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THE DISSATISFIED CITIZEN.

There never was a city that entered upon an improvement campaign; that laid aside its baby clothes and started on the broad highway of metropolitan life; that bid farewell to petty questions and took up the slogan of a bigger and greater community, which did not possess a number of people who were dissatisfied.

They cannot tell just why they are uncomfortable, and when in doubt they always lay it to increased taxes. La Grande has a few of this class. They are now talking of selling their property because improvements seem to be certain and because they will have to do their share to make La Grande a better place to live in.

To all such individuals the Observer earnestly beseeches them to think it over. They are selling at the wrong time. They are selling just when values begin to grow rapidly and become permanent. Do not let improvement scare you—it is your salvation.

The lots surrounded by cement sidewalk and hard surface pavement is the lot that will command the price. Its location is bound to be good or the

pavement would not reach it. Then hold onto your property.

La Grande's future is no longer a matter of doubt. It is well-known in all business circles that this city is to be the large town of Eastern Oregon. Get the benefit of the investment you have had for so long by freely spending a little more money upon it, for you will have something then that is really choice and will command the price.

MAY BE ALMOST UNANIMOUS.

As the days go by and thorough discussion of the proposed water district continues, there is reason to believe that the verdict in favor of irrigation will be almost unanimous. And that is the way it should be.

If, as we believe, there are the best business men of the valley favoring irrigation; the plan embraces a co-operative proposition without profit to anyone save the land owners; the district to be dependent of the county in assessing its own valuation as to benefits from water; if all these things are true and we have never heard them denied, then the project should carry without a dissenting vote.

Bonded indebtedness on a district like the one proposed is not wholly in the nature of a mortgage, but of a guarantee as to increased values. If the land owners know their land will advance from 50 to 100 per cent. when water is applied, then bonds to the amount of \$20 or \$30 per acre count for little.

There are many conquering heroes in that campaign at American lake where the state militia boys meet, take steady aim and fire. But the satisfaction of this affair, the boys who are playing war, would make a very good showing if they were up against the real thing.

Hood River keeps up its reputation for marketing the best fruit in the world, because it employs a cold-blooded packer who will not allow anything but first-class fruit to be packed. This is a pointer for the Grande Ronde valley.

Now that gold has been found in the basement of Salem, the question arises: Was it hid there during the dark political days when there were several candidates for United States senator?

The government is good pay. It proved it recently by paying a claim that was 24 years old. Children's children of the man the government owes usually get their money.

Registration does not cost you anything and think of the work it makes the county clerk. Get busy and see that your name is written on the big book.

Have you registered?

CHARGE REVIVED AGAIN

DAVID ECCLES CALLS STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Indictment for Land Frauds Held Faulty by Attorney for Defense.

Indicted officers of the Oregon Lumber Company yesterday began a technical battle for liberty in the United States courts, relates the Oregonian. David Eccles, Salt Lake millionaire, sugar king and prominent member of the Mormon church, is the chief defendant. With Grant Geddes, manager of the company, and a number of other associates, Mr. Eccles is accused of entering a conspiracy to defraud the government of timber lands in Baker and adjoining counties on the east side of the state.

The indictment was returned by the federal grand jury but three days before the statute of limitations would have run against any criminal prosecution. And in order to get within the law at all, the crimes charged are based on the last overt act alleged to have been committed. The United States District Attorney, John McCourt, contends that it was a "continuing conspiracy," although the scheme is alleged to have been hatched in 1902.

Attorney Wallace McCamant, representing Mr. Eccles, filed a demurrer to the indictment on the ground that the statute of limitations had expired between the filing on the first of 94 timber claims said to have been secured by the conspirators, and the finding of the indictment. Mr. McCamant held that the performance of each overt act mentioned in the indictments formed a separate crime and should be so treated. He relied largely upon the Willard N. Jones case which was appealed to the circuit court of appeals and wherein Judge Ross held that each overt act was subject to the statute of limitations. In other cases in this district the opposite position has been taken.

On the motion to quash Mr. McCamant argued that the indictment was vague and failed to clearly charge the defendants with the crime upon which the government would attempt to secure conviction.

Briefs will be filed for the advice of Judge R. S. Bean, who has the case in charge, and in all probability it will be several weeks before a decision can be rendered.

David Eccles was not in the courtroom, nor did Mr. Geddes appear, although he was in the city. Mr. Eccles is supposed to be spending the summer on a tour of Europe in company with his brother. Attorneys Zera Snow, L. R. Webster and John L. Rand of Baker City, appeared in the case. The entire day was taken up in presentation of the arguments.

The ff in Farrington.

The spelling of the ancient name Farrington with the small "f" found in old manuscripts is merely the retention of the old form of capital "F." Deeds of conveyance in the time of George II. and III. recite "George of Great Britain France and Ireland king," etc. The form could not therefore be due to ignorance, as has been said, for in days when gentlemen of estate were gentlemen of quality such a spelling in deeds could hardly arise from lack of a knowledge of spelling. The Farringtons of Worden Hall, Lancashire, prefer, like several other well known families, including the Folkes and Frenches, to retain the archaic capital "ff." The family trace their descent from Hugo de Meolis, who came to England with the Conqueror, and they have been associated for generations with the court, army and church and with public life.—London Court Journal.

