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THE FIRST ATTEMPT.

La Grande has made her first attempt toward getting the communities of Union and Wallowa counties together on an advertising proposition to push these two counties to the front. That attempt was made at Elgin last evening when a delegation of business men from this city visited Elgin and explained the plan.

At first it was more or less vague, just as was expected but as argument brought out the different points of merit the Elgin people saw at once the benefit and without doubt they will join in the campaign.

When all of the towns of the Grande Ronde have been joined together then it will be time to enter Wallowa and the people there, we are satisfied, will see at once what can be done by combined effort whereas the individual town or city can do but little.

The merit of this proposition is be-

Arcade
THEATRE

PROGRAM.

- Mexican Filibusters Kalem
- Scenes in and around the present uprising in Mexico.
- ...Lieutenant's Wild Ride..... Gaumont
- A wild ride against time.
- Nan's Diplomacy Lubin
- A comedy. Acting and photography are excellent.
- Song—"Portland Wants Us in 1912." Elks' booster song by Mr. Cowan, first to introduce the song in Portland.
- Cowan—Piano and tenor soloist.
- Greenaway drums and effects.

Admission 10 cents

yond question for once it is established and properly managed its continuance will be assured.

La Grande expects to maintain a good active Commercial organization, but to keep an advertising campaign going La Grande is not able to carry the load alone no more in proportion than is any of the other towns in the valley. By making the literature include every community in the two counties, by putting no one section more prominently than another the eastern man who is looking for a home will have before him in the Grand Ronde-Wallowa literature a synopsis of every section and what can be raised there. It will be up to him then to make his choice of localities.

Prominent business men have given this plan their endorsement and we believe if it can be carried out there will be general satisfaction over results.

SNORES AS LIFE SAVERS.

Snores have been converted into life savers. The grating noise saved a man's life. Listen to this from Pendleton:

Harry D. Slater, living five miles north of Pendleton, owes his life this morning to the fact that he can snore loud enough to be heard some distance away.

Yesterday morning Deputy Sheriff George Strand heard snores coming from the O. W. R. & N. tracks. He suspected some one might be asleep on the tracks and knew the Walla Walla local was due in a few minutes, so he investigated.

Guided by the snoring he came upon Slater asleep and racing up to the man's prostrate form dragged him aside a bare few minutes before No. 1 thundered by.

Although objections have previously been made to Slater's vocal efforts at night by his wife, he says she will now have no cause for complaint.

JUSTICE AND MERCY.

(Chicago Record Herald.)

It is difficult to read, without being touched and impressed, the dignified and reticent letter of Mrs. Armour of Kansas City in connection with her loss of a large amount of bonds and stocks at the hands of a trusted dependent.

The letter considers not only the offense. It considers a record previously good on the offender's part. It allows for certain flaws, idiosyncrasies and deficiencies in the offender's nature. It maintains that a past which was without serious blemish may still hold out, if full severity of punishment be restrained hopeful and serviceable promises for the future.

Surely there are cases where justice of the personal and individual type—justice shaded by the considerations involved in a specific case and suitably tempered by mercy—may have its advantages over the impersonal and perfunctory justice of the ordinary courts. This sentiment, indeed, has grown to such proportions as to affect appreciably the constitution and procedure of the courts themselves—as witness the new types of courts recently established in several American cities.

To understand all is to pardon all. In the words of a wise Frenchman. If we cannot pardon all, we may at least pardon in part. That ordinary legal procedure often throws difficulties in the way of understanding is one rea-

son for the emollients, whether public or private, which the growth of the modern humanitarian spirit has brought.

PLURALS.

(Kansas City Star.)

When the casual eye falls upon the word "gymnasias" in a civic address, even when the address is delivered in Boston, the casual eye is arrested. "Gymnasias" is indubitably a good word. As old Polonius might have explained, it is the plural of gymnasium. It has similitudes in such adopted Latin as alumnae, alumni, hippopotami and the like. Yes it is a good word.

And yet one fears. What if polite scholasticism spreads, and crocuses become croci, and indexes are always indices, and even that plain word of common usage, vortexes, becomes vortices? Is there not peril to the tongue in giving back the naturalized words appropriated from an alien time? Are not the very freshness and virility of the "Kansas language" due to its capacity for "taking its property where it finds it," and holding it against the old title? "Gymnasias" and the nicety of speech it indicates appeal to the aforesaid casual eye as too finical, not alone of learning but of conscience. The debt of English to the Latin tongue is too vast to be offset by an occasional acknowledgement. As we have poured copious Roman draughts into our "well of English undefiled," why not be constantly brazen about it and Anglicize all our plurals?

