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CONFIDENCE.

No city, no community, no commonwealth ever got very far without the people having perfect confidence in it.

This statement is something for the Grande Ronde valley to bear in mind. Lack of confidence would strangle the strongest financial institution in all the world; it would paralyze any enterprise and turn the prices of land downward to an alarming extent in a rural community.

The idea that any certain locality is self-sustaining is without foundation of truth. Try it once, and see how long you can exist without consuming something your neighbor produces. Let the man living in the town try to live without the country and how long will he last. But this is no more impossible than it is for the country to live without the town. Suppose for instance, La Grande should be wiped off the map and nothing was here but a wheatfield. How do you suppose that would affect the valuation of land? Very materially, we assure you. It takes a good healthy city in a valley to make land worth good prices, and it requires a good valley to keep up that city as well. The two are inseparable, except in a mining section, and all will agree that a mining town goes up and down—it may be good this month and a graveyard the next. But the farming community goes on and on forever. The city located in the midst of a farming community is in luck for its resources are permanent. Yet, it is possible to seriously cripple the advantages of both the country and city if there is not perfect confidence of one on the other.

La Grande cannot be what she should unless the people of the valley have confidence in her. And there is every reason why confidence should exist. Look over La Grande and take an invoice of the many things that are making land prices good. You will be convinced she is entitled to the confidence of all of her neighbors.

THE WEALTH OF WALLOWA COUNTY.

Some one said a few days ago that money is getting tight in Wallowa county. That is really amusing. Let us say this: When money really becomes tight in Wallowa county there will not be enough money in other parts of the state to pay the janitor at the state house his monthly salary.

If there is one county in the whole northwest where money fluctuates in chunks it is in Wallowa. The people there have hardly gotten over the

"two-bit" habit and there is no small number that seriously regret the day when some Yankee brought nickels and dimes in that section.

There has for years been more money per capita in Wallowa county than any place outside of Nevada. It is a money getting county. The people there do things in a large way. Wool transactions that would stagger an eastern manufacturer are always reported in the fall. Shipments of lumber that would stock a hundred lumber yards in boom towns come out of Wallowa every year. The hay, hogs, cattle, horses and other products roll up a tremendous total for that excellent region.

And yet, someone got it into his head that money was tight in Wallowa county. No, no, it cannot be true.

According to the report filed by the Oregon railroad and Navigation company it does seem to be losing money on the Oregon division.

THE SUPREME COURT.

Next month there will be brought for a final decision before the Supreme Court of this nation many questions of vital and national importance regarding a western exchange. These include not only such matters as the action of the Sherman anti-trust law in the cases of the Standard Oil and the tobacco trusts, but also the validity of the corporation tax, and three or four other questions which are of almost equal importance. Now these questions can only be settled in one way, and that way is with the greatest possible judgment, with due regard to law, Constitution and precedent, and without regard to what may be the state of popular prejudice for and against.

More than one Eastern journal in with the popular views of the question of these decisions, which are attributed to utterances of Theodore Roosevelt and which are generally classed under the name of the "New Nationalism." This is that the Supreme Court should lean towards the views of public opinion. They class this as a most dangerous doctrine, and, indeed, construed so to mean that judgment should be rendered regardless of facts and the law, because popular opinion might for a moment be against the facts and the law, it is indeed a dangerous doctrine.

But, after all, the recommendations of the "New Nationalism" in this regard do not go nearly as far as this. It merely wishes to remind the Supreme Court that in the past there has been too much attention paid to the letter rather than to the spirit—too much attention paid to verbal quibbles and "technicalities" which do not prejudice the case vitally, and that if an error is to be made in the one direction rather than in the other, there is a desire that it should be in the direction of the spirit rather than of the letter of the law.

If this were all there would probably be but little harm done, and the advice is probably salutary. But there is no doubt that the spirit of the law, insofar as that law was laid down at the close of the eighteenth century, was that the people of this country were not fit to govern themselves without endless restrictions. If the spirit is to be the guiding principle, popular prejudice will still find itself in woeful case. Therefore, there is the following interpolation by the

"New Nationalism"—that the Supreme Court should remember that if Americans were in a state of tutelage in the first days of the republic that is no longer their case.

But if this view be taken, the very constitution itself is attacked and the judges of the supreme court may well and truly say that the meaning of the Constitution is none of its business, which is merely its interpretation. If a new constitution be desired by the supreme will of the people let that supreme will be manifested. In other words, it is up to the "New Nationalism" to show the Nation the way out of this embroglio of its own making.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

County Clerk Ed. Wright today issued a marriage license to John L. Carter and Charlotte Burrett, both of this city.

Birth Record.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miller in this city, Dec. 19, a son.

THEY ALL DEMAND IT.

La Grande, Like Every City and Town in the Union, Receives It.

