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CLASSIFYING COUNTIES.

It is believed that Senator C. A. Barrett, who by the way is joint senator from this county, could have immortalized his name and made future generations glad that he had lived in other ways besides attempting to classify counties in a state like Oregon. He has seventeen classes and only something over thirty counties to classify. All of which would indicate that the bill has been copied from some other state and Senator Barrett neglected to revise it.

Readjustment of salaries of county officers is a feature of the measure, but the senator protects himself from attack by stating that there shall be no revision downward of official salaries. Then what good is the measure? If no county official in the state is getting too much, and there are some who do not get enough is it not reasonable to suppose that those feeding at the public crib in a scant manner will have the nerve to ask the people for a raise of salary? Or is it necessary to revise the whole government machinery in Oregon in order to secure a raise in the salary of some individual?

We have admired Senator Barrett's position in some proposed legislation but until he explains more fully it will be very hard to agree with him on the classification idea.

WOMEN AND THE PARK.

Although this is the middle of winter constant work is going on to beautify the park and prepare for the spring freshets which are sure to come. The task of taking a raw piece of ground and changing it into a beauty spot is no small one, yet the ladies of La Grande have not only undertaken to do this but they are doing it very successfully.

By the way, did it ever occur to you what a woman can do when she really tries, and what a number of them can do when they all try in the same direction? This city fortunately possess some of the energetic wo-

men who are capable, and who believe in doing things of a public nature for the sake of civic pride. They take up but one thing at a time and push it to successful termination. After the park has scored a success we may look for them to urge a public library or something of equal merit.

In fact, without her good women La Grande would be found lacking in many, many ways.

A traveling man, who made La Grande a few days ago announced when he reached Pendleton that he had become lousy while waiting for a train in this city. No one has heretofore said anything about the condition of the railroad waiting room at the depot, and it is rather strange that even if this man got lice here he would have the audacity to mention it. The filthy condition of the waiting room is not so much to lack of attention of the room as it is the lounging and loafing place it is converted into by all kinds of humanity. It might be well for all interested to take a hand and clean up a wee bit—cleaning up the crowd as well as the station proper.

Of course there will be a fight in the legislature over the asylum matter. Is not R. E. Lee Steiner a direct descendant of Robert E. Lee of the south and did not Senator Jay Bowerman do service in the Philippines? So, there you are—Just watch what happens.

The Portland Light and Power company is issuing bulletins to the public written by Patrick Calhoun of San Francisco. Let's see, there was a time when he got his name in the papers without having to pay advertising rates.

La Grande people who went to California to spend the winter had better watch out, for this Grande Ronde weather is likely to give California a race for her laurels.

Baker City still talks mines when she runs out of something else to talk about.

WHY NOT EXTEND THE EXPERIMENT.

(Portland Telegram.)

Blaise New York, satiated with all the high and glittering achievements in theatrical art, has given substantial countenance to an experiment in theatrical enterprise, which sought to bring out in dramatic presentation only that which is clean, dignified and artistic. The New Theatre has passed its first year of existence; and in all essentials that year has been a success.

The thought occurs: Why should such experiment be confined to the City of New York? Why might not the same appeal to decency and the real love of the theatre for what it should offer in an artistic and educational way, be made in other large cities in various sections of the country, as well as in New York?

Everyone understands that New York is a very rich city, and in it live any number of men who are able out of their private purses to endow a theatre. But in many of the other cities there are many rich men who might be imbued with the same spirit as those New Yorkers. That is

really all there is to the matter—the development of a taste and public spirit among the men who have more money than they need, to the education of the public liking in that which is excellent in dramatic art. Smaller cities might deem it not impossible or expedient to engage in such a scheme on the scale successfully undertaken in New York; but it would seem that the principle ought to apply in one city as well as it does in another.

The theatre is potential for good or for evil just as we shall choose to conduct it. We cannot get away from it as an educational factor. But beyond that it should become a matter of national pride with us to develop it as an expression of high art. Treating the theatre purely as a commercial proposition, we have failed in the enhancement of its artistic value. Rather has that deteriorated, and in many other regards the modern theatre is legitimately subjected to reproach rather than praise.

The success of the New Theatre suggests the means of reformation. It means, of course, that in all likelihood the theatre to attain to its best must depend for a time on what looks very much like philanthropy. It must in a sense be subsidized, either privately or publicly. Here seems to be a field in every city of any size for the man and woman who have money beyond their need to utilize their energies and invest their money in a practical and not altogether unprofitable way toward raising the general standard of theatrical art, and in that making the theatre a more wholesome factor in education.

