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259,229.

Well, what do you think of it?

The late census shows the commonwealth of Oregon to have but 672,765 people.

Like the defeated player in a base ball game who wants to kill the Umpire Oregon feels a keen disgust for the census man.

Everyone will believe there is some mistake, and it really looks as though there must be for the advancement in Oregon has been marvelous which surely is bound to carry with it heavy immigration.

As the census stands the state has gained 259,229 in ten years and the city of Portland alone has gained of this number 117,000 leaving but 142,229 increase for the remainder of Oregon.

But this is only a starter. During the next ten years the heavy increase will come. It took almost ten years to get Oregon woke up but now she is awake for true and there is something doing every minute.

The census figures will likely stand as they are but after the first shock is over take up the work of furthering the state's interest and tell your friends what a grand place it is.

THE ELKS MEMORIAL.

Tomorrow afternoon La Grande's lodge of Elks will hold memorial services in the auditorium to commemorate the members of that order who have passed away. Once each year the Elks hold such services and it is a grand thing to do. The onward rush of humanity as it attends to daily duties and follows business avocations too often crowds out the sweet thoughts and tender feelings for the departed. Realizing this to be true founders of the Elks order decided to set apart one day each year when a memorial address should be rendered and the world be forgotten long enough to let each mind dwell on the merits of those brothers who have been called to their long home.

This feature is but one of the several elements of the B. P. O. E. which renders it a factor in society, a patriotic asset to the nation and an order whose teachings make honorable and upright men.

WHEAT AND THE GRANDE RONDE

There is no doubt that the fruit acreage in this valley will increase and there is no doubt that the present valuation of the fruit crop each year is underestimated rather than over estimated. Even with these conditions it is believed for several years yet to come that wheat will be the king product of the valley. It is at the present time, which fact was shown by the holding of wheat when prices were down. Nothing is so plainly felt as for the farmers to hold their wheat crop. It is noticed by the merchant, the banker and every other industry. Now that wheat prices have advanced some and many farmers are placing their product on the market the effect on the circulating medium will soon be felt.

This does not mean there has ever been a day of hard times or what might be termed close money in this valley this year, but the wheat money aids in handling large deals and makes La Grande and the remainder of this valley on "easy street" to use a slang phrase.

The ranchers have been holding wheat this year, just as they had a right to do and now that the price has advanced they have begun to sell and will probably continue selling until the supply on hand is considerably diminished.

Farmers' Union Men to Gilliam County
Gilliam county farmers are to be brought into the field of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union of America, according to State Secretary F. A. Sikes of Milton who passed through Pendleton this morning on his way to Condon, where he will hold a big meeting tomorrow. Fr in Condon he goes to Mayville to hold another meeting.

Some work has already been done in Gilliam county but according to the state secretary the campaign now to be carried on, is to be a systematic one. The local unions already in existence are to be strengthened and new ones are to be formed.

It is the purpose of the state officers and organizers to carry on the work in all the grain growing counties of Oregon until the farmers are as thoroughly organized throughout

the state as they are in Umatilla county. At present Umatilla is the banner county for the farmers' union this state.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

"I had been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me," writes Thos. E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For sale by all dealers.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

THE emotion with which a mother sends forth her young hopeful to school depends largely upon whether the said young hopeful is No. 1 or No. 2.

When a small boy starts something it is discouraging to have his father step in with a scolding.

Don't jump at conclusions. Facts have an ugly habit of lying round for you to slip on.

Don't judge a man's income by his clothes. Wait until you see what his wife wears.

A man will cheerfully spend \$5 for a pipe he doesn't need and then kick like a sin about paying a twenty cent cobbler's bill.

The man who is always waiting for a good opportunity would probably if he saw one coming be so overcome with surprise that his emotion would not permit him to accept it.

The baseball season is closed, but there is always its counterfeit presentment at the five cent shows.

Don't quarrel with the fates. They are women and bound to have the last word.

Woman is reproached because she has no means of humor. If she had she would never take man seriously.

Covered His Trail.

"Uncle Rastus, somebody has been stealing my chickens."

"Dat's too bad, too bad. Dey is powerful nice chickens too."

"But I suspect you."

"Well, Mr. Blackstone, you can't hurt my feelings dat way so long as you can't prove it."

"But I can prove it, you old rascal."

