

**Directory of the Fraternal Orders
of La Grande, Oregon**

A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons. L. M. HOYT, W. M. A. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

B. F. O. E.—La Grande Lodge No. 433 meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Elk's club, corner of Depot street and Washington avenue. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend.
H. J. RITTER, Ex. Rai.
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WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—La Grande Lodge No. 169 W. O. W. meets every second and fourth Saturdays at K. P. hall. All visiting members welcome.
D. FITZGERALD, C. C.
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M. W. A.—La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets every Monday in the month at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting neighbors are cordially invited to attend.
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REBEKAHS—Crystal Lodge No. 4 meets every Tuesday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are invited to attend.
MRS. KATIE ARBUCKLE, N. G.
MISS ANNA ALEXANDER, Sec.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Red Cross Lodge No. 27 meets every Monday night in Castle hall, (old Elk's hall) A Pythian welcome to all visitors.
JESSE PAUL, C. C.
R. L. LINCOLN, M. of R. & S.

O. E. S.—Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. S. holds stated communications the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invited.
CARRIE E. HUNTER, W. M.
MARY A. WARNICK, Sec.

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT—Grand Circle No. 47 meets first and third Thursday evenings in the month at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are cordially invited.
CHLOE ROBINSON,
LIZZIE ELLSWORTH, Sec.

**CHINESE COINS
UNIFORM**

LAST STAGE OF DEPLORABLE SYSTEM REACHED.

Washington News Items of Public Interest—Washington Notes.

Washington, D. C., April 27.—With the recent signatures of the contract for the loan of \$50,000,000 to China by American, British, German and French bankers, the death knell of the most hopelessly confused currency in the world was sounded. Foreigners residing in, or doing business with China breathed a great sigh of relief, as the loan is to end a most vexatious obstacle to the transaction of business.

China agrees, as part of the contract to install a currency system worthy of the name. Until the eighties of the last century, China had no silver coinage. The copper, or more properly the brass cash, was the only national coin. Silver was used in the lump by weight, the unit of weight being known as the tael (an Indian term) and to the Chinese as the liang, the equal roughly speaking to 1.1-3 ounces avoirdupois.

The weight of the liang, however, and the fineness of the silver bullion varied in every city of the empire, and to add to the confusion, Mexican and Spanish dollars were also in use in certain localities. About 1887 the Chinese provincial governments began to mint dollar pieces, and there are some eight or ten varieties of these in circulation, all nominally of the value of a Mexican dollar, but in reality entirely lacking uniformity.

Added to these various dollars is that of the British crown colony, Hong Kong, which is in use in a number of the ports. Several foreign banks doing business in China have issued paper notes, which have a limited circulation. Some of these are subject to discount if used outside the port of issue. All this has produced great confusion, and burdened trade with endless charges for exchange, and the difficulties have been increased by the fluctuations in the gold value of the silver.

The American government has been consulted a number of times by China during recent years in regard to currency reform which would relieve the situation. In 1903, a treaty was signed in which China agreed to provide a uniform national coinage.

In 1904, at the request of China, Prof. J. W. Jenks of Cornell university, and a member of the commission on international exchange, was sent to Peking by the American government. Prof. Jenks studied the monetary situation in China for 18 months, and his recommendations were accepted.

However, after his return to the United States a change of sentiment appeared. Various substitute schemes were presented, but none adopted until last May, when an imperial edict appeared, approving of the plan.

The standard coin is to be of silver of the same weight and fineness as the Mexican dollars. The fractional pieces in silver will be the dime, the quarter and the half dollar, and subsidiary coins in addition to these will be a nickel five cent piece, and in copper the mill, five mill, one cent and two cent pieces.

The queer popularity of the old expression "dotting an I and crossing a T" is growing every day in the house of representatives.

Minority Leader Mann started the fad. In declaring that a certain provision of the new rules made absolutely no change over the old ones, he declared it was "not altered by the crossing of a T nor the dotting of an I." This was the first extended speech made after the convening of the extra session.

The expression stuck in the minds of the members. It has been used about three score times since. Representative Underwood, democratic, Alabama, and Representative Cooper, republican, Wisconsin, pulled it off in the reciprocity debate; Representative Rucker, democratic, Missouri, got it off in connection with the debate on the bill for the direction of senators. Ex-Speaker Cannon used it in his plea against Canadian reciprocity and Representative Fordney, republican, Mich-

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