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**DR. WILSON'S LECTURE.**

The address delivered by Dr. Clarence True Wilson in the Christian church showed plainly the eloquence of the speaker for his word picture of the American home was as prettily worded as it has ever been our pleasure to hear. We have already stated that he was in the class with Mr. Story and we were right, for Dr. Wilson, while wedded to his side of the liquor question, did not go so strong as many prohibition orators do. His comparison of taxation at Ashland and Medford was based wholly on the question of liquor, when it might be added that Ashland belongs to the dead towns of Oregon commercially while Medford is a live wire and large deals are turning every minute. Medford has the metropolitan habit and it is expensive while Ashland sinks more into the easy going class of towns. No questions were asked at the meeting, but it would have been interesting to know if Dr. Wilson does not believe that where the Model Licensed law has been put into effect that conditions have been vastly improved over the former conditions. We believe his honesty and sincerity would bring an affirmative answer to such a question, which would indicate that the modern idea of handling liquors under restriction has at least been a step toward betterment. The blind pig problem was not discussed to any extent, but his whole aim is to get at the vitals of the wholesalers of liquors. Portland was given the name of the "cesspool" of Oregon, which it may deserve for many reasons aside from the liquor question, yet the doctor made a bad slip when he mentioned ex-Mayor Harry Lane in connection with any moral reform in that city. The Wayne case is too fresh in the minds of Oregonians for Harry Lane to be raised as a mottalist.

We wish everyone in the city had heard the tribute to the home as delivered by the eminent Dr. Wilson. While he used it for a climax in urging that liquor dealers were necessarily hostile to the homes he so well described, that portion of his speech did not take away the beautiful picture. And he did not take away in the minds of many that just such homes as Dr. Wilson described are scattered all over this great and glorious country of ours today—both in what are termed "wet" states as well as "dry" states. You will find thousands of them in Portland, Oregon, the cesspool of the state, and you will find them in every county in Oregon. All of which goes to show that character

and honor must be in the men and women who preside over such homes, and with that character and honor present the instances are few but those few are very noticeable, where liquor wrecks the home. And furthermore, if a man is so weak as to permit liquor to wreck his home that man is the very kind who will find liquor in semi-prohibition territory and the wreck is assured whether wet or dry. But the man and woman of stammany and courage, who teach the admirable lesson of temperance to their children in their daily lives are safe from the ravages so vividly described because internally there is that desire to do right. There is that desire to be honorable and upright, that cardinal principle of decency that is stronger by far than any law the people or the legislature can write upon a statute book, which stands between the home and destruction.

The doctor's remarks on temperance were well put and forceful and we agree with him perfectly for temperate lives are the only ones that count. But does prohibition bring temperance? It has not in the past, and will it do so in the future?

Reference has been made by an orator for prohibition that the Pendleton East Oregonian had sold its editorial columns to the liquor interests. Let us see, the Pendleton East Oregonian was the cause of Umatilla county going dry two years ago. No one ever denied that fact. And under the editorship of E. B. Aldrich the East Oregonian has maintained a high standing with never a breath of commercialism connected with its editorial columns before. We cannot and will not believe that the East Oregonian can be purchased until more proof is submitted. It is a common fault to charge newspapers with being purchasable when the truth there is as much honor in editorial columns of the newspaper today as in any other profession.

Up in Baker the people are wrestling with the commission form of city government. The plan has been adopted and now the fight is waging as to who shall be elected commissioners. The office pays a salary of \$2,000 a year and candidates are numerous. Baker should be careful for if a mistake is made in selecting commissioners the whole virtue of the new plan is overthrown and the city is worse off than under the old form.

