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There is nothing surprising in the statement that the Standard Oil company is favoring the election of Mr. Bryan and is contributing its influence and money to bring this about. The facts are, the republican administration indicted the Standard Oil company and secured a conviction and a fine of \$28,000,000, by appealing to a higher court the case was thrown out, but the Standard Oil company well know that the fact they did not have to pay this fine was through no fault of the present administration, and the end is not yet. The Standard Oil company is well aware that Mr. Bryan, were he elected, could not prosecute it any harder than Mr. Roosevelt has, or Mr. Taft will, and it further knows that a republican senate will not assist Mr. Bryan to any great extent, and herein lies the greatest factor as to why the Standard Oil is supporting Mr. Bryan. This great corporation knows no politics from a standpoint of principle it is a well known fact that in republican states it has been liberal with its money and the same is true in the democratic states. It is just a selfish question with it and for this reason it is not strange if this and other corporate interests that have been brought to lime by the present administration would be active in securing a change, especially when there was a chance to pit an administration against an opposition senate. These soul-less corporations play politics for what there is in it, and this campaign is no exception.

Improvements are the order of the day in La Grande this fall. Go where you may, in any portion of the city, and there is scarcely a block which does not show activity. Many houses are being planted, new sidewalks, cement and wood, are in evidence, trees are being trimmed, a new house here and there. In North La Grande on Second street, William Miller is making extensive improvements. A number of teams are at work under Superintendent Stoner. Several blocks are being leveled and 1500 feet of new sidewalk is under construction. Contractor Kreiger has 20 or more men at work excavating for the large two-story brick building for the M. & M. Co., and directly across the street is another large crew of men under Contractor C. D. Goodnough, erecting the large two-story warehouse for Bolton & Bodmer. Another crew of men is at work building cement walk for Turner Oliver, and thus it is all over. A prominent contractor in our office yesterday remarked that 1909 would be the building year for La Grande.

This irrigation project is the live wire to pull these days of development. Nothing will add as much wealth to this valley as the completion of the ditch that will place 20,000 acres of our valley land under irrigation. While it is all very well to say we can secure the required amount, success is not assured as yet by considerable. Not one-half of the 20,000 acres has yet been signed up. It should be accomplished without very much labor, but like many other things it will not be.

Judge Knowles, commencing this evening, will hold night sessions of the court. He states that the present term will undoubtedly run into the fourth week and may continue longer, but not if he can help it. Every day lessened means just that much to the taxpayers. Courts are of necessity, expensive. Then, again, jurors, as a rule, are inconvenienced to a great extent by an enforced absence from their homes and business.

We will know tonight when the bids on Beaver creek water bonds are opened, how the money market is. The bids have been well advertised, and the city recorder has received letters of inquiry from no less than 40 brokers.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS

Machinery of Congress Already Started for Postal Savings Bank Law.

A Safe and Sane Plan for the Convenience of the People and the Encouragement of Thrift.

"We favor the establishment of a postal savings bank system for the convenience of the people and the encouragement of thrift."

This is the declaration of the Republican national platform, and postal savings banks will without doubt be authorized by law and established as a part of our financial system by the action of Congress at its coming session, which will be convened in December. Indeed, much has already been accomplished towards the enactment of this law. At the last session of Congress a bill was carefully prepared which met with the approval of the Postmaster General, and was reported upon favorably by the Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads. This bill is now on the Senate calendar and can be acted upon as soon as Congress is convened.

The scope of the proposed law is set forth in the committee report, which is in part as follows:

Committee Report.

The purpose of this bill is to place at the disposal of people of small means the machinery of the Postoffice Department to aid and encourage them to save their earnings. The subject of postal savings banks or depositories is not new in this country and it may be truly said to be quite familiar to the people of Europe and the British colonies. The propriety of establishing postal savings banks became the subject of discussion in England as early as 1807. Every objection to such use of the postoffice facilities urged in this country was vigorously pressed in the long-continued discussion of the subject in England.

