

## CITY IS UNDER RULE OF NEW MAYOR

MAYOR MEYERS HANDS OVER  
THE TOGA TO DR. RICH-  
ARDSON.

## SLATE WAS CLEANED OFF

Old Administration Closes Up Its Bus-  
iness and Turns Over City to New  
Mayor With a Clean Sheet on the  
Ledger—Humphrey at His Post as  
Recorder of the City.

There was a shifting of scenes last evening at council meeting, and while it was not exactly like the old year out and the new year in, there was nevertheless a new face at the mayor's post of duty before adjournment was taken. Mayor Meyers stepped aside, after filling the office in what is believed to be by all a most satisfactory manner, and Mayor-elect Richardson took the reins of government.

Before Mr. Meyers retired however, with the assistance of his council he cleaned off the business slate.

O'Connell Gets Saloon License.  
There was one saloon license to dis-  
pose of last evening and after con-  
sidering all applicants for it the coun-  
cil named J. F. O'Connell. He will  
conduct a saloon on Jefferson street.

Councilman Logsdon offered a mo-  
tion abolishing the office of assistant  
water superintendent stating that busi-  
ness in the water department was  
slack and it behooved the city to prac-  
tise as much economy as possible.  
Councilman Sheak objected to the mo-  
tion and argued in favor of retaining  
the office. The matter was referred to  
the water committee for adjustment.

Meyers Addresses Council.  
Before surrendering the gavel to his  
successor Mayor Meyers addressed  
the council thanking them sincerely  
for their co-operation in the work  
that had been done during his term  
of office. His remarks were well re-  
ceived for they came from the heart.  
Enumerating many of the things  
accomplished Mr. Meyers impressed  
upon each member his ap-  
preciation for individual support and  
assured them that in his opinion the  
in-coming mayor would be progres-  
sive and anxious to do even more for  
La Grande than he had done.

Councilman Munroe responded in  
behalf of the entire council to the  
speech of Mr. Meyers. The veteran  
councilman reviewed several instan-  
ces of special importance that had  
come up during the Meyers adminis-

tration and called to mind that the  
presiding officer had always been  
equal to an emergency. He told the  
outgoing official of the appreciation  
and kindly feeling held for him by  
each member.

Exchange of the Gavel.  
Mayor-elect Richardson took the  
chair and it was like putting an old  
time fire horse back into service; for  
his experience of a few years ago en-  
abled him to begin where Mr. Meyers  
had quit and the ship of municipal  
government was soon under full sail.  
He addressed the council in the fol-  
lowing message:  
To the members of the Common Coun-  
cil of the City of La Grande,  
Gentlemen:

We meet tonight to take our respec-  
tive stations in the Common Council  
of the City of La Grande. The people  
have chosen us to guide the destiny of  
this fair city for the coming year. Hav-  
ing confidence in your ability and in-  
tegrity I as your presiding officer feel  
that each of us has an opportunity  
to accomplish much good for the wel-  
fare and upbuilding of our commu-  
nity, and that you will in no instance  
fail to recognize that opportunity and  
take advantage of it when it pre-  
sents. The administration of a city's  
affairs is parallel to any great busi-  
ness enterprise. To be successful we  
must use business methods, other-  
wise we make a failure, and failure  
merits the contempt of our fellow  
citizens. La Grande has made rapid  
progress within the past few years

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## LIBEL SUIT IS BEFORE COURT TODAY

DEFENDANT CLAIMS LIMITATION  
AS GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL.

Suits for Libel Damage Money  
Brought by Gaines, Being Argued.

Asserting the statute of limitations,  
as provided for in the 1909 session of  
laws, frustrates any possible chance  
for F. W. Gaines to bring suit for li-  
bel damages against Governor Elect  
Oswald West, State Senator Oliver  
and George H. Currey, formerly edi-  
tor of the Observer. State Senator  
Claude McCulloch of Baker City today  
opened arguments on a motion to  
quash the entire matter, instituted  
some time ago by Mr. Gaines the rate  
expert.

