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ERRORS THAT A NEWSPAPER REGRETS.

In the course of the hustle and bustle that attaches to issuing a daily newspaper occasionally an error will creep in, which when noticed later, causes sincere regret on the part of the publisher and everyone connected with the paper, besides bringing heartaches to some patrons.

This statement is prompted by an error that occurred in the Evening Observer when the death of Miss Ida Sill, of Cove, was reported. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sill, one of the most highly respected families of Cove and the young lady was one of those estimable girls about whom nothing but the purest utterances could have been correctly made. Yet this paper's account of the death contained unintentional error sufficient to leave a wrong impression of the deceased—a thing for which the sincerest regret was forthcoming immediately.

Nothing could be farther from the intent of those connected with the Observer than to do anyone a wrong, and especially a young lady whose life had been clean and free from blemish. The death was caused by peritonitis and her many friends deeply mourned the loss of such a model girl who was prominent in lodge and social circles of Cove. Human effort is fraught with errors

Arcade THEATRE

"In 1861"—..... Selig
A war story. A strong dramatic picture. War stories are always interesting and Selig has released some of the best of them. This one holds the audience from beginning to end.

"Brest"—A fortified harbor of France. The largest commercial and military seaport of France. The harbor can accommodate over 500 battleships. The arsenal, the swing bridge, etc., are very instructive.

"Lost Years"—..... Gaumont
A drama.

"Their Mothers-in-Law"—Certainly great comedy. Sometimes one mother-in-law is sufficient to create plenty of trouble here there are two.

"Arizona Mary"—A cowboy song.

from beginning to end, and the work of making a newspaper is no exception to the rule. This, however, can be depended upon—when the Observer learns of an error, whether serious as this one or whether it is of small moment, we are anxious to make proper correction, for this newspaper endeavors to deal squarely and honorably with everyone.

UNION GETS THE HONORS.

La Grande had begun to believe it had a baseball team that it was impossible to defeat. But like the fastest race horse and the latest automobile, it tasted the bitter dregs yesterday when Union's stalwart sons appeared on their home diamond and cleaned up the La Grande bunch with a beastly score. The boys from here were in the air from the time the game was called and never reached earth until the ninth inning. It was one, two, three and out with La Grande and score after score for Union.

The lesson is a good one, and if this team is to be beaten we would rather see either Elgin or Union beat it than outside of the county teams. It will teach our boys that there is such a thing as too much confidence and that a good record is only to be maintained and protected by constant practice and continually playing the game first, last and all of the time. There is no such a thing as laying off in playing baseball, no more than there is in conducting a live business and we believe the La Grande team will not get busy and show even greater earnestness in their work than before.

ADD IT TO THE SCHOOL FUND.

If the United States government wins over the Southern Pacific railroad in the matter of timber lands in western Oregon, or rather, if Judge Wolverton's decision is upheld, what is the government going to do with the land?

It can be thrown open to settlers at the old price prevailing under the statute or it can be given to the schools of Oregon. Which does the people prefer? We are of the opinion that the actual settlers who went on the land and stood the hardships of frontier life coupled with the long litigation should be protected, but after they have had their rights, we do not think the vast tract should be thrown open to the speculator. Give it to the school fund, by all means, and the entire state will benefit. When any help is given the schools it means help to better government, better statehood and better citizenship, for the school is the foundation stone of all.

In his address before the graduates of La Grande high school the state superintendent struck a keynote when he said: "We appreciate the fine school buildings, the money raised by taxes and all material things given to the schools, but we must draw on every citizen for something more. We need co-operation, greater personal interest of every man and woman in the school work. Your obligation does not cease by paying taxes."

This is correct and the right attitude to assume. With greater funds, such as the public land will give, and with increased personal interest Oregon's school system will rank at the top of the column in the entire nation.

