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Will Mr. Bryan now be good? He made the wires burn Tuesday in demanding that President Roosevelt prove that the treasurer of the democratic national committee was ever connected with the Standard Oil Co. President Roosevelt was not slow in filing his reply. All he had to do was to go to the court records, which were prima facie evidence, showing that Governor Haskell to be an attorney of record in a Standard Oil case. Mr. Bryan seems to be rather slow. There have been precedents without number where the president has been asked to show authority for making certain statements, and the authority, as in this instance, has always been forthcoming. Bryan is not in the Roosevelt class by any means, and the less he has to do in attacking any statement President Roosevelt may make, the better he will be off.

The committee of general arrangements who have been responsible for the success of the aster show, will be happy when it is all over. Few, unless they have served on such public committees realize the labor that is connected in such matters. The ladies in this instance, however, have every reason to feel amply repaid for their labors, as nothing but words of praise and commendation have been spoken during the entire day. This is the second attempt of this nature and both have been such universal successes, that Aster Day in La Grande will surely become a permanent feature, and one always looked forward to with pleasure and delight.

Our boosters who met the morning train to interview the homeseekers who are now coming in by the trainload to this coast, felt they were a little handicapped owing to their inability to take a few of the most prominent looking ones out and give them a high ball, because of the local option law. They made good, however, and handed them all a snowball.

The presidential campaign in the east is actually warming up. Some heretofore prominent men are having the starch taken out of their political aspirations. The people are beginning to recognize clean men, and are demanding such as their political leaders.

Portland is to be a close town, says the district attorney. There is no question but what that officer has the power to make it such. It remains to be seen whether or not he means it. If he does, Portland will be closed.

The county fair opens next Wednesday morning. The admission will be free.

COOKE GAME IS REVIVED

The cooke game revived. nn 1711 *****
Where are the 28 victims of Cooke, the high-handed, wholesale king of landgrabbers? That is the question that is of public interest in La Grande today on account of the fact that the 28 victims of that artist who was arrested in Baker City, and is now in a New York jail awaiting trial by the federal court, were due to make proof

in the United States land office here yesterday and today, but thus far none have made their appearance. It is supposed that the entire group has lost faith in their leader, Cooke, who brought them all the way from New York state to La Grande to make proof on timber and stone claims on the theory that Cooke would buy back on a 20 to 1 proposition. The proofs were made all right, and the party returned to Baker City under the guidance of Cooke. The latter was arrested soon after by an office of the federal court, but for a long time their faith in Cooke remained loyal, they refusing to believe that he had duped them. The fact that not a single one of the 28 have appeared here in the city to make proof is evidence that the scales have fallen from the eyes of the victims and that the government has lost no claims through the manipulations of Cooke. Mathews, the understudy of the king himself, was also arrested, but he is out on bail. Cooke has no friends in all New York, and he is in jail, evidently turning over in his fertile brain some way of dodging sentence on the charge of which he will undoubtedly be convicted.

FAIR DATES ARE CHANGED

An error has been made in the announcement of the commencing time of the county fair. September 28th, has been the date heretofore advertised by the officials, but an error was thus made. The fair commences next Wednesday morning and will continue until Saturday evening. Arrangements are being made by the directors and officers to have everything in place by the time of the opening, and with the proper co-operation of the farmers and horticultural element, the first annual fair of the present organization can be made a real fair of real worth. "Get in line" is the motto to be adopted by everyone.

ASTER SHOW IS BEAUTIFUL

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would not come up to the showing made last year, but this idea immediately is dispelled the moment one enters the hall of beauty.
Yesterday the committee on yard displays visited the different portions of the city and passed their judgment. Those entering the competition were: Mrs. Turner Oliver, Mrs. R. Anthony, Mrs. Kochensparger, Mrs. Neilson, Miss Ivy Long, Mrs. Keeney, Mrs. J. H. Peare, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Murry, Mrs. Goodnough, Mrs. Bragg, Mrs. T. E. Smith, Mrs. George Cochran, Mrs. G. M. Taal, Mrs. J. D. Slater.
There were a number of other yards whose owners neglected to send in their names.
The doors were thrown open this afternoon from 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock, and a constant throng of visitors poured in and out. They were not prepared for this sea of beauty and as soon as they viewed the long rows of tables—each and every one looking like a prize winner—the next thought was, "I must see that Mrs. So-and-So comes out this evening. I know that she little realizes what is in store for her." It must not be taken for granted that only ladies visited the show—a great many gentlemen found time to call, and they enjoyed it fully as well as did the fairer sex.
During the afternoon reception there were a number of vocal and instrumental selections and this evening there will be a musical program rendered. Refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake and punch will be served at a normal charge. The ladies expect this feature to reimburse them for the expenses of the occasion.
It must not be considered a La Grande show, for there were displays from Summerville, Allice, Island City and other sections of the valley. Mrs. Thomas Wallsinger had a display of stemmed specimens which exceeded a height of 3 feet. The lady explained, "What the sandridge will do with water." There are several sermons in that remark.

The following is the list of competitors in the inspection prizes:
Single Specimens.
Grandma Wallsinger, S. R. Deal, Mesdames Hanna, Hall, Slater, Peare, Bragg, Mrs. Thomas Wallsinger of

Allice and Mrs. Jasper of the valley.
One-Color Collection.
Mesdames Chandler, T. Oliver, T. Wallsinger, Charles Dunn of East La Grande and Neilson.
Largest and Best Collection.
Mesdames J. D. Slater, R. A. Hanna, J. H. Peare, George Cochran, Jasper, A. L. Richardson, Mrs. Riddle of May Park and Mrs. K. Zweifel of Summerville.
Most Artistic Bouquet.
Mesdames Keeney, C. M. Jones, Little, Hanna, T. Oliver, J. D. Slater, Hall, J. T. Richardson, U. H. Gibbs, E. E. Bragg, Charles Dunn, C. A. Murray, A. J. Curtis, Grandma Wallsinger and Samuel R. Deal.
From 5 o'clock to 7 o'clock the hall will be closed and during this time the judges will award their decision.
In addition to the above list a number of ladies were more than generous in sending large baskets of choice flowers for decorative purposes, which added greatly to the display. Among these were:
Mesdames Kochensparger, George Cochran, C. T. Bacon, M. K. Hall, Dawson, C. E. Smith, Seemann, Ed Kiddie, R. C. Beckley, Harvey, C. D. Goodnough, J. T. Williamson and Ruby.
If you did not attend this afternoon do not let anything interfere with you, at least in spending a few moments, looking over the exhibit. You will think more of Grande Ronde

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ANNA B. BAY, Guardian of the Person and Estate of Lewis W. Bay, a Minor. WSept17-5t

A Sheridan man shipped a cartload of very fine pears to Nebraska. The work on the attempted oil well near Dufur will soon be resumed.

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