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THE HOBO ELEMENT.

Like all good towns La Grande is attracting what is known throughout the country as a hobo element.

At present this city has more of that class than we need. They are to be found on almost every corner.

The time is soon at hand when a dragnet proposition will be necessary to clean up the city. The white slavers are getting what they deserve and will continue to get it until the last of them has been convicted.

It has been suggested that a police patrol be established from the heart of the city to the bridge a mile north of the city.

DEATHS BY DROWNING.

This is the season of the year when deaths by drowning are most frequent. Every Monday morning's paper and every holiday tells of a toll of young lives paid for foolishness or accidents that might have been avoided.

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even 15 or 20 minutes is necessarily dead. There are well authenticated records of the resuscitation of persons who had been submerged for half an hour or even longer.

Patients have been reported as not breathing for 15 minutes to half an hour and yet they have been resuscitated. Ordinarily the methods of resuscitation are and ought properly to be exercised at the scene of the accident.

CRAZY ON PROTECTION

There is a little measly publication in New York called the "American Economist" which is devoted exclusively to the protective tariff and is evidently supported and permitted to live through the large concerns which benefit by the tariff.

At present it is devoted to abusing President Taft's reciprocity with Canada because that reciprocity agreement affects some of the pets of the paper. But the country at large pays no attention to subsidized newspapers.

No. Ringling Brothers' circus will never pass up La Grande on a tour of the west. Their coffers today are several thousand dollars short of

what they would have been had they exhibited in this city. But La Grande people are several thousand dollars ahead because the show did not come here.

This has been a great season for La Grande people to go visiting. It is estimated that one third of the population of the city has taken some kind of an outing.

Reports from different wheat ranches show a remarkably good yield of grain this season. The test of a crop is when the threshing machine finishes and a number of fields have yielded even better than was anticipated.

ROOSEVELT'S ACTION CRITICISED.

That Roosevelt, while president, allowed rights to be given for the construction of a dam on the Mississippi river in Iowa to be used in connection with a plant that will generate 250,000 horsepower of electrical energy, while he killed the proposition to put a \$1,000,000 dam on the Snake river to generate power to pump water for irrigation purposes is the information conveyed to Portlanders in statements made by Secretary W. R. V. Kendrick, of the Keokuk, Iowa, Commercial club who is visiting in this city, relates the Portland Telegram.

It is this distinction in applying the conservation policy which Portland people have made the basis of objection before. Looking at the mighty industries to be created by the work at Keokuk, and the aid to be given aviation in the Mississippi without a cent cost to the government, they have the pleasure of turning to the Snake and seeing the nine miles of rocks and rapids which would have been covered with navigable water by the proposed dam remaining a menace to navigation, and the big western river running to waste the year through. They think if conservation was good for the Snake when a \$1,000,000 plant was proposed, it ought to have been good for the Mississippi, where a \$25,000,000 plant is going in.

The plant at Keokuk is being financed by the Stone & Webster company and will cost, with the transmission lines now projected, \$25,000,000. About 150,000 horsepower is to be generated by the first units of the installation, and the remainder as the field demands the energy. Of the total power to be generated, 60,000 horsepower has already been contracted for delivery in St. Louis at the remarkable figure of \$18 a year.

"You people out here in the west have great power possibilities and are making rapid progress in their development," said Kendrick, "but I presume you forget that we have some resources of this character along the Mississippi. From this plant we will send electric energy to St. Louis, 150 miles to the south, and expect later to send as far as Chicago, to the north which is within in the 200-mile radius.

"During the Roosevelt administration the rights were given the Stone & Webster people to construct this dam, the only condition being that locks be put in to accommodate shipping on the Mississippi."

A company once organized to put a \$1,000,000 dam in the Snake river, opposite Palouse, generating electric power to pump water upon the benches for irrigating purposes, and also installing locks to accommodate shipping. This plant was killed by President Roosevelt, who said the government would oppose permitting a private concern getting a monopoly upon power in navigable streams.

"THIS IS MY 40TH BIRTHDAY."

Ernest Rutherford. Prof. Ernest Rutherford, a noted British scientist and educator who a short time ago was awarded the "Elliott Creason" medal by the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, was born in Nelson, New Zealand, Aug. 30, 1871. His education was received principally at the New Zealand university and at Cambridge university, England. In 1898 he was appointed Macdonald professor physics at McGill university, Montreal, which position he filled for about ten years. At present he holds the professorship of physics in Victoria university, Manchester, England. Professor Rutherford is noted especially for his work in the advancement of the knowledge of electrical theory. He is the author of numerous papers on the subject of radio-activity.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- August 30.
1660—Marquis de Feuquieres assumed office as viceroy of New France.
1708—French and Indians attacked and burned Haverhill, Mass.
1730—Jonathan Belcher became governor of Massachusetts and New Hampshire.
1776—Long Island was evacuated by the Americans.
1781—French fleet arrived in Chesapeake bay to help the American cause.
1801—The French evacuated Egypt in favor of the British.
1832—John Child, who induced congress to pass the first grant of public lands to benefit a railroad, born in West Boylston, Mass. Died Feb. 2, 1858.
1812—British were repulsed by the Americans at Belair, Md.
1862—Confederates victorious in the second battle of Bull Run.
1827—Turks defeated in a desperate

sorties at Plevna, Bulgaria, by the Russians, who captured the town.

1906—Great reception in New York in honor of William J. Bryan on his return from a trip around the world.

1910—The Pan-American congress at Buenos Ayres concluded its sessions.

Main Line Bridge Burned.

A burned bridge in the Blue mountains last night delayed traffic on the main line of the O.-W. about 12 hours. No 1 due here last night at 8:30 passing through the city about 8 o'clock this morning. The mail trains and last night's passenger train from the east were likewise tied up by the trouble.

Among other things which suffered by the delay was the sewer project in this city, which is at a standstill today because material on a freight train due here this morning was delayed in transit, the freight being the passenger rains.

New Revolt Brewing.

Juarez, Mexico, Aug. 30.—Mexican and United States secret men are

watching what appears to be a new revolutionary movement of some import. The arrival here of 50 members of the liberal party from Los Angeles and Arizona, plentifully supplied with money has led to the belief that they are going to receive a large shipment of arms from New York.

RACE STRING LARGE.

Stock Records in Salem Fair Doomed. It Seems.

Salem, Ore. (Special)—California has sent entries for exactly this class horses in the meet to be held at the Oregon State Fair from September 11 to 16 inclusive. Washington has come to the front with excellent entries and Oregon's 425 have fifteen fast ones waiting for the word to go in the various events on the racing card. The race meet always of importance at Salem will not be the biggest thing on the program as all the stock show events have been well filled and the list of entries in the dairy and poultry divisions have shown up well. And as usual the display of Oregon horses will surpass anything of previous years, including thoroughbreds, work horses, drivers, trotters, pacers and coaches. The poultry show will also be important. Reduced rates are in effect for the fair as usual.

Mint Marshmallows in 10c tins
Barallona Filberts A Cream Nut
Fillippi Almonds
Toasted Rolls Peanut Butter Flavor

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