

**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 1st day of February, 1911, creating Improvement District No. 31, and designating "S" avenue, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Common Council on the 1st day of February, 1911, whereby said Council determined and declared its intention to im-

prove all that portion of "S" Avenue, in said Improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon the south side, a board sidewalk, the Council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:

All that portion of "S" avenue, from the east side of Monroe avenue to the west side of Spruce street.

(A) And the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows: The north half of blocks 148 and 149 Chaplin's Addition to the Town of La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further 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 improvement is the sum of \$125. That the Council will on the 15th day of March, 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, February 20th, 1911.  
CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE OREGON  
By C. M. HUMPHREYS,  
Recorder of the City of La Grande Oregon.

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**OLIVER EXPRESSES SELF**

Editor Evening Observer:

La Grande, Feb. 25 (To the Editor:) while I was in Salem, you made unjust attacks upon me and impugned my motives regarding matters pending in the legislature. Especially was this true in your editorial in issue of February 17th. It is hard for me to believe that this was all prompted by malicious hatred on your part because our relations have always been friendly and we have never seriously disagreed that I am aware of except in matters of politics and political differences cannot justify any newspaper in publishing things untrue concerning any man. So I have persuaded myself that your intentions were not malicious nor your purposes malevolent, but that your statements were based on misappropriation as to the facts.

I have lived all my life in this community and I think I have a reputation established at least for personal integrity. And when it comes to a question of gratitude for long public service I have long since learned that the public rarely appreciates the sacrifices made by their servants in public life. One's friends will believe in him but his enemies are always anxious to get a knife in his back.

If a legislator is efficient he is characterized as a scoundrel and if he is not efficient he is designated a fool.—"Condemned if he does and Damned if he don't." But with all this a member of the legislature has a moral right to the support of the public press of his county as long as he is doing right and I hold that the press has no more right to impugn the motives and attack the character of its representatives in the legislature than it has of any other citizen who values his reputation in the community where he lives.

It was my good fortune to enjoy the confidence to a rare degree, not only of my fellow senators but also of the members of the House. It was this confidence that enabled me to get a large number of measures through the legislature, eleven of my bills having passed both houses. I am proud of every bill which bore my name in the last session, and believe that every one if passed would make for better conditions in this state and county.

Dividing the state in congressional districts so that Eastern Oregon will have a congressman hereafter and Multnomah county will have another while the remainder of the state will have a third, places the districts so that an identity of interest will be represented in each. It is very fitting that the part of the state whose future greatness must depend largely upon irrigation will hereafter have one of its own citizens in the national congress.

The bill relieving Childers and Frawley from the loss of public money through the failure of the Farmers & Traders bank was a most just measure recommended by two grand juries and petitioned for by all the heavy tax payers in the county, while the bills to regulate terms of Circuit court to regulate expenses in the Sheriff's office and to fix the salary of school superintendent of Wallowa county, is just and proper and have not yet met with any criticism that I know of. The bill to prevent a framing up of testimony taken by deposition within the state passed although the same bill for testimony outside of the state failed. It also ought to have passed. It was simply intended to hereafter prevent unscrupulous scoundrels from framing up the answers for ignorant witnesses and impose upon our Court's warped and misleading testimony which deceives the jury and promotes flagrant miscarriage of justice.

Another bill which ought to have passed authorized judgments to be set aside when it would develop that the judgment was obtained through perjured testimony. The Court has no means of protecting itself against perjury, but its judgment is based on the testimony as it appears. If it should develop that this testimony was false and the judgment based on perjury the court ought to be permitted to set it aside. This bill was drafted by C. E. Cochran and was introduced at his request and was the only bill which I introduced which I did not prepare myself.

