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CAPITAL STOCK - \$60,000.00

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$87,126.61	Capital Stock	\$60,000.00
Bonds	5,000.00	Earnings	-
Warrants and Stocks	3,791.15	- Discount and Exchange	55.68
Furniture & Fixtures	2,728.50	Interest	1,673.21
Expense and Int. paid	130.11	Deposits	66,155.70
Accrued	1,250.00		
Cash on hand and in banks	27,856.28		
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With the election of a United States senator on the first day of the legislature and county division proposition nipped in the bud, there is very little general interest taken in the work of the legislature

It is quite probable that if the appropriations passed by the legislature total up to the suggested \$4,000,000 mark there may be some pruning thru the referendum.

It seems that some of the people living within the territory which has been suggested to form the new state of Lincoln, comprising portions of the states of Washington, Idaho and Oregon are taking it serious.

Such a move would undoubtedly prove advantageous to certain localities within the proposed territory, but what benefit the little slice of Eastern Oregon would receive from cutting away from her present commercial and political alignments, we fail to see.

The southern line of the new state runs between La Grande and Baker City, leaving us on the extreme southern border. Spokane would undoubtedly become the capital. The natural topography of the country is such that we have little in common with that section. Trade naturally follows the water course of the Columbia this takes us to the nearest commercial center at the sea port which is Portland.

Since Oregon has adopted the initiative and referendum, and the primary nominating laws, elect our United States senator by a direct vote of the people, we cannot expect to secure any additional powers as citizens than we do not now enjoy and stand to lose many of these privileges if not all.

When the Eastern portion of Oregon is traversed with railroads and the interior of the state is developed, changes may result in two states being made out of Oregon. There might be some benefits secured in this way, in the future but time will solve that problem. It is not to our interest to become a part of the state of Lincoln.

The Elgin Recorder in its last issue editorially which we copied in our issue of the 11th under the heading "Anent County Division" voices a sentiment, that La Grande should not permit, thru any fault of her own, to become generally accepted.

The Recorder truly expresses the sentiment that prevails in the Northern portion of this county, which is overwhelming against county division. This is natural and logical. In case of division it means that two county governments must be supported from the same taxable property that now supports one, which can result only in increased taxation to both territories so divided.

No one but those who want an office or those who are so partisan blind that in order to "get even on La Grande" would be willing to pay this increased taxation.

The great majority of the citizens of North Powder, Cove, Summerville and Elgin are against county division, and without the hearty support of these, division is impossible.

The Recorder touches upon and sends out a note of warning that if heeded will forever prevent county division, and that is for La Grande to not "hog" everything. This means that La Grande should not take advantage of the fact of her large vote and nominate La Grande men for all of the best offices.

If we do, we will of necessity compel the outside precincts to band together for self protection this continual combining against La Grande in time would work against us, a sentiment "Anti La Grande" will be continually at work, and in time will work to our disadvantage.

La Grande today enjoys the good will and friendship of every section in the county but Union, and also of Union were it not for a few chronic office seekers who constantly keep agitating, old scores. Most of the intelligent citizens of Union realize that their city will thrive and is thriving under staple conditions, to an extent not possible under pre-existing conditions.

What La Grande, in the future has to fear along political lines is her own people. Under the primary law no one is barred from becoming a candidate and under normal conditions the candidate who receives the mayor position of the La Grande vote is nominated, this naturally offers an inducement to La Grande candidates.

Under the old convention system it was much easier to make an equitable

distribution of the offices with reference to county representation than under the primary system.

La Grande is entitled to fair representation but it is the duty of our citizens to see that the charge that "La Grande is hogging it all" is not founded on fact. This cry will be made at every election by disappointed candidates but the voters will know whether we are abusing our privileges, which we must not do. We must encourage the idea and emphasize it by our votes, that worthy and competent candidates, no matter from what section of this county can feel that they can depend upon receiving consideration at the hands of the La Grande voters.

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