

**DIRECTORY OF THE FRATERNAL ORDERS LA GRANDE, ORE.**

**Woodmen of the World.**  
La Grande Lodge No. 169, W. O. W., meets first and third Friday of each month in K. of P. hall in Corpe building. All visiting members welcome.  
M. M. MARQUIS, J. H. KEENEY, Consul Commander. Clerk.

**Freemasters of America.**  
Court Maid Marian No. 22 meets second and fourth Wednesday night in K. of P. hall. Brothers are invited to attend.  
NERI ACKLES, C. R. G. V. HENDRICKS, F. S. Board of Trustee: Dr. G. L. Biggers, Oscar Berger and Herbert Paterson.

**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.**  
Hiva 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. MRS. EVA M'INTYRE, 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.  
J. B. VANDERMUELEN, Executive. C. W. BAKER, 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.  
D. H. PROCTOR, C. C. R. L. LINCOLN, K. of R. & S.

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

**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.

**Rebekahs.**  
Crystal Lodge No. 59, 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.

**F. O. E.**  
La Grande Aerie No. 259, F. O. E., meets every Friday night in Elks' hall at 8 p. m. Visiting brethren invited to attend.  
D. H. PROCTOR, W. P. J. H. LEISHMAN, W. S.

**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. DAVIS, C. D. E. COX, Clerk.

**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. 433, 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. M'CALLY, Rec. Sec.

**O. E. S.**  
Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. S., hold stated communications the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invited.  
MARY O. FORREST, W. M. MARY A. WARNICK, Secretary.

**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 patriarchs always welcome.  
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**A REPLY TO "MR. TAXPAYER."**

Editor Evening Observer:

There appeared an article in the Morning Star, with reference to my officials acts, while as mayor and a member of the city council for the past four years, so full of misstatements, idiotic deductions and misrepresentations, that I am surprised that the fellow had sense enough to appear under a nom de plume.

I am not going to burden you with a long dissertation, but I propose to show to the people a few of Mr. Taxpayer's assertions to be absolutely false and without foundation, and leave them to draw their own conclusions as to the correctness of the same.

This protector of the people's interests says there has been no open gambling since June, 1906, this is true so far as fines being collected for the same. During March, April, May and June, under my predecessor's administration there were \$416.00 collected in fines from the gamblers for allowing them to run games, and at that time there was such opposition to the mayor's actions that he finally receded from his former position and collected no fine whatever. Let that be as it may, give the credit for closing gambling to whom it pleases you, but you cannot deny the fact that I have kept these games from running during my entire year as mayor, and will, if re-elected to succeed myself, I assure you, Mr. Taxpayer, that the same policy will be as rigidly adhere to as in the past. "No trying to carry water on both shoulders." Is it not a fact, Mr. Taxpayer, that any saloon in the city could be entered by front, side or back entrance on Sunday until I was elected mayor? That one saloon man was permitted to put up a temporary vestibule entrance at his front door because he had no side or rear entrance to his place of business?

Have you seen anything of that cheese box since I gave my orders that there would be no more Sunday selling of liquors? These assertions of yours are so broad and misleading that any one can see where your interests are. You say that a worse condition exists in the "Redlight" district since my inauguration as mayor. I presume you know from personal observation; I don't. I only have the word of the police officers of the city. However, the suppression of the sale of liquor is not all of the reforms inaugurated in this district. Prior to my taking the mayor's office these women visited and roomed in many different localities in the city, frequenting wine rooms and made themselves publicly obnoxious. Do they do it now? I have stopped the minors from visiting these places and have instructed the police department to serve notice that these conditions would no longer be tolerated. If these official acts have created a worse condition in this district then it cannot get too bad to suit me, as it will be continued so long as I am mayor. I challenge you to produce any evidence whereby a worse condition exists so far as public morals are concerned.

True, our expenses have been high during the past four years. Prior to that time there were no permanent improvements. Every year there was nothing but repairs on work that, had it been put in a lasting and substantial manner, would have required no expensive repairs. My system, that what you do, do well; build the foundation to your house before you do the roof; it will prove cheaper in the long run. Have you ever counted the cement crossings constructed by the city? You believe them to be a poor investment? You probably know to a cent what the extent of cost was to maintain the old board disease-producing sewer; how many typhoid cases it created, and how many deaths it produced. I don't; but I do know that the present time it is clean, odorless, non-productive of disease, and lasting. You would have the property owner kick because it cost him \$20 for a sewer connection, and in turn you would have the taxpayer object because we did not charge the whole expense to the property owner. "Consistency, thou art a jewel." How much did it cost you for sewer connections for your hotel? \$100; and you kicked and at first refused to pay that! I will pay as much for sewer connection for my residence and think I got a bargain. Did you mention any of these improvements: Cement crossings, a \$14,000 sewer, several miles of water mains, a street grader, \$5,000 pump and electric motor and the cost of installing at the city pump station? Are these things we can keep house without? If so, then your deductions are correct, and I take off my hat to you. These are not all of the big items of expense since my official career. There was something like \$3,500 for extras

and heating plant for the city hall. I presume this was thrown away, although you advocated it very strenuously at the time. Then, the city has purchased a safe, a typewriter, installed a new set of books and filing system; surveyed and established grade, all at a big expense. Was this money misapplied? Did we need these things? Or were we to continue in the same old rut? No! The people demanded otherwise. Then there were new jail cells, something near \$2,000 spent in investigation of the Beaver creek project; \$700 in an attempt to develop Falk springs. Labor nearly doubled in price, wood costing from \$5 to \$6.50 per cord, and everything else in proportion. Is there any wonder that the running expenses of the city have materially increased? Now, Mr. Taxpayer, if you will take as careful invoice of the money spent and what it has been spent for, as you have to find something to criticize in my official actions, you will discover that there is not much left for me to appropriate for my own use.

You say that the official salary list has now reached the enormous sum of \$10,320 annually. Your calculations do not surprise me. Had you stated the amount correctly, I would have

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