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**TAFT AND THE HISSING LADIES**

President Taft was recently subjected to what might ordinarily have been considered a humiliation when he was hissed for making a frank statement regarding woman suffrage. As a matter of fact Taft believed exactly what he said, and the refreshing part of the whole matter was that he possessed enough courage and honor to state his position in the premises.

This is an epoch of such extreme diplomacy among most public men that it is really hard to distinguish where diplomacy ceases and hypocrisy begins. Frequently hypocrisy is the proper definition of the attitude of public men but the whole country is too charitable to openly make the charge, although the case may be apparent.

We believe that the president was eminently right in his opinion of woman suffrage, and that the great majority of good women today do not want the ballot. Where states have given suffrage to the feminine sex it has been anything but successful and no one will say that it has changed results. Take Colorado, for instance, probably one of the latest states in the union to shake off her open corruption. Senatorial offices were purchased and re-purchased openly and bribery was prevalent in Colorado even when the women could and did vote, which indicates that there is little to the claims made by those who are honestly in favor and are stoutly supporting the plan of granting suffrage to women.

The best illustration we have ever heard regarding this matter occurred on the floor of the United States senate. An aged and able senator from an eastern state was addressing the senate on a measure in which suffrage leaders were vitally interested and naturally the galleries were well filled with women of national character. Suddenly that grand old soul, Susan B. Anthony, arose from her seat in the gallery and interrupted the senator with the question: "Senator, don't you think women are good enough to vote?" The senator was somewhat amazed but presently he replied, "My dear Miss Anthony, I think women are entirely too good to vote."

And in that utterance the aged senator voiced the opinion of the majority of the men of this nation. President Taft told the ladies the truth and he is receiving proper credit for it in the nation today. Of course there was hissing but that amounts to nothing. And besides Taft will not go about the country posing as the only president who was ever hissed, either.

A certain insurance company has adopted the slogan, "keep your money in Oregon." It might well be copied to read, "keep your money in La Grande." Fortunately the spirit of patronizing home institutions is much better here than in most cities, and all will admit that La Grande has never crippled herself by so doing.

When Governor Benson went on record against firecrackers for a Fourth of July celebration he evidently forgot that all of the boys of today will have a vote in the near future. And Benson is not nearly old enough to quit the political game yet. At any rate there are a great many people in Union county and all over Oregon who do not want him to quit.

**Murder Trial Progresses.**

New York, April 19.—Albert Walter, charged with the murder of Ruth Wheeler, a stenographer, moved rapidly today. The jury was completed this afternoon and sworn in.

**"HUNTING A HOUSE"**

If there lives within the corporate limits of this city any man who is so blind to conditions that he will openly tell people La Grande is not prospering in every sense of that term, let that poor deluded individual start out to rent a home for himself, or rent a building for business purposes.

We believe, if there are any of those parasites in La Grande commonly called knockers in most places (and we doubt very much that they are here) that a lesson in civic pride could easily be taught by forcing them out to find a house. We speak advisedly when we say that it is necessary to go on the waiting list here to find a suitable home to live in, and you will not be at the top of the list for some time to come either. What does that indicate?

Answer it yourself or ask any stranger. He will tell you, and if you should ask ten strangers or a hundred strangers, they will all tell you the same thing.

**CANNOT AFFORD TO LAG**

Throughout Oregon La Grande is known for one thing above all else—her commercial club. Not that there are no other cities in Oregon with clubs possessing as large a membership but because La Grande has maintained her organization without the aid of artificial injection of outside "boosterism." In Portland, Eugene, in Medford where cities are paying high prices for men to do nothing else but organize, one can hear of the splendid club La Grande has and invariably the fact will be mentioned that the organization exists because the community wants it and because it is a very important part of the community.

Now, this being true, it is not only a pleasant duty, but a bounden duty as well, for the club to continue a campaign for membership thereby spreading out its invigorating manner and inspiration to every portion of the Grande Ronde valley. There is absolutely no danger whatever of the La Grande commercial club entering a comatose condition, but there is danger of letting well enough alone which in this case will never do.

The commercial club has been a pillar for the community to lean upon in the past and it should continue to be even more so in the future. To confine its efforts to La Grande is a thing that has never been practiced and never will be for business people are big enough and broad enough to realize that no city can get very far without the backing of a growing community; without the ranchers, the stockmen, the fruit-growers, and along that line the commercial club in this city has a remarkable field for activity.

The Wallowa country—that splendid granary that could if necessary feed half of New York's population—is in a great measure a part of La Grande. What benefits La Grande benefits Wallowa county and vice versa.

spurring it on to action and giving no possibility of lagging.

Let us perpetuate the story that is already in the mouths of commercial bodies pertaining to La Grande's commercial club. Let us even make them open their eyes wider, and wider still, at results achieved by home men, who after all, are really the only ones who count for a great deal in what is popularly termed today a "booster campaign."

**Oh, Such Fanny Clothes.**

When the hotels were changing a few days ago the manager of the Foley house ordered his sample rooms cleaned up. After this had been done one of the employees hastened to the desk with a queer looking package which had no marks of identification. A hotel clerk is seldom excited over anything but when he undoes that package and found some dainty laces, short sleeved garments and other things that he was not familiar with his surprise could no longer be concealed. Whoever left the valuable belongings may have the same if they call and identify the property.