Gaines alleges Oswald West, then  
railroad commissioner, wrote a letter  
to Turner Oliver in this city defaming  
the character of Mr. Gaines, and that  
Mr. Oliver caused the same to be pub-  
lished in the Observer, all of which  
Gaines says hurt his reputation and  
character to the extent of something  
like \$25,000.

It appears that the first summons  
served on West was defective in  
some way and that in the reserving  
the defendant, the papers were not  
closed up until November 26 of last  
year, which is four days after a year  
had elapsed since the alleged libel  
was printed. The new laws provide  
limitations of one year. This in the  
essence of the arguments made before  
Judge Knowles, sitting in chambers  
this morning, with Senator McCulloch  
and Turner Oliver representing the  
defendants and J. D. Slater the plain-  
tiff.

## CUPID BUSY IN 1910.

Total Number of Marriages During  
the Year Reaches 180 Say Records.  
Cupid showed more increased ener-  
gy in Union county in the year just  
closed, than he did in the year pre-  
vious. One hundred and fifty-four was  
the record reached in 1909 by the  
winged love matcher, while with  
1910's close he had succeeded in unit-  
ing 180 couples in this county. This is  
according to records and data com-  
piled by County Clerk Wright.

## PLAY-IMBLER FRIDAY.

Team Which Snowed North Powder  
Under Indicates Its Strength.  
The defeat administered to North  
Powder by Imbler a week ago has  
indicated that the same here Friday  
night between the M. I. A. team and  
the Imbler team will be an exception-  
ally fast one. The locals are certain  
that the contest will be exceptionally  
close.

## HIGHWAYMEN ROB PASSENGERS OF BIG SUMS AND ESCAPE TO HILLS BORDERING SALT LAKE

ONE PORTER KILLED AND ANOTHER ONE HURT BY BULLETS FROM  
ROBBER'S WEAPONS—REVOLVERS USED TO AWAKEN SLEEPING  
PASSENGERS ON OVERLAND, WESTBOUND THIS MORNING NEAR  
OGDEN—GETAWAY SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY A  
GOOD ONE.

## PASSENGERS KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS DURING HOLDUP

With One Dead Behind Them and Twenty-Five Thousand in Their Posses-  
sion Robber Start for Hills With Big Posse in Pursuit—Robbery a  
Successful One—Engine Crew Driven From Engine at Point of Guns—  
Two Girls Robbed by Men.

Ogden, Utah, Jan. 3.—Following a  
clear trail along the shores of Salt  
Lake leading northward from the  
Southern Pacific, Sheriff Wilson and  
a picked posse is closing in on three  
bandits who held up the westbound  
Overland limited at Reese and robbed  
them of \$25,000. It is believed the band-  
its will be overtaken and a battle  
is expected.

The robbers are heavily armed.  
Just before the sheriff left this morn-  
ing news was received of an encoun-  
ter of highwaymen with two daugh-  
ters of James Wayment on the North  
road.

Passengers who were robbed gave  
a good description of the desperados  
who stopped the train by fuses.

Porter Killed.  
The men drove the engineer and  
fireman from the cab and while at-  
tempting to enter the pullman, Wm.  
Davis, a negro porter, was shot and  
killed when he ordered them away.  
W. Tyler, another porter, was wound-  
ed.

Revolvers Awaken Sleepers.  
After firing a number of shots the  
bandits entered the Pullmans. One of  
them stood guard while the others  
rified the passengers. Many of them  
were sleeping but were awakened at  
revolver points and compelled to  
hand over their valuables.

Passengers Beaten Insensible.  
Several passengers were beaten  
into submission and were uncon-  
scious when the train continued west-  
ward.  
Several other posses are working

## THE VULTURE.



—Minor in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## CAST LARGE WHEEL.

