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IN FUTURE.

The past is the rudder by which we guide the ship of the present, and it pays to refer often to the direction in which this ruder points in order to ascertain the drift of the present; but, also, it is well to occasionally mount the lookout tower and search the horizon of the future, both for dangers and blessings ahead.

The past has seen La Grande grow from an emigrant camp to the present metropolis of Eastern Oregon, never a standstill, but always forward with indulging in a boom, never staying at a healthy, steady growth. La Grande is not destined to become a city of millions, but it is certain to become the devoted home of many times the present number.

We are not expecting a boom at the present, nor would we welcome one, but indications point to a remarkable growth in the next two years. The hills to the south and west will be thickly populated resident districts; the north part of the city will become more and more thickly settled; the farms and the ranches across the river will be the suburbs of La Grande; east and to the south the city will gradually grow; but its greatest extension will be along the river, to the east and the north. Island City will be an addition—and an important one—to La Grande.

There are three trunk roads direct to this suburb at present, one following the O.-W. R. & N. track and passing by May Park, one following the north bank of the river and passing through Fruitdale, and one going out by the planing mill and passing through another fertile section. Many cross roads lie between these and the lay of the country indicates why the natural growth of La Grande will be in this direction. What were once large farms and ranches, are now 10, 20 or 40 acre tracts. These will gradually be divided into one to five acre orchards and gardens and even smaller homes for working men, business men, and others whose daily occupation is in the city.

And all this is not so far away. True, it means a city of 20,000 or more; but with the resources, the climate, the people, and the great Union and Wallowa counties behind it, it is not a mere vision of the distant future. The next census should total far past this mark. We should more than double in the next five years. Let everyone honestly and sanely boost La Grande and we will see these things taking place and being realized from day to day within our personal view.

Let us make our slogan "La Grande 20,000 in 1920," and realize it.

NO NIGHT HERE.

As proof that "great minds" run in the same channel, "artificial daylight" has been discovered simultaneously in England and Germany. This being the case, we shall soon be spared the necessity of going to bed at all, but can prosecute our work day and night, or both, just as we prefer.

Dr. C. F. Keeneth Moes of London has solved the problem within a limited area. He at first constructed a filter by means of dyes adjusted to follow a spectro-photometer curve, with the hope of securing a daylight lamp for measuring the sensitiveness of photographic plates.

This was not wholly satisfactory, so he continued his investigations with permanent dyes, and finally discovered a satisfactory blue which combined with the other colors to produce a permanent, as well as almost perfect resemblance to daylight.

This light power, however, loses by absorption 85 per cent, so it is applicable only within a small area. In small rooms it is useful, and the most delicate materials can be matched perfectly.

Dr. Voegel of Hamburg, Germany, has a scheme of studying color by artificial illuminants, and has contributed an article to an English publication showing the effects of gas, electric and existing daylight lamps on colors, as compared with daylight itself.

If either of these systems can be perfected, we may look for renewed activity in artistic and scientific circles.

LA GRANDE CHOSEN BY METHODISTS.

It is pleasant to note that the annual Methodist conference in session at Twin Falls chose La Grande as the meeting place for next year.

There are many good reasons why this city is a good place for Methodists to meet in, and these reasons are plain to both the bishop, the presiding elder and the resident minister.

We will not mention the great supply of poultry raised each year in the Grande Ronde valley, for really the yellow-legged chicken joke is as antiquated as the mother-in-law fable. But the fact that La Grande has good hotel facilities, the best transportation and a people that will delight in throwing open every home to the Methodists, which, coupled with the genuine harmony among all churches here and the good moral tone of the community, goes to make up sufficient reason why a Methodist minister feels perfectly at home in La Grande.

To the veterans who have fought the fight and fought it well, La Grande takes great pleasure in extending a welcome as cordial as a Methodist handshake and as genuine as the fervent "amen" which is heard from the corner of a meeting house during a good, old-fashioned revival meeting.

WHEN TOM WORD REFUSES—WHAT THEN?

Tom Word is one of Portland's most substantial reformers. He has been recognized for years as a sincere

worker in reform ranks.

In Governor West's sensational moral crusade Tom Word was asked to act as special agent over Sheriff Stevens. All who are acquainted with Tom Word will at once know that his refusal was not based on any partial affection he has for Stevens, but nevertheless Word refuses to act.

This indicates more strongly that Oregon's chief executive has thrown another spasm and is wading out in deep water without his legal bearings.

