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WHERE LA GRANDE LEADS.

Just as much desirable publicity as La Grande has gained in the past week, so much extremely damaging news will be scattered over the state and northwest about Pendleton. Pendleton business men got together the other night to hear Tom Richardson, and instead of raising about \$5000, as did La Grande, the business men of the Wheat Town were mum. When La Grande started its booster fund, papers from all parts of the northwest—as any exchange table will testify to—picked up the news item, and spread it still farther. The same thing is going to be true with Pendleton on the effects, and results will be a jolt to the life and enterprise of that city. Pendleton may have excellent business now, but there is no business, enterprise or municipality that is so good that it could not be made better. A municipality cannot stand still—it either forges ahead or retrogrades. Pendleton itself has no excuses to offer. The following, editorially, published in the Pendleton East Oregonian, no doubt reflects the sentiment of the wide-minded business men of that city, notwithstanding that the moneyed interests of that city failed to respond with their gold when called upon:

Pendleton has no excuse to offer for the failure of her property owners to raise a publicity fund and start a campaign for new settlers in the county. The people of Pendleton and Umatilla county are simply too prosperous. They have too much money, too large incomes, are too independent to bother with publicity funds and booster programs.

That was the most representative body of citizens brought together for a long time, which greeted Tom Richardson at the court house last night, but it was absolutely irresponsible to his appeals for funds, totally heedless of his glowing accounts of booster's programs elsewhere in the state.

As long as the land yields well in this vicinity, as long as rents come in regularly, as long as incomes are certain and business is good, what is the use for the property owner to spend his money in advertising the country or boosting? That is the attitude of a large part of the west.

But when the productiveness of the land reaches its zenith and then begins slowly to recede; when business stops growing for lack of new blood in the country; when rents begin to slip downward and vacant buildings become more plentiful, then people will awaken to the resources of the country and there will come an era of genuine boosting such as Salem has experienced in the past year.

DEATH BLOW TO GAMBLING.

The state supreme court, in a decision rendered Monday in the case of Charles Preston, a Walla Walla gambler, convicted in the superior court of conducting a gambling game, holds that any game, whether conducted in a private or public place, when it is operated for gain, is unlawful and is therefore punishable under the state law relating to gambling.

The decision is an important one, as it sets at rest the contention raised by the gambling fraternity, that it is not unlawful to gamble when the games are run privately. Preston's offense was that of operating a roulette wheel in the basement of a Walla Walla saloon. His defense was that he was not guilty of a felony and could only be charged with a misdemeanor as the game had been conducted behind closed doors.—Walla Walla Statesman.

The Portland Journal, referring to a proposed "love feast" to be held in the near future by the successful candidates, calls it a "love" feast. This is likely a typographical error, but a real love feast would be more largely attended than the one proposed if all those concerned should fall in line.—Ex.

The public would be as anxious for a speedy marriage of De Sagan and Anna as the principals themselves evidently are, if it would serve to remove them from the public eye, but it won't. There are the divorce proceedings to follow.—Ex.

MISSIONARIES BUSY IN CONFERENCE AT UNION

Union, April 29.—(Special.)—The annual Grande Ronde Presbyterian Missionary society convened here this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Many La Grande members are on the program for papers and the meetings, which continue until noon tomorrow, give promise of much instructive and interesting discussions. Following is the full program which has been arranged, and which will likely be carried out with but few changes:

Wednesday, 2 P. M.

Devotional service.....Mrs. Loyd Greeting..... Mrs. Townley Response..... Mrs. J. K. Wright Roll Call of Delegates. Appointing of Committees. "Resume of Missions"— (a) Home.....Mrs. J. K. Wright (b) Foreign.....Mrs. Cusick "How to Win and Hold Our Boys."..... Mrs. Kirk "Methods of Raising Money for Missions"..... Mrs. Ramsey Wednesday Evening, 7:30 P. M. Song..... Young ladies' chorus Devotional service.....Mrs. Haskell Sool.....Mrs. Bater Address, Rev. F. Hayden, Baker City Cornet solo..... Mr. Bater Song..... Young ladies' chorus Offering. Benediction.

