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A GOOD WORD FOR LA GRANDE

Attorney Crawford Tells Portland People of Our Prosperity. He Knows Whereof He Speaks

"The courthouse which the city of La Grande is erecting for Union County is nearing completion," said Thomas Crawford the venerable attorney and jurist of the Grande Ronde valley yesterday at the Imperial. "La Grande is erecting the building which is a slightly brick structure and the city will donate its use to the county for 15 years free of rent. It was to have been completed by the first of the year and will probably be finished by the middle of January so that it may be accounted for the February term of Court.

An increased acreage of beets in the Grande Ronde valley is promised next year as a result of the splendid production of the season just closed. The beet industry is spreading and a great number of people from the outside are being enlisted in the growth of ascolharine root.—Journal

LUMBER FROM THE SOUND

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Panama canal commission has awarded the contract for 2,207,000 feet of lumber to be delivered on the isthmus to J J Moore & Co. of San Francisco for the price of \$63,181.42. The entire supply will come from Puget Sound.

(Local lumber dealers had opportunity to bid on this contract and the fact that Puget Sound dealers were successful is taken to indicate that trade is brisker here, and the local manufacturers have such demands elsewhere that they did not care to go down to the low prices of Puget Sound lumber.

Christmas Dinner

A number of relatives and friends enjoyed eating Christmas dinner with Senator and Mrs. P A McDonald. All report having had a most enjoyable time. The large dining room was beautifully decorated for the occasion and the table was laden with all the good things imaginable. Among those fortunate to have been present were: Grandma McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. B F Reasoner, Mr. and Mrs. D McDonald and family, Prof. and Mrs. S N Ayers, Prof. and Mrs. W L Tucker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Turner Oliver and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grant and family.

Faithful Scholars

Little Herman Herald Earls, son of Wm. and Katie Earls, started to the M E Sunday School the first Sunday of this year 1904 (being three and one half years old when he started) and has gone the entire year without missing a Sunday, and always brought an offering, and the remarkable thing is he has earned all the money himself by hauling stovewood into the house on his little wagon for one of the neighbors.

Little Eunice Bolton, also of the first class, has attended the entire year without missing a Sunday.

Contract Let

The contract was let today by the state portage board to Nelson and White, Seattle contractors, for the construction of the portage road around The Dalles of the Columbia. Nelson and White bid \$115,533 exclusive of the rails and rolling stock.

WHAT A BOY SHOULD KNOW

From the Young People's Magazine.

A very successful man, in speaking of what a young man should know to begin a business life in the right way summarized the qualifications about as follows:

- He should be able to write a good legible hand.
- To spell all the words that he knows how to use.
- To write an ordinary receipt.
- To speak and write good English.
- To write a good social or business letter.
- To add a column of figures rapidly.
- To make out an ordinary account.
- To deduct 16 2/3 per cent from the face of the account.
- To accept an account when it is paid.
- To write an advertisement for the newspaper.
- To write an ordinary promissory note.
- To reckon the interest or the discount on the note for years, months or days.
- To draw up an ordinary bank check.
- To take it to the right place in the bank to get the money.
- To make neat and correct entries in day book or cash book.
- To tell the number of yards of carpet required for the parlor.
- To tell something about the great authors, statesmen and financiers of the present time.
- If says the successful business man a boy can do all this it is probable that he has enough education to make his way in the world.

At its closing session in Portland on Tuesday night, the Oregon State Poultry Association elected the following officers: President, Frank Fenwick of Portland; vice president, J Murrow Oregon City; secretary, J C Murray Portland and treasurer, D H Bauer Portland.

Mr L L McKennon of Allice, who has been to Portland on a summons for the Federal Grand Jury now in session at that place, returned to La Grande this forenoon and left for home on the Elgin branch.

MERCHANTS FORM AN ASSOCIATION

La Grande Merchants Institute a Protective Association at an Enthusiastic meeting Last Night

A most enthusiastic meeting took place last night in the office of the La Grande Investment Company when the La Grande Merchants' Protective Association was born.

The situation in this city has been such that it became imperative for the merchants to form an association in which all members pledge themselves to protect each other from the class known as "dead beats" this means the person who persistently gets credit first from one merchant then from another and so on down the line until he has "done" them all after which he goes to pastures new.

The La Grande Protective Association will do away with this evil in a very short while, as soon as it becomes known that a person is in debt to one merchant, this merchant notifies the secretary of the association, who in turn notifies every member to under no circumstances extend credit to that person until he has cancelled his obligation.

At the meeting last night, the organization was perfected through the efforts of the grocers Mr Romig of

the firm of Romig & Staples was put in the chair as temporary chairman and after calling the meeting to order Mr W McFarland was elected as temporary secretary, J W Giddes, editor of the Portland Tradesman & Commercial Record outlined the policy adopted throughout the state by the different associations and the benefits to be derived therefrom.

A permanent organization was then effected and the following officers were elected by a unanimous vote:

- President E E Romig
- Vice President W McFarland
- Secretary A S Giddes
- Treasurer J D McKennon

A meeting will be called some time next week when all the merchants will be invited to join the association. The dues will probably be placed at one dollar per month. At this meeting a board of directors will be chosen consisting of five members.

