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**TOO BUSY FOR POLITICS.**

Usually when a campaign is so close at hand at the next fall there is considerable interest shown in who is wanted for candidates. But Oregon people are evidently too busy making money to pay any attention to politics.

There is argument for and against the assembly, but no one is paying a great amount of attention. The office of governor is to be filled and apparently no cares a rap who fills the gubernatorial chair. In Portland if you talk and politics ten chances to one the man you are talking to will switch the subject and say, "there is a lot over there that sold for a hundred thousand dollars and the man who held the option made a nice thing out of it without investing scarcely anything."

Everyone knows there is to be an election, but big concerns are too busy counting their dividends and little concerns too busy figuring on expanding to pay any attention.

There is one time, however, when people pay strict attention to politics. It is when times are hard.

Probably such a condition will not obtain for many years, but when it does just notice how every one turns to the next presidential election for relief one way or another.

History will repeat itself. It is a way history has, and when that time comes in Oregon political issues will be strong and thoroughly discussed. There will be no time then for some of the expensive isms and hysperia which a state with a fat pocket book is now indulging in, but there will be time for a good, sound, sensible argument and selection of men who will reduce expenses rather than increasing them, at the same time claiming to be friends of the people.

**WELCOME, NEIGHBORS, WELCOME**

Today La Grande is extending the right hand of fellowship to a number of business men from Union. And in doing so this city is expressing itself in a most friendly way to those who, next to the residents of La Grande, have the interests of this town at hand.

Union has adopted a magnificent attitude of progression and her commercial circles propose to emulate and perpetuate the feeling until it ripens into the onward tendency that makes big towns out of small towns and cities out of big towns.

The Union commercial club is touring the valley for two purposes. One is to advertise the stock show that will be given there next month and the other to get better acquainted with the other towns of the valley. They are taking time from their respective business, yet there is no complaint heard for they realize that such a thing is essential in this day of advanced methods.

La Grande people gracefully met the Union neighbors and at a dinner this afternoon pledges of friendship, commercial and social, were made in a way that cannot be mistaken.

Henceforth, if Union wants anything La Grande has she does not have to ask for it, for the smoke-house is always open, and the same is vice versa.

Extension of this splendid feeling to Elgin, Wallowa, Enterprise and to Joseph is now in order. Who will be the first to arise and make the motion for a commercial body of wide scope to cover the two counties and cover them properly?

We have seen just one man in three

years who is disgusted with the northwest. This man was going back to Chicago a few nights ago and he delighted in abusing Oregon, calling the people fakirs, saying the towns were all overestimated and many things that were not complimentary. Later we found that he had been in a poker game down in Portland and lost \$800. Sore, of course he was sore, who wouldn't be?

**Lobster Train Through Here.**

By the courtesy of the Harriman railroads which hauled them free of charge to Oregon, 2052 colonists were added to the population of the state yesterday afternoon. For convenience of transport they traveled in one car, says a Portland paper.

The new batch of settlers were a promising bunch of young lobsters destined for Yaquina bay, in an effort to establish lobster on the Pacific coast. They traveled with the superintendent of the Boothby Bay, Maine, hatchery, E. E. Hahn, in charge.

In addition to the lobsters, there were 2,000,000 lobster eggs, which were unloaded at Yaquina and placed in charge of the superintendent of the Clackamas hatchery, who will devote his time to their hatching.

Of the lobsters, 1200 were female without eggs, 152 had eggs attached to their tails in large quantities and 700 were males. At Yaquina they will be taken out to sea in a tender and unloaded about the bay. It takes six years for a lobster to reach a marketable age from the egg condition.

The greatest difficulty in bringing out the lobsters was to keep the car at a temperature of 40 degrees. This was done by cracked ice, but owing to the extremely warm weather when the car left the Atlantic coast, three days previously, the lobsters were at a temperature of 50 degree until the car ran into a blizzard in Wyoming. At Portland the right temperature was maintained.

The car was iced at Buffalo, Chicago, Omaha, Pocattello, Huntington and Green River. Mr. Hahn had to visit the car several times a day and to sprinkle water on the crustaceans, which were packed in layers, four deep, between rock seaweed.

**No Scoops on Census.**

(By J. F. Dyer)

Washington, May 25—(Special)—Now that the census enumerators have finished their work, every community in the country is holding its breath, figuratively speaking, and listening with every muscle tense for the announcement from Washington which will confirm its hope that it has outgrown some rival community, or tell it that its hopes are not well founded. And it may not accept the verdict at all, for some of the growing and ambitious cities have caused delay until they could prove that everyone within their borders had been counted.

Two cities which were so thoroughly satisfied the census enumerators had skipped a large number of their citizens that they were not willing to abide by the results are Galveston and Houston. These cities decided to have an independent count made by their own representatives. The commercial organizations communicated with the Director of the Census and secured his consent to have the local supervisor of the census in Galves-

ton and Houston delay the work until they could check up their lists with the Boards of Trade. Not many cities have gone so far, although it seems that almost everywhere there have been complaints that everyone has not been counted, and the time for closing the lists very frequently has been extended. Seattle and Portland are among the cities which have not been satisfied that the work was well done. Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and in fact, many western cities, have exhibited doubt about the count. In San Francisco it was claimed that 5000 Chinese who were engaged every year in the Alaskan fisheries should be credited to San Francisco. Seattle also claims some of these fishermen. It is alleged that they work for about three months in the north and then return to their home cities for the remainder of the year. The census office is now engaged in verifying these claims.

In most cases the returns from the field—state and city—have not been received at Washington at this writing. It will be the policy of the census bureau to verify all figures and data on receipt as far as possible. For instance, if a man says that he was born on January 1, 1880 and he is 28 years old, the clerks will change the figures and make him 29 years old. When all possible corrections have been made, the work of tabulating will begin, and the results will be given out as fast as possible, beginning with the cities, and then giving states and counties. Last time, Washington was the first city to have its population announced.

**Beckley Out of League Baseball.**  
"Old Eagle Eye" Jake Beckley has passed out of league baseball after a continuous service of more than twenty-three years. The veteran first baseman was given his unconditional release by Danny Shay, manager of the Kansas City American association team.

Beckley took his release philosophically. He says he will remain in Kansas City and possibly play with a semi-professional team.

Beckley is forty-eight years old, and for twenty years, until 1900, he played in the major leagues. The last year was with the St. Louis National league team in 1900. In 1907 he joined the American association team and that year led the league in batting, hitting .338.

**Marathon Running.**

Tom Flanagan, former manager of Tom Longboat, the Indian, says: "One Marathon at top speed is the work of a lifetime. If it is in a big event you are a hero; if it is in a small affair you never amount to anything."

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