ECONOMY IN THE STATE.

(Commercial Tribune.)

In the effusion of gubernatorial messages in the different states outside of the customary recommendations on purely local affairs there stood out one feature that was common to all and which, of course, reflected the sentiment of the people, namely, the need for economy in state expenditures. Whether used for political purposes or not, it is evident that politicians are simply obeying the demands of the people throughout the country who want government at a cheaper price, but with the same or greater efficiency.

Governor Dix of New York perhaps made the most striking reference to the need for economy. Other governors, including the Ohio executive, also found room for it, and Democrats and Republicans alike made mention of it. In national politics President Taft wrote somewhat at length on the subject of economy and retrenchment.

In national affairs a systematic pursuance of this policy has been the rule and it remains for the various states to put their sayings into practice by following out honestly the lead of the national administration.

"SMALL POTATOES."

(New York Press.)

One can hardly think it is in the lofty spirit that the proposed investigation of Colonel Roosevelt's traveling expenses as president was conceived. No doubt he will welcome full examination of that, nor should his warmest friends fear the outcome. There is not much question that railroads extended more or less compliments to him, as they have done always to every president. That Mr. Roosevelt demanded any such thing we cannot imagine. The intimation in Representative Rainey's resolution that the colonel used his office to rob railroad stockholders is unworthy of a member of congress.

This is one of the pettiest of the cheap attacks made by his partisans upon a man whose personal integrity, in the opinion of even those American who do not admire his statesman ship, has ever been beyond challenge.

Locate Big Factory.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 30. (Special)—That a \$2,000,000 factory will soon be located in Portland, employing 500 men on the day it opens was announced to the annual meeting of the Manufacturers' association of the northwest, just held here. Dr. J. R. Wetherbee told of the big addition to Portland's manufacturing interests that is promised, but said he was not yet at liberty to name the newcomer.

Dr. Wetherbee said the president of one of the largest manufacturing concerns in the United States will be in Portland within a week to look over the ground for a location. Moreover, five new factories are in sight for this

city, which is becoming more and more the manufacturing center of the northwest.

There was a great deal of interest in addresses at the dinner of the manufacturers and employers' liability laws, freight matters, etc., were discussed. Those in attendance favor an equitable measure that will provide for those dependent upon the injured workmen. The German plan of a commission, whereby the government, the employer and the employe contribute to the relief fund, was generally favored.

The manufacturers will give an exposition in Portland on the two weeks commencing February 27. Goods made in Oregon will be shown on an extensive scale, a local department store having offered to house the exhibits. Secretary Vincent, of the manufacturers promises that over 100,000 people will view the showing of Oregon made products.

Special Meeting.

La Grande Chapter No. 9, R. A. M., will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Masonic hall. Work in Mark Master degree. All companions are invited.

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Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Union County.

Elsie Quesada, Plaintiff, vs. Juan Quesada, Defendant.

To Juan Quesada, the above-named defendant:

In the Name of the State of Oregon. You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and suit, on or before the time prescribed in the order directing the publication hereof, to-wit: Six consecutive weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, which is January 9th, 1911.

And if you fail to appear, answer or otherwise plead within the said time, the Plaintiff will ask the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit: For a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between said plaintiff and defendant, and granting said plaintiff an absolute decree of divorce, and permitting plaintiff to assume her maiden name, Elsie Wleck.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. J. W. Knowles, Judge of the above-entitled court, this summons is published in the La Grande Daily Observer a daily newspaper printed and published at La Grande, Union County, Oregon, which order was made and entered on the 9th day of January, 1911.

COCHRAN & COCHRAN,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Jan. 9-Feb. 6.

Notice of Street Improvement.

To Whom it May Concern: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 27th day of October, 1909, creating Improvement District No. 8, and designating 2nd street, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 13th day of January, 1911, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of 2nd street, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon Macadam, the Council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvements, order that said above described improvement be made; that boundaries of said district be so improved are as follows: All that portion of Second street, from the North line of Adams street to the South line of Palmer street. Notice is hereby given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such im-

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Successor to SMITH & GREEN

provement is the sum of \$6,660.00. That the council will on the 1st day of February, 1911, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock, p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, Jan. 20th 1911.
CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE,
OREGON.

By C. M. HUMPHREYS,
Recorder of the City of La Grande,
Oregon.
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