I also introduced a bill providing for the descent and distribution of property of deceased persons, which was intended to establish hereafter

in Oregon the more wholesome and humane doctrine that prevails in the state of Washington, the state of California and a large number of other states, and on which Oregon is a hundred years behind the times. This bill was misunderstood and misrepresented and when it was ready for passage on a favorable committee report the Attorney General requested a hearing and I had it referred back to the committee. He had been told that the bill would affect the Morrison escheat case, but learned that it could not unless that case were hereafter reversed in the Supreme Court and sent back for new trial, and after learning the facts and the equities in the Morrison case at that committee meeting the Attorney General suggested that a bill be drawn and passed quieting the title in the Morrison lands. I acted upon his suggestion and prepared a bill which was introduced after being submitted to the Attorney General and receiving his approval. It was also submitted to Mr. Ivanhoe, the District Attorney who had tried the case, and to George Cochran, one of the attorneys who represented the state in the escheat proceedings. It was agreed that the state should be re-imposed to the extent of the money paid out by it in the proceedings in circuit court and that Cochran & Cochran should have reasonable compensation for their services in the case. George Cochran objected to the "reasonable compensation" and wanted the amount made definite and certain and suggested the very modest sum of \$6,000.00. Of course no bill could pass the legislature with such an unconscionable graft and the bill was made to read \$1500.00 for Cochran and Cochran which would be ten per cent of the value of the property. C. E. Cochran at once withdrew from the scene and attacked the bill because it fixed the amount of his compensation instead of leaving that to the court which had been repudiated by George Cochran. The bill was then amended by the committee and reported back to the house and passed almost unanimously. It had only two dissenting votes in the senate and less than a half dozen in the House and both bodies understood thoroughly the facts connected with the matter. No bill could pass the legislature with such an overwhelming vote unless based on natural justice and equity.

My normal college bill introduced early in the session ought to have become a law, but there was a well organized group of Willamette valley senators opposed to supporting any college not located in the Willamette valley. I made strenuous efforts to convince these people of their error and that two-thirds of area of the state lying east of the Cascade mountains was entitled to consideration. I published articles in the Salem and the Portland papers on this subject trying to stimulate public sentiment but received no word of commendation from home. Not a paper in Union county made any favorable comment upon this bill, nor any citizen of the county contributed any argument through the Portland press. The natural conclusion was that La Grande did not care for a normal college; that I had no backing from home, and the measure was easily turned down. I sought to get a favorable report from the educational committee even with a referendum clause attached that the question be submitted to the people, but the committee was determined that the senate should not vote upon the question and the session died without a report.

I did succeed in taking care of the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station at Union in such a way that that institution will not be before future legislatures. I got a bill through making a continuous \$7,500 a year appropriation for the support of that institution and authorizing experiments to be made anywhere in Eastern Oregon, under the supervision and direction of that station. This will enable the station management to combine with the farmers and carry on experiments in various altitudes and soils which will be of great advantage to the station and to the state.

Respectfully yours,  
TURNER OLIVER.

**Nip Conley Married**  
Miss Myrtle Booth and N. L. Conley were married at Baker Saturday February 18. These are popular young people of Cove and their many friends wish them a happy life. Lloyd Carter and Miss Irene Conley accompanied them on their trip.—Union Scout.

**WRITER INSPECTS MINES**

Mining World Sends Pen Pusher to Joseph to Deal With Conditions

Julius W. Jarvis, a prominent young mining man and assayer, is here from Mexico, writing up the Joseph district for the Mining World, says the Joseph Herald. Mr. Jarvis is very intelligent gentleman and has inspected all of the leading mining camps of the world. He says that none of the great camps he has visited were able to make as good a showing as the Joseph district, and he confidently predicts that within the next two years at least 25 stamp mills will be in operation in this district, and he also believes that next summer the Joseph district will experience one of the greatest mining booms ever seen in this or any other country. Mr. Jarvis will remain here about a month.



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100 cords to be delivered by July 1st, and all on or before Sept. 1, 1911. Bids to be left with school clerk. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS,  
School Clerk.

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