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**GREED FOR MONEY.**  
 La Grande and Union county is today disgraced, and deeply feels the same. It was known that it was coming, but when the officers arrested J. W. Scriber, even his most bitter enemy recanted and would have been glad if it could have been otherwise. No one is to blame but himself; there is not an extenuating circumstance connected with the entire affair. Simply an insane greed for money. To foster his own personal interests he has wrecked the institution that picked him up 18 years ago with practically nothing.

Few indeed were the dividends declared on the bank stock which, as cashier, he was its absolute head and manager. But, while the bank made no money, he was piling up the foundation for a large fortune by being able to use the bank funds, but even this opportunity did not satisfy him, and how long since he began using the credit of his friends, no one but Mr. Scriber knows, and to what extent it may be months before all is made public. At present, as fast as the mails arrive, additional fraudulent paper comes to the surface.

It is too bad Mr. Scriber has fallen. It is too bad that his energy and ability had not been directed in the building up of the institution, and if it had our city and county would not now be heralded all over the country in the light it has been, and instead of a wreckage, the Farmers & Traders National bank would be looked upon with credit, and during these years it would have left its stamp of general development that would have been a great factor in the upbuilding of this city and community. Alas, the greed of one man who placed personal preference first. Today he has neither wealth nor respect. It should not have been so. Mr. Scriber was a natural leader, congenial, pleasant to do business with and in the face of all, he has many friends who cannot help but appreciate the many favors he extended, the wholesome advice proffered, and the many courtesies that were his to give, which he did freely for nearly 20 years.

It takes years of sacrifice to build up a reputation, but it can be shattered in the twinkling of an eye.

There is talk of transforming the district fair held at Pendleton into an eastern Oregon state fair. If this is done ground for a race track, show pavilion, etc., will be selected this fall and an appropriation for premiums will be asked for at the coming session of the legislature.—Rural Spirit.

Republican claims in Missouri and democratic claims in Ohio merely serve to furnish the levity which is part of a well-regulated political campaign. The claimants are those who like to hear themselves talk. orchestra is formed

**NO BUTTER FOR BREAKFAST.**  
 "When I was a boy," said General Grant, "my mother one morning found herself without butter for breakfast and sent me to borrow some from a neighbor. Going into the house without knocking, I overheard a letter read from the son of a neighbor who was then at West Point, stating that he had failed in examination and was coming home. I got the butter, took it home, and without waiting for breakfast, I said, 'will you please' "

"No, Davis is there, and has three years to serve."  
 "But suppose he should fall—will you send me?"  
 "Mr. Hammer laughed. 'If he don't go through, it is no use for you to try, Uly.'"  
 "Promise me you will give me the chance, Mr. Hammer, anyhow."  
 "Mr. Hammer promised. The next day the defeated lad came home, and the congressman, laughing at my sharpness, gave me the appointment. Now," said Grant, "it was my mother's being without butter that made me general and president."  
 But he was mistaken. It was his own shrewdness to see the chance and the promptness to seize it, that urged him upward.  
 He was resolute and unafraid always; a boy to be trusted and counted upon—sturdy and capable of hard knocks. If he said: "I can do that," he not merely meant that he would try to do it, but that he had thought his way to the successful end of the undertaking. He was an unusually determined boy, and as a man he did not begin on anything until he understood it, and when he began he stuck to it till it was accomplished.—Marden.

Mr. Kern says it is no joke to be a vice president. In Mr. Kern's case the joke is in being a candidate for vice president.

Mr. Bryan says he was beaten in his former campaigns by money. He was beaten in his former campaigns by his advocacy of fifty cent dollars.

"Boss" Croker is warmly in favor of Bryan's election. Mr. Bryan once declared, "Great is Tammany, and Croker is its prophet!"

"What does Mr. Bryan do but extend the glad hand?" asks a New York paper. Well, this year he is extending the glad hat.

"Shall the people rule?" is not a new issue. It was answered in the affirmative in this country as far back as 1776.

Democrats are proposing the "Tag" game for the purpose of raising campaign funds. It is more genteel, at least, than the Taggart game for the same purpose.

Mr. Bryan refuses to discuss Mr. Taft's experience with the black bass. Mr. Bryan is fighting very shy of the colored question this year.

It will not do Mr. Bryan any good to claim to be the heir to the Roosevelt policies. No one has ever succeeded in breaking Mr. Roosevelt's will.

Mr. Bryan insists that the Republican party has adopted or adapted all of his policies. In that case why should he be trying to defeat the Republican party?

Mr. Bryan will not discuss the question of negro disfranchisement in the south, but he hopes the northern negroes will vote for him without letting the south know anything about it.