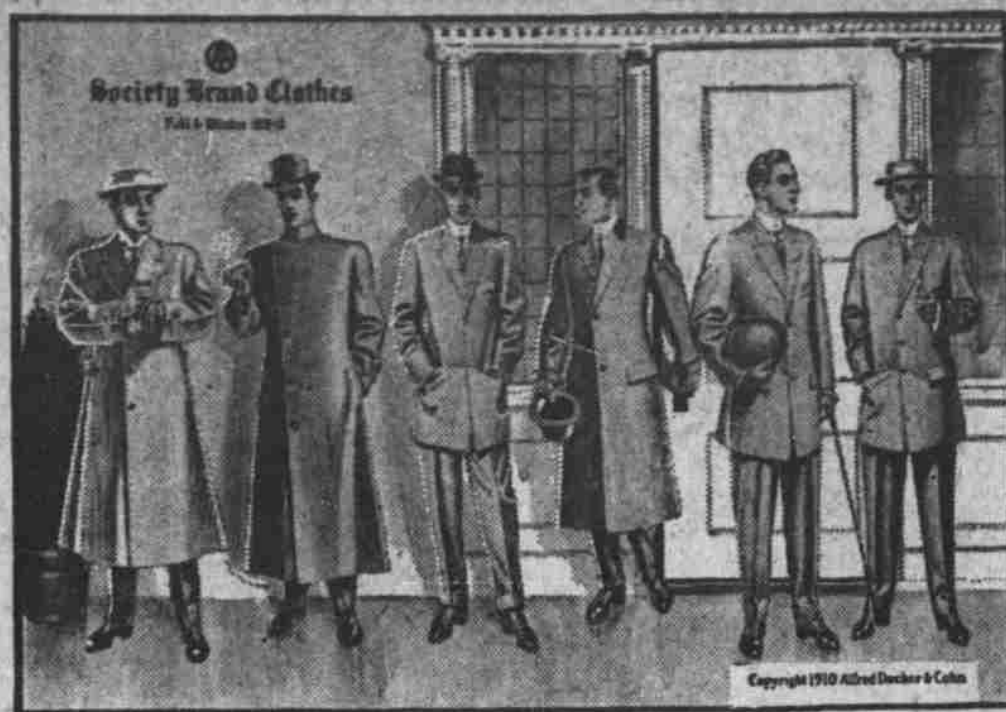
How about that Grande Ronde fruit display at Chicago? It means much to the fruit lands here for we can deliver the goods every year at less expense than any other orchard section of the northwest. Look at the box of apples that received the fifty dollar prize from George Cleaver and you will be convinced that for coloring this valley is just as strong as Hood River.

Bowerman says the first time he ever saw his opponent, Mr. West, was in Salem, Oregon. Bowerman had a check in payment for hauling and piling wood in that city and he took into Mr. West's bank to get it cashed. At that time Oswald West probably little expected that the plain, hard-working Jay Bowerman would ever oppose him for the office of governor.

The steam roller is still singing its song of progress in La Grande and the streets are showing the improve-

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ment. Next season petitions will be numerous for hard surface pavement and our prediction is that La Grande will soon have more paving than any other city of its size in the northwest. Then we must all lay aside our modesty and talk about it.

Baker City has begun her campaign for the eastern Oregon asylum, not because Baker people feel it is a local necessity but because she wants the business the institution would bring, just as any other town would want it.

**MONETARY LAWS COMPILED.**

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acts establishing the mint and providing for our coinage, the laws governing the rates at which, previous to 1857, foreign coins should be accepted as legal tender, and the laws which have from time to time made changes in the weight or denomination of our coins. One interesting law of the "embargo" period is that of April 14, 1812, which enacted: "That it shall not be lawful during the continuance of the act entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States for a limited time,' to export from the United States or the Territories thereof, in any manner whatever, any specie, nor any goods, wares, or merchandise of foreign or domestic growth or manufacture."

Much legislation in this part is concerned with the establishment of the mints and assay offices and the laying down of rules for their guidance. The silver-purchase acts, the gold-standard act of 1900, and all other acts relating to our coinage can readily be found by the student. The last statute included is that of May 18, 1908—

"An Act providing for the restoration of the motto 'In God We Trust' on certain denominations of the gold and silver coins of the United States."

The last part deals with paper money. The United States passed but few acts on this subject previous to those providing for the issue of the greenbacks, the few enacted dealing with the notes of the First and Second National banks of the United States. But from the issue of the greenbacks on, the legislation has been more frequent. Here will be found the laws leading up to the resumption of specie payments, on January 1, 1879, and the statutes concerning the Treasury notes of 1890. Though of less importance, the acts of the greenback period providing for the issue of postage stamps of fractional currency will also appeal to the student of American currency.

**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 5th day of August, 1909, creating Improvement District No. 3 and designating Main avenue, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 28th day of September, 1910, whereby said Council determined and declared its intention to improve that portion of Main avenue, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon cement walks, the Council, will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefitted by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that boundaries

of said district to be so improved are as follows: All that portion of Main avenue, from the west curb line of 4th street to the east curb line of 1st street. Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefitted by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$1685. That the council will on the 26th day of October, 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, Ore., Oct. 13, 1910.  
CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, Oregon.

By D. E. COX,  
Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.  
Oct 14 to 26.

**Hawaii Wants Aid.**

Washington, Oct. 14.—Officials of the Department of Agriculture have been asked by the territorial health officers of Hawaii to aid in stamping out the tuberculosis prevalent among the cattle of the islands. The appeal states that a third of the cattle of Hawaii are afflicted with tuberculosis, and this has caused the spread of the disease among the human beings.

**Football Games Tomorrow.**

Chicago, Oct. 14.—The football games scheduled for tomorrow are as follows:  
Yale at West Point; Lafayette at Princeton; Fordham at Cornell; Vermont at Dartmouth; Villanova at Annapolis; Nebraska at Minnesota; St.

John at Virginia; Washington & Lee at Georgetown; Washington College at George Washington; Amherst at Harvard; Pennsylvania at Brown; Carlisle at Syracuse; Chicago at Illinois; Iowa at Missouri; Williams at New York University; Hamilton at Wesleyan.

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