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**ONE CENTRAL OREGON RAILROAD.**

It is not likely there will be any more racing between the two great railroad interests in Oregon, such as is now in progress down the Deschutes. The next road to be built will be one across from Vale to probably Eugene, but the Hill and Harriman lines will not chase each other for right-of-way on this route. The chief reason is because Central Oregon is not sufficiently populated for two transcontinental lines. The same might be truly said of the Deschutes, but a start had to be made, and the only way Hill could get a start was to force the issue.

Big concerns do not keep up the spirit of contest long when expense piles up as fast as it does in building railroads, and we believe that there is a move at present between the Hill and Harriman interests to build one line from Vale through Central Oregon. That is the cause of Louis Hill's visit to the Central Oregon country, if we are not badly mistaken.

The two great combinations of capital can much easier make traffic arrangements over one roadbed than they can fight to get two roads built. Capitalists are like politicians, in a sense, they may snarl and show their teeth but when sufficient cause is shown they will lie down together like lambs.

It is important to Oregon that one road be built, more would be unnecessary at the present time for the Central Oregon country within itself would not furnish a great deal of tonnage for a few years.

The transcontinental companies have claimed all of that interior country for some time and have guarded it closely. When David Eccles was contemplating an extension of the Sumpter Valley into Burns he was warned by the large railroad interests to keep out, for a transcontinental line would soon be built through Harney county. Had this warning not been given in all probability the little Sumpter Valley narrow gauge would have awakened the cougar in the sparsely settled district long ago.

A story from Salem reviews the political situation in the state and attempts to name candidates. While the reporter no doubt was writing space rate news he hit the center in several cases for some of the men named will be candidates. But whether they will be candidates on the assembly ticket

or on the regular primary ticket now in use in Oregon is a question. As a matter of fact a man's honest convictions should govern him in this matter. If he conscientiously believes the assembly is not right, then he should stand forth fearlessly and say so. On the other hand if he believes it is the correct manner to nominate candidates, he should likewise say so. The trouble too often with men seeking political preferment in the state is that they stand for nothing. They want to grab the popular horn and ride a wave; they do not care a whit for the right or wrong of a proposition so long as it serves their particular purpose. Oregon needs more men who will speak out and make clear their views. Defeat is not nearly as humiliating as a stultified conscience. No man ever grew to be of any size without defeat. To be a good loser is next to being a good winner, as the story goes, and there is no use being political rabbits. The mass of the people respect any man and his views when they know him to be honest and sincere.

Elgin is fortunate in having such a thorough booster as Editor Tuttle of the Recorder. He never forgets his duty to his community. It is claimed that at a meeting recently held there to organize a Y. M. C. A. Mr. Tuttle arose and addressed the chair saying "the first thing I would like to propose in this matter is that this organization go on record as ardent supporters of apple show."

Union does not bar any good horses from entering her show next month and there is reason to believe that La Grande's good stock will be in evidence.

**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 square yards 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 25th, 1910, and must be accompanied by a certified check of 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. May 12-23.

**Notice**

The Chautauqua tickets are now on sale at Bohnenkamp's store. Those desiring tickets can secure the same. All having engaged tickets please call for them. W. R. JONES, Treas.

**Notice.**

Harry U. Meyers has purchased the Hagan's barber shop on Depot street and invites all old patrons as well as new ones to call and take advantage of up-to-date tonsorial art. Bath rooms in connection.

**Notice.**

Dog owners having secured license tags for dogs should put the license on the dog's collar as all dogs without the license on will be taken up, and an additional charge of \$1.00 will be placed on the dog. G. W. FERRIS, Pound Master.

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**KING GEORGE**  
**THE FIFTH**

Life Story of "the Sailor Prince" Who Has Become Monarch of the British Empire -- A Mischievous Lad and Great Lover of the Sea.

By WALTON WILLIAMS.  
**T**HE king is dead! Long live the king! The cry which has been heard at intervals in England for more than a thousand years is heard once more. The kings come and go, but the kingship lives on. Of old it was a title of almost terrifying power, the complete sovereignty of a nation concentrated in one man. Now it is little more than a name. Yet tradition, social prestige and some vestiges of political power make it mighty even yet. The idea of royalty yet dominates the European mind. The king may be shorn of many of his prerogatives, but he is still the king.

Edward VII., kindly and tactful gentleman, fondly named "the first gentleman of Europe," was known of all men. George V. is scarcely known by his own subjects. He is forty-five years old and, as he comes of a long lived family, should have an extended reign. The title he takes is not particularly promising, as the other royal Georges were a trifle ill starred. Thackeray reviewed them with biting sarcasm, nor have other writers been more sparing. George I., commonplace in mind and appearance, touched by some scandals of bribery and mistresses, advised to abdicate at the bursting of the south sea bubble, which was laid at his door, reigned from 1714 to 1727. George II., even more mediocre and obstinate than his father and of equally licentious life, still knew enough to choose good ministers. He carried the reign forward to 1760. George III., on the throne for sixty years, of more ability but of more obstinacy than his grandfather, George III. is chiefly remembered as the king who lost America to England.

George IV. reigned but ten years, yet had more matrimonial misfortunes than all the other Georges and gave England all of that royal name she could stomach. That was eighty years ago, and the world can forget much in eighty years. Let us hope that George V. will redeem the name. He certainly will. (Continued on Page Eight.)

**BRINGS THREE**  
**PLAYERS**

LOCAL CLUB STRENGTHENED UP WITH NEW MEN.

Battery and One Outfielder Secured to Help Locals Win Pennant.

Jack O'Brien returned this morning from Portland where he went to recruit all players for the La Grande club in the inter county league and he brought back three men. One of them is a pitcher, another a catcher and the third is an outfielder. Mr. O'Brien scoured Portland in an effort to locate three desirable men and claims to have found three who will show up the other clubs in the league. They will be given their initial chance to bow to the public at Elgin next Sunday afternoon when the local club hooks up with Elgin for the second game of the season. This afternoon and tomorrow the Portlanders will loosen up at the ball park with the other La Grande players.

Sherbets, ice cream, the purest and best that can be made, you will find there is almost all kinds on sale during all the warm days at Silverthorn's fountain. Take some home for your dinner.

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