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EVERYTHING HAS BEGUN TO MOVE.

The groundhog's shadow and the "lion and lamb" talk about the month of March are both taboos so far as La Grande is concerned and everything is moving nicely already. The full season experienced by every town was shorter in this city this year than ever before and today it is common talk among merchants that spring has begun to appear so far as business conditions are concerned.

Real Estate markets are also affected by the wave of confidence and commercial activity and already several deals are pending that promise to bring good returns to the interested ones and at the same time change the map of the city in a way.

This city is undoubtedly in the best shape it ever has been this year and we are facing what seems to be an epoch of unprecedented prosperity. Keep the thought uppermost in your mind that La Grande has her nose far ahead of competing towns so far as being the metropolis of Eastern Oregon goes, and the nice feature of this is that other cities are admitting the fact in an honorable and manly way. No man can get far wrong in making investments here. The solidity and stability of La Grande is an asset that takes years of conservative business career to acquire. But we have it, and we are very proud of the fact.

Twenty-five western railroads have decided not to appeal from the Interstate commerce commission's decision. This seems to be good judgment on the part of the railroads. For a time the corporation may suffer some loss in re-adjustment, but they will stand closer to the people and we believe the people as a whole do not want to see any hardships forced that they can prevent, and furthermore if there be hardships inflicted the people are fair enough to correct such conditions.

Portland is soon to have a "dollar banquet" for her commercial orga-

nization. This means, of course, that each plate will cost a dollar, which brings to mind the famous dollar dinner given W. J. Bryan. It brought forth comments all over the country for at that time a dollar dinner was considered extravagant by the ordinary men of affairs. But any one who has ever eaten in a Portland grill realizes that a dollar dinner is a very ordinary meal, and therefore it is a mark of economy today for the Portland commercial club to set its price so low on each plate. How things do change.

OUTDID THEM.

George Vanderbilt was captain of company L, Tenth New York cavalry, in the civil war. He was a very eccentric fellow, and fond of a practical joke, and a fine, brave officer, who was often in command of his regiment in the absence of his superior officers. On one of those occasions when stationed near Warrenton, Va., one Sunday morning he received a note from the commander of the 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry, sent by an orderly, stating that the chaplain of the regiment had been holding revival meetings in his regiment and several members had been converted. Twenty-five soldiers were to be baptized in the river at 2 o'clock p. m. and he invited the Tenth New York cavalry to be present. After reading the note, he summoned the chaplain of his regiment and issued the following verbal order: "Chaplain, I have just been informed that the chaplain of the Sixteenth Pennsylvania is to baptize twenty-five men today at 2 o'clock p. m. Now I want you to understand that no blamed Pennsylvania regiment can outdo the Tenth New York. I will make a detail of thirty men, and at 1 o'clock you march down to the river with them and baptize them!"

Senator Lorimer, though proclaimed pure by the United States senate, still stands convicted in the minds of the people which in itself amounts more than a verdict from any other court.

NAGGING THE STORK.

(Lincoln Star.)

Certainly amusing, and not at all harmful, is the interest that some of our noted educators are taking in the altogether trivial circumstance of how many children there should be to the family.

It was the strenuous ex-president who put the stamp of quasi-government approval upon large families. He did not fix any limit, the larger the better being his doctrine.

But since that day, Dr. Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, has undertaken to establish a wholesome limit at from six to eight children as an average.

Now Professor T. N. Carver, an economist and sociologist at the same institution, has something to say on the subject. He does not agree with either Roosevelt or Dr. Elliot, but advances the startling platform that the birth rate should be restricted so that no family should comprise more children than the father can support.

Professor Carver advances the novel idea that marriage is an institution invented for keeping down the birth rate, imposing upon men and

women the obligation of conforming the dimensions of their families to their abilities to maintain them.

It would be inviting trouble to attempt to take issue with either of the learned gentlemen named, and it is a fact that most of us would rather have ten dollars than have all this fuss over a question of such acute family interest. In fact, attention is called to the doctrine proclaimed by these busy creatures simply in order that fathers and mothers may paste up their respective gospels as family mottoes in conspicuous places in their homes, or wherever they will do the most good.

This idea of raising families by rules, through the enactment of a code for the government of the errate and obstreperous stork, is quite sure to strike a popular chord.

THIS BOY IS ALL RIGHT

Following was composed by a Grande Ronde boy who will some day be heard from in a public way.

The Observer is a paper, which everyone should read. It tells of lots of theories, Adventure, thought and d. ed.

It's printed in old Grande Ronde. It's news there are a plenty. The blues its lines can allay. It's worth exceeds you know. Of papers numbered twenty.

WILBUR SHAW.

CADET EXAMS IN OREGON SOON

OLD METHOD OF "PULL" TO VANISH HERE.

No Longer Politics But Even Footing That Will Mark the Tests.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore., Mar. 3 (Special)—As a departure from the constancy method of appointment of West Point cadets, Senator Chamberlain's idea, which throws all candidates on an equal competitive footing, doing away with the old method of unfair appointment usually based on a political "pull" will be tried in Oregon at the state university. The competitive examinations open to all citizens of the state between 17 and 22 years, not less than five feet four inches, and of good physical condition will be held at the University of Oregon, Thursday and Friday, May 6th and 7th at 8 a. m. This test is for the state at large.

The examination will be given by the University faculty, and the successful candidate, or first or second alternate, in case the highest man is forced to change his plans, must appear at the Presidio in California where he must pass another examination in May. If successful in the second test, he will be admitted to the Academy in June.

The examinations, as given by the University faculty, will include the following subjects: Algebra, plain geometry, English grammar, English literature and composition, geography (physical and descriptive), history (general), with special attention to that of the United States. The physical examination is very rigid, and a candidate must be in excellent physical condition, before he can meet the requirements demanded of the West Point cadets. If 17 years of age the applicant must be 5 feet, 4 inches; if 18, he must be at least 5 feet, five inches.

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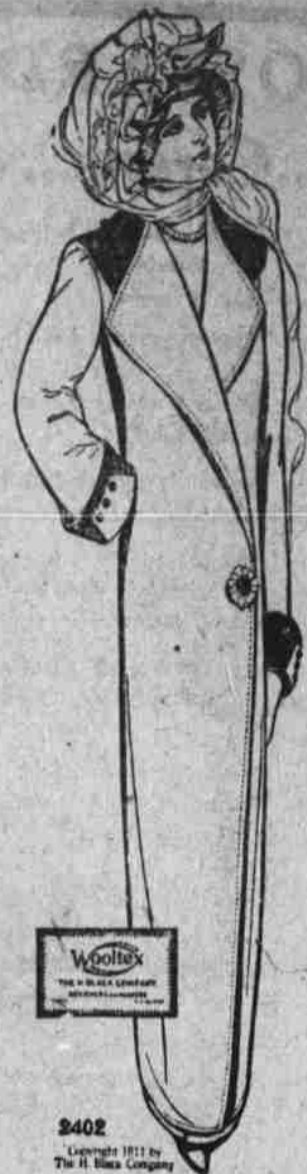
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