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LA GRANDE AND HIGH GRADE ENTERTAINMENT.

It is decidedly refreshing to notice the large patronage this city has accorded that remarkable lady, Ellen Beach Yaw, last evening and causes one to be proud of the community. Not particularly because the people turned out to hear this one individual but it proves beyond question that La Grande and community appreciates the better grades of entertainment.

We are glad that Manager Steward succeeded in getting Miss Yaw and delighted that the people have shown by their patronage they want more of the same high grade entertainment.

THE PENNSYLVANIA SYSTEM.

In view of the fact that the Home Rule association will endeavor to divorce the liquor business from politics by depriving the city councils of the right to grant licenses and give such power to the courts, the following editorial on this system, which is used in Pennsylvania, is herewith given from the Desert News:

In the Keystone state, liquor licenses of all kinds are issued by the common pleas courts of the state which are similar in their workings to the district courts of Utah. These licenses are granted in March of each

year and are operative for 12 months. Each applicant for a liquor license, retail, wholesale, bottlers, brewers or distillers, files his application with the county clerk not later than 21 days before the matter is to be heard. The names of the applicants and their proposed location are published at least three times before the court sits to hear the application.

The residents of the ward or district or community in which a proposed saloon is to be located are thus notified, and if they wish to protest they may do so. All sorts of evidence may be introduced against an applicant. The proposed saloonist may be attacked because he mistreats his family, or because he once served a term in prison, or because his reputation for morality is not good. No man who drinks liquor noticeably, can get a liquor license in Pennsylvania.

Inasmuch as the law there recognizes that saloons are a necessity, the proposed license may be attacked on the ground that a saloon at that particular place is not necessary. The Anti-Saloon league of Pennsylvania employs attorneys by the year, and has a detective service in operation all the time watching the saloons for evidence of the violation of the law, and they present these at the annual license court. Or they may present this evidence at any time, and the luckless saloonist in whose place a murder or saloon brawl has occurred, or who gets involved in politics in such a way as to bring him prominently before the people, may lose his license at any minute, as it is entirely within the discretion of the court.

The saloon business is entirely within the regulation of the court. The court may order that no free lunch can be dispensed during the year, that no liquor may be sold where music is furnished, that no screens may be used, that no liquor shall be sold when women are present, that no saloon man shall do business on borrowed capital, that no brewer can have an interest in a retail license, that no saloon man shall be a candidate for any office, that no liquor may be sold at any public park. It is a fact that in Pennsylvania there are no beer gardens and no parks sell liquor. In Pittsburg for instance, the saloons close at 1:45 each night and open at 6 o'clock in the morning. At one time, under a certain rule of the court, no chairs were permitted in saloons. It is within the power of the court to order that no saloonist permit one person to buy another a drink in his place.

In the rural communities of the state it is often the case that no license will be granted unless it can be shown that a hotel is necessary there. In that case the applicant must show by evidence that he served a sufficient number of lodgers during the year past to entitle him to declare his place to be a hotel.

The practical working out of this system has demonstrated that the liquor business is kept close to the people. The judge may decide that he will permit no saloons in residence wards, and there is no appeal from his decision. It seems to take the saloon question out of politics for good and all, and the saloonist who becomes perniciously active in politics is extremely likely to lose his license at the next license court if he is fortunate enough to slip through until that time.

The explanation of the working of the Pennsylvania system is merely to satisfy the wishes of many people who have had imperfect descriptions of it. A great many people who have observed the handling of the liquor business in many states of the Union believe that the Pennsylvania system to be one of the best. When it was adopted in Pennsylvania the objection was made by the idealists that the saloon would drive the judges into partisan politics. The reverse has been found to be true, and it has been found that the judges have driven the saloon out of partisan politics.

Common pleas or district judges serve eight-year terms in Pennsylvania, and the justices of the state supreme court serve 21-year terms.

At the present time there are two democratic judges on the bench in Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, in which Pittsburg is located, the second most populous county in the state, both of whom have sat in that court for many years, and who are renominated by republican conventions and elected by republican votes. The county is strongly republican, and the democrats there never have a chance.

The saloon business has not corrupted the judiciary in Pennsylvania, but the judiciary has uplifted the sa-

loon business. In no state in the Union is there an insistence by the courts upon their original rights and upon the proper maintenance of, and respect for, their dignity. Pennsylvania has found its present system a good solution of the liquor question, and this statement is based by the writer upon eleven years' residence in the second largest town in the state, a city where partisan politics runs as high as anywhere in the country.

BIG ATTENDANCE PROMISED

MANY POULTRYMEN WILL EXHIBIT AT THE COMING SHOW.

