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INVITED FAILURE.

It is reported that ex-United States Senator Fred W. Mulkey is a firm believer in newspapers as the only effective advertising medium. This is no theory with Mr. Mulkey, for he has thoroughly tried both kinds. He used the papers exclusively for his first entrance into politics and the results were most successful. His next sudden appearance for public favors was inaugurated through a calendar campaign—a thing of beauty, but, while expensive, conveyed the idea of cheapness, especially when associated with the exalted position of United States senator. The people generally resented it and he could not get any enthusiasm attracted toward him, and after a few months he withdrew from the race, and it would be difficult to convince any one that he was ever a real candidate. Calendars might be used as a supplemental feature, but the people have to be shown more life and originality than can be exemplified in a lithograph when it comes to attracting their attention and fastening their support sufficient to aid the personal ambition towards seeking such responsible positions of trust. Mr. Mulkey is undoubtedly a man of some ability, but he invited failure and was successful in this.

CITY CHARTER.

That the question of a new city charter is of special interest to this city, and that our present charter needs, to say the least, a number of amendments and in view of the charter discussion and special election recently held, makes the charter question one of general interest. As a result there is naturally more or less comment on the plan of the suggested new charter proposed by Mr. Finn in last evening's Observer. While this system of municipal government is gaining ground, having its origin in the early days of Texas, following the country's recovery from calamity following the great tidal wave of 1846, where things looked hopeless, it proved to be eminently successful and from that, other cities adopted that or similar systems. The idea, to say the least, is along the trend of the times—self-government. From an economical standpoint it might require careful consideration as to whether it offers us any improvement over our present system. The columns of The Observer are open to all who might give some information or opinion as to the practicability or non-practicability of adopting this, or on charter matters generally.

County registration books are open. Register, it saves so much trouble in voting at primaries and the general election this year. One registration covers the primary election, the election in June, and the presidential election in November. Remember, voters in this city should register at the city recorder's office for the city election, which takes place March 9.

TYPICAL WESTERNER.

Came to Eastern Oregon 25 Years Ago and Likes It Still. Cal Coomes of Camas Prairie, Umatilla county, who is in the city visiting Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Charlton, with the doctor called at The Observer office this morning and had a real good, old-fashioned visit with the editors. Mr. Coomes represents the true, typical westerner, not the magazine type with a rattlesnake hat-band and

suspenders trousers, but the clean-cut, frank countenanced man who has grappled with the stern realities and triumphed, and come through with a cheerful disposition and hearty good will for all men. Though the snows of many winters have whitened his hair and care has left an occasional furrow about his face, his frame is still erect and his eye undimmed. For several years he has left the active work of the roundup to others, though he is not "shelved" by any means, and would undoubtedly try the metal of a much younger man should a hunting trip be proposed. Mr. Coomes can recite many interesting accounts of early life in eastern Oregon, as he well remembers when the county was "unspoiled by fences," and when wild game was still plentiful and the native grass was "belly deep" on the plains now waving with grain. While he has prepared for the life of a farmer with a sufficient amount of the wild man's "chickamen," he is content to spend his days and wealth in the land which has yielded to him so bountifully and still contends that there is no spot so beautiful as his own mountain ranch on the "Camas." Mr. Coomes will return to Pendleton this evening, having completed his visit and transacted the business which brought him to the Grande Ronde valley.

Elementary Finance.

Bank Cashier—You see, Mr. Schmidt, it's this way. There is plenty of money here in the bank, but we and the other city banks have agreed, in order to prevent a panic, that we will pay out only a part of the actual currency demanded by our depositors. Your money is here, all right, and you can have it just as soon as it is safe to let you have it. In the meantime, we will give you, instead of actual cash, clearing house certificates which will serve the same purpose. This is the third time I have explained this matter to you. I have gone into it thoroughly, because I want you to explain the conditions to the rest of your fellow countrymen, who are depositors here. Do you think you understand it now?

Mr. Schmidt—Yes. Bank Cashier—Well, then, how are you going to explain it to your friends? Mr. Schmidt—Well, it isn't like dis, Mr. Cashier. Matilda and I, we have a leedie baby. Der leedie baby she cry for milk in der middle of der night. Ve get up u vdne. Ve get up und ve say to dot leedie baby: Yes, baby, der is plenty of milk in der kitchen, but ve cannot give it to you now. But ve vill give you somedings yust as good. Here is a milk ticket. Now go ter sleep.

PROTEST ENTERED.

La Grande Socialists Unanimously Passed the Following Resolutions.

La Grande, Ore., Dec. 29, 1907. At a regular meeting of the socialists' local branch No. 1 at La Grande, Ore., the following resolutions were passed unanimously.

In view of the action of the mine-owners in attempting to force the members of the different labor organizations to accept their party's so-called "rag" money, and their organization, and accept an unreasonable reduction in wages, by and through the unlawful use of federal troops; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby protest against this unlawful use of federal power in usurping the functions of the state of Nevada, and call upon the representatives of the state of Oregon to use their influence to the end that said troops be withdrawn from said state, and that they proceed forthwith to introduce and push to passage laws defining specifically under what condition and through what authority federal troops can be called for by the respective states, and providing that such troops must be used without prejudice to either party to a controversy.

