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REGRETTABLE AUTOMOBILE MATTER.

The prosecution of auto owners who have no license for 1912 at Union, and the feeling that arose over it seems bound to survive for a while. It was indeed hoped that the matter had ended that state of coma which means that everyone in a short time will forget it.

Instead of La Grande auto owners and Union people feeling apart over it, the scene has shifted to Union where locally there is some contention as to cause.

A letter from George Huffman is printed in this issue. Much as we regret that this should be put into print at this time we cannot deny a citizen of the standing of George Huffman space in his home paper to explain his side of any question.

This whole affair is magnified and should not have reached the fermenting stage that it has. Automobile owners who break the law should be punished, as we have said repeatedly, but the manner in which the whole thing has come about takes away the weight of the desire to enforce the law in

the minds of many. Rather has it reached a stage of local disagreement in Union, which is very, very unfortunate and the Evening Observer would recommend as a friend to all parties concerned, that the Union bunch get together and renew allegiance to each other and to their city which is deserving of intense loyalty.

A LEGAL PROBLEM.

The charming Clara Norris, of Elgin, and her gallant lover must have been reading Shakespear to some purpose. It was a favorite device of the great master to dress up his heroine in male attire and make her flee from her lawful guardians as Miss Norris has done. Shakespear seldom permitted his hero and heroine to dwell together in the woods without a chaperone, but that is a mere incident. We cannot expect real life to follow the model of the drama exactly in all particulars.

It is often said by critics that Rosalind and Imogene are Shakespear's two most lovable heroines. Both of them wore men's clothing at importunities in their careers. Rosalind posed as a man during the entire episode of the sojourn in the forest of Arden. Nobody who has witnessed the play finds her any the less charming for her adventure. As for Imogene, she put on men's garments in order to facilitate the search for her unfaithful husband. This does not differ essentially from the plight of Miss Norris, who has donned them in order to win a husband. In our opinion the prize is worth the effort.

The root of Miss Norris' troubles lies in the fact that she is only 17 years old. The law does not believe that she is sufficiently mature to select a husband for herself, and therefore, if the lover, young Hopson, is caught, it may go hard with him. In the eye of the courts he is a felon. But love has always been in the habit of laughing at courts and other ancient institutions. It is prone to take matters by storm and think of consequences only when it is too late.

Fond as we are of romance, we cannot fully approve of Hopson's conduct. It seems as if he might have waited another year until his sweet-heart had reached the proper age to decide the momentous question of marriage for herself. If he could not trust her to wait, perhaps he might have consoled himself with another bride in due time. But now the mischief is done and the authorities are confronted with a practical question for solution. Which is better, to make a felon of Hopson by prosecuting him to the last notch of the law or to permit him to dwell in peace with the girl who loves him? Which will be more agreeable to think of in a hundred years?—Portland Oregonian.

DECORATING THE GRAVES.

Instead of making a gala occasion of May 30th La Grande yesterday bowed its head in sorrow and deep grief for those who have passed to the Great Beyond. Patriotism was not overlooked for Col. Ivanhoe delivered a remarkable address to those of the civil war veterans who are left and to the general public. He made clear the duties of the present generation

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toward the boys in blue, to the flag and to the government. His reminiscences were rich in flavor for he came from the sunny southland and knows the heartbeats of those who were pitted against the northern army in the great war of the sixties.

Decoration of graves followed and people who have lost friends and relatives spent a few hours at the graves. It was an appropriate service—a service that sinks deeply into the human heart.

PUTTING UP BILL BOARDS.

Dave Steward Will Have One of the Best Plants in the Northwest.

D. H. Steward, owner of the Steward theatre, is erecting the best billboards he is able to buy. The boards are of iron and everyone is put up in a substantial manner. He has not finished the work yet as many more will be installed and when completed it is admitted by everyone that the bill posting plant in La Grande will be one of the best to be constructed. Mr. Steward, in this, as in everything else, is following his idea of when a thing is worth doing it is worth doing well.

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