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- Political Information.
County registration books open until April 7.
Primary election April 17.
Registration books reopened April 21; closed on May 15.
General state election June 1.
Registration books reopened September 20; close October 20.
Presidential election November 3.
City Election.
City registration books close February 22.
Candidates must file their petitions not later than February 22.
City election March 9.

Profanity. Profanity never did any man the least good. No man is the richer, or happier, or wiser for it. It commends no one to any society. It is disgusting to the refined; abominable to the good; insulting to those with whom we associate; degrading to the mind; unprofitable, needless and injurious to society.

AN OPTIMIST.

Once upon a time there were two men, Mr. Optimistic and Mr. Pessimistic, who made up their minds they would enjoy a day's fishing. They expended a large amount of money for tackle, dug a nice lot of worms, caught some good fat frogs and met on the shore of the lake.

Mr. Pessimistic said: "It smells to me a little like rain, it seems to me I can see a cloud over there in the sky, and I tell you right now I am not going to take any chances by going out on the lake until conditions change. The boat might tip over you know and then I would lose all of my expensive tackle. Even if the boat didn't spill me out, if it rained I would get wet, if I got wet I would catch cold, if I caught cold I would have a fever, and if I had a fever I would probably die, so I am going to stay on shore until everything is more favorable."

Mr. Optimistic said: "Well, you can stay here, count your worms and eat four frogs if you want to, but I am going out. I have put a lot of money into this outfit. I have got some good fresh bait, and a little cloud doesn't scare me a particle. Suppose we do have a shower, the sun will soon come out, and anyway you would dry off just as quickly in the boat as on shore, besides all that, I want some fish and I am going to have them."

All day long Mr. Pessimistic sat on the shore waiting for the storm which never came. His worms dried up, his frogs died, and at night when Mr. Optimistic came in with a big string of fish, he cursed his luck, said everything always went against him, and then teased Mr. Optimistic to divide his fish with him.

MORAL.

Simply because Wall street was foolish enough to get its feet wet is no reason in the world why the entire country should stand still and shiver. Don't scuttle the ship or let the bait dry up. Put on fresh bait, a pleasant look and trust in Providence, but don't forget to throw out your line. No man ever caught a mess of fish who jumped out of the boat, ran up in

the woods and kicked a tree. The country was never in better shape than it is this very minute, with "bumper" crops and good prices, all we need to do is to displace foolish fear with intelligent confidence. Business conditions will again be normal just so soon as the mind of the people is normal.

The approaching city election campaign is now on. The action of the La Grande Civic league draws the issue squarely before the people. Doubtless attempts will be made to divert the issue as outlined by the league, but the issue and fight will be whether the voters of this city endorse or condemn the present administration. It will be a clear-cut fight. The record is an open one and none should be deceived.

Notice of City Election.

Be it resolved by the council of the city of La Grande, Ore., that the recorder shall give notice by publication in the La Grande Evening Observer, for the period of 10 days, of the general election to be held on March the 9th, 1908, for the election of a mayor, recorder, treasurer, marshal and one councilman from each ward of the city, and that the judges and clerks of the First ward shall be as follows:

Judges—J. F. Clark, E. C. Davis and Arthur Wranick. Clerks—D. E. Cox and Arthur Curtis. The voting place shall be at the city hall; And that the voting place in the Second ward shall be the council room, and the judges and clerks shall be as follows: Judges—H. W. Stoner, David Bay and George Ball. Clerks—H. E. Coolidge and A. W. Nelson. That the voting place in the Third ward shall be in the South Methodist parsonage and that the judges and clerks shall be as follows: Judges—B. W. Grandy, R. L. Lincoln and Arthur Williams. Clerks—R. W. Logan and C. C. Hamilton. That the voting place in the Fourth ward shall be in the Harris building on Fir street, and that the judges and clerks in said ward shall be as follows: Judges—B. Logsdon, Wm. Thompson and G. E. Fowler. Clerks—C. G. Cummings and A. Thomas. I. R. SNOOK, Recorder of the City of La Grande. By order of the council February 5, 1908. Dated this, the 19th day of February, 1908.

CIVIC LEAGUE OUTLINES PLANS

WILL IMMEDIATELY LAUNCH LOCAL OPTION PETITIONS.

Indorses the Administration of Mayor Richardson and Pledges Him His Support for Re-election—Also Its Support to Candidates Bolton, Bay, Dunn and Wright—Others Later.

The voters of Union county will have an opportunity to vote on local option next June. The movement was started at a mass meeting held in this city prior to the holidays, at which time the organization of the La Grande Civic league was perfected by the selection of Charles E. Cochran as president; G. L. Cleaver, vice-president; F. G. Taylor, secretary, and J. K. Wright as treasurer.

The president was empowered to appoint an executive committee of 14, with power to act. This committee was appointed several weeks ago, but did not meet until Sunday afternoon (yesterday), at which time it was decided to launch the local option movement and committees were appointed to prepare and circulate the petitions, which will be carried out within the next few days.

The executive committee is preparing a general statement which will be furnished the press of the county this week.

At the conclusion of the local option preliminaries the matter of city politics was given careful consideration and after a free discussion it was unanimously decided to give Dr. Richardson its unqualified support for mayor in the coming city election. The position taken was that during the present administration saloons had been closed on Sundays; gambling had been stopped; the sale of liquor in the "redlight" district suppressed; that ordinances had been passed raising saloon licenses from \$400 to \$1000, and providing that saloons be closed from

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1 o'clock until 5 o'clock a. m. of each day. That whether or not Dr. Hall, who is also a candidate, promised to continue these reforms the league considered it its duty to support Mayor Richardson for a second term. The executive committee also pledged its support to the following candidates: S. N. Bolton, for council of the First ward; David Bay, for councilman of the Second ward; C. S. Dunn, councilman of the Third ward; J. K. Wright, for treasurer. The other offices were discussed and it was decided to make no further recommendation until additional information was obtained, a committee for this purpose being appointed. The committee will meet again next Sunday afternoon.

For County Recorder. I take this means of announcing that I am a candidate for the republican nomination for the office of Recorder of Union county, at the primary election. D. H. PROCTOR. To Delinquents. Notice is hereby given to all water patrons of the city of La Grande who may be in arrears at the present time, that unless the same is paid by March 1, 1908, the water will be cut off. WATER COMMITTEE. Old papers, just the things to start the fire with or to put under carpets, in bundles of 100, for 25 cents at The Observer office. The La Grande Evening Observer delivered at your home each evening, Sundays excepted, 65 cents the month.

AT COST FOR CASH. On account of ill health we are compelled to dispose of our Marble and Granite business, and in order to dispose of the stock at once, we are offering our entire stock, set up in the cemetery, at actual cost. This offer is good until April first, and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. This means a direct saving of 25 to 50 per cent to purchasers. Largest stock of marble and granite in Eastern Oregon. BLUE MOUNTAIN MARBLE AND GRANITE CO. Works on Fir Street La Grande, Oregon.

HURRAH! FOR LA GRANDE'S FIRST MONTHLY MARKET DAY 29 Sat. Feb. 29 AND DON'T FORGET THE DAY AND DATE COME IN TOWN EARLY as you will soon get Busy. Here is the Hottest One That Ever Came Over the Trail To any couple, young or old, matrimonially inclined, who will volunteer to be married in public on an elevated stage on Market day, every merchant in town will throw in a present to help feather their nest. Max Zimmerman, the Horse Auctioneer, will act as master of ceremonies, FREE BE IN TOWN LA GRANDE'S BIG MARKET DAY