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HOFFER IS "SEEING THINGS"

Down at Salem Col. Hofer is getting excited over state politics. He believes, or pretends he believes, that Oregon republicanism is in a bad way. Fearful lest the people be not permitted to relief that U'Ren with all his verbiage is not crowned king, and that the constitution of Oregon be not confined completely to the scrap heap. Col. E. Hofer, editor of the Journal, becomes frantic and sees things.

According to his latest delirium this old newspaper war horse sniffs the air, and proclaims that Harvey W. Scott of the Oregonian is acting as political boss of Oregon and that the game is to make Joe Simon governor.

Great is the Hofer imagination. Joe Simon could not be elected any easier than he could be nominated for the office. It is not in the cards to make Simon anything but mayor of Portland. Not because Simon is not qualified and probably would make good, but Simon has some political corns and bunions on his feet that prevent him from trotting a fast heat. He cannot win. Young Phil Metcham and a bunch of good fellows made him mayor of Portland, but Simon did not run well. It was a case of the people wanting relief from the virtuous Harry Lane administration and they got it by selecting Joe Simon.

We know nothing of the inside of Oregon politics, and in fact we do not believe it has an inside, but we will bet Col. Hofer stock in the state railroad he is trying to build, against doughnuts that Simon will not be governor of Oregon and that Harvey W. Scott is not anticipating such a move.

MEXICO'S ELECTION

According to the dispatches Mexico has had another election and President Diaz has once more been chosen to the presidency. This result is a satisfaction to the world outside of Mexico, and we believe the very best thing that could have happened to that country.

But a Mexico election means nothing. While there is supposed to exist a republic south of us, as a matter of fact such is not the case. The right of suffrage there is confined to the most enlightened class and at that the Diaz people control the ballot boxes, which means assured success before the vote is taken or is counted.

In many parts of Mexico the people never know an election is being held. Several days afterwards officers of the government announce results and the Diaz administration has sufficient majority.

The revolt in Mexico is growing more bitter each year, but as yet no citizen of the republic has proven sufficiently large to organize and lead the opposition to the present administration. If the man is ever found to do this it will not be a battle of ballots but it will come as an insurrection or rebellion. Then values in Mexico will shrink, but in time they will be re-adjusted for Uncle Sam cannot afford, and neither can England, to let the commercial standing of that country sink very deep.

Do not overlook the spraying and pruning of fruit trees. It means so much to this valley and it is sure to benefit every individual grower, as well as elevate the valley's standard for fruit, which in turn will make fruit lands more valuable—a thing that we all desire. It is a mark of narrowness to refuse to abide by directions from officers who are appointed to see that spraying and pruning

are done. Do not think that any officer desires to impose on the fruit grower, for there is no intent of that kind. Oregon as a state has made laws regulating this important matter, and the local officers are merely trying to carry out their duties as prescribed in such laws. And always bear in mind that it is dollars in the pockets of the grower if he will abide strictly by the state regulations.

Each day shows more inquiries for Grande Ronde valley land than the day preceding. All of which means that people are awakening to the wonderful opportunities for investment that this valley affords. The time is not far distant when instead of people here sending their money away for outside investment, they will be inducing outside money to come into the Grande Ronde valley where profits are good and dividends certain.

Pendleton is getting a great reputation as an entertainer. The latest class of business men to sing Pendleton's praises in this line is the Oregon bankers. Not long ago the school teachers were nicely entertained by the Umatilla county seat and the pretty things about Pendleton are still being uttered.

Have you procured your tent for the Chautauqua session? Remember, one of the joys of a Chautauqua is the "camping out" feature.

ILLNESS OVERTAKES AUTO TOURISTS

MR. AND MRS. STEWARD HEADING FOR BOISE AGAIN

Unless Mr. Steward Improves Rapidly Trip Will Not be Completed.

D. H. Stewart has been suffering from illness the past few days and is heading for Boise with his automobile from Interjor Nevada. He and Mrs. Steward and grandson, sat out the tedious wait while repairs were being shipped from La Grande to a small "bad land" town in Nevada and soon after the extra arrived, Mr. Steward was taken quite ill. Unless he improves rapidly while resting at Boise, the party will return to La Grande without having completed the journey into Nevada by automobile, as first planned.

Notice of Street Improvement

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, on the 9th day of Feb., 1910, creating Improvement District No. 17 and designating Jefferson Avenue, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Common Council on the 17th day of June, 1910, whereby said Council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Jefferson Ave. in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by building cement sidewalk 12 feet wide, the Council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows: All that portion of Jefferson Avenue, from the East line side of Depot to the West line of Lot 5, B. 113 Chap. Add.

