

# CITY COUNCIL MEETS

The city council held a long session last night. The clock hands had passed the midnight hour when adjournment was taken. A long petition asking that saloon licenses be raised to \$1000 per annum was read and referred to the Judiciary committee. A generously signed petition remonstrating against a raise in saloon licenses was read and referred to the Ways and Means committee.

The street committee reported that they had received two bids for the construction of cement sidewalks as follows: J. L. Mars \$124., H. L. Price \$125. The council ordered that the lowest bid be accepted and the contract let. The street committee reported that they were not satisfied with the service of the electric light company, with whom they had a contract which does not expire until next December. The terms of which are that the city is to receive arc light of 1200 candle power capacity per lamp, whereas in the opinion of the committee the lamps are only 800 candle power. The council directed the committee to further investigate the matter and if the contract calls for 1200 candle power and the city is only receiving 800 candle power lights, the company be made to refund in proportion to the shortage of the contract.

The street committee to whom the matter of purchasing a steam street roller, reported that they had investigated several makes and had decided that the Buffalo Pitts roller was the best. This roller weighs 24,000 pounds, empty and the price is \$5,600 f. o. b. Buffalo, New York. The council by a unanimous vote gave the street committee full power to act in the matter.

The Finance committee reported that they had made a contract with Leon. B. Stoddard to expert the city books and prepare a system of keeping the records for which the city is to pay him \$5. per day for his services.

The committee consisting of the Mayor Stoddard and Councilman J. T. Williamson to investigate the best available water supply, reported that they had investigated Beaver creek and Five Point creek and thought the latter most feasible.

The Fire and Insurance committee reported that they had interviewed the owners of the hotels and opera house and in each instance the proprietors would comply with the laws in reference to proper fire escapes.

The committee designated to ascertain whether or not the use of oil on the streets of Walla Walla proved a success, reported that the city authorities wrote that it was not a success.

Everything went harmonious until it came time to auditing the bills. A resolution was adopted at the last meeting demanding that all bills should be properly audited and verified, but in all instances this was not done. There were several bills that had been ordered without authority and a free for all discussion followed. It was demonstrated that a different system of auditing bills is the order of the day. The custom for many years has been for the recorder to read the bills for the month and they would be handed to the Finance committee who spend about ten minutes and report the same evening. It can be easily seen that justice could not be done either to the city or the committee. A resolution was presented providing that council meeting will be held twice a month. This is as it should be.

The names of Gus Behrens, David Ellsworth and E. E. Scott were approved as members of Alert Hose Co., No. 4.

The marshal's report showed that 23 arrests were made during the past month.

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF MAYOR

To the common council of the city of La Grande.

It is incumbent on the Mayor, from time to time, to recommend such matters and measures as he may deem expedient and proper for the consideration of the Council, and in pursuance of this duty imposed on the Mayor, I hereby recommend as follows:—

1. That the curb line in the residence districts of the city be established uniform, and the plan of cement sidewalks be regulated and spaces between walk and property line, and between walk and curb line be properly designated. The parking of the margin of the streets is a very desirable thing to be done and every inducement should be offered the people who desire to beautify their homes and grounds. These curb lines range from 10 to 14 ft. from the property line as the cement walks have been put in. 12 ft. appears to be about the best distance, although some prefer 14 ft.

2. That an assembling place for cow herds should be established by assembling and distributing the cows so there will be no cows allowed to wander around unless under the control of some person.

3. That dairies within the city limits should be prohibited or regulated, and it

may become necessary as a protection to the public health that dairymen be licensed and the milk inspected and analyzed regularly or at stated periods.

4. That owing to press of business the number of monthly council meeting should be increased to a meeting every week or two monthly meetings.

5. That the water works should be put on a meter system as speedily as possible.

6. That a contingent fund should be created or a certain sum of money set aside as cash available and subject to the order of the Mayor or Recorder so such charges as freight, express postage, ect. can be paid.

7. Funds should be paid into the treasury so the accounts of the Recorder and Treasurer will check item by item.

8. A plat book should be kept by the city at the City Hall showing all plats, blocks and subdivisions, all profiles and grades established, and plats of the city water works showing all the mains and laterals and private service pipes and the location of all taps.

