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The city authorities have taken the right stand in suppressing the Halloween marauders. The system of turning the town over on the 31st of October is one which years ago should have been prohibited. There can be no earthly reason for allowing a few misguided youths and half-grown vandals to destroy property and cause inconvenience simply because the day is marked on the calendar as All Saints' night. The police should have the moral support and co-operation of every good citizen.

There are many serious sides and numerous sad and pathetic incidents connected with the failure of a bank, but perhaps the most deplorable feature is the destruction of the confidence which we hold, one for the other. Eliminate from the people that element of confidence which they repose in one another and there is but little to hold the community or the nation together.

By this time next week the world will know the exact size of Taft's majority. The wise ones believe they are almost able to furnish the proper figures now, but upon close questioning are willing to admit that perhaps it would be best to wait for the people to verify their figures.

Land for Sale.

40 acres of fruit, garden or alfalfa land for sale cheap if taken soon. C. D. Huffman, R. F. D. 2, La Grande.

The November "American" at Ferguson's.

OIL BOOM GROWING

Word has been received by The Observer that work in the Vale oil field is progressing so satisfactorily, that it will be only a short time until the Vale field will be one of the greatest oil producing fields in the country.

A number of experts from the oil fields of Kansas, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, California and Texas have been investigating the extent and productivity of the Vale field, and all unite in saying that the oil is there in paying quantities and that it is only a question of reaching the oil strata to obtain the oil. One expert says that the Oregon field will be the greatest in the world outside of Russia. Another that out of five producing wells, four will be "gushers."

The Malheur company that was delayed during the summer, has at last overcome the difficulties they encountered and are going ahead at a rapid rate. The Columbia company is working a day and a night shift.

The Mammoth Oil & Gas company, recently organized by La Grande and Union people, have shipped the timbers for their derrick and have sent a man to California to purchase a standard rig. They will be prepared to go to any necessary depth to strike oil. This company has immense holdings in the Vale field, between Vale and Nyssa. The 12 sections they own were selected by R. W. Ames, an expert of wide experience in oil fields, after a thorough examination of the entire field.

The Mammoth Oil and Gas company placed 25,000 shares on the market at 15 cents and the entire amount was taken at once.

A number of people in La Grande have individual holdings in the Vale field and indications are that they will receive, in the near future, handsome returns on their investments.

Wasco for Taft.

That Wasco county is for Taft and Sherman and the republican party first, last and all the time, was manifested last night at the Vogt theater when a most enthusiastic audience greeted the Hon. R. R. Butler, republican candidate for presidential elector from Oregon, who delivered an interesting, instructive and highly entertaining address on various issues of the political campaign.—The Dalles Chronicle.

Pictures.

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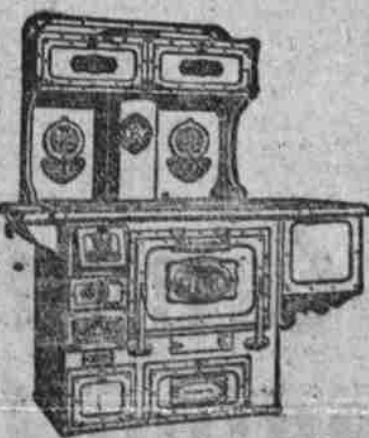
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