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ADVANTAGES ARE UNLIMITED

"WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH LA GRANDE?"

People Do Not Realize the Possibilities of This Section—That the Only Fault—Immense Value of North Yakima Land, Wenatchee Land, Medford Land, and Other Rich Communities, Due to Concerted Boosting, Says Journalist.

(By Fred Lockley.)

It was William Allen White who immortalized himself by asking, "What's the matter with Kansas?" If some local William Allen White arises to ask, "What's the matter with La Grande?" his question will be easily answered. La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley are all right, emphatically so, only—yes, there is an only—there usually is a fly in the ointment, you know—only the people do not begin to realize the wonderful possibilities of this section.

When one travels over the west and sees communities with not one-half of the natural resources of the Grande Ronde valley, forging ahead, it makes one enthusiastic over the possibilities of this favored section.

At North Yakima land is valued at and is selling for \$2500 an acre—a price that seems out of all reason till one learns that the owners net from \$600 to \$1500 an acre from their orchards. Wenatchee, until a decade ago, was a hot and shimmering expanse of sagebrush, absolutely without value. Today the land is selling for from \$600 to \$1500 an acre. Medford is another example of what a com-

munity can do toward attracting homesteaders and investors, and developing their latent resources. The Grande Ronde valley, with its beauty and wonderful fertility, is being passed by for sections very much less desirable, simply because the merits of this section have not been made known. No one disputes the fact that the Grande Ronde valley can raise just as good apples as Hood River, Wenatchee, Medford, Freewater or North Yakima, yet land here can be purchased for a fifth of the price of land in these more widely advertised communities. The secret of the growth of Hood River, Medford, Grants Pass and other similar communities, is in the fact that everybody boasts. They pull together for their section. In season and out of season they have a good word for their town. There is a healthy spirit of emulation to have the cleanest orchard, the best fruit, the finest farm. A stranger seeing the well-kept orchards and the beautiful farm homes decides that the community is prosperous and decides to cast his lot with them. The Grande Ronde valley can support in comfort 10 times its present population, and La Grande can be the commercial metropolis of eastern Oregon if the people will only boost and keep on boosting and let those who are planning to come west know that the Grande Ronde valley is the place they have always been looking for.

After Second Place. Washington, May 22.—Vice-President Fairbanks is now out openly for second place on the republican ticket. At his Chicago bureau his managers are making a campaign for delegates and hope to have him nominated with Taft on a Taft-Fairbanks ticket.

CHARGED WITH GRAFTING SCHOOL

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY FUNDS WERE EMBEZZLED.

Gray-Haired Officer of the University of Michigan Faces Disgrace Because He Took Funds of the School—District Attorney Pressing Him Hard to Reimburse the Institution—Regents Forced to Demand Resignation of Secretary.

Lansing, Mich., May 22.—After holding his position as secretary of the University of Michigan for 25 years, James H. Wade is confronted with a charge of having embezzled \$10,000 of the institution's funds. Further disgrace is in store for him, for it is said that Attorney General Bird will demand that the university regents dismiss him and will insist that the secretary reimburse the university. In addition the fact will be laid before the district attorney for action.

It is said Wade practically admits the charge of grafting.

TO ATTEND COMMENCEMENT.

J. D. Gillilan to Give Commencement Address at Oregon Institute.

Presiding Elder J. D. Gillilan has been asked by the Oregon Institute, the academic department of Willamette university, to deliver the commencement address on June 16. The invitation has been accepted and the presiding elder will incidentally attend a board meeting of the regents at that time.

BELLINGHAM HOST TO FLEET

THOUSANDS CROWD THE CITY AT DAYLIGHT.

Monster Parade is Feature of Today's Program at Bellingham, Where the Atlantic Fleet is at Anchor—Ball Game This Afternoon—Dances and Balls to Entertain the Seamen and Officers—Box Cars Used to Accommodate Spectators.

Bellingham, Wash., May 22.—With box cars attached to every train so that thousands of visitors could reach the city in time for today's fleet celebration, Bellingham awoke this morning with 50,000 visitors within her gates.

The feature of today's program is the parade of the 2000 bluejackets. Thousands of spectators massed themselves along the water side to observe the sailors disembark. Promptly at 10 o'clock a long line of sailors swung into Elk street. Between solid banks of cheering citizens the men marched on.

This afternoon a baseball game between a team of the Connecticut and the Bellingham league team will be watched by thousands of sailors. Tonight 1000 sailors will be guests at the theaters of the city, while others will be at a dance at White City. Officers will be entertained at Fairland rink tonight.

