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GIVE US SMOKESTACKS.
 About nine years ago, through the instrumentality of the La Grande Commercial club, and by a shoulder-to-shoulder stand on the part of the business men of this city, there was put into commission in this city a business—an industry which today is issuing payroll checks to the extent of a little more than \$12,000 every month. That is the average expenditure, during the fall months it runs up to more than \$1000 every day. Reference is made to the Amalgamated Sugar factory.

With this statement as a premise, the phraseology of the equation is readily selected; that a proper effort toward the upbuilding of a city is to put into operation anything that has a smokestack or the color of a factory.

The solution of the equation may not be as easily thought out or as easily calculated, but there is a solution nevertheless, which, on the surface of it is in the heart of it, and in fact, all through it, is logical and plausible—the La Grande Commercial club. This is not foreign to the managers of the body known as the La Grande Commercial club. There are men in it who think seriously of this matter as they go about their daily tasks. There are members who honestly believe that the \$6000, approximately, which the business men have agreed to expend on boosting projects yearly, would bring greater results if it were spent consistently in building smokestacks. The city with thrift, with enterprise, with wealthy families in it, is the one where black volumes of smoke belch out from towering smokestacks from early morning until late at night.

This does not mean that the entire sum is to be necessarily thrown at one industry; let it be equally distributed among two or three industries that are self-expansive and, once given a foothold here, will soon ramify in purpose and financial strength

to be the source of lucrative salaries for many men. Plant a fruit dryer here, a wash and door factory there, a vinegar factory the other place, a wholesale establishment to meet the demands of Willowa county merchants and forestall trips to Portland by attracting them to La Grande—all these things—let them be planted even on a mediocre scale now, and they will expand spontaneously. Publicity is excellent, but smokestacks are better.

A REAL BUMPER CROP.
 While disastrous frost may yet occur and mar prospects, it can nevertheless be truthfully said this spring that the outlook for a remarkable crop in the Grande Ronde valley was never brighter. It may be too early to "crow" but it seems on the face of existing conditions and climatic indications that there will be no failure. Should frosts hold off as they have done heretofore, when orchards were turning black in other sections, the cherry, apple, prune, pear and peach crops in this valley will be simply enormous.

How about that park about the court house? A more barren and desolate spot is hard to find in Union county than now surrounds the building where the county's wheels are oiled and kept running.

Few cities of La Grande's size can boast of a more perfectly and scientifically equipped hospital than stands at the head of Adams avenue.

Gather around the cake tonight. We mean Hon. H. M. Cake, the next United States senator from Oregon.

One week from tonight The Observer will tell you how Union county stands on prohibition. Incidentally, how she stands on Cake and Chamberlain.

In a day or two now the long distance telephone will not be necessary to procure baseball scores. The new grounds will have a local telephone at the press box.

UNIVERSITY APPROPRIATION.
 The last session of the Oregon legislature passed a bill appropriating \$125,000 annually "for the support and maintenance of the University of Oregon; to keep the buildings, grounds and all other property thereof, in repair; for the purchase of additional lands for the campus thereof; for the construction of buildings and additions to the same; and for the purchase of library books, laboratory supplies and apparatus."

A referendum was invoked on the bill, so it will not become a law until it is approved by a majority of the voters at the regular election on June 1, 1908. The Alumni issue this statement to the voters of Oregon, believing that after careful consideration of the facts they will vote "yes" on the ballot and convert the bill into a law.

The University of Oregon now receives the smallest appropriation of any state university in the union, although eight states have less population, and nine have less wealth.

The rate is only two-tenths of a mill on Oregon's assessed valuation.

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PLAYING OFF THE HONORS

At 3 o'clock this afternoon before an admiring throng of high school students and many other fans, the La Grande baseball team trotted out to cross bats with the Cove high school team, which administered defeat to the locals at Cove last Friday. The game is for the championship of the county and started out at fever heat. The La Grande team lined up as announced in The Observer last evening, while Cove's line-up was as follows:

"Nip" Conley, p; C. Williams, c; Booth, 1b; Bell, 2b; Allen, 3b; B. Motley, ss; C. Hancock, rf; Richards, cf; William Motley, lf. The team is in charge of Manager B. Motley.

OFF FOR THE GREAT MEET

The four representatives of the La Grande track at the interscholastic track meet at Corvallis, leave tomorrow morning. Those to go are Fred Young, Stanley Carpy, Charles Reynolds and Joe Williamson.

Ontario will be represented in the meet, and incidentally the black horse in the Baker City meet will be in line for the pole vault. Moody of Ontario goes 10 feet 6, apparently without effort, and unless he falls below his usual performance, he will come home with that event tied to his shirt front.

