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MUST HAVE A BAND.

The summer is almost with us. Everyone will want to be out of doors and enjoy the pleasant evenings for which La Grande's summer time is noted. Now, without music of some kind life is hardly worth the living. To revert back to the splendid talk made recently by Father Fleming, "we must have music to hold a nation together; we must have music to build big things," and we must have music

to make a municipality a good place to live in.

La Grande has hardly been playing fairly with her brass band. Bear in mind that the brass band is a volunteer piece of work on the part of the players, no matter how much money is raised for expenses. There is never sufficient funds raised to pay the boys for the work they do, and they do not expect very much remuneration. But they are entitled to actual expenses if they give of their time that the city may have a band.

At present the band is bankrupt. It has wiggled along all winter in a semi poverty stricken condition—assessing the members even more than they felt able to stand in some instances, and now that spring has arrived the band finds itself up against the stone wall upon which is plainly marked, "No funds." The directors salary is in arrears and a few current obligations are still unpaid.

What is to be the decision of the people? Are we to try and put through the best year La Grande has ever had without a musical organization? Are we to entertain the men of prominence who come here without music. Are we to go out of town when celebrations are on tap to hire a band for the

occasion?

That will not sound well, will it, especially when there is a good band right here anxious to make good if only it is given a chance. Think it over as individuals and let us all see what can be done to make La Grande's musical organization first class and rid of that charitable feeling to often expressed for a band, and which feeling is never justified.

A STEP THAT MEANS SOMETHING

This afternoon the Imbler fruit growers are organizing themselves into a distinct and permanent body. Nothing better could happen to the Imbler district. That section raises the fruit; it has the proper land; it also now has hundreds of acres set to orchard, and all that is needed to make it one of the great northwest districts is organization of the growers and some advertising to let the world know what can be had at Imbler.

Sherwood Williams, a La Grande man who has perfect confidence in the future of fruitland, is one of the prime movers in organization and to him there is considerable credit due for bringing the Grande Ronde valley growers to a realization of what it means to have proper regulation.

The Imbler country is fast taking shape as a leading fruit district. In another year you will hear of the Imbler apple a long ways from home, and so the name will grow until sooner or later Hood River will have a keen and decent competition right here in the Grande Ronde valley.

"A MORE BEAUTIFUL LA GRANDE."

The above caption tells a story of home pride; it tells of the marvelous advancement of our home city; of the necessity now of taking on metropolitan ways, further expense and greater labor to make La Grande that splendid place to live in, which we all desire.

To this end the Neighborhood club—a band of loyal, patriotic home-loving women—have secured Howard Everts Weed for a lecture on March 28th in the L. D. S. tabernacle. He will handle the subject, "A More Beautiful La Grande," in a way that will prove to every auditor the remarkable possibility to turn our city into one of parks, good streets and clean back yards. Mr. Weed is one of the strong workers for the "city beautiful plan". He is able and effective; what he says is based on facts from experience and observation. He will tell you what can be done in the great municipal struggle for better conditions, but his talk will be wholly along the lines of beautifying the physical city plant.

In this task which has been so generously undertaken by the ladies of La Grande there is more or less responsibility which should be shared

by the community as a whole. No one can live in this city without being a part of the great municipal machine, and when once a part of that machine you are responsible in a degree for the appearance of the city. Be sure and assist the Neighborhood club in getting out a good attendance to this lecture. It is not a money making scheme, but on the contrary is a meeting to obtain valuable information for every individual.

PORTLAND AND THE MAYORALTY

The big city of Portland is now wrestling with the municipal question of whom she shall place in the mayor's chair. And it is now small question for a growing city like Portland to determine. She has had her Harry Lane with Wayne variations; she has had her Simons, who is more or less unfit for the place, but the people are at sea, and apparently there is liable to be a serious mistake made of selecting an unbalanced man.

The trouble with Portland is very plain—she has no leader. There does not seem to be a public man in that great city large enough to advance ideas for the people's welfare and make the people believe that he is sincere. This is due to repeated jobbery in municipal affairs, in all probability, causing complete loss of confidence in public officials by the people.

Portland will not come into her own until some good, honest man appears above the surface and does things that the multitude approve of. The dark lantern system of politics will never be permitted again in that city, but while this is right and proper the people should not lose sight of the extreme necessity of making some honest man their leader.

THE NEW STALLION LAW.

The large number of stallions owned in Union and Wallawa counties come under the ban of the new law which was coined at the last session of the legislature. According to that law every stallion must be registered. The governor appoints a commission and a local veterinary in each community is to pass on the stallion in question, giving his breeding duly certified to, and that report is registered with the state commission. The fee for this work is \$10 and the registration is good for three years. All stallions must have cards posted on their stalls stating what blood courses through their veins, etc.

A first thought one is inclined to the opinion that the legislature is working off a lot of red tape, but the second consideration will convince one that the law is not at all bad. True, it may be top heavy and cumbersome, but the intent and purpose of it, which is to rid the country of mongrel stock

is all right. It has not been long since the writer witnessed Baker county offering a prize for the best mongrel stallion exhibited at a horse show. This is all wrong. Mongrel stock should be discouraged rather than encouraged. Oregon is old enough and rich enough to engage in the raising of good horses, but to do this it is necessary to go step by step.

Stallion owners may in some instances feel that the legislature has worked a hardship upon them but time will prove it to be otherwise.

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 5th day of August, 1909, creating Improvement District No. 3 and designating Main avenue, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 15th day of March, 1911, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Main avenue, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon bitulthic pavement, 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 Main avenue, from the west side of 4th street, to the west side of First Street.

(A) And the property affected or benefitted by said improvement is as follows:

All the property between the south line of Main avenue and a line drawn from Fourth street west through the center of blocks 10 and 13 in Grandy's addition to La Grande, Oregon, to the center of block 2 in Romig's addition to the town of La Grande, Oregon, and all the property between the north line of Main avenue and a line drawn from Fourth street west through the center of blocks 1, 9 and 14 in Grandy's addition to the town of La Grande, Oregon, to the center of block 1 in Romig'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 benefitted by such improvement for

the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$12,230.00. That the council will on the 5th day of April, 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, March 20th, 1911.
CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.

By C. M. HUMPHREYS,
Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.
March 20-10t

Must Respect Ordinance.
All are warned against violation of the chicken ordinance in this city. This ordinance must be obeyed.

J. H. WALDEN,
Chief of Police.

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