PAVED STREETS MUCH TALKED OF

WOULD BE EASY FOR ALL THE TAXPAYERS.

According to Systems Adopted and Carried Out Satisfactorily Elsewhere, La Grande Can Have Paved Streets on Easy Payment Plan—Imperative That Movement Be Kept Going Until Desired Project is Completed—Generally Wanted.

Street pavement or street improvement is the all-absorbing topic among the business men since the council planted pavement propaganda last Wednesday night.

That the streets should be paved, or at least immediate action taken to bring this about, is the general consensus of opinion, and incidentally some suggestions as to the best method to pursue.

Paving has been mentioned as the paving line by a simple, but effective method. The city was bonded for the needed amount and given the option of picking up as much of the bond money as was needed each year, thus avoiding full interest for the period. Such a plan might work well in La Grande.

The city is guaranteed through the business men. Each resident owning abutting property to the paved districts, is given 10 years in which to pay the cost of building his particular share of pavement. Payments are made in one-tenth each year.

For instance, if the cost of building pavement were to cost \$100 to the individual property owner, he would have 10 years in which to pay it—a method which would scarcely be felt at all.

The bitulithic pavement on Main street at Pendleton is very satisfactory, in fact, is wherever it is tried. When the council voted to construct 18 blocks of bitulithic pavement in that city, property owners at first complained, but now that the pavement has been finished and in use for several years, they would not do without. In fact, so popular has the paved streets become that property owners on all the intersecting streets have petitioned for paved streets, some of which has just been completed.

The time to take hold of this matter in La Grande is right now. It will naturally require some time to care for the many details attending

such a movement, and the sooner we get at it the sooner we can proclaim to the world that La Grande is metropolitan enough to boast of paved streets.

MAE WOOD NOT WEAKENED.

Figure in Platt Scandal is Still Vindictive and Promises Retrial.

New York, May 22.—"I'll rot first," shouted Mae Wood through the bars of the toms in New York today, when asked if she intended pleading guilty to the charge of perjury upon which she was arrested yesterday at the conclusion of the action for a divorce against Senator T. C. Platt, based on an alleged marriage to the senator.

"Out of respect to Platt's age we left out some strong points in our case which will come out at the next trial. He threatened my life at numerous times if I ever spoke of the marriage. He is powerful in politics and can get friends who will swear to anything."

TROUBLES OF WIRELESS.

Atlantic Fleet Official Messages Are Stolen by Telegraph Companies.

Seattle, May 22.—A report prepared by officers of the Atlantic fleet on pirating by the commercial telegraph companies of wireless messages exchanged between naval stations and vessels, will be submitted to congress with the recommendation that congress enact legislation imposing a penalty for the offense. Officials claim that official messages were taken up by the companies and made public.

RUEF WILL BE TRIED ONCE MORE

HENEY TENACIOUS AND TO RE-PROSECUTE EX-BOSS

Disappointed, But Not Discouraged Over Disagreement of the Jury in the Abe Ruef Case, Henevy Tightens His Belt and Retackles Proposition—Will Not Rest Until He Has the Curly-Headed Boss in the Grip of the Law, He Says.

San Francisco, May 22.—"We shall continue to prosecute Abe Ruef, the ex-boss, until the law is vindicated," said Francis J. Henevy this morning in discussing the failure of the first Ruef trial. Henevy declares that he is disappointed but not discouraged by the action of the jury, which was discharged Thursday night because of a disagreement.

The final vote of the jury was six for conviction and six for acquittal.

"I shall continue to battle until Ruef gets what he deserves," concluded Henevy. He is already at work on papers to be used in a retrial.

The Atlanta council has appropriated \$500 for the mosquito—but not to pay his bill or for his music.

DEATH OVERTAKES GOVERNOR SPARKS

NEVADA NOW HAS A NEW EXECUTIVE TODAY.

After Illness of Six Months Governor Sparks of Nevada, Succumbs This Morning—The Present Term His Second One—Lost Heart Over Criticism Over Action in Goldfield Troubles—Made Fortune, Lost It, and Made Another One Again.

Reno, Nev., May 22.—Governor Sparks died this morning at 8:30 of neuritis of the heart after an illness of six months. Lieutenant Governor Don S. Dickerson succeeds to the governorship. Dickerson is 54 years old, and is the youngest governor Nevada has ever had. Governor Sparks was 65 years old. He has always been a public figure in the development of the west. He was a wealthy stockraiser.