Montana has a new town named Taft. It will be very much on the map after Nov. 3.

Some left handed supporters of Bryan assert that, with a Republican senate to check him, the Nebraskan could do no harm as president. Just think what would happen with a Bryan secretary of the treasury and a Bryan attorney general.

"The smell of moth balls is in the air," says a lady journalist in an autumnal ode. Due to the resurrection of Bryan calamity speeches which have been in storage for the past four years.

"Taft can tell his own story better than any one else can tell it for him," says the Taunton Gazette in approving the plan for Taft's tour. Yes, and it is a mighty fine story he has to tell.

If oratorical flights counted, Mr. Bryan would have solved the problem of aerial navigation years ago.

Mr. Bryan would have fared better in Delaware had he gone there looking for poaches instead of votes.

When Mr. Bryan declares in September that he is sure of being elected in November, it reminds one that he was also elected in September, 1896, and in September, 1900.

To be consistent Mr. Bryan, who is pleading for independence for the Filipinos, should immediately grant the plea of the Democratic party for release from the tyranny of Bryan.

In speaking of the tendencies of the Republican party Mr. Bryan omits to mention its propensity for winning national elections.

The interest of the Democrats in the prosperity of the country, which Mr. Bryan believes to be paramount, will extend to the length of refusing to destroy it by putting the Nebraskan at the head of the government.

Mr. Bryan's indorsement of the theory that Democracy stands for competition manifestly does not include competition for presidential nominations.

If there was a political pure food law the enumeration of the mixed ingredients in the Bryan campaign would make the list.

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**REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY**  
 For Union County, State of Oregon, October Term, 1908.

To the Hon. J. W. Knowles, Circuit Judge:

We, your grand jury, for the October term of the circuit court for Union county, Oregon, beg leave at this time to submit for your consideration, the following report of our doings, together with our recommendations:

We have been in session 10 days since our selection, and have found and return in to court 11 true bills, and three not true bills, and have investigated all matters brought to our attention, and examined and inspected county officials and records, and all other county property, to the full extent of our opportunities and ability so to do.

1. We recommend that the county at once build a sufficient and suitable fence around the court house grounds; put in proper condition and seed to suitable grass said grounds, and maintain the same at the expense of the county during the term of its lease for said premises; construct and maintain suitable and sufficient walks and driveways into and upon said grounds for the convenience of those attending the court house upon necessary business; erect a suitable and sufficient number of hitching racks on the streets adjoining said premises, to accommodate all persons who attend the court house by team upon any necessary business; plant, protect and grow a suitable number of appropriate varieties of shade and ornamental trees upon said premises.

2. We urgently recommend that the county furnish and place at a convenient and accessible point on each floor and in the basement, a sufficient length of fire hose, equal in size to the opening of the tap entering the court house, for the protection of public property and human life in case of fire.

3. We believe, and therefore recommend, that suitable rooms and conveniences be fitted up in the basement of the court house, for the keeping and accommodation of either a duly authorized deputy of the sheriff, or jailer, at all times in said court house, for the better protection of public property, the better security from escape, of prisoners confined there, and to give suitable attention to the physical wants of persons confined at the court house, in case of sickness or necessity.

the call of the foreman, until immediately prior to the convening of the term following, it would both expedite public business in the court, and save the public expense.

5. We visited all public offices and the jail, at the court house, and found all offices neatly kept, with no apparent waste, and the officers attentive to their respective duties, and courteous to the public.

6. We wish to thank his honor, the Circuit Judge, for his kind and considerate attention given our every request. We also desire to express our appreciation of the willing assistance given us by the district attorney, not forgetting the cheerful compliance with our wishes by L. Landers, our bailiff.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. A. GALLOWAY,  
 JAMES S. PEACH,  
 JOHN J. BRUGGER,  
 DEXTER EATON,  
 J. J. BROWN,  
 W. H. BRIGGS,  
 E. C. MOORE.

Grand Jury.

**Died.**  
 The four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bugg of this city, died this morning. The funeral arrangements are not yet completed.

With the passing of the baseball comes the smell of the moth ball. Both parties predict a landslide; but the interesting question is— which party will it bury?

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, August 24, 1908.  
 Notice is hereby given that ADNA B. ROGERS, of La Grande, Oregon, who, on August 13, 1908, made timber and stone sworn statement No. 0930, for SE¼ NW¼ and S¼ NE¼ and NE¼ NE¼, section 16, township 5 south, range 36, E. W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final timber proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver of the U. S. land office, at La Grande, Oregon, on the 16th day of November, 1908.  
 Claimant names as witnesses: J. T. Williams, Harry J. Hockenberry,

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