

**DIRECTORY OF THE FRATERNAL ORDERS LA GRANDE, ORE.**

**M. W. A.**  
La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets each Monday evening at I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting neighbors are cordially invited to attend.  
M. McMURRAY, C.  
CAL JORDAN, Clerk.

**F. O. F.**  
La Grande Aerie No. 259, F. O. E., meets every Friday night in Elks' hall at 8 p. m. Visiting brethren invited to attend.  
C. E. HACKMAN, W. P.  
GEO. ABEGG, W. S.

**O. E. S.**  
Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. S., hold stated communications the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invited.  
RACHEL E. WORSTELL, W. M.  
MARY A. WARNICK, Secretary.

**I. O. O. F.—Encampment.**  
Star Encampment No. 41, I. O. O. F., meets every second and fourth Wednesday in the month in Odd Fellows' hall. Visiting patriarchs always welcome.  
H. E. COOLIDGE, C. P.  
W. A. WORSTELL, Scribe.

**M. B. of A.**  
Meets every Thursday evening at I. O. O. F. hall. Visiting members always welcome.  
ANGUS STEWART, President.  
C. J. VANDERPOEL, Secretary.

**Woodmen of the World.**  
La Grande Lodge No. 169, W. O. W., meets every second and fourth Tuesday evening in K. of P. hall in the Corps building. All visiting members welcome. NERI ACKLES, J. H. KEENEY, Consul Commander. Clerk.

**I. O. O. F.—Subordinate.**  
La Grande Lodge No. 16, meets in their hall every Saturday night. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend. Cemetery plot may be seen at Model restaurant.  
HUGH McCALL, N. G.  
OSCAR COOLIDGE, Secretary.  
W. A. WORSTELL, Fin. Sec.

**Foresters of America.**  
Court Maid Marion No. 22 meets each Wednesday night in K. of P. hall. Brothers are invited to attend.  
BEN HAISTEN, C. R.  
LEO HERRING, C. S.  
C. J. VANDERPOEL, F. S.

**A. F. & A. M.**  
La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m.  
R. L. LINCOLN, W. M.  
A. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

**Knights of Pythias.**  
Red Cross Lodge No. 27, meets every Monday evening in Castle Hall (old Elks' hall). A Pythian welcome to all visiting knights.  
J. F. BAKER, C. C.  
R. L. LINCOLN, K. of R. & S.

**Rebekahs.**  
Crystal Lodge No. 50 meets every Tuesday evening at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are invited to attend.  
JENNIE N. SMITH, N. G.  
MARTHA E. SCOTT, Secretary.

**B. F. O. E.**  
La Grande Lodge No. 433, meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Elks' club, corner Depot street and Washington avenue. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend.  
C. S. DUNN, Exalted Ruler.  
G. E. McCULLY, Recording Sec.

**PICKLER'S BID LOWEST**

**LOCAL ENGINEER OUTBID ALL OTHERS FOR CONTRACT**

"Home Talent," Capable Engineer Bid Two Per Cent Less Than His Nearest Competitor—Uninterested Authority Gives Unbiased Report on Selection.

While no community should apologize for giving employment to home people, yet in public matters too often the rule is to go abroad and secure higher-priced men with no more ability than those who are residents. While there has been more or less discussion relative to the employment of Civil Engineer Pickler, who offered to do the work much cheaper than imported engineers which, by reason of his residence here, he could do. The brief history of the facts, showing the action of our council in relation to the matter of contracts, will, no doubt, be of interest. Last October the council accepted the bid of Neuvne & Co. for the water bonds, a portion of the cash to be available December the first. At that time it was the intention to advertise for bids for construction, and in order to do so, it was necessary to have complete plans of the work. In order to facilitate matters, there was a special committee appointed to obtain information and recommend the employment of an engineer to make detail plans. Councilman Williamson was appointed chairman of that committee and corresponded with about 10 reliable engineers on the subject and the bids for the work was from \$1,600 to \$2000 for making the detail plans. The fact developed that Neuvne & Co. failed to comply with their agreement and did not take the bonds, and the matter of contract for construction was taken up with the American Light & Water company, which eliminated the expense of employing an engineer at that time to make the detail plans. The council then instructed the chairman of the committee to obtain information as to the cost of employing an engineer to take complete supervision of the work, during construction and to make all necessary surveys, maps, detail plans and take supervision as engineer for the full completion of the system. Mr. Williamson corresponded with nine prominent engineers of the Pacific coast, giving them full details of what was required and submitted the bids of six to the council, that being the number of bids received. The bid of L. A. Pickler was to do the complete work for 3 per cent of the cost of construction and all other bids were 5, 5 1/2 and 6 per cent of the cost of construction. These bids were all submitted to the council and Mr. Pickler's bid was accepted, and he gives bonds for the faithful performance of the work. Surveyor General Utter of Idaho, was written to for information on reasonable fees for such work and his letter on the subject follows:

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 8, 1909.  
Mr. J. T. Williamson,  
Chairman of the Water Committee,  
La Grande, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

At request I herewith give you information concerning the usual charges for engineering and superintendence of public work. Having spent 30 years in construction work for the government, state, municipalities and corporations, I feel that I am fairly well qualified to say.

Never in my life did I know of a competent engineer laying out and taking charge of a piece of work for less than 5 per cent of the cost of the completed project. In making estimates, from 10 to 12 per cent is usually added to the estimated cost for engineering, superintendence and contingencies that might arise. At the present time municipalities usually pay 5 per cent, the state allows 10, and all substantial irrigation projects the government allows 12 1/2 per cent. While these figures might seem high, yet from experience I find that in no instances the actual cost, with salary added will amount to about 10 per cent of cost of construction. I therefore congratulate you on securing the services of Mr. Pickler to lay out and take charge of your work and if I understand it, he gives a bond covering all salaries advanced. You are certainly safeguarding the interests of your city, and I assure you if I should have been approached to take charge of a piece of work of that character,

and had been in position that I could have accepted it, it would have cost you at least 5 per cent of the cost of construction for my services.

D. A. UTTER,  
U. S. Surveyor General for Idaho.

In writing to Mr. Utter a clipping of the report of The Observer on the matter of the employment of Mr. Pickler was inclosed in the letter to Mr. Utter, hence he refers to Mr. Pickler in his reply.



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