**Gillilan a Busy Man**

District Superintendent J. D. Gillilan is a busy man these days. He manages to get into La Grande often but it is usually in the middle of the night only to leave the next morning on the first train. His visits of late have been confined to Haines and North Powder where he is making some improvements in the church work.

**FORGERY CHARGE IS PREFERRED**

**JOE CONNERTY HELD OVER ON SERIOUS CHARGE**

Placed in Jail to Await Trial When He Fails to Give Bonds

Joe Connerty, of Union, is in the county jail today awaiting trial on a charge of forgery. He was arraigned this morning before Justice of the Peace Williams and waived examination. Not giving bonds, he was jailed.

The forgery is alleged to have been committed in connection with the account of W. West, of North Powder. The amount said to have been forged is not very large, being less than \$100.

Connerty will no doubt be lonesome, for the jail was empty when he was incarcerated.

**HEACOCK'S GLASSES FIT—ASK ANYONE.**

Are you frequently hoarse? Do you have that annoying tickling in your throat? Does your cough annoy you at night, and do you raise mucus in the morning? Do you want relief? If so, take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you will be pleased.

**OLD PEN PUSHER IN NEW LOCATION**

**RAISED IN OREGON AND EXPECTS TO DIE IN SAME STATE**

Extreme South of state, North and East, too, his fields.

Among the genial inn keepers along the pathways of Oregon travel by rail, is George E. Good, who Saturday assumed management of the Hotel Sommer, following a period of renovation and repairs that have made the place as good as new. Mr. Good bears all the earmarks of an Oregonian in spirit and body. No warmer friend of Oregon lives, for he has always lived within the borders of the state, and expects to live here as long as his life's candle keeps burning. Perhaps the root of his wide acquaintance and popu-



GEORGE E. GOOD

larity is his newspaper experience. Many years ago, as he himself admits, he was affiliated with the Salem Statesman, and did well in the business. The Dalles Itemizer was also one of his productions at one time, but he finally left the strenuous life to assume one more remunerative, perhaps—that of the hotel business. Twelve years ago he left Portland, where he had a hotel, and went to Grants Pass, and for eight years he owned the stamping ground of commercial men and transients in that section. Four years ago he came to La Grande and brought with him the same old geniality. When forced to relinquish his lease on the Foley Hotel, he immediately leased the Sommer, being loath to leave the city. Mr. Good, like many other hotel men, declares that La Grande is the best paying city in the state for its size to owners and managers of popular inns.

**Notice to Contractors.**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Recorder of the City of La Grande Oregon, for the construction of 43-920 Cu. Yds. of macadam pavement, to be constructed according to the plans and specifications now on file in this office. Bids will be received until 4 o'clock, p. m., May 4th, 1910, and must be accompanied by a certified check for 5 per cent of the amount of the bid. The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

D. E. COX,

Recorder of the City of La Grande.

**Merchants! Save \$10,000**

In 1907 the Merchants of Oregon saved over \$10,000 by carrying a part of their insurance in their own company, the Oregon Merchants Mutual Fire Insurance Association, of Dayton, Oregon. In 1908 they will save \$15,000. During the same period their neighbors were handing over \$1,500,000 in profits.

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W. OLIVER, Agent

**Building Through Wire.**

J. W. Buis, superintendent of a telegraph line from Portland to Baker City, was in the city yesterday. The line is now built to Umatilla and

will reach La Grande in about three weeks. A second through wire from Portland to San Francisco is also to be built through to La Grande soon, according to reports.

**Strawberries**

We will have them in about a week

We **BANANAS AND**  
Now **SWEE** **ORANGES**  
Have

Asparagus H. H. Lettuce  
Rhubarb Radishes Spinach  
Celery and Green Onions

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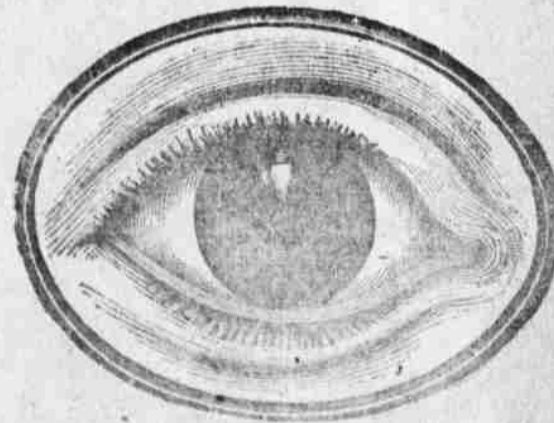


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3 years in La Grande and all my glasses are giving satisfaction. Ask anyone.

**Some Symptoms of Serious Eye Trouble**

- Dimness of vision
- Seeing spots, specks, etc. dance before your eyes
- The atmosphere seems foggy
- You may see better some days than others
- See better sideways than straight ahead
- See objects double or multiplied
- Pain in or about the eyes
- Constant or periodic headaches



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