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#### THE NEXT LEGISLATURE.

Apparently people of Oregon have

## Arcade Theatre

**"BROKEN SPUR"..... Sellg**  
A melodramatic picture. There is a rich suitor for the hand of a girl who loves a cowboy. The rich man is a villain and "gets his" in the end.

**"CARDINAL WOLSEY"..... Vitagraph**  
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**"I AM ALWAYS HOME ON SUNDAYS."**

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been using good judgment in selecting nominees for the legislature. Even Multnomah county has shown some sanity along these lines and a number of candidates for the lower house are first class men, while the senate members are very credible.

It is to be hoped that one word, "economy," will tell the story of the next session. Oregon has been harassed with extraordinary expense until the people are sore and disgusted. Let us have one session that will stand for necessities of life and cut out the fancy work. Let us have a legislature whose members can go home to their constituents without feeling ashamed.

The supreme court decision on the University appropriation means the brakes are now being set, and woe to the legislature who attempts to loosen them. While the supreme court is not a body to offer suggestions it was very plain that the wish of that tribunal is that Oregon be careful with her money for a while at least.

The Panama exposition boosters will appear before the legislature and demand probably half a million dollars to build buildings and entertain foreign visitors. How many people of Eastern Oregon, if they had a chance would vote for a dollar to be expended on the exposition in San Francisco? Very, very few. Spending other people's money is an easy task and a commission of high strung Portlanders who like the grape juice can eat a big hole in half a million dollars when they are delegated to entertain some rich bunch from the east. Do the people of Oregon want a Portland committee to spend the people's money?

It is up to the legislature to have backbone enough to stand off the aristocrats of the state who will demand that Oregon open its purse and give half a million to the exposition entertainment fund.

### WHERE IS THE COMMISSION FORM?

Where is the commission plan of government that La Grande was about to inaugurate?

Has it been lost in the tumult that surrounds a primary election, been sidetracked for the increased amount of improvement that seems in sight for La Grande, or has it been overlooked?

There is no complaint on the present city administration, and there is no disposition to detract from the high praise due present officials, but there is a duty to fulfill.

La Grande people were promised an opportunity to vote on the commission form of government. Committees were formed and a great amount of data was gathered in order that a charter might be framed which would abolish the antiquated form of municipal business and install something that is neither cumbersome nor expensive. The people have a right to expect a report from the committee named, and we believe will receive one for every man on that committee in the square and wants to see the very best municipal government for La Grande that can be had. But delays are not satisfactory and before the summer comes with its legarthy would it not be well to give in the report?

As a further aid to those in charge of the commission plan it is of interest to call attention to a number of Canadian cities the size of La Grande that have adopted a form of government talked of here. That form is to hire a man to run the city who will work under commissioners elected by the people. We understand this has proved very satisfactory and it is along the lines that the local committee was working.

However, regardless of the plan presented it is but fair and right that the people of La Grande have some light on the subject.

Baker county had a red-hot judgeship contest. William Smith, the present judge, wanted his salary raised a few years ago and a friendly legislature raised it. But the referendum was applied and when Oregon voters got a chance at that raise they swatted as the housewife kills the fly. Then it was reported that Judge Smith would not under any consideration seek another term on the old salary. Primary day found him using every effort to be re-nominated, and he was successful by a few votes. But it was a party row and very likely the nominee of the opposing party will take Judge Smith's seat after the November election. And doubtless it will be best for Baker county if such proves the case, for when the bench enters into a strenuous struggle for votes at a primary it is not the best condition to prevail for all concerned.

Judge Lowell can take consolation in the fact that each time he polls a few more votes than he did the time previous. If he continues his efforts long enough and lives to a ripe old age he may yet represent Oregon in the United States senate. And this is not said with any feeling against Judge Lowell, for he is a very fine gentleman.

With a fair ground and race track that will be among the best on the coast guess La Grande will step in for her share of the entertainment this year. It would not be a bad idea to have a real big event here and use the Pendleton Roundup stunts just to fill in.

Probably Multnomah county voters will hear a word or two from Thomas Word in the very near future. Tom has the habit of having the last word down here.

#### Mixed Farming.

An articles sent out from Chicago remarks thusly about mixed farming as a money making project:

An international competition in money making by mixed farming was set going in Chicago when J. S. Dennis, assistant to the president of the Canadian Pacific railway, announced that 25 quarter sections of Canadian land had been provided on which farmers from the United States, England, Denmark, Sweden and other countries would be given a unique "try-out." The proposal is a step in advance of the "ready made farms" which the Canadian Pacific railway prepared for British farmers and which earned for the road the nickname of "Providence Incorporated."

A ready-made opportunity on a ready-made farm on which buildings, implements, stock and poultry will be provided for ambitious married farmers who have demonstrated their industry and knowledge of mixed farming. The ready-made farms under this plan will include five in Manitoba, ten in Saskatchewan and ten in Alberta. The railway will prepare them by fencing each farm, building a dwelling, stable, granary and dairy and if thought desirable a silo. In addition farm implements for growing wheat, oats, root crops and forage will be provided and each farm will be stocked with some 15 head of high grade cattle, 20 pigs and 100 chickens. "A selected man will be put in charge of each farm to operate it as an object lesson to grain farmers and for the account of the company," Mr. Dennis stated. "But this arrangement is with the condition that if after a reasonable period agreed upon the man in charge has demonstrated his ability to succeed he will be permitted to buy the farm with its buildings, equipment and stock at the cost price to the company with the privilege of paying for it in six or eight annual installments." In the operation of the farm each candidate for the privilege of buying on these terms will be under the supervision and subject to the control of the company's representative who will designate the area of land to be placed under each kind of crop and who will generally instruct him in the management of the property.

