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La Grande is held in high esteem by all who know anything regarding the city and the productive Grande Ronde valley. Every businessman who visits outside points returns with the same report. "Wherever I go I am interrogated regarding the irrigation project and information in general regarding Union county." This is easily accounted for. The fact is becoming generally known that farm lands and city property is much lower in this city and county than in any other locality in the state.

As was expected Joe Simon is mayor of Portland by a very large majority. There was considerable opposition but it was so scattered that the result was evident. Mr. Simon is no novice in the political game and with very few exceptions has always had the majority of the businessmen of Portland behind him.

The voters of Portland refused to vote for municipal ownership of electric lights. Some cities make a success of municipal lighting, but in the southwest this is the exception. The great majority of localities which have tried it have in the end been very glad to dispose of the holdings to private capital.

The Baker City Herald has just issued an illustrated edition descriptive of the resources of Baker City and Baker county. It is creditable and such as can be sent east with pride, and undoubtedly will attract and create a greater desire among those whose hands it may fall, to visit this great northwest.

La Grande will have two elections this month, a special city election to vote on the proposed amended and consolidated charter and a school election to choose a director to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of Chairman Bay's term.

In unity there is strength. This was practically demonstrated last evening when fifty of the businessmen of this city sat at a banquet table discussing those things that meant a greater La Grande.

STATEMENT OF THE HOME LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE Home Life Insurance Company of New York in the State of New York on the 31st day of December, 1919, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.	
Amount of capital paid up.....	\$125,000.00
Income.	
Premiums received during the year.....	\$3,367,101.07
Interest, dividends and rents received during year.....	990,134.09
Income from other sources received during year.....	79,179.48
Total income.....	\$4,436,414.62
Disbursements.	
Paid to policy holders during the year.....	\$3,144,927.14
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock.....	15,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year.....	513,845.40
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year.....	67,580.84
Amount of all other expenditures.....	213,094.95

Total expenditures.....	\$2,951,758.33
Assets.	
Market value of real estate owned.....	\$1,643,609.81
Market value of stocks and bonds owned.....	10,356,550.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.....	6,195,030.00
Premium notes and policy loans.....	2,823,767.53
Cash in banks and on hand.....	320,659.52
Net uncollected and deferred premiums.....	302,653.30
Other assets (net).....	156,631.54
Total admitted assets.....	\$21,708,901.70

Liabilities.	
Net reserve.....	\$20,064,452.00
Total policy claims.....	95,494.14
All other liabilities.....	1,548,965.56
Total liabilities.....	\$2,708,901.70
Total insurance in force December 31, 1919.....	\$88,368,241.00
Business in Oregon For The Year.....	\$2,374.35
Total risks written during the year.....	5,411.34
Gross premiums received during the year.....	523.84
Premiums returned during the year.....	523.84
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1919.....	167,516.19

HOME LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
 By **GEO. E. IPE,**
 President.
 Statutory resident general agent and attorney in fact:
L. A. McNARY Portland, Oregon

BANQUET ANOTHER FINE THING

If I knew you and you knew me—
 If both of us could clearly see,
 And with an inner sight divine
 The meaning of your heart and mine,
 I'm sure that we would differ less
 And clasp our hands in friendliness;
 Our thoughts would pleasantly agree
 If I knew you and you knew me.
 —Nixon Waterman

At the plate of each member of the Business Men's Protective Association, who attended the banquet last evening at the Model restaurant was a neatly printed card containing the words above. It was the keynote of the spirit that is rapidly cementing the business interest of this city. One and all are beginning to rally around the banner of united interest and the upbuilding of La Grande and Union county.
 While the primary object of this organization was and is to look after the credits it has reached beyond that and the frequent association of the business men has torn away the false mask of jealousy and strife and one and all realize the advantages and protection assured by working in harmony. The man who wilfully refuses to pay his honest debts is already beginning to feel the effects of the workings of this association. On the other hand the honest man has nothing to fear and will be protected and given every opportunity to adjust his payments.
 A number of interesting addresses were made. President Collier explained, for the benefit of the many new members, the object of the organization. Secretary F. B. Currey outlined what the organization had accomplished; William Miller on the close relations but the entirely different fields of this organization and the La Grande Commercial club; Attorney C. E. Cochran, "The Association From a Lawyer's Standpoint"; Attorney Geo. Cochran on "The needs of such an organization"; Ches. Dunn

on, "Needed Information."
 A. S. Geddes delivered the principal address of the evening reporting the action taken by the National Grocers' Association, which was held last week in Portland, and what it was accomplishing through organization. He concluded his remarks by citing the possibilities of this organization by the La Grande businessmen as the years passed on all of which insure a greater La Grande, and Union county.

These monthly gatherings are looked forward to with pleasure and each meeting shows increased attendance. General Superintendent M. J. Buckley and Superintendent D. W. Campbell were guests of honor during the evening.

Notices Posted.
 In order that no one may get encroach with stock or carelessly set fires in the limits of the forest reserve, the rangers are now marking the entire boundary with notices, placed at intervals of 175 feet. At every road and trail the notices are printed on tin as being more lasting than the cloth notices which are used in general.

Two Killed by Explosion.
 Robert N. Betts, manager of the Union Companies mine in the Cornucopia district 75 miles from Baker City, left this city this morning at 9 o'clock in company with Coroner Ison in answer to a message from the mine stating that two miners—Lishman and Anderson by name—were killed, yesterday afternoon by an explosion which occurred underground, says the Herald. The miners were working in a drift and had several holes drilled preparatory to setting off a shot. Some of the holes were loaded and it is presumed that in tampering the powder one of the men struck to hard a blow causing the explosion.


1000 TELEPHONES.
 As we are about to issue a new telephone directory we would like to receive the names of any parties who are contemplating installing a telephone. This directory will contain the names of over ONE THOUSAND SUBSCRIBERS, AND WHY NOT YOURS?
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Rev. L. W. Williamson's Letter.
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Is spent in bed—What did you pay for the mattress?
 In bed we laugh, in bed we cry;
 And born in bed, in bed we die;
 The near approach a bed may show
 Of human bliss or human woe.

Do you recognize the importance of the mattress? Do you select it with the same care you do the other comforts of home? Have you ever stopped to consider that in this age of advancement it has received little attention—little improvement was made until the renowned Sealy Mattress was invented? This marked the entry of a new era in mattress making.
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