9. That the practice of people occupying a large part of the street when erecting a building should be regulated and no one allowed to use the streets of the city for storing material or performing structural work without having first obtained a permit at a nominal charge of \$1.

10. That it will be a good idea to improve the grounds around the city building now occupied by county officers, and by appointing a committee for this purpose the county can be induced to pay most of the expense.

11. That in the repair of sidewalks a person should be designated who is not a city officer to contract and bargain with the owners of sidewalks that need to be repaired and this party deal with the public without the city being a party except that he work under the direction of the street superintendent. He buys his own material and pays for it himself and then he collects his bills from the party he repairs or builds sidewalk for at the prices he agrees to do the work for.

A city scavenger should work in the same manner and still be under the direction of the Superintendent of streets.

The scavenger makes his own bargains and collects his own bills. The people can employ the scavenger and the side walk repairer or any person they please but these men will be at the service of the public if required.

The city's right to repair sidewalks and acquire liens on abutting property is regulated by law and it should not act in a commercial capacity in buying and selling lumber and taking contracts to build sidewalks or anything else.

12. That it might be a good idea and conduce somewhat to the efficiency of the city's service if the per diem allowed by the charter were paid to the members of the Council, the Mayor, Baker City and all the larger towns pay the council members for all of the meetings they attend and fine them for not having their reports ready to be disposed of without delay. If they do not attend their meeting they get no pay. It works like a charm in other places, and even if "the laborer is not worthy of his hire" it makes the city's service attain a higher standard of efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. STODDARD,

Mayor of La Grande.

## RECORDER'S REPORT

Receipts from water \$1288 35  
Fines 433 03  
\$1721 38

## VOLIVA SAYS THINGS ABOUT DOWIE

(Scripps News Association)

Zion City May 3—Dowie this morning read Voliva's assertion that the best thing that could happen to Zion, would be Dowie's immediate death. Immediate steps are being taken to counteract the exorbitant effect of the statement by members of Dowie's followers. At the direction of Voliva, the absent members of the board of overseers are to hurry home and try Dowie's excommunication.

Voliva says as soon as it is assured that Dowie is sane and capable of considering the charges they will be presented.

## The Eastern Oregon Trust and Savings Bank

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## YOU AND YOUR LADY ARE INVITED to call at our new store and try our ICE CREAMS SODA

We are prepared to furnish the very latest drinks and our service is absolutely correct. Our confections are the latest and daintiest creations and are sure to please the palate as well as the eye. Do not be afraid to bring the children or send them alone. They will receive courteous and gentlemanly treatment.

BEST GANDIES, NUTS AND FRUITS  
Cigars, Tobacco, Smoker's Sundries  
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Next Door to Post Office

## NEW CARPETS BEAUTIFUL CARPETS

The very Latest Designs

HANDSOMEST LACE GURTAINS ever shown in the city.

W. H. BOHNENKAMP CO.

## MALHEUR CIRCUIT COURT

Circuit court was convened in Vale Monday by Judge Geo. E. Davis and the most important cases being tried are the Railroad right of way, F. M. Guillome's land for a strip sixty feet wide and a quarter of a mile in length has been decided by the jury awarding the defendant \$1,000 for the right of way. This includes a dwelling house, orchard, berry patch and lawn.—Malheur Gazette.

## RICH LOAM

Extra rich black loam, for filling gardens, etc., for sale and delivered. I also have gravel for sale. 1 1/2 cu. yd. delivered on the place.

J. L. MARS.

## MERCHANT OF VENICE !!

Opera House, May 24—Given in full costume, by Seniors of High School Rare treat. Don't miss it. Seats 35 cts

## FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN

One sixty Horse Power Russell Engine Boiler and fixtures complete. All in good running order. Reason for selling put in Electric power. Inquire of La Grande Milling Company La Grande, Oregon.

Vinol builds you up and keeps you up



Our delicious Cod Liver preparation without oil.

Better than old-fashioned cod liver oil and emulsions to restore health for

Old people, delicate children, weak run-down persons, and after sickness, colds, coughs, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles.

