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MARCH AND APRIL.

It is expected that 20,000 people will come to Oregon during the months of March and April. This means the adding of another county about the size of Union from a population standpoint. Union county could easily absorb this entire 20,000 and the 40,000 would be more prosperous than our present 20,000. While it is not practical nor possible for any one county to secure all, it depends very much upon the individual activity of any one county in the state to receive its just proportion. This is especially true of the extreme eastern portion of the state, as Portland being the terminus and the leading city in the state will be the logical destination and the inland empire must make sufficient noise to attract their attention or they will never know that we are on the map. For a number of years we East Oregonians were prone to call the Willamette valley counties mossbacks, and for a time it was fitting, but no longer. They are now as aggressive as any portion of the state, and if they made the claim to being more so, it might require considerable evidence of a rebuttal nature to dislodge them. Salem, Albany, Eugene in the Willamette valley; Roseburg in the Umpqua, and Grant's Pass, Medford and Ashland in Rogue River valley have five, wide-awake commercial bodies that are now preparing for an active campaign during March and April.

IDLE SEASON.

This is the season of the year when the charitable institutions of the large cities are taxed. The committee of the Central Federated Union reports that there are at present, 160,000 idle men in New York city. This does not mean that all or even a small portion of this number are recipients of charity, but it does mean there is little opportunity for those without means and a home to secure employment whereby they can support themselves. We do not have to go so far away from home. Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles have problems of their own. A free soup house was established in the last named city a few days ago. Spring work in many sections of the country will soon open, which will offer relief.

Monday it is expected that the prosecutions in the Oregon land fraud cases will be resumed in Portland. While there are a number of prominent men to be brought to the front and given an opportunity to explain their official and private acts, at this time the trial of John Hall will doubtless attract the most general interest. In as much as Mr. Heney has volunteered the statement that the basis of his previous insinuations against the character of Senator Fulton will be brought to light.

Island City is the envy of all of the towns of the valley, while the others have been forced to regenerate back to the use of common oil and candles, they are enjoying electric lights. Their flouring mill, which is run by water power at this season of the year, makes it thus possible.

The political straws at present seem to be drifting toward Hughes remains as yet an unknown quantity.

Story of a Song.

A song of national circulation, "In the Sweet By and By," written by S. Fillmore Bennett of Elkhorn, Wis., had its birth in a country store. Mr. Bennett told the story, which is given in Wisconsin in Three Centuries, as follows:

"It was about time for closing business in the evening when J. P. Webster, whose melodies have made Wisconsin famous, came into the store, feeling somewhat depressed.

"I said to Webster: 'What is the matter now?'"

"He replied: 'It is no matter; it will be all right by and by.'"

"The idea of the hymn came to me like a flash of sunshine, and I replied: 'The sweet by and by. Why would not that make a good hymn?'"

"'Maybe it would,' he said, indifferently.

"I turned to my desk and penned the hymn as fast as I could write. I handed it to Mr. Webster. As he read it his eyes kindled and his whole demeanor changed. Stepping to his desk, he began writing the notes instantly.

"In a few moments he requested Mr. Bright to hand him his violin, and he played with little hesitation the beautiful melody from the notes. A few moments later he jotted down the notes for the different parts and the chorus.

"I do not think it was more than 20 minutes from the time I took my pen up to write the words before the hymn and the notes had all been completed, and four of us were singing it exactly as it appeared in the Signet Ring a few days later, and as it has been sung the world over ever since."—Selected.

Chain Gang at Walla Walla.

For the first time in the history of the city, a chain gang graces the streets, making some effort to reimburse the city for their keep. The gang sent out this morning was in charge of Floyd Haviland and consisted of three able-bodied men who are laying out time in jail, says the Walla Walla Statesman.

Heretofore it has been the custom to allow prisoners to serve out their time in the county jail, a dead loss to the city, which was forced to dig up for their keep. As a consequence, Hotel Haviland, as the county hostelry is termed, has in time past, particularly in cold weather, become a favorite lounging place for those too lazy to work. But under the new system, it is thought that the desire for cheap board and lodging will lessen considerably and that the hotel keeper will be a much less worked individual.

In fact, the news that the chain gang was going to be sent out has had a most decided influence for the good, there not having been a single arrest from Friday night up to this noon.

Treasurer's Call for County and Road Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned treasurer of Union county, Oregon, has funds on hand with which to pay all county warrants that were presented and indorsed prior to April 1, 1905, and all warrants on the road fund endorsed prior to December 19, 1907. No interest allowed on the above warrants after January 10, 1908.

