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NAMING CITY OFFICERS.

Again we would respectfully admonish the people of the dire need of having an able administration to take care of the city business for the next two years. Personality counts for little, what we need is the man who can make good. Of the candidates named it would seem to us that Dr. Richardson is the ablest. This does not mean that La Grande does not possess plenty of men who would make just as good officials as the doctor, but of those who are now in the race Dr. Richardson is the proper person to support.

When it comes to the chief of police Mr. Walden is almost the unanimous choice of the people and very rightly so. His experience in the office and his ability has never been questioned.

For recorder C. M. Humphrey is an admitted winner. Merit in this case is also the strong point and he is not running on any personal pull platform. He is running because he wants the office and has reason to believe he can properly fill it, which he undoubtedly can and will do. The recorder's job is an important one, so important that a man like Humphrey should always be chosen for it.

The city council fight is one that is scattered over the entire city and resolves itself into local district. Most of the men named appear to be capable, and it is up to their neighbors and friends to do the choosing.

APPOINTMENT IS MUCH BETTER.

At the coming election voters of La Grande will vote to adopt or reject an amendment to the city charter permitting the mayor with consent of the council to appoint the chief of police instead of electing him by popular vote, as is now the case.

At present La Grande is very well provided with an able chief, and his re-election is practically certain, but there is no assurance that such will always be the case. There are many reasons why an appointment of this official is much preferable to an election. The mayor first is held by the people for the success of an administration, and next to him the council is held. In order to have a successful administration the mayor and council must always have a chief who is in accord with the policies outlined. Under present conditions the chief is named by the people and there is no recourse should he refuse to obey orders.

This city and all other cities of La Grande's size will find it much better to place subordinate offices under appointment and then strictly hold the administration responsible for results. There will then be no chance of shifting responsibility. One cannot lay blame on the other, for it will be up to the head of the city government to see that his officers make good.

VOTE FOR THE BOND ISSUE.

The small issue to be voted upon at the coming election is essential and

it should carry. The reason is plain. A public improvement has been undertaken and it is found that additional expense piled up until the original issue is not sufficient. So far as the contract of construction of the sewer goes it has been cared for and there is ample means for that, but the purchase of lands for a sewer farm and other things of that nature, all perfectly legitimate and proper, have been so great that the original amount will not cover the cost. It is therefore necessary for this city, if we would have the sewer improvement, to vote the additional amount.

THE POULTRY SHOW.

Review of Its Purpose and What is Asked of All Concerned.

(By D. B. Stoddard.)

December 13, 14, 15 will mark the second attempt to hold a poultry exhibit in the Grande Ronde valley. Much care has been exercised and great effort put forth by the board and members of the Grande Ronde Poultrymen's Association coupled with that of the business men of the city to make of this show one of the greatest mediums of education along the lines of poultry breeding possible to be had. If the poultrymen of this county and the adjoining counties can be brought together, so that all phases of the poultry question can be discussed, whether it be egg production or the fanciers standpoint, and acquaintances formed between those already successful in the business and the amateur much good will already have been accomplished. The poultry show has done more to promote successful breeding than any other medium in the poultry world. And it has grown to such huge proportions that the single entries of some of the Eastern shows run into the thousands. A glance at conditions at home warrants the fact that a great interest is manifested in poultry breeding than ever before. Any person having poultry which they wish to show can do so by bringing or sending them in care of G. J. Wagner, secretary. W. C. Hansen will act as superintendent of the show and will see to it that the proper care will be given to all the birds entered. The show will be held in the large and well lighted hall upstairs over the Star office and one door east of the post office. The judge is amiable and any question asked of him by poultrymen will be cheerfully answered. All are cordially invited to come out and see the poultry show.

Ordinance No. 496, Series 1910.

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Recorder to enter into contract with B. W. Grandy, guaranteeing the construction of cement curb on the south side of Block 3, Grandy's Addition to La Grande, Oregon, in accordance with the terms of the contract entered into by and between the Warren Construction Company and the City of La Grande.

