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AN UNFAIR DIVIDEND

The Wells Fargo Express company in its report to the secretary of state of Oregon was forced to admit that it had earned 65 per cent on its investment during the past year.

Not long ago an officer of a company operating in the west admitted that rates were too high, that the rates from the Grande Ronde valley into Portland was all out of proportion.

Everyone knows that 65 per cent is a greater earning than a concern is entitled to; that to earn 65 per cent a company must deal with a long end for itself all the time.

There is a statute in Oregon providing for taxing the gross earnings of the companies but they fight that every time it is possible.

Another concern that it hardly entitled to do business in a state is the Pullman car company. They have successfully fought every state or taxation on the ground that it was an interstate proposition and made it stick in the federal courts.

We always admired Texas when it ordered the Pullman company out of the state. Texas is noted for drastic legislation, but in this case we believe she was right.

HILL AND ELECTRIC LINES.

It shows the breadth of character of man who is operating steam railroads to take any stock in an electric road.

This is a decidedly good thing and it shows the breadth of character of Jim Hill. He is big enough to realize that cheap electric power is of value in transportation and that steam roads need the electric lines.

It will have a tendency to make transportation facilities more compact when the two powers are working in harmony.

Oregon has a world of confidence in James J. Hill and anything that he touches in this state will be welcomed, for he is a builder rather than a mere operator.

THE BUTTON ENTHUSIASM.

A move is on foot to distribute thousands of buttons bearing a motto of Central Oregon, and it is good news.

La Grande has been talking some of buttons, but so far it is only in the talkative stage. It seems that this could be widened a bit and make it a Union county or a Grande Ronde button, thus giving a greater benefit.

If you have serious objections to adorning your Prince Albert or your new summer gown with a button put your foot on that objection and say to yourself, "I am doing my duty when I wear this little advertisement, for I am putting forth to the outside a locality that welcomes the homeseeker and the home builder— a place where there is room for thousands."

"MOTHER'S DAY"

Governor Frank Benson has fallen for the "mother's day" proposal. It but natural for him to do so, for where is there a man who could turn down anything with the sacred name of mother attached?

We believe that every day should be mother's day and that no one day should be set apart for the worship of the dearest friends a man ever has. And if that mother is living let the boy or girl do something each day to show the respect and love for her.

We will all follow Governor Benson's order to observe May 8th as mother's day, but a proclamation

from the state house at Salem urging the people of Oregon to make every day a "mother's day" would not be out of order.

Ordinance No. 233, Series 1910.

An ordinance prohibiting the hanging of signs and the construction of wooden awnings over sidewalks, regulating the construction of awnings, and prohibiting the placing of goods wares and merchandise upon the sidewalks, and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

THE CITY OF LA GRANDE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1—No wooden awning or porch shall be permitted over any sidewalk in the City of La Grande, Oregon. Cloth awnings when desired shall be not less than seven feet above the top of the sidewalk, and shall be supported upon iron arms so as to permit such awning to be folded up against the building, the lowest portion of said arms or supports to be at least eight feet above the top of the sidewalk.

Section 2—All wooden awnings or porches already constructed over any sidewalk and all signs now suspended across any sidewalk in the City, shall be removed by the owner of said awning, porch or sign within ten days from the taking effect of this Ordinance.

Section 3—In the case the owner of any awning, porch or sign mentioned in Section 2 of this ordinance shall fail, neglect or refuse to remove the same within ten days from the taking effect of this ordinance, then the Street Superintendent shall remove said awning, porch or sign and the expense of such removal shall be charged up against the building from which said awning, porch or sign shall be so removed and upon the land upon which said building is situated, and said lien shall be taken, entered and enforced as provided by Ordinance No. 4, Series 1893.

Section 4—No person owning or occupying any building or premises, or other person, shall place or cause to be placed or maintain, or suffer upon the street or sidewalk, or suspend or cause to be suspended over the same or in front of such building or any building or premises, any sign or advertisement, or place any goods, wares or merchandise upon the sidewalk by the way of show, advertisement, or otherwise, or suspend or cause to be suspended, or suffer over the street, beyond the line of the curb in front of said or any buildings or premises, any sign, advertisement or flag, except on holidays, election days and days of public parade; Provided, however, that electric signs may be put up and maintained in front of buildings over the sidewalk, which signs shall be provided with hinges, so that the same may be folded back against the building when necessary; but no sign shall in any case extend over the sidewalk beyond the line of the curb; provided, further, that goods, wares and merchandise may be placed on shelves in front of buildings, which shelves shall be at least 16 inches above the sidewalk, hung on hinges so as to be let down at the close of business, shall be made with round corners, and shall in no case extend beyond the property line, more than 12 inches.