Having grown used through a period of years to accusation on the part of the government against the railroads, New Yorkers who are always

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Interested in anything novel are now watching keenly what may be called the turning of the worm, that is, the railroads accusing the government. The most important charges against Uncle Sam as they appear in an article in Pearson's Magazine have to do with the subject of railway mail pay. In this connection the carriers charge that the methods of the government are such as to cause them a loss of \$20,000,000 a year. The really significant phase of this situation is that the railroads merely ask Uncle Sam to take his own medicine—that is, to pay for exactly similar service the same rates which through the interstate commerce commission he authorizes the railroads to charge to the traveling public. At present, according to the Pearson's article, it is charged that the government fails to do so by about one-third. Of course the complaint is not new since the railroads have taken their claims to congress in the past and been told that they had merit after which nothing happened in the way of relief. Now that the strain of the long-awaited supreme court decision is temporarily passed, and New York is able to think of something else, the idea that the railroads might actually have some ground of complaint against the government along the lines set forth in the article is one which is likely to cause much discussion.

INTELLIGENT ARBITRATION.

In the peaceful settlement of the telegraph operators' demands New York has had another illustration of the fact that old-fashioned strike methods relying chiefly on violence or physical coercion are being rapidly superseded by intelligent arbitration. While a strike of the telegraph operators would have affected the whole country probably not one person in a hundred realized the possibility of such an event so quietly and in such a businesslike manner was settlement reached. This new method of settling such differences is undoubtedly due in a large part to the spread of belief in the regulation of public utilities, even on the part of public utility corporation officials themselves. At any rate, that seems to be the logical conclusion for the reason that the man chiefly respon-

sible for the bringing about of the peaceful settlement of what might have been a serious matter was President Va'l of the telephone interests. When it is remembered that in his recent annual report he pointed out that such control or regulation of public service corporations had come to stay and that as exercised by permanent commissions it has many advantages over the exercise of such powers through legislative bodies or committees the striking parallel becomes plain. Probably no more surprising illustration could be found of the new method of settling business differences. Incidentally it is worth noting that the strikers were entirely satisfied.

ORDINANCE NO. 322, SERIES 1911.

An ordinance establishing rules in addition to the provisions of Ordinance No. 346, Series 1906, whereby buildings may be moved upon over and across streets upon which pavement has been laid.

The city of La Grande does ordain as follows:

Section 1. No building shall be moved along streets upon which pavement has been laid, except in cases where the expense of moving the same on other streets is so excessive as to practically prohibit the removal of the building, and shall not be removed at all without permit required by ordinance No. 346, Series 1906.

Section 2. When any building has been permitted to be moved along streets upon which pavement is laid the person or persons moving said building shall not set the capstan, windlass or other apparatus upon the pavement unless the same shall be fastened with iron pins not less than two inches in diameter and which shall be driven through the pavement and into the ground below a distance of two feet.

Section 3. After the capstan, windlass or other apparatus is removed from the point where said pins are driven, the pins shall likewise be removed and the holes caused there-

by immediately filled by the persons moving said building, with bitulithic paving repair compound according to the specifications prepared by the paving company.

Section 4. Any person or persons found guilty of violating the foregoing sections of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction thereof by the recorder of the city of La Grande, Oregon, be fined in the sum of not less than \$25.00, and in default of the payment thereof, be confined in the city jail for the period of one day for each \$2.00 of said fine.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be

in full force and effect from and after its passage by the council, its approval by the mayor and publication in one issue of the La Grande Evening Observer.

Passed the common council on the 24th day of May, 1911, by eight councilmen voting therefor.

Submitted to the mayor and by him approved this 27th day of May, 1911.

A. L. RICHARDSON, Mayor.

Attest:— C. M. HUMPHREYS, Recorder of the city of La Grande, Oregon.

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.

P. 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. BITTER, Ex. Ruler. H. E. COOLIDGE, Rec. Sec.

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. J. H. KEENEY, Clerk.

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. E. E. DANIELS, ED. HEATH, Clerk.

HEBEKAHS—Crystal Lodge No. 60 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 visiting Knights. JESS 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 B. HUNTER, W. M. MARY A. WARNICK, Sec.

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT—Grand Ronde Circle No. 47 meets first and third Thursday evenings in the month at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are invited to attend. CARRIE ROBBS, G. M. LIZZIE ELLSWORTH, Sec.

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