People with kidney ills want to be cured. When one suffers the tortures of an aching back, relief is eagerly sought for. There are many remedies today that relieve but do not cure. Here is evidence to prove that Doan's Kidney Pills cure, and the cure is lasting.

H. P. Swisher, 2467 Madison St., Baker City, Ore., says: "Kidney complaint in my case was caused by excessive horseback riding. The backache steadily became worse as time passed and there were other annoying symptoms of kidney complaint in evidence. Learning of Doan's Kidney Pills I began their use and they not only restored my kidneys to a normal condition, but rid me of the backache and pains. I shall always take pleasure in recommending Doan's Kidney Pills." (Statement given November 4, 1907.)

Lasting Results.

Mr. Swisher was interviewed on May 28, 1910, and he added to the above. "The cure made by Doan's Kidney Pills in my case has been permanent. I gladly confirm all I have previously said about this remedy." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. Dec. 19, 21 23

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders meeting of the Cove State Bank will be held at their office in Cove, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 10th, 1911 at the hour of 2 p. m. for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and such other business that may properly come before said meeting.

G. A. STOCK, Cashier.
Dec. 3 Jan. 10.

Treasurer's Call for City Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there are now funds on hand to pay all outstanding warrants issued on General Fund of La Grande City, up to and including No. 8474, endorsed Aug. 13, 1909.

Interest on all warrants on General Fund from No. 8311 to No. 8474 inclusive, ceases from this date.

La Grande, Oregon, Dec. 17, 1910.
RAY W. LOGAN,
City Treasurer.

AVOID THE CHRISTMAS RUSH!

DO YOUR SHOPPING IN THE MORNING

In the afternoon you will find the store crowded and our large salesforce endeavoring to wait on all our customers, but by coming in the morning you will have plenty of time to make your selections and avoid delay

Gifts at All Prices for All People

You can select many useful and appropriate gifts for the entire family from our large line of Holiday Goods.

See our line of unbreakable, talking and acrobat dolls. The most durable gift for the little one.

Prices 35c to \$1.25

N. K. WEST, THE QUALITY STORE

Classified Advertising

LOST—Purse with calling card and receipt, and some change. Between Thoms store and L. M. Hoyt's residence. Finder leave at the Hoyt residence and receive reward.

WANTED—Position by man and wife as cook, wife as helper. Camp preferred. Inquire Observer.

FOR SALE—2 heavy work teams, cash or on time by easy terms. Inquire at 1108 First street.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Inquire Clinton Van Fleet, Golden Rule.

FOR SALE OR RENT—House and lot, one acre of ground, 75 fruit trees, seven room house, and new barn in city limits of Cove. Inquire at Cove bank.

LOST—Sunday morning in postoffice several opened letters addressed to W. R. Kivette. Return to Observer office.

The Fair Store will be open every evening until Christmas.

INDIGESTION.

Belief in Five Minutes and Permanent Cure or Money Back.

When the Newlin Drug Co. states that they have a remedy that only costs 50 cents and is guaranteed to cure any man or woman who suffers from food fermentation or money back, what are the poor stomach sufferers in La Grande and vicinity going to do about it?

Food fermentation causes belching, sour stomach, gas eructation, heart-

burn and that lump of lead feeling as you probably know.

The name of this most remarkable stomach prescription is MI-O-NA. Most people call them MI-O-NA stomach tablets because they know that there is no remedy so good for indigestion or stomach disorders. Here is one opinion:

"I have been troubled with indigestion for more than a year. I bought one box of MI-O-NA and it cured me. Now I would not be without a box in the house for \$5.00. It saves a lot of doctor bills when you can be cured for 50 cents." Arthur Sederquest, 6 Nicholas St., Wakefield, Mass.

MI-O-NA stomach tablets cost 50 cents a box at the Newlin Drug Co. and druggists everywhere and money back if they don't cure. Dec 13-22 Jan 3.

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Depot street

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PHONE MAIN 14

Save Plenty of Money by Buying

your Christmas Presents at Our Store

YOU CAN SAVE ALMOST ONE-HALF ON YOUR CHRISTMAS STATIONERY AND HAVE A BETTER SELECTION THAN ANY PLACE ELSE IN LA GRANDE. WE CAN SAVE YOU QUITE A LITTLE ON BRASS GOODS, PERFUMES, BURNT WOOD AND JEWEL CASES. WE CAN SHOW YOU THE BIGGEST, BEST LINE OF PERFUMES YOU EVER SAW IN THIS COUNTY. OUR LINE OF CHRISTMAS CANDIES CAN NOT BE BEATEN ANYWHERE. AND WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY ON LADIES' HAND BAGS AND SHOW YOU THE LARGE LINE TO PICK FROM

Our Cut Glass and Pickard Hand Painted China are Two Good Things You Should Not Overlook

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Hill's Drug Store

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