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RIVERSIDE PARK.

Everything at present indicates that La Grande is soon to have a public park and one that will be a credit and pleasure to all. The only thing that can forestall the present movement will be lack of general interest. That is like so many public-spirited enterprises, the initiative work is left to a few. Many a good enterprise has been prevented in this manner. Every man, woman and child at the present time are certainly behind the present movement, but that is not enough within itself. Everyone must do something; talk it up, speak a good word for it. If you have not already stated the proposed sites, which in time will undoubtedly be one which will include the Proebstel grove and the Carline grove, about 25 acres in all. At the outset, it may not be possible to secure both tracts, but either can be secured later.

La Grande will need other parks later. We should have provided these years ago, but it always requires a beginning and this seems to be the beginning period. When we do begin it will only be a short period until other sites will be improved. At present, however, let us concentrate our united efforts on "Riverside park."

How does that name sound? Plenty of shade already provided by nature. An ideal place for boating in the summer, skating in the winter, and the basis for many public gatherings that at present are not practical. There has been some talk and a considerable desire to locate a Chautauqua. Riverside park would be an ideal location. One enthusiastic lady suggested that when the site is secured, the city consecrate the movement by closing up the city for the greater portion of one day and let every man take his ax and women their brooms or hoes or rakes and under the direction of the park engineer proceed to the grounds, clean it up, rest for lunch and enjoy a general picnic. This is a splendid idea. Much substantial work would not only be accomplished on this day, but the general interest that such an event would spread throughout the city would be worth a great deal. Hurrah for the splendid work that has been done so far and let one and all consider that they have a public interest in the movement and help by words of encouragement and active personal co-operation. It will be our park.

Those who would like to see a Chautauqua established in La Grande, look for the park. Those who would like to see a nice grove wherein to hold Fourth of July exercises, work for the park. Think what La Grande has expended in past years for temporary arbors that stood only for the moment. Those who would like to have the Pioneer Association meet more frequently in La Grande, look for the park. Those who are delighted to have the C. A. B. boys meet with us, look for the park. Those who would like to see many other country public gatherings, look for the park. La Grande is so easily reached by rail that it is the natural and most economical center in the valley, and a large shady public park will assist in securing many such gatherings that do not come to this city at present, and in fact, do not take place at all. Because in so many instances, if it could not be held at La Grande its success would be doubted, and as La Grande has no such accommodations, the matter is dropped. Riverside park is certainly above these. The trees and the water and the soil. Nature has done her part. It is our move.

Uses of power and light are more than glad to realize that we will have no repetition of the dark period of last winter. The fine weather the past few weeks permitted the Grande Ronde Electric company to proceed

rapidly with the construction of their power line and it will be completed within the next few days. We never miss the water until the well runs dry and we never knew how convenient it was to turn on the light until we had an experience last season of several weeks when the light could not be turned on.

Take a stroll over North La Grande and if you have not for several months, you will be surprised at the general improvements that have taken place. The same is true of South La Grande. The idea had been prevalent that we have not made very much advancement during the past year. The financial depression doubtless did have the effect to discourage not a few who intended to build, but notwithstanding this fact, a tour of inspection of our beautiful little city will surprise you.

It is not generally known, but it is a fact nevertheless, that the O. B. & N. last year had the plans drawn for three large depot buildings, estimated to cost \$25,000 each and all identical. When these plans were drawn it was the intention to locate them at Pendleton, La Grande and Baker City. It begins to look now that the original idea is to be forthcoming. A \$25,000 concrete, brick or stone building would only be in keeping with the needs and progressiveness of La Grande.

The football boys who returned last evening from Joseph, cannot find a sufficient number of adjectives to express their appreciation of the royal entertainment they received at the hands of the Joseph people. In fact, they received a royal welcome at every point along the line, and received invitations for games from every town. No one had better knock Wallawa county in the presence of these boys.

Look pleasant, just because the sun did not shine yesterday, do not forget the weeks and weeks of delightful weather we all enjoyed so much this fall. Just keep on smiling. Delightful as it was, if the weather would continue for the next three months as it has in the past, we would all be bankrupt by spring. The weather man often knows what is best for us.

The completion of the Bolton & Bodmer and the M. & M. company's buildings will make a decided improvement in the general appearance of that portion of the city, especially to strangers and passengers at the depot.

Notice of Impoundment.

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of November, 1908, I took up while running at large in the city of La Grande, Ore., the following described animals, to-wit:

- One small brown cow, branded R on right hip; no other brands visible.
- One spotted cow, light red and white, no brands visible; has hole in left ear.
- One large spotted cow, branded R on right hip; under bit out of left ear and small slit in left ear.
- One red cow, no brands or marks visible.
- One red and white spotted yearling heifer, swallow fork in left ear; no other brands or marks visible.
- One brindle yearling steer; hole in right ear, torn out; no brands visible.

All of the above animals have horns. That I impounded said animals in the city point of La Grande, Ore., under and by virtue of the ordinance thereof and unless the owner claims and pays the costs and expenses of such impounding and keeping of said animal at the expiration of 10 days from the date of this notice, advertise and sell said animals as provided by the ordinances of said city.

Done and dated at La Grande, Ore., this the 17th day of November, 1908.
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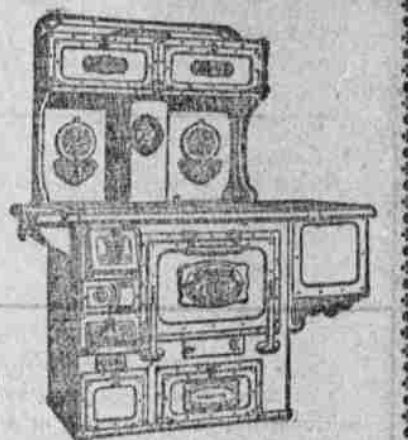
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Treasurer's Call for City Warrants. Notice is hereby given that there are now funds on hand to pay all outstanding warrants issued on general fund of La Grande city, up to and including No. 6765, endorsed March 14, 1907. Interest on all warrants on the water fund from No. 7512 to No. 7766, inclusive, ceases from date of this call. La Grande, Oregon, November 9, 1908. J. K. WRIGHT, City Treasurer. Pictures. Nice pictures—not expensive—at Ferguson's.