Hall Caine, the famous English novelist, has written the following hymn for the newspaper of the International News service, under the title: **HYMN FOR SURVIVORS OF THE TITANIC.**

(To tune of "God Our Help in Ages Past.")  
Lord of the everlasting hills,  
God of the boundless sea,  
Help us through all the shocks of fate  
To keep our trust in thee.

When nature's unrelenting arm  
Sweeps us like withes away,  
Maker of man, be thou our strength  
And our eternal stay.

When blind insensate, heartless force  
Puts out our passing breath,  
Make us to see thy guiding light  
In darkness and in death.

Beneath the roll of soundless waves  
Our best and bravest lie;  
Give us to feel their spirits live,  
Immortal in the sky.

We are thy children, frail and small,  
Formed of the lowly sod;  
Comfort our bruised and bleeding souls  
Father and Lord and God.

#### FRESH STRAWBERRIES ARRIVE.

California Grown Products on Local Markets Sure Signs of Spring. Local dealers of fruits and vegetables today introduced California grown strawberries—fresh and in good condition, long trip considered. They are selling at 25 cents per box.

#### DROWNED CHILD BURIED.

Wallowa Girl of Four Years Falls Into Millrace and Is Drowned.

Wallowa, April 25.—(Special)—The remains of Vivian Houghton, aged four the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Houghton, were buried yesterday, the ceremony being the climax of a distracting incident here the day previous. The little girl had been playing near a mill race when she fell in the stream and was carried to the river. Fellow playmates ran for assistance but before it reached the scene, the little girl was far out in the stream. The train was just pulling into the station and its crew and passengers rushed to the rescue. A half hour elapsed, however, before the body was recovered and although physicians worked with the body, the exposure and water had done its work. The little girl died soon after being taken from the water. The parents are poor people, the father being employed as a section hand. A large number of people saw the distressing incident.

#### OLYMPIC STILL IDLE.

Strike of Stokers and Sailors Retards Big Boat.

Southampton, Eng., April 25.—The liner Olympic late today is still lying off Ryde, Isle of Wight, because of their inability to obtain stokers to take the places of 300 who struck because they claimed the life saving facilities aboard the steamer were not sufficient. Collapsible lifeboats are to be tried out and if satisfactory the strikers will man the ship and the

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# Don't Delay Come Today

Olympic will sail tonight. The Olympic is a sister ship to the Titanic.

**ORGANIZE ASSOCIATION SOON.**  
Subscribers to Fair List Are Urged to Attend Meeting Monday Night.

President P. S. Robinson, of the Commercial club, has called a meeting of all subscribers to the fair grounds subscription list, and all others interested, to attend a meeting next Monday night when the association will be organized and work on the park commenced.

It is important that all subscribers be present and have a voice in the government and organization of the association which has a four-fold purpose and duty in its creation.

**COAL STRIKE SETTLED.**  
Announcement of Anthracite Coal Workers Agreement Made.

Philadelphia, April 25.—George E. Baer, president of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, has announced a sub committee representing the anthracite miners and the owners are prepared to report, recommending the terms and conditions of settlement of the disputed points. He said the full committee will meet in New York on May 2nd to receive the report. The details of the settlement are not announced.

### ROOSEVELT LETTERS OUT

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**TAFT FIGHTING "MAD."**  
First Fighting Speech of the Campaign Is Delivered Today.

Aboard Taft's Special, en Route to Springfield, Mass., April 25.—Pres-

ident Taft invaded Massachusetts today, planning a strenuous attack on Roosevelt in the furtherance of his campaign for re-nomination. He will make a number of speeches before the Massachusetts' primaries next Tuesday.

The most important speech Taft will deliver is to be in Boston tonight where he is expected to reply to Col. Roosevelt's charges that the Taft administration has been supported by Senator Lorimer.

Springfield, Mass., April 25.—Bitter denunciation of Roosevelt by the man whom he put in the white house chair featured Taft's first appearance in his campaign as a fighting man. His remarks brought forth hearty cheers from a big audience. Taft declared he believed that Roosevelt, if he is again elected, would be almost impossible to dislodge from the presidency. He said another term for the "rough rider" might result in a lifetime dictatorship. He quoted Roosevelt's third term statement in 1904 again in 1908, and gave Roosevelt full credit for electing him in 1908, and then said: "Neither in word, thought or act have I been disloyal to my friendship for Roosevelt."

Taft said that so far as his personal feelings go, he would not reply to the attacks of Roosevelt on the administration, or accusations against him, but said the cause he represented, the cause of those republicans who believed in the constitution, is entitled to a defense. Taft attacked Roosevelt as being unsafe for the presidency. He said that Roosevelt was a dictator who, once receiving a third term, would cling like a leech to the presidency, and never would leave it until death removed him. Taft's voice trembled with emotion as he spoke these words. He closed by saying that Col. Roosevelt was a man of such a strong personality and so little respect for the courts and so little regard for the constitution that he could not be trusted as president.

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