Notice is hereby further given that the Council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$600.00.

That the Council will on the 13th day of July, 1910, meet at the Council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock, P. M., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, June 22, 1910.
CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.
By D. E. COX, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

June 28-July 9.

Follow This Rule In Getting Boys' Clothes

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That name means best clothes just as sure as two and two make four.

XTRAGOOD clothes have never failed to give twice the wear, twice the satisfaction, twice the value of any other kind.



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His Maternal Grandma.
A devoted father after a day's absence was met by his two little sons. "Have you been good boys?" Silence.

"Have you been good boys?" "No, papa; I called grandma a bad word," said five-year-old, turning scarlet.

"Is it possible? What did you call your grandma?"

"I called her a human being."

The father, with a mighty effort, maintained his gravity and closed the scene decorously. "I must forgive you for once, but remember if you ever call your grandmother a human being again I shall have to spank you."

Stated a Fact.

"Do you see the horizon yonder where the sky seems to meet the earth?"

"Yes, uncle."

"Boy, I have journeyed so near there that I couldn't put a sixpence between my head and the sky."

"Oh, uncle, what a whopper!" "It's a fact, my lad. I hadn't one to put."—Pearson's Weekly.

An Unnecessary System.

"You ought to have a burglar alarm system in your house," said the electrical supply agent, "so that you will be awakened if a burglar raises one of the windows or opens a door at night."

"No burglar can get in here while we are peacefully sleeping," replied Mr. Newpop. "We are wearing our baby."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Notable Exceptions.

Mrs. Bloobumper—Yes, everybody is always ready to give advice.

Bloobumper—There are exceptions.

"Are there?"

"Yes; doctors and lawyers."

Vast Stretch of Street Trees.

The example of the progressive little city of Riverside, Cal., in its systematic care of street trees ought to be followed by many other places. The first work was done in 1904, when 350 trees were planted by the chamber of commerce. In 1905 the chamber planted 1,000; in 1906 the chamber planted more, and the city took it up, the total for the year being 1,250; in 1907 the city planted 1,500 more, and in 1908 the number was 2,170. In the short time since the start was made the total of 8,378 trees planted would make thirty-four miles of tree lined streets, with forty feet between trees. In his report the tree warden, J. H. Reed, says, "When I think of these trees as they will be five or ten years from now and from thence on, it was worth doing." A great deal of work, too, has been put on old trees, perhaps equaling the new trees in number.

Answer Promptly.

Don't neglect your correspondence. If you receive a letter from a jobber, manufacturer or customer, calling for a reply, answer at once and show that you conduct your business on business principles. Naturally a great many retail merchants do not have sufficient correspondence to justify them in employing a stenographer, and in such cases the volume of their correspondence is such that it would be no hardship to promptly take care of every communication the day it is received unless it is impossible to furnish the information asked for immediately.

LITTLE BUSINESS HINTS.

A sign hung in a conspicuous place in a store at Lawrence: "Man is made of dust. Dust settles. Are you a man?"—Boston Record.

There would be fewer failures if there were fewer men blocking the way to their own success.

Credit should be looked after more closely than cash.

If your religion is better than your business there is something wrong with your business.

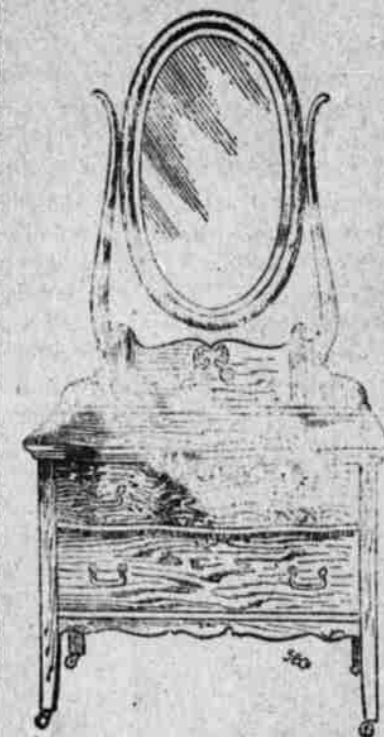
Common sense and cash are a combination that has never been defeated.

It is well to be modest, but there is no money in deprecating yourself or your establishment even in a joking way.

A man is apt to get his back up when he is told to hump himself.

The man isn't necessarily conservative because he is slow and foggy.

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