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CONSIDERING REGULATION.

This evening the La Grande city council will go into session not only for the transaction of the regular routine business, but it will have before it the consideration of an ordinance dealing with regulation for the liquor traffic. The ordinance probably will be drafted this evening or it may be already drafted, either of which is immaterial as the consideration of the different provisions that may be contained in the ordinance is the all important feature.

When Union county voted for regulation it was an honest and earnest vote and we believe the city council is in accord with the electors in this change. At any rate, now that the change has come, we have confidence in the present council to deal with the important subject in a perfectly just manner.

As we understand the rules under which this council works the ordinance will be presented tonight and read the first and second times and then lay over until the next regular meeting before the third reading and final passage. It will be the aim of this paper to publish tomorrow the ordinance in full so that every person can analyze what it contains. Then if some strong point presents itself to a citizen which has been not mentioned in that ordinance it is the duty to bring the council's attention to it.

We have no guess as to what will be done by the city officials in that ordinance, but there is a happy medium that should, and we believe will obtain. Placing a license too high only incites the saloon men to step near the brink in order to make more money, while placing it too low would mean cheapening a privilege which today is on trial and which the community cannot afford to have cheapened. Neither extreme should apply, but the ordinance that is adopted should be one that is eminently fair and reasonable, and at the same time abundantly equipped with every precaution to insure that which the people are demanding and striving for—a thorough regulation of a traffic that must be regulated.

In this important matter we believe every member of the council

will gladly welcome suggestions from people interested in La Grande and the splendid future that lies ahead of us. We believe that every person should be free in his thought on this subject and not at all backward in voicing his opinions.

When the ordinance is printed tomorrow evening be sure and read it very carefully and give it the study that it deserves.

One thing calls for another. The paved streets now demand a cleaning device. And that is the way of the world. The onward march advancement never fails to draw upon the entire people. Those who ride in the band wagon must pay the price. But La Grande is ready to pay any reasonable price for the position she now occupies—the metropolis of the great Eastern Oregon country.

What have you done to help Union in the contest for the Eastern Oregon asylum? Every person must do something.

COMMISSIONER AFFAIRS JOHN BROWN CASE

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The Forest Service filed charges against the entry of Louis Schmidt Jr., a struggling farmer of Halfway, Oregon, and the local office held that the case was unfounded and that the good faith of the entryman was manifest in all of his movements and acts. A commutation proof not before the local officers was rejected and the Homesteader allowed to make another proof. If he had lost this case his entry would have been cancelled.

Henry C. Blamont, of Pendleton, Oregon, had charges filed by the government against his homestead entry, to the effect that he had not resided on the land 14 months preceding a commutation proof, and that he took his said entry for speculation. He showed that his improvements were worth about \$500.00, had 6 head of horses and 2 mules, and that he had plowed over 120 acres, raised grain thereon two seasons, cutting and selling the same for his support. He won out here and this was also affirmed.

James J. Johnson, of Sumpter, Oregon, filed a timber and stone entry, for lands near that town, and after procuring his certificate, sold the land to A. J. Denny. The government then claimed the land to be known mineral land, and so charged necessitating in Denny defending the case or losing his land and money. This case, too, went the way of the others mentioned above, at the local office and the mineral experts in the General land office all agreed that the local findings were eminently proper.

The only remarkable feature about these cases is that out of five straight decisions against the government by Receiver Eberhard, the evidence was such that the Commissioner felt entirely justified in affirming every one of them. Land office lawyers as a general proposition feel that the defendant must have a strong case from the record as a whole to get a

decision favorable to the entryman past the commissioner, where the government special agents are back of the charges. This record therefore goes to strengthen the good record in this class of work held by the local land officers, as mentioned some weeks ago in this paper.

JUSTICES ELECTED.

Two Eighties Tie for Justice of the Peace—One Man Elected Twice.

The election of justices of the peace and constables in the general election brought out the fact that one man can hold two offices and also that two men can tie for the same office. It is up to the toss of a coin who gets to be justice of the peace in Elgin this term. A. C. Glenn is both constable and justice of the peace in Summerville. The election returns give the following winners:

Union Justice of the Peace district: W. A. Maxwell 311
J. D. Dalton 11
Constable, same district: Alex Blatter; Alice, Justice district, S. O. Johnson; Big Creek Justice district, G. W. South; Constable same district, D. F. South.

Cove Justice district, O. F. Severs. Constable same district, Cliff Kall. Justice of La Grande district: A. C. Williams 304
C. W. P. Ellsworth 246
Constable same district:

L. W. Fautk 672
Ralph Atkinson 383
Summerville Justice district: A. C. Glenn. Constable, same district, A. C. Glenn.

Island City Justice district: Merton Kiddle. Constable same district, L. Humphrey.

Elgin Justice district, D. A. Barnes and Nelson Hocket tied. North Powder Justice district, G. R. McLaren. Constable, same district, A. C. Rawlins.

The District Offices. The official returns from Union county and from Wallowa county give the following district candidate returns: For district attorney, John Hodgins, 1879; F. S. Ivanhoe, 2312. J. A. French 1838; Jerry Ruak, 2096.

Hot Lake Items.

Hot Lake, Nov. 16 (Special)—Ray Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith of La Grande, is recovering from a very severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism. He will return home in a few days.

Mrs. Will French, who recently came from Portland, was operated upon yesterday.

Hon. Walter M. Pierce is again at the Lake taking treatments for his knee, which has been bothering him for some time.

The daughter of John Halloran of Lewiston who was operated upon Monday for goiter, is getting along nicely and the father will return home in a few days.

Mrs. Allie Crone, a sister of Mrs. R. W. Logan arrived at the sanatorium yesterday and was immediately put in the hospital department. She was accompanied to the sanatorium by R. W. Logan.

Dick Kelley is taking a few days' rest and incidentally nursing a rheumatic shoulder.

Special Services to Commence. The special meetings begin at the Methodist church tomorrow evening with Evangelist Elliott in command.

Indiana's Count is Known. Washington, Nov. 16—The population of Indiana is 2,700,876.

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Notice of Estray.

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