Good Up-Town Hall Secured in Which to Display Hens in December.

With the second annual poultry show but a few weeks away, special stress is being laid by the promoters on securing a large display of fowls and the officers of the Grande Ronde Poultry association say, the showing is going to be splendid. One of the most important items in connection with the poultry show is that an up-town hall has been secured for the show. The affair is to take place in a well lighted hall above the Heacock jewelry store.

The judge who is to come here to make awards, is conceded by the best critics in the country to be one of the very best judges in the United States and it is by mere chance that he can be secured to come here. His calling of poultry exhibits will not only insure correctness of awards but will serve as a school for the exhibitors.

Masons Notice.

Work at the Masonic Temple next Saturday in the A. P. degree—two candidates. All brethren are cordially requested to attend, at 7:30 p. m. November 19th.



BE NOT MISLEAD

As there are no extra charges for examination of your eyes. One charge pays for examination, frames and glasses. The services and materials are far superior to any in the county. Dr. Mendelsohn carries the best stock that can be purchased.

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Benjamin Clothes

Thanksgiving Customs Have Never Changed

In olden times the Puritans met, clad in their best homespuns, and devoted the day to singing praises and giving thanks.

Thanksgiving Costumes are Different

Today, instead of the homespuns, we have the perfection of fine tailoring in clothing from the world's great establishments right at our door.

BENJAMIN CLOTHES FOR MEN

The highest art in men's tailoring. \$20 to \$35

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STRICTLY ALL WOOL. All prices Reduced on Ladies' Suits, Coats and Millinery.

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Mrs. Robert Pattison agent for GOSSARD CORSETS PRICES \$3.50 and Up PHONE Black 81 or Black 1481

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is due to the fact that we have ample capital and that we have adhered to a policy which has been conservative, yet along progressive lines. We offer to our customers modern facilities for the prompt and proper transaction of their financial affairs: ample vault and safe room for storing and safe-guarding of their money, notes, insurance policies and other valuable papers and such liberality of treatment as is consistent with prudent banking.

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The United States National Bank, LA GRANDE, OREGON

Classified Advertising

Pastures New. The receiving teller was examining with a magnifying glass a suspicious looking bill that just came in. "I wonder what that fellow is trying to do?" said one microbe on the bill. "Don't be alarmed," said an old microbe; "he's probably only one of those comic bug artists hunting for new subjects."—Sunday Illustrated Magazine.

Fooling Her Husband. That there are more ways than one of "killing a cat" is a well known fact, but the newest of ways has been evolved from the fertile brain of a Germantown woman who is blessed with a stingy husband. This husband is generous enough in one sense of the word. His wife may have the best attire the stores afford charged to his account, but she may handle no money. Women, in this man's opinion, know nothing of the value of a dollar. On leaving for his office in the morning he kisses her goodby and thrusts a quarter's worth of trolley tickets into her hand.

Now mildly goes shopping, buys a few necessities and a fifty dollar wrap for which she has no use whatever. Next day she returns the latter, receives a credit slip for \$50 and betakes herself to the handkerchief counter, where she spends 50 cents, receiving \$49.50 change. Placing some small change in her purse and stowing the roll of greenbacks in what she considers a safer receptacle, she leaves the shop feeling that she has made the best of a bad bargain.—Philadelphia Record.

FOR SALE—Two choice timber claims in 4 north 41 east Wallowa county. Price \$1500 each. Apply J. M. Haywood, Woodstock, Ore. Nov 10-25

LOST—Between Pattison's and 1306 Pine ave. a diamond stud. \$20.00 reward. Grant Lincoln.

WANTED—Position by a man as cook and wife as helper. Camp preferred. Call at Observer office.

WANTED—Responsible party to take the agency of Union and Wallowa counties for the Phelps Carbide Feed Acetylene Generator for individual home lighting. For further particulars write Oregon Acetylene Lighting Co., Inc. 230 1-2 Yamhill st. Portland, Ore. Oct. 20-21.

WANTED—Woman to do general house work. Call Savoy hotel phone Main 713.

WANTED—Girl for housework. Enquire of Mrs. T. J. Scroggin. Wages \$5.00 per week.

Limited number of roomers and boarders wanted. Apply corner of Sixth and O streets.

Light house keeping rooms. Inquire 1208 First street. Phone Red 1311.

FOR RENT—Furnished four-room house. Apply 1307 O avenue or phone Red-821.

Our Vegetables

Saturday

will consist of the following:

- Hot House Lettuce, Cauliflower, Parsnips, Turnips, Rutabagas, Carrots, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Onions, Water Cress, Sweet Potatoes.

Pattison Bros. Use either phone