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A CHANGE COMING.

Our citizens are not satisfied regarding the enforcement of the local option law. We are paying a high price for the police protection we are receiving. It is a well known fact that liquor is being sold daily in this city in violation of the law.

The people have been restless for many weeks and frequent indeed have appeals been made to the executive and police departments of the city for relief. The answer has been, "Just wait and keep quiet until the new charter passes and then the city with its police department will take cognizance of present conditions and not only put a stop to it, but will receive a revenue from the violators."

The people have waited. The charter is a reality. The action taken by the council this evening will be awaited with interest. There are several things brewing and will continue to brew until our present conditions are bettered.

The tremendous majority given local option in this county is not to be trifled with. We have made a good start. We have done as well as is usually done the first few months after so radical a change. The immediate wiping out of over 40 saloons in the county at one stroke was sudden. Appetites that required years to form were just the same after the law passed as they were before, and as usual, there were some who for the profit there was in it sought to cater to this demand. We no whave two inmates in the county jail for violating the local option law. We have several indictments against others who will be tried at the term of court which convenes next Monday. We have prosecuting officers and courts that are fearless, and will do their duty. We are not in nearly so bad a condition as we might be. In fact while there is some liquor being sold, things are much more preferable under present existing conditions than they were before the saloons were wiped out. But the people want them still better and are going to have it better. Just a few more advances and La Grande will be one of the cleanest little cities in the northwest. We have made great headway. Think of it! It was only a few years ago that we constantly in a city election fight over the issue whether or not wide open gambling would be permitted. Some times one side won, some times the other. Our 12 or 20 saloons were run wide open every day in the week and all night long. Don't get discouraged; we have accomplished much. We are going to accomplish more. It will take a little time. One of the next moves after a few more arrests and convictions of bootleggers will come a demand to clean up some of the billiard halls, which permit boys of 14, 15 and 16

years of age to congregate and loiter around their places of business. The time will come when the billiard and pool tables will be closed on Sundays. These and a few more things are in the very near future to be. The people demand these things and when the demand is made sufficiently strong, their accomplishment is only a secondary matter.

We need another school building. We will need several more when our irrigation project is completed. Let us begin now by attending the school meeting and provide a small tax sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds. It will hardly be noticeable. One mill will do it and when the district doubles in value, which it will do within 10 years after the irrigation problem is solved, let some of our coming population help pay for it. They will be only too glad to do so. We need the additional room. We need it now. Let us have it.

Have you visited the public schools this year? If you have not, you owe it to yourself and to the community to make a visit to the high school and see how crowded they are. Do you realize that the board would not know how to accommodate 20 additional high school students. These are facts that anyone can substantiate by a 10-minute visit.

While the clean-up spirit is abroad in the city let steps be taken to prohibit the Sunday theater. Arguments made in the larger cities, where there are hundreds of homeless people do not apply to a city of homes like La Grande. With three moving picture shows running every night there is no necessity of Sunday matinees.

If Ruess would commit suicide it would save a lot of trouble to the people of San Francisco. He may yet. He has precedents.

No. 3655.

Report of the Condition of THE LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK at La Grande, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business Nov. 27, 1908.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. bonds, Deposits, Premiums on U. S. bonds, Bonds, securities, etc., Banking house, furniture, and fixtures, Due from National banks, Due from State banks and bankers, Due from approved reserve agents, Checks and other cash items, Notes of other National banks, Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents, Lawful money reserve in bank, via: Specie, Legal-tender notes, Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer, Total, Liabilities: Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, National bank notes outstanding, Due to other National banks, Due to State banks and bankers, Due to approved reserve agents, Individual deposits subject to check, Demand certificates of deposit, United States deposits, Deposits of U. S. disbursing officers.

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Total \$984,181.92
State of Oregon, County of Union, ss: I, F. L. MEYERS, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. F. L. MEYERS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of December, 1908. THOS. J. SCROGGIN, Notary Public. Correct-Attest: F. M. BYRKIT, F. J. HOLMES, GEO. PALMER, Directors.

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Female Leper Dead.

Los Angeles, Dec. 2.—Mrs. Isabella Wardwell, the leper wife of the famous old army officer, who recently died, expired at the county hospital today and will be buried in the Potter's field.

Lower Postage Effective.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Postmaster General Meyer today announced the establishment of a two-cent postage between Germany and the United States on letters going the direct sea route. Those going by the way of France and England require five cents.

Emperor is Crowned.

Pekin, Dec. 2.—The coronation of Pu Yi, emperor of China, occurred today in the Imperial palace, where, according to traditions of the throne, he was given a new name, that of Hsun Tung. It lacked the brilliancy of former coronations, owing to the recent death of the emperor.

COURT HOUSE GROUNDS

To Be Seeded to Grass and Put in Improved Condition.

A committee of the council visited the county court this afternoon with a view to having the court prepared the grounds and place them in shape, along the lines suggested by the last grand jury. There has been a misunderstanding as to who should improve the grounds. The city thought it certainly had fulfilled its part of the contract in turning over one of the best appointed court house buildings in eastern Oregon for a period of 15 years for a one dollar per year rental. It is understood that the court and city have practically agreed on a plan of action that will add greatly to the general appearance of the court house block.

Lumber Goes Up.

Aberdeen, Dec. 2.—The price of logs

went up to a dollar per 1000 today, and lumber advanced accordingly. It is claimed not more than 4,000,000 feet of logs are in Grays harbor.

Fred Swaney has been confined to his home for the past two days on account of illness.

The worst failures are those successes that have come at the cost of the soul.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Or., November 23, 1908.

JOHN W. M'ALISTER,

of La Grande, Oregon, who, on November 18, 1908, made timber and stone sworn statement No. 62331, for E 1/2 SE 1/4, section 29; NE 1/4 NE 1/4, section 32, and NW 1/4 NW 1/4, section 33, township 4 south, range 33 E. W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final timber and stone proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver, at La Grande, Oregon, on the 9th day of February, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses: Joseph Santos, Clyde Santos, Aaron Murphy, John Steinbeck, all of La Grande, Ore. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

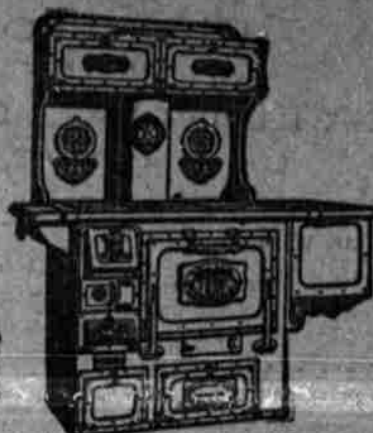
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