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WILL IT MEAN FURTHER DELAY?

Many do not realize just how unfortunate for La Grande the census report really is. It places this city in a class of less than 5,000 people, which means that it is hard to even get on the map.

With this thoroughly understood it is barely possible that the federal building matter may be governed to a great extent by the population figures. It is within the bounds of reason to anticipate that the government will pay little attention to the wishes of a city of less than 5,000 population.

LEGISLATURE AND THE SYSTEM.

The contention that appeared in the state legislature as soon as a resolution was introduced pledging loyalty to the present system of government in the state might have been expected, for the legislative assembly is composed of men from all factions of the republican party, with an occasional democrat.

There is not so much complaint on the system as there is on the results obtained by the operation of that sys-

tem. Oregon undoubtedly is suffering almost beyond endurance because small-calibered men ascend to office through the present system, but when one stops to think Oregon never was blessed with a great many heavy weights in office even before the present system was placed in operation.

There is not a school child who has studied the history of his country who will not notice the fact that men of mediocre ability have ever been sent from this state to fill national offices, and quite often men of inferior quality have been drawn.

This has not been due to lack of able men in the state, for Oregon has had many broad men, but they have been busy making money and were willing to let some one else run for office.

So, when it comes down to brass tacks, it is a question whether it is the system that is wholly at fault, or whether it is the people who do not give sufficient consideration to public affairs and permit the shyster lawyer to creep in.

The legislature therefore will have a hard time dissecting the situation and rendering an honest report.

THE "MEDICINE HABIT"

The falling off in the "medicine" habit is one of the noticeable things which prove the steady advance toward ultimate conquest of disease, says the Kansas City Journal. The constantly rising standard of the medical profession and of the public health is seen when people are no longer running in the corner drug store for patent medicines or to the family physician for treatment for every little ailment.

Physicians are often accused of playing upon fear and ignorance for their own profit. The truth is that the physicians are working in behalf of the general health. From a strictly mercenary standpoint this is against their professional interest, but the code of medical ethics, despite many survivals of customs not consonant with the present day, is high-minded and creditable to the members of the profession.

So long as there are human ills there must be those who are qualified to cure them and the physician is in no immediate danger of extinction. But it is eminently gratifying that people are buying drugs in decreasing quantities, for that means that they are changing their purchases from a "habit" to the sensible dependence upon these reliable and necessary articles for which there should be a market so long as people get sick.

WEBSTER AND CONVICT LABOR.

Judge Lionel R. Webster of Portland has taken occasion to pick a

flaw in the contract now existing between the state of Oregon and the Loewenberg & Going Co., whereby the state agrees to furnish the company with convict labor in the making of stoves. Webster thinks he has made quite a discovery and thinks the contract can be broken.

Who wants to break the contract? Webster and the machinery men of the state. They want to get a state road measure through the legislature and then use this convict labor on the highways. Webster and his cohorts are the principal persons interested in having this contract broken, and not the ranchers of the state.

Of course it would be a fine thing to have the convicts of the state employed in building highways in all parts of the country. It would be good exercise for the men and a very cheap way for the state to obtain fine roads. But in order to employ convicts on the roads in all parts of the state it would be necessary to have two or three branch penitentiaries in various parts of the state.

But there is no reason whatever why this contract between the state and the stove company should be broken. It was made in good faith and the intent of both parties is clearly manifested.

What a pity it is that Oregon has no United States senator to elect at this session of the legislature. Would not there be some fun down around the old Willamette hotel if the present bunch had to pick a man to look after Oregon's interest at the national capital?

Really, one does not mind the wind in this valley. It blows rather hard for a little while but never fails to cease blowing at the proper time. And besides we have no grasshopper pest like George L. Cleaver found in Colorado. Think of that.

Did you notice the paving resolutions introduced at last evening's council meeting? It does not look like La Grande would let up on the improvement idea, does it?

More commercial orchards, according to last night's Observer and that means more people and more money for the Grande Ronde valley. Smile, it is a fine time to smile.

Don't bet your money that there will be an Eastern Oregon insane asylum. There is many a slip between the taxpayers' mandate and the politicians.

Portland is already talking automobile, which is some indication that spring is only a short distance around the corner.

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Union. Joseph Palmer and Julius Roesch, Plaintiffs

vs. John Harris, Susan Harris, the First National Bank of Elgin and J. F. Phy, Trustee in Bankruptcy of J. W. Scriber, Defendants.

