Get a pair of the famous

**Ball Band Knit, Laced, Boots and Overshoes**

Sold under an absolute Guarantee to give Perfect Satisfaction.

Some Novelties in Men's Caps that are good for these cold days

In taking stock we are finding lots of Remnants in all departments that we will throw on the remnant table as soon as we get through.

**W. J. FUNK & CO.**