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THAT ASTER SHOW.

Backed by the women of La Grande who never start anything they can't finish and finish right, and art known always to be able to "do" things, the annual aster show is to be held shortly. This may be contrary to general report but the fact remains there will be an aster show again and the women who do these things have never thought of giving up. They are just now preparing to name the right place, the right time and the right program so that when it is held it will be just a right proposition. Leave it to the women to do things and they will always be done. There is some discussion of making a sweet pea show in connection, all of which is just, right and proper. The two plants mingle pretty nicely especially when it is the product of La Grande soil and the fruit of La Grande propagation. Did you ever stop to think that the real value of a rose, or a plant or anything to be admired for its beauty or its possibilities in the beauty line depends so much on the manner of its culture? Well it does and La Grande folk have cultured asters as the city's rose garden standby so long that scores have become proficient, many experts. The aster show always brings to the front the best the city produces, hence let it be brought forth. The day will be announced, the women will take care of the rest except to drag the uninitiated or disinterested ones to the show and that is up to the individual.

FOR THE RELEASED PRISONER.

When a man leaves prison how much money should he have? The question developed considerable discussion at the joint meetings of the Michigan prison management boards recently. Some were inclined to think that a prisoner should have a liberal amount with which to begin a new life; others pointed out the danger that the possession of any considerable amount of money was likely to make a man accustomed to much cash think he was a millionaire and thus indirectly lead him to excess. A spirit of recidivism often is encouraged by the possession of too much capital. Yet, on the other hand it does not seem just that a man who has conducted himself well in prison, who has earned money for the state and who, by overtime work, has shown that he desires to better himself should not have a nestegg available when he re-enters the world. Take, for instance, the case of a prisoner who has served ten or fifteen years behind the bars. It is reasonable to suppose that his labor not

only has paid for his keep, but also provided a surplus. Then comes the question whether society is entitled to seize this surplus or whether the right principle is not to give it to the man himself as a basis for rehabilitation. We incline to the latter view. At the same time the temptations likely to arise as the result of his having a comparatively large sum of money cannot be denied.

Can not this danger be avoided by the state holding this cash for a time and giving it to the prisoner in installments and only on the condition that he continue to behave himself? Today many prisoners are being released on parole. Would it not be feasible for the state to act as guardian of funds deposited to the credit of paroled men and instead of putting in their hands a lump sum make advances only as their needs require and their conduct merits?

By this method the dangers would be avoided and an additional incentive offered released prisoners to make good and keep on making good.

CALAMITY HOWLERS VAMOOSE.

The size of the crowds in La Grande today is but a slight token of the prosperity of the valley. People don't go to circuses when they are "broke" because so few get comps. When you see a circus tent crammed with ten to fifteen thousand people in a small city like La Grande it means that there are prosperous people in that vicinity; it means the residents have money enough to take their families, big or small, and that they can find time to go. Anybody starting a calamity howl in his region is distinctly out of order, out of place, and had best take to the tall timber where howling is less dangerous. Yes, dangerous, for in a healthy community the healthy ones resent calamity groans.

According to reliable report there is a man in Michigan who uses his wife's tight skirt for an umbrella cover.

From Paris comes the announcement that electricity can relieve hunger. It does at Sing Sing.

An aeroplane has crossed the Atlantic—but on the dock of a freight steamer.

Scientists say there are more great men among blondes than among brunettes, but this is no reflection upon Booker T. or John Artha.

ROOSEVELT AT SAN JUAN.

(From the Journal.) Portland, Or., Aug. 26.—To the editor of the Journal—A news item states that Roosevelt is to pose for moving pictures of his career, for campaign use, and that in the miles of films will be the famous charge on San Juan hill. It has been stated on what seems good authority that he was not in the fight at San Juan hill. Can the Journal give us some information on the subject? L. D. R. Ridpath's "History of the World," in describing the battle of San Juan hill, says:

"The Rough Riders, under the immediate command of Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, distinguished themselves by their valor." Also, the



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'American infantry, now rising again from its protected positions and following in the wake of Roosevelt's regiment of Rough Riders and a regiment of brave colored soldiers who had gone forward with them over some of the lines lying flat in the grass, renewed the charge and rushed on to the crest without further resistance.'

Douglas Fairbanks is to go on tour as "Officer 666."

NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 3rd day of April, 1912, creating improvement district No. 59 and designating Third street, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 7th day of August, 1912, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Third street, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon gravel bitulithic pavement, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected by said improvement is as follows: The east half of block 108 and all of block 109, Chaplin's addition and the west half of block 9, Coggan's addition, all in the city of La Grande, Oregon.