To John Harris and Susan Harris, the above named defendants, you and each of you are hereby notified to be and appear in the above entitled court and answer the complaint thereon filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the first publication of this summons, and defendants will take notice that if they fail so to appear and answer, the plaintiffs will for want thereof apply to the court for the relief demanded in the amended complaint to wit, that plaintiffs be decreed to be the owners in fee of the real estate described in the amended complaint to wit, lots one and two and the southeast quarter of northwest quarter and southwest quarter of northeast quarter of Section nineteen in township one south of range 40, east of Willamette Meridian, and south half of northeast quarter and south half of southwest quarter, and north half of southeast quarter, and southwest quarter of section 24, and south half of southeast quarter and southeast quarter of southwest quarter of section 23 and east half of northwest quarter of section twenty six in town-

West's Annual Sale News

Our Thirteenth Saving Event a Great Success--Read These Items

MEN'S DEPT.

CROWDED WITH BARGAINS

No matter what you need, whether it be Hat, Cap, Hosiery, Underwear, Suit or Overcoat you can save a good margin if you will come in and buy it during the next two weeks.

STARTLING PRICES ON MEN'S SHOES

We're selling one lot of men's shoes for \$1.50 that formerly sold for \$3.00 and \$3.50. Another line that was \$4.00 and \$5.00 are now to be closed out at \$2.90.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SALE IN LADIES' SUIT DEPT.

With Every Garment in the store reduced to the very lowest price, some way below the manufacturer's cost, buying has been brisk despite the stormy weather.

THIS SALE LASTS UNTIL JAN. 31st ONLY! Better Come In Today

ANNUAL SAVING EVENT IN DRY GOODS DEPT.

This Opportunity happens but once a year and economical buyers have come to look forward to this Sale for months. For thirteen years this sale has been the one big bargain event of the year.

A SURPRISE IN LADIES' AND MISSES SHOES.

90c a pair is the price on one lot of Ladies' shoes worth to \$2.50 a pair. \$1.19 for Misses' School Shoes that formerly sold from \$2.00 to \$2.50 a pair.

N. K. West The Quality Store

Directory of the Fraternal Orders of La Grande, Oregon

- A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41. A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons. JOHN S. HODGIN, W. M. A. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.
B. P. O. E.—La Grande Lodge No. 433 meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Elk's club, corner of Depot street and Washington avenue. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend. DR. G. L. BIGGERS, Ex. Rul. HUGH McCALL, Rec. Sec.
WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—La Grande Lodge No. 169 W. O. W. meets every second and fourth Tuesday in the month. All visiting members welcome. NERI ACKLES, C. C. J. H. KEENEY, Clerk.
M. W. A.—La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets every Monday in the month at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting neighbors are cordially invited to attend. I. R. SNOOK, C. D. E. COX, Clerk.

FRUITS and VEGETABLES
Oranges, per Doz. 40c and 50c
Bananas per Doz. 40c
Apples, per Box 75c
Cranberries, per Qt. 15c
Dates, per Lb. 15c—2 for 25c
Figs, per Pkr. 10c and 15c
Sweet Potatoes, Lb. 6c
Pumpkins, per Lb. 2c
Parsnips, per Lb. 2c
Cabbage, per Lb. 8c
Carrots, per Lb. 2c
Cauliflower, per head 15c
Garlic, per Lb. 15c
Herbert Pattison Grocer

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ship one south of range 29, east of Willamette meridian, in Union county, Oregon, and that plaintiff's title thereto be quieted. This summons is published by order of the hon. circuit court of the state of Oregon for the county of Union, bearing date the 10th day of January A. D. 1911, directing publication of this summons for six consecutive weeks in the La Grande Evening Observer a newspaper published at La Grande, Union county, Oregon, and of general circulation in said state and county and the first publication of this summons is on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1911. J. D. SLATER, Attorney for Plaintiffs. Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21

NERVOUS DYSPEPSIA.

If You Have It, Read this Letter. Mi-o-na is Guaranteed by the Newlin Drug Co.

"I was taken last August with a severe stomach trouble. The doctor said it was nervous dyspepsia. I took his treatment four weeks, but did not feel any better. I took everything I heard of. The first day of December I got a box of Mi-o-na. I took them that afternoon and the next day and haven't had a bit of pain in my stomach since the 2nd of December. Feel well now, and sleep good."—Mrs. M. E. Maxfield, R. F. D. 2, Avoca, N. Y.

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Are tonic in action, quick in results. A special medicine for all kidney and bladder disorders. H. M. Beatty, Little Rock, Ark., says: "For two years, I have been troubled with severe kidney trouble. The pains across my back and over my hips were so bad that they almost meant death to me at times. I used several well known kidney remedies which gave me no relief until I used Foley Kidney Pills, and these I can truthfully recommend as they have made me sound and well." Hills Drug Store.

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