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THE VEHICLE ORDINANCE

La Grande's council is to be commended for getting right down to business on the vehicle ordinance passed last night. The safety of life depends upon it and now that it is a city law every person should assist in its enforcement.

The valley and city are filling with automobiles at a remarkable rate, and besides this the horse traffic is still very large. Without regulation on the streets there is bound to be an accident after accident with probable loss of life.

Everyone should read the ordinance carefully and digest every point. It will be widely circulated and but too much publicity cannot be given it. All officers should know it by heart, as well as every auto driver.

Fast driving within city limits is dangerous and must be stopped. The automobile club can render valuable assistance to the enforcement of this new law, and without doubt it will.

WHY NOT GO TO JOSEPH?

The Union Live Stock association has chartered a train for a trip to

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Wallowa county on the 22nd day of May, returning the day following. Why not go with the neighbors on this trip? There will be good fellowship, a lot of fun and a chance to get in closer touch with Union people from a friendly viewpoint.

The train is their advertising medium for letting Wallowa county know what is going on at the stock show in June and no effort will be omitted to insist on Wallowa people coming to the big event. A closer association of the people of these two counties has long been desired. It is needed, very badly needed, and now is a good time to show the right spirit by joining the Union excursion and having a good time with the 75 representatives of that city who will cavort and junket to the head of the Lake and back again.

CURREY BELIEVES IN ADVERTISING.

George Currey, for many years an owner of the Evening Observer, has not lost faith in printer's ink. He has been in the real estate business for some time and insists that his success is largely due to advertising. A few days ago he advertised a farm for sale. The advertisement cost but a few cents. It found a buyer and the sale was closed on the strength of the few cents he paid to this paper. Too often some business men overlook the possibilities of advertising. Stop for one moment and think that this newspaper talks to the people of Union and Wallowa counties every day. How long would it take the individual to go from house to house and tell what he has to sell. Yet the Observer fulfills that mission daily.

MORE PUBLICITY NEEDED.

Considerable agitation is going on about so many measures being placed on the ballot this fall. There is nothing so radically wrong about this that we can see.

What is needed is more publicity. As matters now stand the voter does not get a chance to see the bills he is voting for, all he sees is the title, which is wrong. A copy of every proposed measure should be in the hands of every voter in the state. That is the way to encourage interest in direct legislation and eventually that is what will happen, rather than repealing the laws as they now stand. More publicity, more information. That is what is needed and what the people are demanding at this particular time.

ONE OF MAN'S BEST FRIENDS.

A boy who had been born blind, but who had recovered his sight through an operation, was asked to name the most beautiful thing in the world.

"A tree," he said, without a moment's hesitation. Folks who have had their eyes opened to the true beauty of this passing world, will go far toward endorsing this boy's choice. For a tree, if not actually the most beautiful thing on the earth, at least deserves to rank high in the scale of beauty as applied to nature. Certainly there is nothing in organic nature more stately and impressive than a great tree—say an

oak a thousand years old, or a sequoia that has stood since the beginning of the era.

This beauty with which a tree is invested in our eyes is due, not to the lines of the tree in themselves—for it is not the most graceful and symmetrical trees that look most beautiful to us—but rather to the intimate relation that there has existed between man and the tree from the dawn of time onward. The way many La Grande people butcher shade trees is a shame.

For the tree has been man's mainstay from time immemorial. It was his first shelter, his tower of refuge, his fortress in time of strife. It gave him his first weapons—his club, his spear shaft, his bow. Its bark and its branches went to make his first home. And today, although he thinks he has gone far beyond the stage when the tree is essential to his well being, he is still dependent upon the tree for much that goes to make life worth living. If every tree on earth were to be withered to the roots tomorrow, it would not be long before man would wither, too. For a world without trees would be utterly uninhabitable.

Thus we have grown to love trees for what they have been to us, and thus it is that they are beautiful to us. Strangely enough, though the tree has thus been so much to man, man has never been to the tree but a destroyer. If one could see the procession of the centuries in panorama it would doubtless seem to him that man's sole mission in life, outside his occasional fit of man-killing, was to devastate the forests of the earth. Only within the past hundred years has he begun to wake to his folly in this regard.

It's high time we were waking. Henceforth we must feel something more than a mere sentimental regard for trees—we must cherish and foster them as the very guardians of the flame of human life. For they are just that. The happiness, even the very existence of the human race of the future, hangs upon the perpetuation of the forests of the earth.

Roosevelt is right when he says that "the progressive movement is not dependent upon any man or group of men." The movement is a condition. It has been arrived at through years of betrayal of the people by men and groups of men. It is the outgrowth of diseased political conditions. It means the irresistible tide of popular sentiment or it means nothing. Of its own inherent and intrinsic force it should grow power from its own strength, but it will not be governed by the fortunes of any man or group of men.

No, indeed a woman should never do the proposing. She should make the man propose, and then if anything goes wrong she can blame him for it.

Complaints about the high cost of living are expected to abate now that the price of golf balls has been reduced.

A Cleveland sausage factory pays \$11,000 in dividends on a capitalization of \$4,400. That's something to bark about.

By nominating Dr. Porras for president, voters of Panama indicate the republic's need of a Porras plaster.

It Ended All Right.

The old lady who entered the coach at a country station had an anxious face and confided to her neighbors that she had but once before been on a railroad train. This was soon evident after the first half hour, when every time the train stopped she inquired if it was New York. Then she became anxious lest the train should arrive late, and "Maybe Lyddy would be late, and I wasn't coming," she said.

"Didn't you tell her which train you would take?" "Yes, indeed," said the old lady. "I told her to meet me at the New York evening train. There isn't more than one, is there?"

She was somewhat flustered when assured that there was more than one train, but was reassured when she talked to the conductor.

"All right, mother," said that functionary: "I'll stop the train at New York and see that you get off safely."

And when the train rolled into the station and the old lady met Lyddy and embraced her the passengers exchanged a smile of pleasure.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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CONVOCAION ADJOURNS

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was given by Prof. Stout. Bishop Paddock appointed as council of advice:

Rev. C. Quinney and Rev. U. H. Gibbs, Hon. Wm. Smith (Baker) and Dr. Malcolm Bronson.

A most delicious lunch was prepared by the ladies of St. Peter's parish at which addresses were made in most happy and entertaining style by

Mr. Gibbs, Bishop Wells, Mrs. Louise Wood, Rev. E. T. Simpson, Mrs. Lulu D. Crandall, George W. Proebstel and Jos. D. Slater.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies of La Grande for their courteous hospitality and delightful entertainment. After luncheon Miss Stearns of Cove took a number of photographs of those assembled at the entrance of Honan hall which will be reproduced in the church paper, in the east.

The afternoon meetings were of routine nature and death largely of the need of adaptation of the canons se-

lected to make them applicable to conditions in Eastern Oregon, a committee finally being appointed to report at the next meeting which will be held at Hood River.

In the evening a service was held at St. Peter's church with a most helpful sermon by Bishop Wells and a stirring address by General Missionary Jones, who during the past year has completed and opened the church at Prairie City and the hall at Vale. He has raised \$4,000, presented 70 for confirmation and baptized 46 persons.

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