JOHN FRAWLEY, Treasurer of Union County.

"The Man of the Hour."

Playgoers will no doubt view with great favor "The Man of the Hour," which will be seen at Steward's opera house Tuesday night, January 21, being presented here with a special selected company under the management of William A. Brady and Joseph R. Grismer. "The Man of the Hour" from all reports, easily ranks as one of the most substantial hits of the past season of the new one. It is said to contain more generous laughs than many a farce, and the love interest is absorbing. The play is said to be strong, convincing and uncommonly interesting and proves particularly effective as a dramatic vehicle, because it deals with a familiar subject in a most vitale manner.

Bargain Tables.

The Van Dune store has placed a line of 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c bargain tables, which are fairly groaning under their weight of bargains. A call at the store will convince you that you were never before offered so many useful and really worthy articles of wear and utility at such unheard of bargains. A call will convince you that not only can you save money here, but get exactly what you have been looking for.

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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. 281f CHERRY'S NEW LAUNDRY.

Notice.

Having disposed of my grocery business to James G. Snodgrass, I wish to take this means to thank my customers for their very liberal patronage in the past, and assure them that their trade will be equally well appreciated by my successor in the future.

Would request that those knowing themselves indebted to me would call and settle at their earliest convenience. 1-3-17 E. P. STAPLES.

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.

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Woodmen of the World. La Grande Lodge No. 169, W. O. W., meets every Friday of each month in the K. of P. hall in Corpe building. All visiting members welcome. N. L. ACKLES, J. H. KEENEY, Consul Commander. Clerk.

A. F. & A. M. La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., holds regular meetings second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p. m. L. H. RUSSELL, W. M. C. D. HUFFMAN, Secretary.

Pythian Sisters. Rowena Temple No. 9, Pythian Sisters, meets every Thursday evening at 8 p. m., in K. of P. hall, in the Corpe building. Visiting members cordially invited. LIZZIE HAWORTH, M. E. C. EUNICE PROCTER, M. of R. & C.

L. O. T. M. Hive No. 27, L. O. T. M., meets every first and third Thursday of each month at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Visiting members made welcome. SADIE KLINTWORTH, L. C. MAGGIE REYNOLDS, K. of R.

Brotherhood of Owls. La Grande Nest No. 17, meets in the K. of P. hall every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting brothers cordially invited. N. L. ACKLES, Executive. B. L. LEAVITT, Secretary.

K. of P. Red Cross Lodge No. 27, meets every Monday evening in Castle Hall, Corpe building. A Pythian welcome to all visiting knights. HAROLD HERRON, C. C. R. PATTISON, K. of R. & S.

Rebekahs. Crystal Lodge No. 50, meets every Tuesday evening at the I. O. O. F. lodge. All visiting members are invited to attend. LAURA STILES, N. G. JENNIE SMITH, Secretary.

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Foresters of America. Court Maid Marian No. 21 meets each Wednesday night at Elks' hall. Brothers are invited to attend. NERI ACKLES, C. H. G. V. HENDRICKS, F. S. Board of Trustee: Dr. G. L. Biggers, Oscar Berger and Herbert Patterson.

M. W. A. La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets every Monday evening at I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting neighbors are cordially invited to attend. E. C. COX, D. E. COX, Clerk.

F. O. E. La Grande Aerle No. 259, F. O. E., meets every Friday night in Elks' hall at 8 p. m. Visiting brethren invited to attend. J. H. PEARE, W. P. GEO. J. ABEGB, W. S.

I. O. O. F. Star Encampment No. 31, I. O. O. F., meets every second and fourth Wednesday in the month in Odd Fellows' hall. Visiting patriachs always welcome. D. E. COX, C. E. W. A. WORSTELL, Scribe.

M. B. of A. Meets first and third Thursday evening at I. O. O. F. hall. Visiting members always welcome. J. A. ARBUCKLE, President. C. J. VANDERPOEL, Secretary.

B. P. O. E. La Grande Lodge No. 411, meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Elks' hall on Adams avenue. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend. W. B. SARGENT, Exalted Ruler. G. E. MCCULLY, Rec. Sec.

I. O. O. F. La Grande Lodge No. 16, meets in their hall every Saturday night. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend. Cemetery plot may be seen at Model Restaurant. T. J. SCROGGIN, N. G. D. E. COX, Secretary. C. J. VANDERPOEL, Fin. Sec.

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