Whereas, B. W. Grandy, owner of the portion of the lots in Block 3 in Grandy's Addition to La Grande, on Adams avenue, which street has been improved by laying thereon bituminous pavement, objects to paying for the curb built in front of and along his said property, for the reason, that said curb, as claimed by him is defective and of no value, now therefore in order to settle the matter in controversy, and in consideration of the agreement and promise by said B. W. Grandy, to pay the amount assessed against his said property for the price of said curb, and in consideration that said B. W. Grandy will make and sign an application to pay the assessment against his said property, including said curb, now therefore.

The City of La Grande Does Ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Mayor and Recorder be, and they are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with B. W. Grandy to the effect that the City of La Grande, will guarantee the proper construction of the cement curbing on and along the property of said Grandy, in Block 3, Grandy's Addition to La Grande, so that the same shall be in accordance with the terms of the contract made and entered into by and between the Warren Construction

Company and the City of La Grande, for paving Adams avenue, between 4th street and 3rd street. That said work will be done as soon as the weather permits; and said contract with said Grandy shall contain a promise and agreement to pay his assessment for the improvement of his said property including the amount assessed for building said curb, and that said Grandy will make and sign an application to pay his said assessment and the whole thereof in ten equal annual instalments as provided by Ordinance.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be published in one issue of the La Grande Evening Observer, and after its approval by the Mayor, shall be in force and take effect from and after the 9th day of January, 1911.

Passed the council on the 7th day of December, 1910, by eight members voting therefor.

Approved this 9th day of December 1910.

F. L. MEYERS, Mayor.

Attest: D. E. COX, Recorder.

RABIES AFFLICT COYOTES

ANIMAL WHICH BIT BOY PROVEN TO HAVE BEEN MAD.

Investigations Demonstrate That Original Suspicions Were Correct.

It has been conclusively proven that the coyote which some time ago ran amuck in Wallowa county and bit several sheep, a pig and a small boy, was afflicted with the rabies. At that time Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, made a trip to Wallowa to investigate the case but as the coyote had been burned, he was unable to make a direct examination. However, he took the precaution of sending the little boy to Portland, where he could be given the Pasteur treatment, and he also sent the heads of the pig and one of the sheep which had been bitten to the state bacteriologist for an examination.

The announcement of the findings of that specialist was made in the following story by the Portland Journal last evening.

Germs of rabies have been found by Professor Pernot, state bacteriologist, in heads of sheep and a pig bitten by a coyote in Wallowa county. The same coyote bit John Bosley, a boy, who is being given Pasteur treatment by Dr. White and Professor Pernot, in order than any tendency to hydrophobia may be checked.

Professor Pernot's discoveries give foundation to the numerous reports that rabies or hydrophobia is epidemic among coyotes in eastern Oregon. With Negri bodies, germs of Hydrophobia, Professor Pernot yesterday injected rabbits. One of the rabbits was dead this morning. The other will be expected to develop rabies in about two weeks, and if it does, will be taken as conclusive proof by Pernot that "mad coyotes" of eastern Oregon are really afflicted with rabies. The heads of bitten animals were brought to Portland by the state veterinarian, Dr. W. H. Lytle.

Professor Pernot is anxious that the results of tests which he made upon the heads of bitten animals shall not be the cause of general alarm till the results of the injections in the rabbits are obtained.

The parents of the Bosley boy have come to Portland, to be with him until it is proven whether or not he will develop rabies from the coyote's bite. His face is badly scarred where the coyote bit him.

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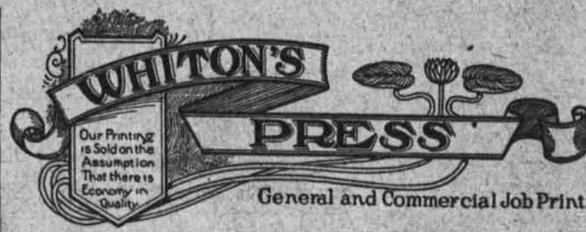
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