"I'd like to know how you goin' to do dat. I done eat 'em all up and burned de feathers, sub."

Adhesive, but Bad.

"He may lose his reputation if he doesn't look out."

"He can't."

"Why?"

"They read it to him every place he goes."

When your feet are wet and cold, and your body chilled through and through from exposure, take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot water before going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For sale by all dealers.

Election Notice.

December 12th, 1910.
Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of December, 1910, a general election will be held in the City of La Grande, in the County of Union, State of Oregon, for the purpose of electing the following officers:

Mayor
Recorder
Chief of Police
Treasurer

One Councilman from each ward.

That at said election there will be submitted to the voters of the City the following question: "Shall the Council of the City be authorized to issue and negotiate bonds of the City in the sum of \$10,000 to bear interest not to exceed 5 per cent per annum, to run for a period of twenty (20) years from date, redeemable and payable at any time after ten (10) years from date at the option of the City, which bonds are to be issued and sold for the purpose of completing the sewer system in the City of La Grande."

That at said election there will also be submitted to the voters of the City the question: "Shall sections 6 and 7 of the Charter of the City be amended so as to provide for the appointment of Chief of Police by the Mayor, instead of being elected by the voters of the City?"

The polling places designated for said election, and the judges and clerks appointed to conduct said election are as follows: First ward—Polling place, Court House. Judges: M.

A TELEGRAM RECEIVED
from Santa Claus

Read what it says about the new dolls
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TOYLAND, Dec. 1, 1910

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N. K. WEST, THE QUALITY STORE

P. Sheasley, Jacob Baker, Mc-Murray; Clerks: Elmer Curtis and E. W. Kammerer.

Second ward—Polling place, Council chambers. Judges: H. W. Stoner, Merritt Reynolds, George Ball; Clerks: J. E. Reynolds and Perry Oliver.

Third ward—Polling place, tent at corner of 4th street and Adams avenue. Judges: J. M. Hiltz, M. A. Harrison, W. D. Grandy; Clerks: Adna Rogers and Lee Leavitt.

Fourth ward—Polling place, Geddes' store. Judges: G. W. Allen, E. S. Brasel, J. T. Williamson; Clerks: J. M. Kochensparger and John Ladd.

Said election will be held and conducted and the returns thereof filed as provided by law in the case of general city elections of said city.

The polls of said election will be opened at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m. and closed at the hour of 7 o'clock p. m. on said day.

All qualified voters of the City will be permitted to vote at said election.

By order of the Council of said City of La Grande, Oregon.

Dated November 30th, 1910.

F. L. MEYERS, Mayor.

Attest: D. E. COX, Recorder.

Nov. 30-Dec. 12.

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 15th day of December, 1909, creating improvement district No. 13, and designating N. Fir street, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Common Council on the 2nd day of November, 1910, whereby said Council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of N. Fir street, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon Bituminous Pavement, 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 boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follow:

All that portion of N. Fir street from the South Curb Line of Main Avenue to the North Line of S. avenue. Notice is hereby further given that the Council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected by the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of

\$2529.40. That the Council will on the 7th day of December, 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, November 23, 1910.

City Council of La Grande, Oregon.

By D. E. COX,

Recorder of the City of La Grande.

Nov. 26th 1910.

Chinese vs. White Men

"The white man is regulated by society and is heavily taxed to support the city, its schools and other institutions. He is expected to work, and only allow his employees to work a stated number of hours daily, which is quite right and proper.

The Chinese laundries are subject to no regulations. Old buildings are occupied. Here they sleep, amuse themselves and work under conditions which are extremely unsanitary. They work twice as long as a white man could, perhaps work for a penny or two cheaper, only because their mode of living enables them to do so. Every dollar they save is sent out of your country to China. You and your city lose.

A plant such as Cherry's New Laundry represents an investment of time, talent and thousands of dollars. A visit to this plant will show you that here is the "Spirit of the Times." Congenial employment is given a number of skilled assistants who live and spend their wages in La Grande.

Can you compare the organization and plan of this modern plant with the ill-kept Chinese laundries? To preclude the difference, watch them then watch us.

Steam laundry methods are perfectly sanitary. Our methods cleanse, do not polish over and above the dirt.

We want you to think this on then give us a chance to show how nicely we laundry your time very reasonable has.

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