Just a Little Too Smart. A scrubwoman in a Paris theater found a magnificent diamond stomach-acher in a box in sweeping up. The honest old soul determined to restore the stomach-acher to its owner, and the owner, of course, wasn't long in turning up, a young woman splendidly dressed and on the verge of hysteria. "Oh, have you found my stomach-acher?" she cried. "It is a chef d'oeuvre of Lalique of the Place Vendome." "Calm yourself, madame," said the scrubwoman. "Here is your stomach-acher. And she produced it from her pocket. The other took out a fifty dollar bill, pressed it on the honest scrubwoman and departed with her stomach-acher hurriedly. But an hour later another lady called. "Have you found my stomach-acher?" she asked, smiling. "I think I left it in my box." "Why, yes, madame, but if it was your stomach-acher," said the scrubwoman. "A thief has got it. She got it this morning. She gave me \$50 reward." "Why, the stomach-acher was imitation," the lady said. "It only cost \$5. Your thief is \$45 out."

Mr. Gladstone's Catch. "How many members of this house," asked Mr. Gladstone once in the course of a debate on electoral qualifications, "can divide £1,330 17s. 6d. by £2 13s. 8d.?" "Six hundred and fifty-eight," shouted one member. "The thing cannot be done," exclaimed another.

A roar of laughter greeted this last remark. But it was true nevertheless. You cannot multiply or divide money by money. You may repeat a smaller sum of money as many times as it is contained in a larger sum of money, but that is a very different thing. If you repeat 5 shillings as often as there are hairs in a horse's tail you do not multiply 5 shillings by a horse's tail. Perhaps you did not know this before. Never mind; you need not be ashamed of your ignorance, for it was shared, as has been demonstrated, by the entire house of commons (bar one member, including the then chancellor of the exchequer).

Mother Goose Cooked. Mary had a little lamb. But when she heard the price she sent it back and had instead A bowl of milk and rice. —New York Sun.

Wonderful Man. He (declaiming)—"Roll on, thou dark blue ocean, roll." Week Old Bride—Oh, Edward, it's doing it!—Judge's Library.

The Mystery. O schoolma'am, in our early days We very seldom like your ways! The schoolroom in our minds we hate, For we cannot appreciate The things for us you try to do When life is young and years are few. But we confess before all men, Although we did not show it then, We thought you were the sweetest miss That ever mortal tried to kiss, And we were quite determined, too, When we grew up to marry you.

But there are always things on ice To mar the plans of men and mice, And so it happened we were not Allowed to carry out the plot. But always in our secret heart There was the half forgotten smart Because we missed that joy supreme To match with you and make a team, And how we envied some bright lad Who'd won your hand and made you glad.

Now from afar we come to chase A week or two about the place, To bring our kids and show our wife Where daddy got his start in life, And really our surprise is great To find you yet in single state. It's more than we can understand How such a treasure failed to land And why you did not take your pick Of Tom or Archie, Bill or Ned.

O vain regret! 'Twas ever thus! Perhaps you waited round for us— Turned every other man away In hopes we would come back some day.

Suitable. "He will make a good husband." "Do you think so?" "I know it." "What are his qualifications?" "He can bake bread, sweep, dust, sew on buttons and is a master hand at darning silk hosiery."

Hard Lines. "Domestic relations are somewhat strained in that family." "Are they?" "Seem to be." "Wonder what strained them?" "The pull on the purse strings, I fancy."

Color Combination. What happens when a green chap gets the blues?" "What happens?" "Yes." "I don't know. What does?" "Turns him yellow, of course."

Lots of Them. "How does it happen that Cecile makes such a success on the stage?" "Keeps the audience busy." "Keeps them busy?" "Yes; regular commotional actress, you know."

The Microbe Carryall. "Johnny, have you done anything useful today?" "Yes, papa; I killed a fly." "Brave lad," said the advanced father; "there is a million dollar bill as a reward."

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nominating election to be held on September 24th, 1910. If nominated and elected I will work for the interest of all the people of my district to the best of my ability. I favor the maintenance of the direct primary law and people's choice for senator and believe the people are as competent to nominate as they are to elect their officers. Very respectfully yours, C. A. BARRETT.

C. A. BARRETT, Athena, Oregon.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for joint senator for the district embracing Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, subject to the choice of republican voters at the primary

DR. C. T. BACON, La Grande, Oregon.—The Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of Dr. C. T. Bacon for coroner of Union county, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primary election

"Has he good taste?" "No." "That's too bad." "Yes, but that isn't the worst." "What could be worse?" "He has so much of it."

We have to do some things because we want to and a lot of others because our better half wants to.

Trials of a Father. "I thought you were going to retire at fifty." "I did expect to, but not yet." "But you have made money." "Yes, and I have two more sons-in-law to support."

We are always waiting to get an opportunity instead of going out and making one out of hand. You can't tell much by its shabbiness how much money a purse has carried in its time.

Not Exactly. "Have you seen his new magazine?" "Yes." "He said it was to be different. How is it?" "Indifferent."

There are a lot of people who are much more expert at taking an order than they are about delivering the goods.

Bad Example. Small boats, they say, should hug the shore. Nor venture out like freighters, But those who go about in them should not be imitators.

We like to have our own way, but it does look unlovely to see others insisting in season and out of season upon having theirs.

Next to having a very excellent reputation comes having one that makes people afraid of you.

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