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**UNION COUNTY AND GOOD ROADS.**

The visit of Judge Webster and Road Expert Eldridge, to La Grande, has brought results, in that people are discussing the road question. Just how long they will discuss remains to be seen, for everyone admits that the road question is of vital importance, and they have admitted this for a quarter century. There has been no concert of action toward bettering conditions by the people.

Union county is ahead of other counties in Oregon, that is almost all of the other counties, for the county court here is alive to the road situation.

A few days ago the writer, in company with others, visited points in the valley and a few miles out of La Grande we encountered the steam roller at work macadamizing a country road. It looked good to us and upon inquiry we found that several miles of road had been improved in the same manner in Union county.

This means something. No farmer can overlook such an improvement and people living in the city and towns will appreciate it. But the farmer is the man of all men who is entitled to good roads. It is nice to have automobile highways, for the farmer nowadays is the chief automobile user, but the road that will permit one team of horses to haul what it used to require two teams to do is the road that saves money to the farmer and enables him to market his products without the expense he formerly had.

Judge Webster took a good view of road building and advocated bonding counties for the work, which might be all right. Union county, we believe, is ready to try anything in reason that does not smack of the extremist, but with the advanced ideas already working here in the way of road building it seems to us that this county is in the lead, and that it will require neighboring counties some time to catch up.

Along the coast is where good roads campaigns are badly needed. In Coos county there is a small mileage of highways yet a great part of the year these are impassable. The same is true in Tillamook county and also around Aberdeen and South Bend, Washington. In those localities boats are used for local commerce and the farmer who lives away from a river or bay is out of luck for he finds many times it is impossible to get to market if he depends upon the roads.

Baker City has continued her paving, except the area occupied by the irrigation ditch which the court decided had a prior right. The people over there surely will feel proud of a street with a cancer upon it, and when showing a stranger around the city no doubt the Baker enthusiast will say, "we would have paved this street in full but some large property owners who have since grown rich by the town's improvement, refused to let their riparian rights be trampled upon." E "t goes, some people will never open their eyes until the day following judgment day.

Spokane states she is considering having separate schools for the boys and girls. Spokane is probably not sincerely thinking of such a thing. More likely August Wolf saw a chance to get Spokane's name in the headlines of all the papers by sending out the story and took advantage of the advertising feature. If Spokane should do such a thing she will be laughed at from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon, and she should be.

That man who died at Butte and it was afterwards found he possessed an appendix nine and a half inches long, is probably better off, for think of the operations he would have been forced to endure if that appendix had ever bothered him.

The shepherd over at Walla Walla who apparently went insane because of Halley's comet, probably had a past that was preying upon him.

**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.

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.



**LADIES**  
**Suit Clearance**  
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**Advertised Letters.**

Following is a list of letters remaining in the La Grande postoffice, unclaimed, for the week ending May 20, 1910:  
 Merrigan, Mrs W W.  
 Cade, Mr D W.  
 Cox, John.  
 Grant, Ed.  
 Good, Mr A R.  
 Hayek, Mr A. J.  
 Mirfield, Mr Robert.  
 Stuberg, Mr Dan.  
 Spencer, Mr J M.  
 Stack, Bert.  
 Selin, Mr Albert.  
 Wagner, Mr Joe.  
 When calling for the above, please say "Advertised," same will be sent to the dead letter office on the 3rd of June, 1910. G. M. RICHEY, P. M.

**Musical Members Attention.**

Members of the Lyle Tuesday musical who have not yet paid their dues for the present year but wish to remain with the club will please hand their remittance to the secretary before May 24. At that time the last meeting of the season will be held and all members now in arrears will not be carried on the books after that date unless they are paid up.

**Notice to Contractors.**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Recorder for the construction of 7930 square feet of cement sidewalk and 1586 lineal feet of artificial stone curb, to be constructed on Fourth street, between "O" Avenue and Depot Street and on Pennsylvania avenue between Washington avenue and Fourth street. Said walk and curb to be constructed according to plans and specifications now on file in the office of the City Recorder, bids to be received until 4 o'clock p. m., May 25th, 1910, and to 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. 4-12-23.

**"The Gypsy Girl's Love,"**  
 A dramatic picture which ends happily, though for a time it looks as though the Gypsies were going to be lynched for a crime of which they were innocent, is the story under the above caption at the Isis. The weak feature is that the mob would listen to a colored boy. A frenzied mob would not be likely to do that anywhere, much less, perhaps, in the section where the scene of this story is laid. There is a heart story running through it and the discovery of the peridy of a lover is what leads to the difficulty. The acting is sympathetic and realistic, particularly in the mob scenes. The photography illustrates the steady improvement of this firm in that department and altogether it is a very satisfactory film.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets invariably bring relief to women suffering from chronic constipation, headache, biliousness, dizziness, sallowness of the skin and dyspepsia.

**New Jewelry**

I am daily receiving the latest designs in Spring and Summer Jewelry, which when added to my already large stock will give my patrons the best selection of any store in Eastern Oregon. You can have your watch repaired in first-class shape for a less price that you can have it spoiled for elsewhere. I have fitted eyes for twenty years and have been located here permanently for that time. You can ask any of my customers and they will tell you my glasses give perfect satisfaction. Everything that leaves this store is guaranteed to give you satisfaction.  
**J. H. Peare,** La Grande's Leading Jeweler, Opposite Land Office

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