"THIS IS MY GIST BIRTHDAY." Duncan B. MacTavish. Hon. Duncan B. MacTavish, a lead-

ing member of the judiciary of Ontario, was born in Carleton county, Ontario, April 21, 1850, of Scottish parentage. He received his preparatory education in the public schools of Ottawa and later graduated from Queen's university. After leaving the university he studied law under Sir Oliver Mowat and after being called to the bar he practiced his profession for many years in Ottawa. For 15 years, beginning in 1882, he held the office of city solicitor of Ottawa. This position he resigned to accept appointment to his present position as senior judge of the county court of Carleton. Judge MacTavish is regarded as a high authority on matters of law and on numerous occasions has been called upon to represent the Dominion before judicial committees.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- April 21.
- 1609—Henry VII of England, founder of the Tudor dynasty, died. Born in 1457.
- 1788—Count Flahaut, a celebrated French general under both Napoleons, born. Died Sept. 1, 1870.
- 1819—Oliver Evans, who made the first application in America of steam power for propelling steam carriages, died in New York. Born in Delaware in 1755.
- 1836—Texans under General Houston defeated the Mexicans under Santa Anna in battle of San Jacinto.
- 1861—Senator Andrew Johnson, of Tennessee, mobbed at Lynchburg, Va.
- 1874—Street conflict between the Baxter and Brooks political factions at Little Rock, Ark.
- 1879—Gen. John A. Dix died. Born

- July 24, 1798.
- 1894—Strike of 130,000 miners inaugurated in the bituminous coal region.
- 1900—Attempt to blow up the gates of the Welland canal.
- 1905—Orville H. Platt, United States senator from Connecticut, died in Washington, Conn. Born there July 19, 1837.
- 1910—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) died in Redding, Conn. Born in Florida, Mo., Nov. 30, 1835.

Lady Drove Car to Elgin.

Last evening the Dittelbrandt Auto company took the Commercial club delegation to Elgin. Three cars were used, and one, the "Hudson" roadster, was driven very capably by Mrs. Fred Dittelbrandt. It is the first time a lady has ever driven a car from La Grande to Elgin and considering the return trip was made in the night considerable credit is due a man who will tackle an overland trip from Elgin after night and the fact that Mrs. Dittelbrandt handled the car without mishap of any kind entitles her to recognition as a capable chauffeur.

Guggenheims Charges Aired.

Washington, April 21.—It is understood the cabinet today discussed the charges that the Guggenheims had been allowed to seize the Churgach forest right of way to Controller bay, leading from Alaska coal fields and that the administration's answer will be a general disclaimer of the charges. It is expected Taft will personally prepare an answer and will contend the Guggenheims were not granted any monopoly.

Officials Deny Reports. San Diego, Cal., April 21.—Reports that Admiral Thomas would send the flagship California from here to Ensenada were denied today by naval officials. A number of American refugees from Ensenada arrived here today.

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by all dealers.

Delicious
Bran Gems

Use the Following:

- Two cups RALSTON'S BRAN.
- 1 Cup Flour.
- 1 Tablespoon Butter.
- 1 Egg.
- 2 Tablespoons Molasses.
- 1 Pinch Salt.
- 1 Teaspoon Soda.
- 1 1-2 Cups Milk.
- Cook in Gem Pans.

RALSTON'S SELECT BRAN
For Sale by

Pattison Bros.

Both Phones

Great Bankrupt Sale

of Morgan's Department Store, of Portland, Ore.

Closes Saturday, April 29th
Only 7 More Days

To Take Advantage of the Greatest Savings Ever Offered in La Grande
Many Prices Still Lower to Close Out Remaining Stock....

Special Sale of Kayser and Centemeri Silk Gloves

All the Newest Shades. Every Glove Double Tipped
LONG GLOVES

- 12 Button length, Special 59c
- 16 Button length, Special 79c
- 20 Button length, Special 1.19
- Embroidered 20 Button length, Sp'l. 1.89

SHORT GLOVES

- Regular 50c Gloves, Special 35c
- Regular 75c Gloves, Special 55c



SEE THEM IN OUR WINDOW TODAY

HALF-PRICE SALE OF LADIES' SUITS AND DRESSES
Entire Spring Line Men's and Boy's Clothing at Reduced Prices During Sale

N. K. West ASSIGNEE OF BANKRUPT MORGAN DEP'T STORE OF PORTLAND