His demand for officials to do their duty is highly commendable, but he clatters about what he is going to do and only carries out a line of prattle he has been handing out ever since Geo. Chamberlain made the serious mistake of making West into a governor.

A Harvard professor has invented hot ice. But who wants to heat a cocktail?

Minnesota suffragists have adopted the darning needle as their emblem. Rather sharp, that.

During the County fair of Union county, September 9-14 inclusive, there will be many features to attract and entertain. The fastest horses of the Northwest will open the splendid American Association trotting circuit known as the Idaho-Oregon racing circuit, in the speed program for the week; there will be a fine line of stock and agricultural exhibits; Colonel Roosevelt will deliver a two-hour address on September 12, commencing at 9:30 a. m. While attending the big trap shoot in La Grande, arrange to see the county fair. For particulars address A. B. Cherry, La Grande, Oregon.

EXCHANGE ITEMS

Culled From Union and Wallowa Papers.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swackhammer left this week for Portland, and after a visit in the rose city, Salem, Alberta and other points, will proceed to Chicago for the fall and winter, where Mr. Swackhammer will continue his studies in medicine.—Union Republican.

The Farmers' union this week began preparation for handling the apple and prune crops of this section. The early apples come first, and it is the intention of the Union to handle all the fruit of this section that is marketable. The work of getting in boxes and making ready is now under way, and Secretary Baxter says there will be no rest until the fruit season is over.—Union Republican.

In Union county in the month of June there were four births, no deaths and thirteen marriages, according to the report of the board of vital statistics.—Elgin Recorder.

Mrs. Susan Ann Tobin, wife of W. S. Tobin, died in Union at 11 p. m., August 28 and the funeral took place from the Christian church Friday, August 30, at 2 p. m. Mrs. Tobin had been ailing for some time and her death with not unexpected. She was 58 years and seven months of age, and leaves a husband and six children to mourn her loss.—Union Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. U. R. Wilson are moving into their new home this week. The new structure, a five room bungalow, is constructed on a strictly modern plan. Built in book-cases, bureaus, a buffet and hall tree are features. There is a full basement and room in the second story, for three bed rooms, but they will not be finished at this time. John Langmo is the architect and builder of the house.—Wallowa Sun.

Denies Paroles.

Petitions presented to Judge W. J. Knowles of La Grande to parole X. Michellod, Chas. Runyon and J. W. Telev, now serving sentences in the Wallowa county jail for selling liquor, have been denied. In the opinion handed down, Judge Knowles bases his main reason for denying the paroles upon the fact that Wallowa county has at three different elections voted in favor of prohibition, and he believes the law should be enforced with the same strictness as any other law is enforced.—Wallowa Sun.

All Ready Now Fall Styles Are Waiting Your Selection Every express and every freight is bringing boxes and cases of bright, new, fall merchandise for every department of this great stock. In The Ladies' Store New Fall Suits New Long Coats New Dress Goods New Trimmings New Silk Dresses New Wool Dresses In The Men's Store New Society Brand Fall Suits New Benjamin Fall Suits New Gordon Hats New Stetson Hats New Tilt Shoes New Eagle Caps We Invite You to inspect and compare our quality and prices COME IN TODAY N. K. WEST The Quality Store



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

Real Literary Crumbs. The librarian opened the book wide and shook it hard. "Looking for possible love letters and mementos?" a visitor asked. "No; breadcrumbs," said the librarian. "Subsequent readers do not mind love letters, but they do object to breadcrumbs. Half the books brought back have crumbs tucked away between the leaves. That shows what a studious town we are. Our people are so enamored of literature that they can't stop reading long enough to eat; also it shows what a lonely town we are. Only people who live alone a great deal read anything except the newspaper at mealtime. And it shows what a slovenly town we are. In the interests of hygiene and aesthetics those voracious readers who cram their heads and their stomachs at the same time ought to clean their books of crumbs, but they never do"—New York Press.

Hindu Caste. The four grades of society among the Hindus are the Brahmins or sacerdotal class, who are said at the moment of creation to have issued from the mouth of Brahma; the Kshatriya of Chintsee or military class, sprung from the arm of Brahma; the Vaishya or Brah or mercantile class, from the thigh of Brahma, and Sudras or Soodors or servile class, from the foot of Brahma. The business of the Sudras is to serve the three superior classes, more especially the Brahmins. Their condition is never to be improved. They are not to accumulate property and are unable by any means to approach the dignity of the higher classes. These divisions are hereditary, impassable and indelible.

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