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LA GRANDE'S CONSTANT HEALTHY GROWTH.

It is one thing for a city to make big claims and it is quite another for those claims to be substantiated by fact. To claim enormous business activity in public and extensive improvement without proof is a mere waste of time and puts a community in the light of the individual who handles the truth without proper regard, thus permitting shaken confidence to follow in the wake of every claim made in the future.

building is being erected by Jerry Foley, a public spirited man who has made plenty of money in La Grande and who is spending it in permanent improvements and income property. The five-story structure is to be thoroughly modern and fire proof. In fact it will be the best building between Portland and Boise. Years ago Mr. Foley was in the hotel business and he built the best hotel building between Portland and Boise and for years the Foley hotel carried that distinction. Following the trend of the times the same man who erected the best hotel in the interior country will now erect an office building that takes the same honor as did the hotel building in years gone by.

It is interesting to know when speaking of La Grande's growth that the building permits in March totaled \$35,327, while in April they totaled \$33,479 and up to the 24th day of May they reached \$22,199 for the fractional part of the month.

Residences are being erected all over the city. New roofs are everywhere in evidence, and along with the new residences comes improvement in lawns and grounds and street improvements.

These are not mere claims; they are absolute facts backed up by city records and the actual expenditure of money on the part of individuals.

Where can you find another city in the northwest that is doing the real improvement that La Grande is doing? Where can you find a city that enjoys the volume of business; that has the ready money produced by payrolls each month, which, added to the great volume of money produced by the live stock, agricultural, fruit and lumber business?

"ET TU, BRUTE!" Mr. Taft: "It gives me great pain to disclose the fact that Mr. Roosevelt is a political neurotic."

Mr. Roosevelt: "It grieves me beyond measure to confess that Mr. Taft is a political lemon."

Mr. Taft: "It wrings my heart-strings to denounce my predecessor as a blatant demagogue."

Mr. Roosevelt: "I am desolated by the necessity of unmasking my successor as the world's greatest glass crash."

Mr. Taft: "However painful it may be, the time has come to say that Mr. Roosevelt ought not to be elected keep out of a dog pound."

Mr. Roosevelt: "Thought it break my heart, I can no longer withhold the plain truth that as a president Mr. Taft is a great golf player."—Chicago Tribune.

William McMurray, general passenger agent for the O-W. R. & N. said in his speeches in Wallawa county recently that the railroad and Buffalo Vernon made the Pendleton round up and that Vernon and the railroad would make the Union horse show fine. It might be well for the fair association to negotiate with railroad and Vernon for the fair this fall.

Without band concert this summer the new amusement park, which will be better known as the fair grounds, will not be complete. La Grande has a good band—the best in Eastern Oregon at present—and it is up to the city to support and maintain it, which will be done with the very best of humor and good feeling.

Colonel Goethals in charge of the construction of the Panama canal, may resign rather than remain to undertake the opening of the canal without a properly trained administrative force.

Eighteen teams are working on the race track at the new fair grounds. Contracts have been let for the fencing and the grand stand. This looks like a permanent fair and race meet, sure enough.

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57 years in prison. He made a mistake by not going into Philadelphia politics.

So long as the moving picture films hold out the world at large will know that there is still a war between Turkey and Italy.

H. K. Thaw wants to get out of Matteawan and the fact is being printed as news by some of the papers.

A theologian says there is no cooking in heaven. Then it will not be really heaven to a great many people.

Beauchamp Clark seems to be doing a little better than was expected among the masses, in spite of his first name.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- 1828—James Whitfield consecrated as fourth Roman Catholic archbishop of Baltimore.
1845—Sir John Franklin sailed from England on his last expedition to the Arctic.
1862—Confederates under Gen. Stonewall Jackson drove Gen. Banks from Winchester.
1892—Silver anniversary of Nebraska celebrated at Lincoln.
1899—Rosa Bonheur, famous French painter, died. Born March 22, 1822.
1911—President Diaz of Mexico resigned and Minister De la Barra was inaugurated provisional president.

"THIS IS MY 69TH BIRTHDAY."

General Bennett H. Young, the new commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, was born in Nicholasville, Ky., May 25, 1843. He attended Centre college, Danville Ky., and Queen's college, Toronto and later graduated from the law department of Queen's college, Belfast, Ireland. He served in the Confederate States army under Gen. John H. Morgan and conducted the historic St. Alban's Raid. General Young has four boasts he sometimes makes. These are: "I never swore an oath; I never told a lie; I never drank whiskey; I never touched a card."

News For Next For the Coming Week Washington, D. C., May 25.—The coming week will see the beginning of the end of the contests for the presidential nominations, so far as the election of delegates to the national convention is concerned. Interest will center chiefly in the presidential preference primaries to be held in New Jersey Tuesday. The contest between Taft and Roosevelt is similar to the contests always fought out in Massachusetts and Maryland, the other two eastern states in which general primaries have been held, and it is the general belief that the victor in New Jersey will win by a narrow margin. On the Democratic side it is a fight by Governor Woodrow Wilson to secure the solid indorsement of his home state against the strenuous efforts of his opponents to split the delegation. Kentucky's 25 delegates to the democratic national convention will be chosen in Louisville Wednesday. The state convention, which will name the four delegates at large, will be preceded in the forenoon by the conventions of the 11 congressional dis-

tricts. Speaker Clark is believed to have a good lead among the democrats of the Blue Grass state and the only question appears to be whether the delegates shall be instructed for him or shall go to Baltimore without instructions.

Other events on the political calendar for the week will include the democratic presidential preference primaries in Rhode Island, the democratic state convention at Butte to name Montana's eight delegates to Baltimore, the democratic and republican state conventions in Texas to ratify the results of the recent primaries and the Arizona republican convention to select six delegates to Chicago.

The annual convention of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, which will meet in Washington, and the fourth annual conference on city planning, in Boston, will be among the notable gatherings of the week. Meetings abroad of interest on this side of the Atlantic will be the 15th International Congress of Americanists, which will assemble in London Monday, and the meeting in Milan of the first international technical congress for the prevention of accidents and injury to laborers and for industrial hygiene. The United States will be represented at both gatherings. The German squadron, consisting of the flagship Moltke and the cruisers Stettin and Bremen, is due to arrive off Cape Henry Thursday. The vessels will remain off the capes until the following Monday, when they will enter Hampton Roads.

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