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OPPORTUNITY TO DO THINGS.

Now that Dr. Richardson and a council in harmony with his views have been elected in La Grande the opportunity presents itself for achieving results. The good work is already under way and with the caution and at the same time initiative known to the newly elected mayor's make-up, these improvements should be pushed forward and even greater ones started. There is no stop to the onward march when it is once started. One thing calls for another and another and so on, until first thing you know La Grande will no longer be a small sized city but she will possess all the clatter and activity of a bustling business center which she is entitled to become.

It is not necessary to review the many splendid resources of this city and community, neither is it necessary to add that men make cities, for that is generally understood by everyone. The fact that La Grande has started and is well on the highway to success is a pleasing condition that the new mayor confronts, and it is also of some importance to know that he will have the combined and loyal support of the people in undertakings that he may choose to advocate.

It is not unreasonable to expect a great many things during the next two years, but there is every reason for thinking they are not only possible but perfectly probable. It will be the aim of the Evening Observer to support the new mayor and council on every proposition that seems to be to the best interest of the entire people and we have confidence in the men chosen as to their ability and earnestness of purpose.

SELECTION OF RINEHART.

Governor-elect West is not asleep by any means. When he selected Assessor T. A. Rinehart to head the state land board he was acting with considerable wisdom for he chose a man who is well equipped for the office, and again West's political plans probably were taking shape at the same time, but that is not to be discussed at present.

What the Observer wishes to say is this: "Tod" Rinehart, while a democrat and generally opposed to republican policies and candidates, is one of Union county's first rate men. He comes from a strain of blood that is all right. As a state officer Tod will make good and there will never be a

breath of scandal about the land board if he has control of it.

Following the Parker trial this term of court will not lag in interest for there is the murder case from Union, a case of Walker-Johnson and others of criminal importance that will draw crowds to the county building.

The newly elected governor of Oregon is taking a much needed rest in California, according to report. Governor West should show his loyalty for state and rest in some of the pleasure spots of Oregon.

Placing insurance on an institution like the Hot Lake Sanatorium is no small business transaction. Especially would this appear correct if one could see the amount in premiums.

Well, Mr. Lafferty, congressman-elect from this district, has succeeded in getting a story in the Saturday Evening Post, which is not a bad beginning by any means.

It has not yet been divulged who stayed at home to transact business in Elgin during the Parker trial.

A motion might be in order to make the selection of Recorder Humphrey unanimous.

GEORGE GILBERT BANCROFT

One of the events that is attracting more than ordinary attention at this time is the approaching engagement for this city of George Gilbert Bancroft, known very favorably throughout the country for his extensive and valuable work in the realms of Psychological and Sociological Research, and although Dr. Bancroft has carried on his investigations independent of any scientific affiliations, yet he is recognized as a pioneer in this country in his chosen field and his voluminous data, observations and deductions are considered authoritative by a constantly increasing following. Born in the far west of "rich but honest" parents, spending his early youth upon the plains and in the mountain regions west of the Rockies, educated in an eastern university and in Europe, studying law—practicing a few months—graduating in medicine and surgery—practicing a few years. A year or two in the practice of these two professions was enough to convince him that his heart and mind were in individual scientific research and platform educational work, rather than in law or medicine. From early youth he displayed marked ability as a public speaker, in fact, part of the funds used in securing his education were realized from public speaking, political campaigning, etc., etc. Specializing upon Psychology and Sociology, he has been privileged to travel very extensively, both at home and abroad, his mind being constantly alert for new material, his investigations have been earnest and laborious, embracing a very wide range, seldom undertaken by a single individual. In the last few years his services have been very much in demand for lyceum courses, teachers' institutes, chautauquas, college and school lecture courses, etc., etc. He has not in all of his years of study endeavored to prove any pet theory, cult, creed, dogma or hypothesis, but on the contrary he has been earnest-

ly endeavoring to discover if possible, the various and wonderful mental laws underlying all physical being. His lectures deal with the result of his investigations, and no scientist has greater capacity, or better natural talent for instructing and entertaining the popular mind from a public platform than has he. If you hear him once you will become his confirmed admirer and friend. He is doing a mighty work for humanity.

OREGON LOOKED TO.

Hemlock, Spruce and White Fir Timber in Demand.

That Oregon is destined to become the chief wood pulp producing state in the Union, is the belief of E. Z. Ferguson, of Portland, who has been making a study of conditions relative to the paper material supply in the south and central states, says the Oregonian.

"It is a well-known fact that the pulp supply in the Mississippi Valley is being depleted at a rapid rate and it is believed that it will be a matter of only a few years that the supply will be entirely exhausted there. Paper manufacturers in the middle states have realized the situation there and are already looking to the Pacific Coast for wood pulp material for future use," said Mr. Ferguson in discussing the subject.

"The Oregon hemlock is considered particularly well suited for paper making. The supply in this state is large being scattered throughout the fir forests. The hemlock was spurned by loggers a few years ago but it now forms a large part of the log production in many of the camps. Great quantities of spruce and white fir are also used annually by the paper mills of the Columbia river section. One of the large camps produced about 25 per cent of hemlock and spruce during the present season. This stock would have been a drug on the market had it not been for the paper mills.

"The demand for timber lands where hemlock and spruce form a large part of the holdings have been more marked this year than usual. Paper mills of the coast have, during the past few months, made several big purchases of this kind of wood. Over 6000 acres of hemlock, spruce and fir timber have been sold to paper making concerns during the past few weeks."

Supreme Court Decisions.

Salem, Dec. 14—Opinions handed down by the supreme court Tuesday follow:

Samuel Levy et al., respondents, against J. C. Scott, appellant; appealed from Umatilla county; H. J. Bean Judge. Judgment modified by Justice Eakin. This is a case wherein Appellant Scott sued Levy and others for the first right of certain lands in Umatilla county on which respondents are mineral prospectors. The supreme court holds that respondents were given prospectors' privileges after the lands had at one time been withdrawn and after the property was released by the Secretary of the Interior. Recently Plaintiff Scott brought suit to remove the miners, as the Levys were first on the land, which is in every manner mineral property, they have the first privilege of securing a patent to the same and acquiring full ownership under the settlers' act. The opinion modifies the judgment of the lower court by enjoining the defend-

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