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LET CHARLIE JAMES EXPLAIN.

Charles W. James, for years warden of the state penitentiary, and who was recently dismissed from the service by Governor West, is well known in Eastern Oregon and he is a man whose word is good in this country. As a prison official he has borne the reputation of being one of the best, having made a study of criminology for some time past.

He was dismissed from the state's employ by the governor and little if any reason was given. Of course the governor has the power to do such acts, but with a man of Charlie James standing there is a disposition to hear more of the case. In fact, the general public would like to hear from Mr. James. He is entitled to be heard and it is his duty as a citizen of Oregon to discuss the matter and give all the light possible.

No one wishes to detract from any economic stand taken by the governor for goodness knows Oregon needs economy above everything else, except the crippling of efficient service. However, let's be frank and open with each other and hear the story of Charlie James.

Arcade Theatre

REFINED ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE.

"PATHE WEEKLY NO 12"

This popular topical weekly has a very large number of interesting news items.

"MRS 'ENRY 'AWKINS"

..... Viagraph

Very pleasing dramatic story

Miss Langdon in popular song.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, THE PASSION PLAY

"PERCY'S VISIT" Eclipse

Percy invites himself to stay a few days at Charlie's house.

The latter is not over-pleased with Percy's nerve and tells the servants he will double their wages if they will get rid of him.

"THE INDIAN AND THE CHILD" Essanay

A western drama.

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A very lively comedy.

Ray and Rayette—Singing, talking and dancing act.

HALF A MILLION!

Half a million dollars is a lot of money.

Yet that is the amount which will be asked for by the boosters of the Panama exposition at the next session of the legislature.

Think of it, Half a million dollars. And for what?

What has the bulk of any fair appropriation ever been spent for? Entertainment, dining and wining eastern magnates, railroad presidents and promoters.

Is Eastern Oregon favorable to such an appropriation?

Think it over and then take the matter up with your representative to be.

And always remember that it is very easy to pass appropriation bills, but the amount always shows up in the tax for the following year and the people bear the burden.

It would see mthat taxes are high enough.

PARCELS POST CHARGES.

The following communication has been received from Senator Bourne pertaining to the parcels post:

Postal rates on parcels vary with distance, thus protecting local merchants and competing with express companies.

Third and fourth classes of matter are combined.

A special rate of one cent an ounce up to four ounces is provided for circulars and small packages of goods.

Rates are as follows:

Local, city and rural delivery only, 5 cents for the first pound and 1 cent for each additional pound.

Within 50 mile zone, 6 cents for first pound and 2 cents for each additional pound.

Within 200 mile zone, 7 cents for the first pound and 3 cents for each additional pound.

With 500 mile zone, 8 cents for first pound and 4 cents for each additional pound.

Within 1000 mile zone, 9 cents for the first pound and 5 cents for each additional pound.

Within 2000 mile zone, 12 cents for the first pound and 10 cents for each additional pound.

Outside 2000 mile zone, 12 cents for the first pound and 12 cents for each additional pound.

These rates are based upon a careful computation of the actual cost of collecting, distributing and delivering packages, plus actual cost of transportation.

Weight limit 11 pounds, and maximum charge 12 cents—the international limit and rate.

Chinese Stabbed, Then Robbed.

Medford, Ore., May 13.—Wo Lee, a Chinese, was robbed at an early hour today of \$800.00 in gold by an unknown Chinese. In a struggle with the robber, Wo suffered several cuts over the heart. Wo Lee struck when he refused to give the robber the key to his money chest. The intruder then stabbed him, then got the key, and took the money.

WRITER OBJECTS TO BALL GROUND

CLAIMS PROPERTY IS CONFISCATED BY FAIR GROUNDS.

J. T. Williamson Expresses Views of Proposed Building in East La Grande

Editor Evening Observer:

In a recent issue of your paper, there was an account given of a very enthusiastic and harmonious meeting at Honan hall of the promoters and organizers of the Union County Fair association. In that article there was no mention made of any objection to the permanent establishment of a fair ground and race course in a residence district within the city limits.

I have no objections, and I don't believe any fair minded citizen of our city would object to assist in every reasonable way to establish and maintain a fair ground that would be a credit and a benefit to all concerned, but a fair ground, with its noisy contingents of horse racing, trap shooting, baseball and other circus attractions that will very soon become a nuisance in a residence part of our city and rob the property and homes of at least half their present value, is no fair to the citizens of that section.

At that meeting at Honan hall, I told the people who were there at that time of the objectionable features and entered a special objection against the establishment of the grounds. There was no reply made and they went ahead with their organization regardless of objections and a very glowing account was given of it in your paper. The facts are that some weeks ago there were two men who came here from Boise and together with a citizen of our town were very desirous of having a special meeting with the directors of the commercial club. We called a special meeting and heard their proposition which was mainly for the Commercial club to stand sponsor to and liable for the launching of a baseball aggregation, together with other attractions, that would pay all expenses and maybe some left for the Commercial club treasury. After listening to their figures, based on visionary conclusions, to a very late hour, the matter was left to be taken up at the next regular meeting and after discussing the matter at length at the next regular meeting, it was decided that it was not well for the Commercial club to father the scheme and it was turned down. A few days after I was advised that a committee was canvassing subscriptions for stock to promote the proposition, and wishing to be fair with the promoters and subscribers to stock, I immediately stated to a member of the committee my objections to placing a condition in a residence district in the city that would be a nuisance and a damage to the property owners and their homes, and informed him at that time that I, for one, would do all in my power to prevent it, presuming that he would inform the rest of the committee and the subscribers to stock. I also appeared at the meeting at Honan hall and informed all present that there would be objections filed.

Now, I wish to say in all fairness to the citizens and of Union county, that I have no objections to and am ready to assist in the establishment of a credible fair ground, but if the stock subscribers or promoters persist in placing conditions in the residence district of the city to the detriment of the value of mine and other property, that I am going to stop it, if possible. I have consulted as good counsel as there is to be had and have my course laid out, that will not be varied from and if there is any law that will prevent people from confiscating property and appropriating it for their own pleasure, then I will prevent it and I feel very certain of my ground, and if the promoters spend money to their loss, it will not be my fault, for they have had notice.

I make these statements in all fairness to the people of La Grande and Union county and to all concerned. I feel and believe that I am right and will follow my convictions.

J. T. WILLIAMSON.

Pitcher Walter Johnson is still the party that keeps Washington on the map. The old Idaho boy makes the heavy hitters jump through a hoop.

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GATHERING OF CHURCH FOLKS

EPISCOPAL CONVOCATION IN LA GRANDE.

Program to Be Carried Out is Published Herewith Today.

Appended is the program of the Eastern Oregon missionary gathering in La Grande tomorrow and next day:

Tuesday, May 14.
10 a. m.—Conference of Clergy.
4 p. m.—Preliminary meeting of convocation in Honan Hall with address by Bishop Paddock.
7:30 p. m.—Evening service with two addresses.
8:45 p. m.—Reception in Honan Hall.

Wednesday, May 15.
9:30 a. m.—Morning prayer.
10 a. m.—Holy Communion with sermon by Bishop Wells of Spokane.
11:15 a. m.—Organization of Convocation and House of Churchwomen in Honan Hall.
1 a. m.—Lunch.
2 p. m.—Reassembling of Convocation.
5 p. m.—Adjournment.
7:30 p. m.—Closing Service.
The convocation will transact its business in the south room and the House of Churchwomen in the north room of Honan Hall. The services will be in the church.
A cordial invitation is issued to the public generally to attend these meetings.

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