Section 5—That any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction before the City Recorder, be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$50.00 or by imprisonment in the City Jail not less than one nor more than 25 days, or by both such fine or imprisonment in the discretion of the Recorder. Each and every day and such person shall maintain any such awning, porch or sign, across any sidewalk, or place any goods, wares or merchandise upon any sidewalk, except as above provided, shall be deemed a new, separate and distinct offense.

Section 6—All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 7—This ordinance shall be published in one issue of the La Grande Evening Observer and after its approval by the Mayor shall be in force and take effect from and after the 7th day of June, 1910.

Passed the Council of the City of La Grande, on the 4th day of May, 1910, by seven members voting therefor.

Approved this 5th day of May, 1910 Attest, F. L. MEYERS, Mayor. D. E. COX, Recorder.

Ordinance No. 254, Series 1910. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Recorder to enter into a con-

tract with the Portland Wood Pipe Company for the purchase by the City of 7665 feet of 18 inch wood pipe for the water system.

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Section 1—That the Mayor and Recorder be and they are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the Portland Wood Pipe company, for the purchase by the City of 7665 feet of 18 inch wood pipe, with connections, 2 cars of four inch wood pipe, four gate valves, three four inch "T"s, one four inch elbow and 2 Cory hydrants for the water system at a price not to exceed, for the 18 inch pipe \$1.44 per foot for 1900 feet, \$1.32 1-2 per foot for 3200 feet, \$1.06 per foot for 1575 feet, 88 1-2 cent per foot for 300 feet and 74 3-4 cents per foot for 690 feet, for four inch pipe 23 1-4 cents per foot.

Section 2—This ordinance shall be published in one issue of the La Grande Evening Observer and after its approval by the Mayor shall be in force and effect on and after the 7th day of June A. D. 1910.

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Notice to Contractors

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Recorder for the construction of a permanent telephone line on the right of way of the Beaver Creek Pipe Line from the intake to the City of La Grande said bids to be accompanied by a certified check of five per cent of the bid and to be filed with the Recorder of the City of La Grande by 4 o'clock p. m. of Wednesday, May 18th, 1910. Plans and specifications will be on file at the office of City Recorder. D. E. COX, Recorder. 4-6-4-12.

Notice to Contractors

Notice is hereby given by the District School Board of School District No. one (La Grande) Union County, Oregon, that bids will be received up to 12 o'clock noon of Monday, May 23, 1910, for the furnishing material and erection of two story and basement brick high school building according to plans and specifications on file with school clerk, and architect Newton C. Gauntt; also for the plumbing, heating and ventilating for said building. All bids to be accompanied by a certified check of 5 per cent of amount of bid. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any portion of bid submitted. Contractor to figure building with or without plumbing, heating and ventilating. Contractor whose bid is accepted to give approved bond in amount satisfactory to School Board. Contractor taking plans and specifications from office must deposit \$10.00 to insure return of same within ten days. Bids to be presented to School Clerk, La Grande, Oregon. By order of District School Board. ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS, School Clerk.

The C. E. of the Christian church will hold a cake sale at Russell's meat market next Saturday.

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We will have plenty to supply the demand New Cal. Gabbage string Beans Green Peas New Potatoes Hot house and home grown Lettuce Asparagus spinach Green Onions Radishes

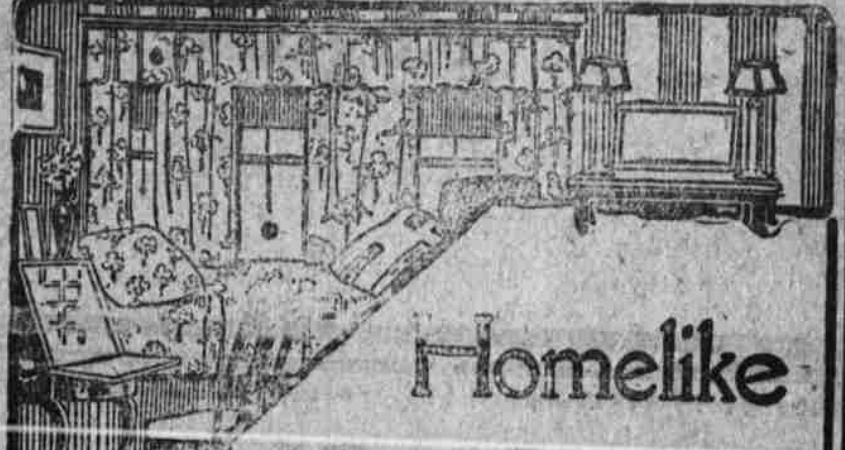
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