Local Foundry Turns Out Big Piece of  
Work for Payette Concern.

A wheel nearly ten feet in diameter,  
has been cast by the La Grande Iron  
Works for a concern in Payette, and a  
duplicate of it will be made shortly.  
The casting is the largest of the kind  
turned out by a foundry in eastern  
Oregon. It is said by machine men.

## Many "Pigtails" Doomed.

Shanghai, Jan. 3.—One hundred and  
fifty leading Chinese in Shanghai, in-  
cluding Wu Ting Fang, former minis-  
ter to the United States, will cut off  
their "ques" January 15, in accordance  
with the edict of the Peking senate.  
Wu put the finishing touches on the  
waving spirit of his colleagues at a  
dinner when he eloquently showed the  
advantages of a pigtailless life.

## Mother Held Blameless.

Tacoma, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Harold, the  
divorced wife of the lumberman who  
shot Williams Saturday, when an al-  
leged attempt was made to kidnap the  
child, was released and held blame-  
less for the shooting of the man whose  
was jailed and will be tried for con-  
spiracy to kidnap.

## STORMS DELAYS TRAINS.

Trains from the East Far Behind  
Schedule, Indicating Storms.

Travelers headed west this morning  
were doomed to delay for the first  
real effect of the snow storm which  
has swept the middlewestern and the  
Rocky mountain states, was felt here  
this morning. The trains from the  
east were nearly 8 hours late, being  
scheduled to arrive here about 6  
o'clock. Last night's train from the  
East was four hours late.

## IDAHO'S DIVORCE LAWS MAY BE REPEALED

GOVERNOR HAWLEY ASKS FOR  
THEIR REPEAL AND REMEDY.

Other Important Pieces of Legislation  
Asked For in Message.

Boise, Jan. 3.—Idaho won't any  
longer be the divorce mecca if sug-  
gestions in Governor Hawley's mes-  
sage to the legislature, delivered to-  
day, is followed. He recommends a  
law requesting legislation making one  
year's residence in the state before the  
divorce can be granted.  
He recommends the repeal of the  
Sunday rest law, and an enactment  
providing for the initiative and re-  
ferendum, income tax and construc-  
tion of dams in Clear Water River for  
the purpose of creating reservoirs in  
which to save the burned over timber  
in the forest fire territory and also  
an appropriation of \$400,000 to com-  
plete the main section of the capitol  
building.

## COURT RAPS RAILWAYS.

Carriers Must Now Issue Through  
Bills of Lading Over Different Roads.

Washington, Jan. 3.—In a sweeping  
decision today the supreme court of  
the United States upheld the Car-  
mack amendment to interstate com-  
merce law requiring all interstate car-  
riers to issue through bills of lading  
over two or more lines making the  
first line responsible for the damages  
to shipment no matter where the  
breakage occurred enroute. The mat-  
ter was fought bitterly by the rail-  
roads. The decision declared the  
amendment constitutional.

## COLD FOLLOWS BLIZZARD.

Illinois and Iowa Suffer Heavily From  
Low Temperatures.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Although slowly  
rising, the temperature has promised  
cold and still holds away over the mid-  
dle west today following the blizzard.  
Hundreds are suffering in the larger  
cities and in the stock raising regions  
it is believed many cattle and sheep  
have perished. In Iowa the tempera-  
ture is 16 below and Illinois 8 below.  
The storm is traveling eastward and  
it is expected to reach New England  
tonight. Railroads are operating un-  
der difficulties in the northwest and  
trains are six and eight hours late.  
Telegraph wires are down in many  
districts yet.

## Fire in Little Rock.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 3.—A quarter  
of a million dollar's fire broke out in  
the business portion of this city today.  
An entire block on Main street was  
destroyed. No lives were lost.

## ANARCHISTS BURNED BY CAPTORS

REFUSE TO COME OUT AND SUR-  
RENDER AND THE HOUSE IS  
BURNED WITH VICTIMS.