Those present at last night's meeting were: E E Romig, W McFarland, J D McKennon, C Ralston, Baker Bros., J W White, Giddes Bros., and O L Thorn.

NOT ALTOGETHER NECESSARY

Forest Grove has no revenue from saloons but the Times says that the city's postoffice business has increased a greater per cent this year than any other town in either Oregon or Washington; it has built more new houses probably than any other town of its size in the state; it has spent more money from the general tax fund in improvement of its streets this year than during many years previous; its sidewalks are in better condition than the walks in almost any other town in the valley; it has paid all running expenses out of the usual resources and in addition has paid almost \$1,000 on debts.

Fairbanks a Mason

Vice President-elect Fairbanks was initiated into the secrets of Masonry Tuesday. His initiation was the occasion of one of the most notable gatherings the Masons have ever held in Indiana.

Think Pot

A fool is most a fool because he does not know that he is a fool. Wild oats yield a crop of experience obtained at the expense of health.

People who strive to be what they are not, only succeed in being nothing. Many men pray hard in church on Sunday, and pray hard on week days, in business.

Money may buy experience, but it cannot buy wisdom.

Wisdom comes not so much from learning, as from the use that is made of it.

A man has more to fear from his friends than from his enemies—he generally knows who his enemies are.

A bad habit is like a small fire, at first, easily quenched, but suffered to live, increases beyond control and ends in making ruin.

These people are the most comical, who are funny without meaning to be so.

The second quarterly Conference for the La Grande Obargo will be held at the Methodist Church tomorrow Friday evening at 7:30. A full attendance is desired.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL CLERK

Showing Receipts and Disbursements since June 30, 1904, and Other General Information.

La Grande Or., Dec. 28th, 1904.	
To the Hon board of Directors and Citizens of School District No 1, Union County, Oregon.	
Your Clerk would respectfully submit the following report of receipts and disbursements since June 30, 1904, the beginning of this School Year.	
RECEIPTS	
Balance on hand beginning of school year June 20 1904.....	\$ 6323 83
Received from delinquent taxes various years.....	14 86
Received from same, year 1897.....	56
" " " " 1898.....	6 25
" " " " 1899.....	8 08
" " " " 1900.....	235 24
" " " " 1901.....	1 90
" " " " 1902.....	1 80
" " " " 1903.....	1060 50
" " " " "Co. school fund 1872 70.....	
" " " " "State " " 2139 69.....	
" " " " "Tuition.....	48 00
Total amount received.....	\$11763 21
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid out for teachers salaries.....	\$ 3114 90
" " " " fuel, supplies.....	734 04
" " " " repairs, imp.....	249 13
" " " " Int. on bonds.....	653 69
" " " " salary of clerk.....	
" " " " last year.....	200 00
" " " " janitors.....	355 25
" " " " other expenses.....	7 82
Total amount paid out.....	\$ 5515 24
Balance on hand Dec 28 1904.....	\$ 6237 97
GENERAL STATISTICS	
Total taxable property in district as reported by Co. Clerk.....	\$756021 00
DEBT OF DISTRICT	
Bonds dated Oct 1 1895 10 15 6 per cent int.....	\$ 3000 00
Bonds dated Jun 1 1899 10-30 5 per cent int.....	17000 00
Bonds dated Apr 15 1900 10-30 5 per cent int.....	5500 00
Total debt of district.....	\$25500 00
INSURANCE	
Insurance against loss by fire carried on high school bldg.....	\$10000 00
Same on white school bldg.....	5000 00
Same on 2nd ward bldg.....	1500 00
Same on high school furniture.....	2500 00
Same on white school " ".....	400 00
Same on 2nd ward " ".....	200 00
Total amount of insurance.....	\$19000 00
Annual cost of insurance.....	145 00
Respectfully A C WILLIAMS, School Clerk	

COUGHS

Coughs are warnings of something amiss in throat or lungs. Don't mind the cough, mind the cause. Use a remedy that will go to the source of trouble and cure that. Such a remedy is our

White Pine Cough Balsam

It cures promptly and thoroughly because it cures in the right manner. Relieves irritation, heals inflamed surfaces, loosens the cough, and soothes and strengthens while it cures. A splendid remedy for children because it is so good to cure and so good to take. Price 25 and 50 cents.

THE NEWLIN DRUG CO

LA GRANDE OREGON

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THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

Mackinaw Coats and Pants

Made from the best of Oregon and California wool, surpasses everything else on the market for cold weather wearing apparel.

\$3.50 to \$5.50

GERMAN SOX
For Men and Boys

WOOL SOX
For Men and Boys

In black and colored, special prices
75c, 85c to \$1.25

Suitable for all kinds of wear and all kinds of weather
25c to 75c
Regular 50c Red Sox 40c

Men's Rubber Goods

At prices that mean a smart saving. Nothing but FIRST QUALITIES handled here and in the best makes. If you fail to see us about rubbers it is because you are indifferent to saving money. For we positively can save you money on these goods.

Men's Winter Caps 25c to \$1.50

Boys' Winter Caps 25c to 65c

The Fair
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