Reno, Nev., May 22.—Governor Sparks began to sink at 2:30 this morning and physicians were hastily summoned, but nothing could be done. At 8:30 he passed away. Governor Sparks became ill soon after federal troops were sent to Goldfield last year and the criticisms he received at that time caused him first to take to his bed.

He was born in Mississippi and went to Arkansas and Texas early in life. He made a fortune and lost it in 1888, but regained it again. He was elected governor of Nevada and re-elected in 1906.

Hembree Found Guilty.

Dallas, May 22.—Am Hembree, accused of murdering his daughter, Florence, on a ranch in Tillamook county, setting the house on fire to cover his crime. He was found guilty by a jury early Thursday evening. He will be sentenced June 24. Hembree had been convicted once before for the crime of killing his wife at the same time as the murder of daughter occurred.

New President at Willamette.

Portland, May 22.—Rev. Fletcher Homan of Indianapolis, Iowa, was selected as president of Willamette university today by the trustees. Homan comes from the Garrett Episcopal institute and his reputation is splendid as a teacher and of great executive ability. He is a graduate of Simpson college.

Cut in Wages.

Chicago, May 22.—A general cut in wages for all section men and laborers has been ordered by railroads extending west of Chicago. Several thousand are affected. This is the first wage reduction to be made by western roads.

A QUARTER PAGE FULL OF SPECIAL BARGAINS -- FOR SATURDAY ONLY --

THERE WILL BE MANY OTHER SPECIAL OFFERINGS ON DISPLAY AT OUR STORE WHICH LIMITED SPACE WILL NOT PERMIT MENTIONING. IF YOU HAVE ANY WANTS TO SUPPLY IT IS DOLLARS TO DOUGHNUTS YOU CAN SUPPLY THEM HERE AT A QUARTER TO A THIRD LESS THAN REGULAR PRICE.

LACE CURTAINS AT A LIBERAL SAVING. Curtains in all desirable nets—Nottingham, Arabian, Irish Point and Cluny lace effects, in white, cream and coffee colors. \$1.35 and \$1.25 Curtains, good assortment of patterns, 3 1/4 yards long, 54 inches wide; special for Saturday, the pair.....98c \$1.50 Lace Curtains, splendid assortment, 3 1/2 yards by 66 inches; special, the pair.....\$1.19 \$6.50 ecru Curtains, extra large size; special for Saturday, the pair.....\$4.87	\$15.00 VALUES, LADIES' SUITS, FOR SATURDAY AT SPECIAL PRICE, \$6.25 In tan, blue and black Panama, black Sicilian, gray Oxford and Novelty Mixtures, some with Eton Jackets, others in fitted and semi-fitted backs.....\$6.25 \$1.50 black Satteen Petticoats.....98c Just 25 in the lot and extra good values; special for Saturday only.....98c 1000 yards summer Dress Goods, regular 15c to 20c values; special for Saturday, per yard.....12 1/2c 75c Ladies' Lace and Embroidered Hose.....49c
\$2.00 to \$2.50 Men's Hats : : \$1.45	\$1.75 Ladies' Long Silk Gloves, Spl. \$1.38

... Boys' and Young Men's Suits at ... SPECIAL REDUCTIONS FOR SATURDAY

GOOD CLOTHING FOR FAR LESS THAN YOU HAVE EVER PAID FOR THEIR EQUAL AT THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR—NOTE PRICES CAREFULLY.

\$2.50 to \$4.50 Boys' Suits.....\$2.29 In blue Serge, Cheviot, Worsted and Novelty Mixtures, ages 3 to 14; regular \$3.50 to \$4.50 values.....\$2.29 Also special lot of Boys' Suits, ages 3 to 14, worth up to \$4.00; special.....\$2.98 \$2.75 BOYS' SHOES, SPECIAL, \$1.98 In vicel calf, bat or blucher cut; regular \$2.50 to \$3.75 values.....\$1.98	YOUNG MEN'S SUITS SPECIALLY REDUCED FOR SATURDAY ONLY. One lot Suits, regularly priced \$7.50.....\$4.89 Choice of \$12.50 young men's Suits.....\$9.85 Choice of \$15.00 young men's Suits.....\$11.85 Choice of \$18.50 young men's Suits.....\$14.25 Choice of \$22.50 young men's Suits.....\$17.95 Choice of \$25.00 young men's Suits.....\$19.95
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THOUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY
IT every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande Oregon