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LA GRANDE—"HEADQUARTERS"

Had you noticed how many institutions have lately made this city their "headquarters?" This has a strong meaning. Cities and towns many claim everything and anything, but when it comes to doing business in a cold matter-of-fact way select a locality for headquarters from which their men are to work it tells the story of a central point. Other sections of Eastern Oregon are easiest reached from La Grande else these concerns would locate in Baker or Pendleton. But they are coming here because La Grande is the center, because La Grande is building rapidly, because municipal improvements go constantly on, because the large pay rolls insure success locally and because a growing business

always seeks a growing town in which to locate.

The great Wallowa county is tributary to this city, likewise is Baker county and the vast interior including Harney and Grant counties. The Pine and Eagle valley country is not so hard to reach from this city and all territory from here to Pendleton is best served by this city. In the future it is reasonable to expect more and more industries in La Grande that market their products in a wide area of country. In fact pay rolls attract each other. Take the down east cities where there are factories. Other factories start in business at the same point on account of labor already being on the ground. The same will be true of the west and La Grande, already possessing the largest pay rolls in Oregon outside of Portland and Oregon City, will get most of the enterprises that wish to locate inland.

Last evening representatives of the La Grande Commercial club went to Union and talked a general publicity movement for Union and Wallowa counties. They were met with the usual hospitality for which Union is justly noted and after the plan was explained there was a united feeling that it would be a success. Elgin and Union each favor the plan, and now the other localities will be called upon for their opinions of the matter. In the course of a short time Wallowa county will be visited and it can reasonably be expected that good results will follow the work being done by the united clubs.

Sure enough, what has the dynamiting of the Times building in Los Angeles to do with organized labor? No one with good judgment will attempt to even suggest that labor as an organization was behind such a crime. If wild eyed individuals chose to be criminals and commit such atrocities labor as a body is not to blame. But labor as a body must not defend the man who is found guilty if anyone is ever so found.

Considerable preparation is now under way for the second annual Chautauqua in La Grande. The executive committee holds weekly meetings and all attractions have been lined up and contracted for. Special features are to be added to this year's program which will insure a better week than last season, although the event last year was very much appreciated by the general public.

Stoddard will make a good manager for the local ball team. Let the games go on as they have started—the opposition team getting the proverbial goose egg.

The first of May ushered in many strikes over the country and did not prove to be such a calm May day, after all.

BLEACHING SMALL GRAIN.

A new impetus is given to the bleaching of oats and barley in Chicago and other grain centers as a result of the report by LeRoy M. Smith just issued by the United States department of agriculture. After an exhaustive investigation of the processes of bleaching and the results of it, he reported in a way quite contrary to the old prejudice against sulphur bleaching. "When a crop of oats or barley is harvested under adverse weather

conditions or in a careless manner there is generally a deterioration in both the quality and condition of the grain, which reduces its market value," the report relates. "In order to make this grain thus damaged appear sound, healthy and bright and also to remove the objectionable odors which are usually present such grain is often artificially bleached." The conclusions of the report were these: "Oats and barley of inferior quality and condition may be made to resemble that of a better quality by bleaching. A profit is derived not only from changing the appearance of the grain but also by increasing the original weight by the addition of moisture. Because of the fungi being partially destroyed by the bleaching it is probable that bleached oats will carry a higher moisture content than unbleached oats with less danger of deterioration. The vitality of oats and barley is impaired by the bleaching and a heavy bleaching is especially harmful. Preliminary feeding experiments with both bleached and natural oats showed that horses ate one as readily as the other."

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the recorder of the city of La Grande, Oregon, for furnishing and laying approximately forty thousand (40,000) lineal feet of eight (8) inch sewer in the streets and alleys of the city of La Grande, Oregon; said sewer to be laid in accordance with the plans and specifications, now on file, in this office and under the supervision of the city inspector. All bids to be in before

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Ladies' Silk Hose, all shades, 60c to \$2.50 pair Embroidered Lisle hose in all colors, 35c to \$1.00 pair.

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A former lover tries to wreck a home. The husband's return is the feature of the drama.
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Interesting scenes of a great city.
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Comedy. Bills gives Molly a valentine, sends it with Molly's little sister with disastrous results, but all ends well. It's a Vitagraph.
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1911

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Fares	
Chicago	\$72.50
Council Bluffs, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Joseph, St. Paul.....	60.00
Paul via Council Bluffs	62.90
St. Paul, via Council Bluffs	60.00
Minneapolis, direct	63.99
Minneapolis, via Council Bluffs ..	63.99
St. Louis	70.00

SALE DATES.

May 15, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23; 24; 25; 27; 28 and 29.
June 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 16; 17; 21; 22; 28; 29 and 30.
July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 19; 20; 26; 27 and 28.
August 3, 4, 5, 14, 15, 16, 17; 21; 22; 23; 28; 29 and 30.
September 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.
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