A copy of this to be sent to the representatives of Oregon, to the Western Federation of Miners' union at Goldfield, and to our local papers.

THOMAS H. MOORE, Chairman.

BIRD F. LEWIS, Secretary.

Coming, "The Man of the Hour." "The Man of the Hour," which comes to the Steward opera house Tuesday night, January 21, is a play of politics and graft, and is said to be the best of its kind any American has written, and from all accounts deserves to be seen by every one who can appreciate a good drama finely acted. It is said the types of politicians George Broadhurst has drawn in this play, are alive and busy. F.

A full line of New Mattresses and Springs. Agents for Leggeth's All Steel Spring, 30 days free trial. 3 Makes of Ranges. Elite, La Clede and Acme Ranges, \$28.50 to \$55 Heating Stoves at Reduced Prices. We have to sell 2 sets of double harness, also 2 sewing machines. Phone Black 641. H. B. HAISTEN 213 FIR STREET. COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS NEW AND SECOND HAND GOODS Phone Red 1161. F. D. HAISTEN 1411, 1413, 1415 Adams Avenue.

outright truth in characterization of certain kinds of men no play of the time exceeds "The Man of the Hour" team yesterday, the score being 11 to 6.

COVE, OREGON.

The finest of land in Union county lays in this section for cherries, apples, berries or vegetables, the soil has the required amount of productiveness to make it a garden of Eden. If only mankind will plant and cultivate it. Now any one can purchase a tract of 10 acres or more from the farm known as the Ed Payne place, which has been cut into 10-acre tracts and on sale now by the recent purchasers. Will sell on installments. LA GRAND INVESTMENT CO., 12-301st La Grande, Ore.

Land With Wood on.

We have 149 acres of land exactly six miles from here, up Fox Hill, and which has at least 2000 cords of excellent wood on. We will accept any reasonable offer for this tract if taken soon. The entire tract is level and a wagon can easily be driven on every foot of it. Make us an offer. Terms. REAL ESTATE, LOAN & COMMISSION COMPANY.

The Eastern Oregon Trust & Savings Bank

THE BOY AND THE BANK BOOK.



should be inseparable—that is, every boy should be taught to save, even before he begins to earn. The younger the start the more they will save, and the better they will enjoy the habit of saving. We encourage thrift in the young, knowing that it leads to independence and prosperity in middle age. Bank your savings with us, and watch them grow year by year. In this way your money will be earning money.

OFFICERS:

F. M. BYRKIT, President. WM. MILLER, Vice-President. GEO. L. CLEAVER, Cashier. T. J. SCROGGIN, Assistant Cashier. F. J. HOLMES, Treasurer.

LA GRANDE SCHOOL of MUSIC

Studio over Selder's candy parlors. : : : PROF. DAY, Principal

FOR RENT—Furnished room with board; centrally located. Phone Black 822.

Strayed.

There came to my home Tuesday morning a horse with saddle and bridle. Owner will please call and get him and pay for this notice. E. P. STAPLES.

SPECIAL INDUCEMENT.

To Our Customers and Prospective New Ones: We have just closed our first year's business and find it has been a very successful one. We now have a large number of good regular patrons, who pay their bills promptly. We hope to add to this number the coming year many new ones. As a special inducement for all to pay cash we are issuing coupon books good for \$5.00 in laundry for \$4.50 cash. You save 10 per cent by buying a book. This is a much more satisfactory way than running a bill. Have your washing ready early in the week. You get better work. We have lately installed on our shirt and

collar machine a new invention for ironing pleated shirts, which enables us to turn out the very finest work obtainable anywhere.

Start the new year by sending us your laundry. It will be appreciated. Phone Main 78. CHERRY'S NEW LAUNDRY.

FOR A FINE DINNER. We offer preferred stock canned goods—That's Goodness. Prices on this line are all right—That's Gracious. Goodness gracious, what more do you want? THE CITY GROCERY AND BAKERY E. POLACK, Propr. Complete line of Eatables



Overcoat Weather

THE WEATHER MAN says "rain and snow, much colder and freezing"—just a melle of all sorts of weather.

But never mind—we've been expecting just such conditions and have made ample provision for your comfort and appearance. Here are

HANDSOME, WARM AND STYLISH OVERCOATS

They'll knock out old Winter, but spare your pocket-book.

That's one great feature about this store—your pocket-book is always safe from fakes.

You're sure of the best goods—new goods—dependable, satisfactory clothing—and the more you invest and compare the more our money-saving prices stand out in your favor. Overcoats Medium or Long cut—Tailoring and fabric the best—perfect in every detail.

Now where's the Man that can't be Overcoat satisfied here? Your pleasure in buying is part of our profit.

ASH BROS. LA GRANDE,

The Clothiers OREGON