For over fifty years private savings institutions waged bitter opposition to the growing sentiment in favor of postal savings banks, but notwithstanding such opposition in 1861 an act of Parliament was passed entitled "An act to grant additional facilities for depositing small savings with the security of the government for the due repayment thereof." That the alarm of private institutions was ill founded is amply proven by the recorded fact that the private savings banks increased their capital by more than ten millions of dollars in the first fifteen years following the establishment of postal savings institutions.

That the postal savings institutions proved successful is satisfactorily attested by the fact that no backward step has ever been taken in England on this subject and by the further fact that in rapid succession the lead of England was taken by other countries.

The primary purpose of these institutions is to encourage thrift and a saving disposition among the people of small means by placing at their disposal in every part of the country ready facilities for the depositing of small sums, with absolute assurance of repayment on demand with a low rate of interest on a limited aggregate amount.



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OF LA GRANDE,

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ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Time loans	\$ 77,666.00	Capital stock	\$ 60,000.00
Overdrafts, temporary	2,846.73	Surplus and undivided profits	2,713.45
Bonds, warrants, etc.	19,732.39	Circulation	15,000.00
Banking house and fixtures	15,611.00	Dividends unpaid	1,200.00
Other real estate	6,000.00	Rediscouunts	4,500.00
		Deposits and due to banks	179,076.57
CASH AND AVAILABLE ASSETS			
U. S. bonds and premiums	\$15,675.00		
Demand loans	85,352.70		
Cash and due from banks	27,855.20		
5 per cent redemption fund	750.00		
Total	\$262,490.02	Total	\$262,490.02

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Announcement

The Real Estate firm of Parr-Logan Co., has been superseded by the LOGAN-SHERWOOD CO. Mr. Logan remains in the firm, and Mr. Sherwood enters as the new member. The new firm will open and maintain offices in the most important Eastern and Middle West cities, where descriptions of all property listed with them will be kept on file.

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NOTICE. Special Election to Approve Charter Amendments.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 24th day of November, 1908, a special election will be held of the voters of the City of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, and that the polls will be open from the hour of 9 o'clock a. m., until the hour of five o'clock p. m., of said day.

Said election is called by order of the Council of the City of La Grande for the purpose of proposing and submitting to the people of the City of La Grande the approval and adoption of certain amendments to the charter of the city of La Grande as shown by the proposed charter heretofore approved by the council of the City of La Grande by ordinance No. 392, Series 1908, and filed with, and in the office of the recorder of the city of La Grande, on the 10th day of September, 1908.

The approval of these amendments by the people of the city of La Grande will be submitted to the voters on the following proposition.

Shall the City of La Grande amend its charter and approve the amendments to the city charter, and the new city charter proposed and submitted by the council to the people of the city of La Grande?

The following are the polling places, judges and clerks of the several wards designated and appointed by the council:

First Ward, City Hall—Judges: J. P. Clark, E. C. Davis and Frank Kilpatrick. Clerks: William Miller and Arthur Crutis.

Second Ward, Council Chamber—Judges: Peter Kuhn, F. S. Bramwell and George Hall. Clerks: H. E. Coolidge and A. W. Nelson.

Third Ward, Building west of Judge Ramsey's residence on Penn. avenue—Judges: C. C. Pennington, B. W. Grandy and John Cates. Clerks: C. A. Vurpillat and A. C. Williams.

Fourth Ward, Harris Hall—Judges: Bernard Logsdon, G. E. Fowler and John Sheak. Clerks: C. J. Vanderpool and Warren F. Noble.

In witness whereof I have hereunto attached my hand and affixed the seal of my office, this 10th day of September, 1908.

(L. S.) D. E. COX, Recorder of the City of La Grande.

GEORGE PALMER, President W. H. BRENHOLTS Ass't Cashier
 J. M. BERRY, Vice President C. S. WILLIAMS, 2d Ass't Cashier
 F. L. MEYERS Cashier

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La Grande National Bank

Of La Grande, Oregon

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS: \$160,000

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JACK D. O'BRIEN - - - Manager



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