Try it on our guarantee.

## TREASURER'S CALL FOR WARRANTS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Treasurer of Union County, Oregon, has funds on hand which to pay all County and Scalp bounty warrants which were presented and endorsed by the County Treasurer, prior to Feb. 1, 1902.

No interest allowed on the above warrants after May, 4, 1906.

JOHN FRAWLEY

TREASURER OF UNION COUNTY

## CLEAN UP NOTICE

Property owners are hereby notified to clean up their alleys and repair their sidewalks at once.

JOHN WILSON,

Street Superintendent.

## BLUE MOUNTAIN FOREST RESERVE

Application For Grazing Permits.—Notice is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses, and sheep within the Eastern Division of the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve, during the season of 1906, must be submitted to D. B. Shaller, Forest Superintendent, Baker City, Oregon, on or before May 19, 1906. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged, and blank forms to be used in making application, will be furnished upon request addressed to the above named officer.

OVERTON W. PRICE,  
Associate Forester

## STEWART'S OPERA HOUSE

D. H. STEWARD, Proprietor and Manager.

Commencing Monday May 7  
THE POPULAR



# ECKHARDT'S IDEALS

Monday, May 7 "A Fight for Honor"  
Tuesday, May 8 "The Great Northwest"  
Wednesday, May 9 "Virginia"  
Thursday, May 10 "Under Old Glory"  
Friday, May 11 "Because He Loved Her"  
Saturday, May 12 "After the Ball"

Saturday Matinee  
High Glass Specialties

Special Prices 10, 20 and 30 cents

# UNION COUNTY

Union County presents to the home seeker a greater number of diversified industries than any county in the state, out side of Multnomah county which is practically Portland.

We do not believe that there is another county in the Inland Empire that can show fourteen different industries whose total annual revenue produces an average of \$193,000.00 cash.

The annual report of the State labor Commissioner, places Union County third in the state, in the employment of labor

It requires 194 solid trains of fourty cars each to carry the produce of our county to the market, more than a train every other day throughout the year.

"An admirable climate." The past winter only for a few hours did the mercury reach zero. No excessive heat in the summer and our cool refreshing nights cannot be appreciated by the residents of the east until they are permitted to enjoy them.

Our soil is rich and productive. Were we to mention yields they would not be believed. The only way to become acquainted with this "Garden of Eden" is to personally visit this land of diversity, as when you see the crops growing and harvested they speak for themselves.

Our forrests will require many many decades of the present activity before they begin to yield and we now have thirty or more saw mills which give employment the year round in the mills and logging camps

The only sugar beet factory in the state is located at La Grande, the County Seat of Union County with a population of 5,000, progressive wide awake people who extend the glad hand to all. This is the commercial, educational and social center of the county.

La Grande is known as the railroad town of the O. R. & N. Co. whose annual payroll at this place exceeds \$500,000.00. From here the branch road is now pushing through the northern part of this county, on into the Wallowa County, starts a freight division, machine shops, round houses, and one of the largest railroad yards on the system, and train dispatchers office. The public schools of La Grande are second to none in cities of this size in this state. We now have three buildings and a fourth, an eight room brick building in course of construction, giving employment to twenty-two teachers. The principal office of the Grande Ronde Electric Co. is located in this city. This Company furnishes power and light for the city of La Grande, Island City, Cove, Union, and the Hot Lake Sanitorium.

## VALUE OF PRODUCTS

Wheat	\$650,000
Lumber	540,000
Sugar	265,090
Oats and Barley	250,000
Cattle	250,000
Hogs	200,000
Hay	120,000
Dairy Products	125,000
Fruit	100,000
Horses and Mules	100,000
Sugar Beets	100,000
Poultry	50,000
Potatoes	30,000
Wood	50,000
	\$2,830,000

## GAR-LOADS

Lumber	3000
Wheat	2000
Oats and Barley	600
Wood	500
Ice	500
Fruit	250
Sugar	200
Potatoes	200
Hay	200
Cattle	200
Hogs	250
Horses and Mules	100
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