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PROTECTION AT ANY COST.

Last night there was a meeting of business men in La Grande, and when we say business men we mean the representatives of many of the important business concerns, and the object of that meeting was to talk over a condition that exists here which is anything but satisfactory. It is a condition of timidity, of unsafety to life and property. Or, probably better put, a feeling of unsafety.

This has obtained for a number of weeks. The city administration has augmented the police force but even with the additional number there are not sufficient men to keep constant vigil over different districts and to stop the habit of "trailing" men who work. It was voted unanimously last night that such practices must cease in La Grande and the mayor was firm in his statement that more men will be added to the police force with no limit to numbers.

The mayor's stand was supported without a single voice of protest, and henceforth the order "move on" will obtain on all thoroughfares in La Grande the same as it obtains in metropolitan cities.

The whole matter was discussed and then by those assembled including the officials. Two sides to this question are apparent, the same as other questions, but the important feature is that there is a feeling of unsafety, of timidity, of lack of freedom of the city to the men working at the railroad yards. The business men neither favor strikers nor strike breakers. They are conducting business lines here free from bias, but laying aside the business feature it was the spirit of the meeting to make life and property safe in this city at any cost, and that is what is going to be done.

Today the resolutions passed by the assembly last night are being circulated to every business house in the city for signatures so that the entire country will know how La Grande as a

community stands upon this matter. The day of men being afraid to walk the streets of La Grande must pass at once and pass forever.

READY TO COMPLY.

Three great business problems are before the present session of congress for solution—corporate regulation, currency reform and the tariff. The first and last we have always with us, the second comes to an issue just now through the work of the national monetary commission which has been studying the banking methods of the world for the past three years. All three are non-political questions which should be considered and solved without show of partisanship—business issues which should be settled in a purely business manner.

Of the three the question of the regulation and control of interstate corporations comes first on the congressional program, partly because President Taft made it the particular subject of his annual message and partly because of developments in the field of trust manipulations during the past few months.

How many people who take an interest in such public questions as this realize that the statesmen of both parties are in practical agreement with the responsible heads of the more important trusts themselves? One reads of anti-trust agitation in and out of congress, of the government using the mailed fist upon these corporate creatures of its own laws, and yet any analysis of the various proposed plans for corporation regulation will show that the same principles and aims underlie them all.

For instance, the other day Judge Gary, executive head of the powerful steel trust, appeared before the Stanley investigating committee of the house, and this is what he asked:

That the trusts be given federal licenses and be permitted to operate under federal, instead of state charters.

That some government commission, corresponding roughly to the interstate commerce commission, be established to control corporations.

That complete publicity be exacted of every interstate corporation.

That the Sherman law be not repealed but put into a form that everyone could understand, permitting his business to know when it was operating in harmony with the law.

That the legitimacy of combines be recognized and the effort to re-establish the old free competition abandoned.

What thinking man asks more? These are precisely the aims which the wise legislators of both parties have placed before themselves. It is practically all they ask; practically all they have any right to expect.

It is no sense a political matter—this effort to force the corporations compliance with the laws and to put new laws on the statute books for a stricter accounting. Judge Gary's position is that of George W. Perkins, of James J. Hill, of Andrew Carnegie, everyone of whom realizes the absolute futility of the trusts attempting to defy the government of the United States.

In one way or another, at one time or another, the people are certain to assume complete control of the industrial and commercial agents of progress. If the corporations resist so much the worse for the corporations; that is all. Most of them are in no mood to resist. All these wise ones ask is a fair deal, and congress cannot well deny that.

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ed for a new bridge structure to replace the wooden bridge near the gate to the city park. Judge Henry has taken the matter under advisement and it is probable that a favorable answer will be given as the bridge is not deemed to be in a safe condition.

Grand Jury Reports.

A secret indictment was reported in by the grand jury this noon. As the arrests have not been made it remains that the identity of the accused is secret and therefore is not one of the cases in which the defendants are now in jail.

PRACTICE GAME TOMORROW.

City Team Candidates to Have Workout at the Skating Rink.

Those who want to familiarize themselves with the timber working for places on the city basketball team will have a free opportunity tomorrow night when two squads will have a workout at the rink.

The admission fee will not be required and those who want to see the men in work can do so. As is true in high school circles is a fact in the city team squad—the material is the best available in many years.

LA GRANDE GIRL ON PROGRAM.

Takes Active Part in Sorosis Literary Program at College.

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 7.—(Special)—Friday afternoon, Dec. 8, the Sorosis Literary society at the Oregon Agricultural college will give the following program:

Informal talk—Miss Grace Hobbs, '12, Eugene.
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