## SEVERAL POLICEMEN SHOT

Heart of London Stands Secure of Distur-  
bance Between Seven Anarchists  
and the Entire Water Department  
and Police Company—Several With-  
standing Rifle Volleys Fired—Church-  
hill Leads.

London, Jan. 3.—Barricaded in a  
house in the heart of the slums, seven  
anarchists defied the police, fire de-  
partment and three companies of the  
Scot guards all headed by the Home  
Secretary, Winston Churchill today,  
until the house was set afire by shots  
from the machine guns and the de-  
fenders burned to death.

The fight began when the police,  
seeking two members of the notorious  
"Hounds Ditch" gang found them bar-  
ricaded in the house.

Over 1,000 citizens assisted the po-  
lice and fought until the defenders  
were driven to the roof by the flames  
fell into the fire soon after. The battle  
raged five hours and several times the  
house was rushed but a withering rifle  
fire made the attackers retire. Dur-  
ing one of these, Sergeant Lesson,  
Chesam Chick, Policeman Dyer, John  
Gideon and an unidentified man were  
shot and are now dying. It is believed  
the robber-anarchists were the same  
who are reported to have plotted to  
assassinate the King next June.

## Men Fall Into Fire.

After the machine guns had set fire  
to the building the robbers, gasping,  
ran through the smoke and kept up a  
fire on the police. Finally they were  
driven to the roof by the heat. There  
they fought until, with a crash, the  
roof fell inward and they disappeared.

## Miner Crazy by Good Luck.

San Bernardino, Calif., Jan. 3.—  
Prospectors today are preparing to  
make an attempt to find the unknown  
ledge of rich quartz presumably dis-  
covered by Mojave Bill, a negro, whose  
real name is Joseph Smith, who was  
brought in from the desert last night  
a raving maniac with his pockets  
stuffed with rich quartz. He left here  
two months ago on a prospecting trip.  
He was found half dead yesterday and  
brought in by miners.

## Johnson Takes Oath Tonight.

Sacramento, Jan. 3.—A desire to pre-  
vent a wholesale raid on administra-  
tive appropriations of Governor-Elect  
Johnson, Governor Gillett, is said to  
have caused the progressive leaders to  
change the plans of the inauguration  
and instead of Wednesday night, will  
inaugurate him tonight. Albert Wal-  
lace will be sworn in as lieutenant  
governor.

## HANSON CANNOT LIVE IS NOW BELIEF

DOCTORS CANNOT PREDICT HIS  
RECOVERY FROM BLOW.

Concussion so Severe That Recovery  
Is Out of the Question.

Hopes held out for the ultimate re-  
covery of Hanson, the young man who  
yesterday morning was thrown against  
the boiler in the Grande Ronde Lum-  
ber company's power house at Perry  
by the explosion of the heating tanks,  
have been thrown away and his death  
is expected momentarily. The concus-  
sion caused is so severe that there is  
scarcely a possible chance for his re-  
covery. Physicians say nothing can  
be done. He has not gained conscious-  
ness this afternoon and it is doubtful  
if he will.

The young man was about nineteen  
years of age and well known in Perry.  
His father is also employed in the  
mill.

## MONTANA SEES PATTERN IN OREGON

GOVERNOR THERE URGES LAWS  
NOW USED IN OREGON.

Norris Also Said to Be Dark Horse  
in Race for U. S. Senate.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 3.—Urging the  
direct primaries, election of senators  
by direct vote, under the Oregon plan,  
Governor Norris' message was read  
in the legislature today. The docu-  
ment served notice that a special mes-  
sage would soon deal with conserva-  
tion of forest fires, the income tax and  
the employers' liability law.

The message today urged the public  
service commission law, empowering  
cities to adopt a commission plan of  
government.

Norris is rumored as a dark horse  
in the senatorial race.