Island City will have four representatives in the meet, and they too, will leave tomorrow morning.

SPECIAL FROM ELGIN FRIDAY

Elgin people will be given a chance to come to La Grande next Friday, when the Sells-Floto circus reaches the city for its two performance stand. General Passenger Agent McMurray has notified the local agent, J. H. Keeney, that an excursion train of four coaches will be run from Elgin on that day. Fare will be one and one-third of full fare.

The four-coach train will leave Elgin in time to reach La Grande before the parade, and will return later in the evening. The exact hour of the arrival and departure will be made known later.

MANY HEAR CAKE IN ELGIN

Elgin, May 26.—(Special.)—Speaking in the open air, Hon. H. M. Cake last evening addressed a large concourse of Elgin people on the issues in the coming senatorial election.

A band concert preceded the speaking. It is hard to estimate the number of people present, but even Cake himself was surprised at the large number who stood bravely during the cold weather to hear what the candidate had to say of himself and the paramount issues of the day.

The Cake party left here about 10 o'clock today for Cove, where the first address of the day will be given.

Notice.
 All persons having partly finished pieces at any studio will please call this week and finish the same, as I expect to leave for my summer vacation the first of June.

Call for Bids.
 Sealed bids will be received for digging and filling 1500 feet of ditch on Parson street, Acma addition to La Grande. Ditch to be dug three feet deep and 18 inches wide, and to be completed in six days after the work is ordered begun by the water superintendent. All bids must be filed with the city recorder by 6 o'clock p. m., May 27, 1908.

Council reserves the right to accept or reject bids.

J. T. WILLIAMSON,
 Chairman of Water Committee.

PETITION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.
 To the Hon. County Court of Union County:

We, the undersigned legal voters and actual residents of the precinct of Kamela, Union county, Oregon, and having actually resided in said precinct at least thirty days immediately preceding the date of signing and filing of this petition, hereby respect-

fully petition your honorable court to grant to Charles W. Estes, a license to sell and dispense, malt or vinous liquor or fermented cider, commonly known as hard cider, in less quantities than one gallon, in the town of Kamela, Union county, Oregon, commencing on or about the 5th day of June, 1908.

Dated this first day of May, 1908.

F. G. Eyre, F. J. Wright, J. P. Adams, C. W. McFall, D. Charlton, A. C. Sherman, L. Graybeal, H. C. Hanson, N. Page, G. W. Allen, M. T. Burnett, L. E. Tipton, G. Kling, Ed Morell, Wm. Dye, Wm. Horton, Jo Connor, John Somers, R. J. Smith, J. R. Thompson, E. Rice, I. L. McFalls, John Richards, June Sanford, W. D. Adams, W. A. McFalls, August Mosher, H. K. Charlton.

Notice is hereby given that I will on the 3rd day of June, 1908, apply to the county court of Union county, Oregon, at the court house in La Grande, Oregon, for a license to sell spirituous, malt or vinous liquors, or fermented cider, commonly known as hard cider, in quantities less than one gallon, in the town of Kamela, Union county, Oregon, commencing on or about the 5th day of June, 1908.

CHARLES W. ESTES.

To Republican Voters

AN OVERWHELMING majority of Oregon voters by registration have formally declared that they believe in the principles of the republican party. Let them now show that they are honest by voting in accordance with their declarations. The Oregon election comes before the republican national convention. Let every

REPUBLICAN VOTER IN SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

uphold the honor of the republican party in Oregon and strengthen influence of Oregon's delegation in the national convention by voting for H. M. Cake for United States Senator, and W. R. Ellis for Representative in congress. If either of these republican nominees fall of election the primary election system will be discredited and a return of boss rule will be invited. The good name of Oregon's voters will be smeared and Oregon's delegation to the national convention will be placed in a humiliating position. For the effect it will have on the November election it is imperative that the republican nominees in the June election shall be elected by an overwhelming majority. As a believer in the principles of the republican party it is your duty to be at the polls June 1st, and vote for Cake and Ellis.

SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

E. H. FLAGG, Secretary W. E. WILLIAMSON, Chairman.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The La Grande National Bank

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 14, 1908

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	572,475.04	Capital Stock	100,000.00
United States Bonds	100,000.00	Surplus	60,000.00
Real Estate, Furniture, etc	66,000.00	Undivided Profits	12,924.17
Cash Assets:		Circulation	62,000.00
Due from Banks	125,824.04	Deposits	
Due from U. S.		ndiv dual	695,420.94
Treasurer	3,087.50	Banks	16,684.02-711,104.96
Cash on hand	88,642.55-217,554.09		
Total	\$946,029.13	Total	\$946,029.13

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GRANDY THE ICE MAN