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Managers who singly or collectively
are pests to humanity, are bobbing up
now and then in La Grande. Mashing
like horse-stealing is a dangerous
trick for in the first place only a
coward will try it and a coward is
likely to receive an awful drubbing
once he foists his contemptible at-
tentions to a lady or girl that can get
protection.

"THE ORDER OF BUSINESS."

Many readers have little or no con-
ception of the order of business at a
national convention. After the first
day it varies some but today, the open-
ing day, the process was like this:
Total number of delegates—1078.
Needed to nominate (a majority)—
540.

Scene—The coliseum, Chicago.
Capacity—11,188 seats, with dele-
gates and working newspaper men on
the platform and alternates and vis-
itors on the main floor and in the bal-
cony.

Convention opened at noon by the
chairman of the national committee,
with a brief speech commending the
past, present and future of the repub-
lican party.

Prayer. In this matter precedent
will be followed, and each session of
the convention will be opened with
a petition by clergymen of different

faiths, a Catholic on one day, a Jew-
ish rabbi on another, and ministers
of leading protestant denominations
at other sessions.

Reading of the call for the conven-
tion which explains the purposes of
the assemblage.

Chairman of the national committee
announces the name of the temporary
chairman. The selection of the national
committee is seconded by a
delegate chosen for that purpose, and
the temporary chairman assumes his
place.

Address by the temporary chair-
man, dealing only with generalities,
in which the keynote of the conven-
tion's platform and policies are set
forth.

Reading of the list of temporary of-
ficers of the new convention, who
have been named by the national com-
mittee, and which include Lafayette B.
Gleason of New York for secretary;
William F. Stone of Maryland for ser-
geant at arms, and Milton W. Blum-
berg of Washington as official report-
er, with several hundred assistant sec-
retaries, clerks, messengers and other
officials.

Resolution adopting the rules of the
past convention offered and adopted
by the convention.

Resolution providing for the ap-
pointment of the various committees
of the convention next introduced.
Each state and territory having a
delegate in the convention has a
member of one of the committees.

Roll call, which, after the reading
of a few names, is dispensed with.
Adjournment of the convention un-
til noon next day.

Tmat Irrigation Issue

Imbler, Oregon, June 18, Editor of
the La Grande Observer. Through the
columns of your paper I wish to re-
ply to an article in the June 12 issue,
headed How the Desert Blooms. Fol-
lowing is the clause which I wish to
take issue with you, on to wit: There
is no use to deny the well established
truth that all land in the Inland Em-
pire needs water. Valleys like the
Grande Ronde can get along without
it, but if the Grande Ronde valley had
water its crop yield would be increas-
ed three fold.

No, Mr. editor I have lived and
farmed in an irrigated country about
forty-five years and I challenge you
to show me an irrigated country the
size of the Grande Ronde valley that
will produce as much grain or fruit
per acre as this valley does and espe-
cially the Sand Ridge, which I
doubt very much would produce as
much with water as it is doing now.
There may be a few cases wherein
water would be beneficial, but not on
the Sand Ridge as we are already pro-
ducing more per acre one year with
another than Idaho or Utah does with
irrigation.

Yours respectfully,
J. P. LARSEN

NOT ALL IMBLER.

J. P. Larson, writing from Imbler,
takes issue with the Observer's recent
remark that irrigation would multiply
the productiveness of the Grande
Ronde valley. Mr. Larsen says, in a
letter published elsewhere, that Im-
bler needs no irrigation. We hope
he is right, and he probably is, but he
must remember that the valley is not
all Imbler. If he should cast his op-
tics toward the barren stretch where
flood water have recently been turned
to—namely the vast district between
Cove and La Grande he would find
that water is very essential. It is a
credit mark to Imbler if she needs no
irrigation, but there is room for argu-
ment relative to the statement that
"water would do the sand ridge no
good."

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"PICTURES OF QUALITY"

Joseph Councilman Assaulted

(Enterprise Record-Chief-tain.)
Councilman L. E. Caviness was at-
tacked and severely beaten at Joseph
by "Dick" Martin, city marshal of
Joseph, last Tuesday. Martin, it is
said, had an old grudge against Caviness.
The occasion for the assault
was a trival matter concerning Mr.
Caviness' operation of his automobile.
Martin went before Recorder Aug.
White, of Joseph, pleaded guilty and
was fined \$10. In the evening fol-
lowing the attack Martin's resignation
as city marshal was accepted by the
council in adjourned session. Earlier
in the day Martin surrendered his
star and keys to Mayor F. P. Mc-
Cully. Ex-marshal L. A. Bedingfield
has been appointed marshal.

Later reports from Joseph indicate
that 4 or 5 ribs were broken by Mar-
tin. Caviness was one of the mem-
bers of a former council which in
February of this year removed Martin

from office for alleged discourtesy to
a then councilman. After the last
city election, Mayor McCully reap-
pointed Martin.

The wandering Elk from Missouro
who were entertained here yesterday,
left this morning by the tie route for
Pendleton from where they go on to
Portland.

of the "Dive! and the Servant in the
House," and will be seen at Sherry's
Monday and Tuesday. This with three
other good pictures, "The Trail of
Gold," presenting Ruth Roland, in a
clever western drama, by the Kalem
company, and "Dream Dances," per-
formed by Virginia Myers, a baby girl
of five years and produced by the Ed-
ison company, and last but not least,
"How Patrick's Eyes Were Opened"
by the aid of a "projecto-optican," an
instrument that can be attached to
the 'phone enabling him to see the
person that he was conversing with,
make an interesting program that
will be enjoyed by all who see it.

Notice for Sale of Improvement Bonds

Notice is hereby given that the
city of La Grande, Union county, Ore-
gon, will receive sealed bids for the
purchase of improvement bonds in
the sum of \$13,062.35, bonds in de-
nomination of \$500.00 each, bearing
6 per cent interest per annum, up to
5 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, June
19th, 1912; said bids to be filed with
the recorder of the city and to be
accompanied by a certified check for
5 per cent of the amount bid. The
successful bidder will be required to
pay for said bonds within ten days
after notice that said bonds are ready
for delivery.

Recorder of the City of La Grande,
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Treasurer's Call for City Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there
are now funds on hand to pay all
outstanding warrants on general fund
of La Grande city up to and includ-
ing No. 9931. Endorsed Dec. 10, 1910.
Interest on all warrants on general
fund from No. 9764 to No. 9931 inclu-
sive ceases from this date.
There are also funds in the treasury
to pay all warrants issued against wa-
ter fund of La Grande city up to and
including No. 10783 endorsed July 5,
1911. Interest on all warrants on
water fund from No. 10634 to No. 10-
783 inclusive ceases from date of this

call.
La Grande, Oregon, June 15, 1912.
RAY W. LOGAN,
City Treasurer.
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