All that portion of Third street from the south side of Washington avenue to the north side of Main avenue. (A) And the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows: The east half of block 9 and the west half of block 1, Grandy's addition, all in the city of La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by said improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$2,525.18. That the council will, on the 4th day of September, 1912, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock, p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, August 21, 1912. CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON. By C. M. HUMPHREYS, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon. Aug. 21-1912

NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 7th day of August, 1912, creating improvement district No. 60, and designating Greenwood avenue as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 7th day of August, 1912, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Greenwood avenue in said improvement district as hereinafter described by laying thereon gravel bitulithic pavement, the council will ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows: All that portion of Greenwood avenue from the north side of Washington avenue to the south side of Adams avenue.

(A) And the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows: The east half of block 108 and all of block 109, Chaplin's addition and the west half of block 9, Coggan's addition, all in the city of La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by said improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$2,000.18. That the council will, on the 4th day of September, 1912, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock, p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, August 21, 1912. CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON. By C. M. HUMPHREYS, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon. Aug. 24-1912

Notice to Creditors. In the district court of the United States for the district of Oregon. In the matter of O. Phelps Frost, bankrupt; No. 2104 in bankruptcy. Notice is hereby given that on the

22nd day of August, A. D. 1912, O. Phelps Pratt, of Union, Oregon, the bankrupt above named, was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the offices of the undersigned, rooms 401-2-3-4-5 Fenton building, Portland, Oregon, on the 5th day of September, 1912, at 10 a. m., at which time said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Claims must be presented in form required by the bankruptcy act, and sworn to. The schedule filed discloses estimated assets amounting to \$15,713.07. Dated August 24th, 1912. CHESTER G. MURPHY, Referee in Bankruptcy.

FIRE BLIGHT

(Continued from page 1.) which may be obtained for the ash. Fire blight is present in all fruit sections of Eastern Oregon. It must be controlled or it will cause enormous losses and may render the growing of pears and certain varieties of apples an impossibility. The county should provide ample and efficient inspection. Growers should be educated by lecture and demonstrations so that they will be able to recognize the disease, and intelligently cut it out. The state horticultural law should be rigidly enforced. Those who will not control the disease in the orchards voluntarily, should be forced to do so or their orchards destroyed. It should be thoroughly understood that a single tree containing a hold over canker is a menace not only to the orchard in which it is located but to all orchards in the vicinity. It is every grower's business to see that his neighbors eradicate the disease from their orchards. It should be considered a disgrace for an orchardist to leave diseased trees in his orchard over winter. The town lots should be just as carefully inspected as the commercial orchards. Frequently diseased trees in town lot orchards are a menace to an entire orchard district. Wild trees or ornamentals of the apple family such as haws, serviceberry, mountain ash, etc., should be watched and if diseased should be destroyed.

stroyed. The department of plant diseases of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis will do all in its power to aid growers in fighting the blight.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contains Mercury

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Catarrh Cure for constipation.

A Wonderful Tonic That Aids Digestion

Thousands are unable to digest certain kinds of food. In most cases it is not the fault of the food, nor the stomach. It is probable that the stomach has been abused. Many resort to pre-digested foods and various kinds of medicines to get relief from dyspepsia, indigestion and heartburn, but without permanent benefit. If your stomach was in perfect condition, you would not need medicine to digest the foods you eat. Jayne's Tonic Vermifuge is a stomach regulator. It gets the stomach in such a condition that it will digest food without other assistance. It overcomes the acidity and stimulates the coating of the stomach and intestines so that they will properly absorb and assimilate the nutriment from the food eaten. Sufferers from dyspepsia and indigestion will find permanent relief in a short time after beginning the use of the tonic. For children, the addition of a little sugar will make it most palatable. Many forms of supposed indigestion are the result of intestinal parasites, for which Jayne's Tonic Vermifuge is unsurpassed. Insist upon Jayne's; accept no other. Millions have praised it for more than eighty years. Sold by druggists everywhere. Dr. D. Jayne & Son, Philadelphia, Pa.

Notice to Contractors. Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, for the construction of approximately 900 lineal feet of standard board walk on the north side of G avenue between the east curb line of Fourth street and the west curb line of Eighth street. All bids to be in by 8 o'clock p. m. August 28th, 1912, and accompanied by a certified check for 5 per cent of the amount bid. The council reserves the right to reject any and all bids. La Grande, Oregon, August 21st, 1912. C. M. HUMPHREYS, City Recorder.

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The Strength of a Bank is based on the character of its assets, and of the men behind it. This bank, for twenty-five years a pillar of strength in this community, keeps its resources absolutely clean and dependable. Its officers will always see that its assets are of such a character that its strength can never be questioned. Upon this basis we invite your confidence and your account. La Grande National Bank LA GRANDE, OREGON. CAPITAL \$ 100,000.00 SURPLUS 120,000.00 RESOURCES 1,000,000.00 FRED J. HOLMES, President. W. J. CHURCH, Vice President. F. L. MEYERS, Cashier. EARL ZUNDEL, Assistant Cashier. Designated Depository of the United States government. United States Postal Savings Depository