Thursday, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional service.....Mrs. L. J. Davis Reading of Minutes. Reports of Officers. Roll Call of Societies. "Round Table." Reports of Committees. Election of Officers. "Duties of Presbyterial Officers." Prayer for the Work.

Much Property Destroyed.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 29.—Three men were injured and property to the value of \$80,000 was destroyed when the 10,000-horse power generating plant of Niagara Falls hydraulic power plant burst today.

Guild Rummage Sale.

St. Peter's Guild will hold its spring rummage sale in the Slater building Friday and Saturday. Parties having rummage to donate please notify Mrs. Mac Wood.

BOOK REVIEW.

"The Shepherd of the Hills."

By Herold Bell Wright. A spell-binding story of love, mystery, heroic daring and moral courage. It will stir the warm blood of any true-hearted man or woman who reads it. For sale by Newlin Drug Co.

"The Barrier."

By Rex Beach. In the love story of the beautiful Necla, the daughter of old Gale, and Lieut. Burrell, a young Kentuckian who comes to Alaska to act as mounted police, the author of "The Spoilers" has made a tale fervid with the elemental life and passions of the people on the northern outskirts of civilization. For sale by the Newlin Drug Co.

"The Lady of the Mount."

By Frederic S. Isham. A stirring tale of the great charm and grace in telling that marked Mr. Isham's former successes, "The Strollers" and "Under the Rose." It is the story of the Black Seigneur who held such power over the peasants along the coast of France in the days of the revolution, of his love for the governor's daughter and how he wooed and won her. For sale by Newlin Drug Co.

"Ewing's Lady."

By Harry Leon Wilson. A very interesting love story that begins and ends on a Colorado ranch; the hero is a young cowboy who inherits a talent for painting and goes to New York to develop it; the heroine is a New York widow who "discovers" him; the climax grows out of a mystery in the birth of the hero and the revengeful purpose of a man who poses as his

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"Old Wives for New." By David Graham Phillips. This romance reveals a picture of married life that places the responsibility for the success and happiness of the conjugal relations solely in the hands of the wife, showing to what a man is driven by a sloven woman who fails to keep in touch with her husband. For sale by Newlin Drug Co.

"The Metropolis." By Upton Sinclair. More powerful than "The Jungle." Mr. Sinclair treats of the reign of extravagance in New York city in a memorable way. For sale by Newlin Drug Co.

"Uncle William." By Jennette Lee. A delicious story of an old Nova Scotia fisherman. A book of great charm, having in it both humor and pathos. For sale by Newlin Drug Co.

"The Black Bag." Louis Joseph Vance. The author of "The Brass Bowl" offers his admirers another story of rapid action and equally rapid love-making. Although the hero is an American, all his strenuous adventures take place in England and on the continent. For sale by Newlin Drug Co.

"Rosalind at Red Gate." By Meredith Nicholson. A mystery story, the scene of which is near that of "The House of a Thousand Candles" by the same author. Two estranged brothers, heirs to a large fortune, bear a striking resemblance to each other, as do also their daughters, and on this the plot is hinged. For sale by Newlin Drug Co.

"The Shuttle." By Frances Hodgson Burnett. Never has a novelist so reached the heart of social conditions in England and America as has Mrs. Burnett, in this, her masterpiece. For sale by Newlin Drug Co.

"The Weavers." By Gilbert Parker. A novel that can be called truly great. In its sweep and immensity, a tale of rural England and the glittering orient; in its novelty and heroism, a sturdy Quaker youth in the toils of Mohamadan Egypt; in its web of cross-purposes and contrasted types strangely linked together, "The Weavers" presents a story intensely human, a story of love, high resolve, and wonderful achievement. For sale at Newlin's.

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