

ELGIN PAPER PRAISES FAIR

OFFERS WORDS OF ADVICE TO EXHIBITORS.

Pretty Compliment Paid to Recent La Grande Fair by Elgin Paper.

Editorially the Elgin Recorder passes the following warm compliment to the fair just held here, and to the management:

The men who put their money and work behind the county fair held last week at La Grande are entitled to the thanks of the people of Union county and to a greater measure of co-operation than they have yet received. They have provided a splendid fair grounds well equipped with all the buildings necessary at the present time, and the race program was worthy of high praise. Stock exhibits, also, were excellent, and the showing of draft, all-

purpose, standard and thoroughbred horses must have been a surprise to those unacquainted with the development of the horse industry in this county.

Taking it altogether the fair was a success and those who attended got their money's worth. The only failure was the display in the agricultural pavilion, and this was not the fault of the management, but of those who should have co-operated but allowed petty jealousies to stand in the light of their best interests. The agricultural pavilion is the most important feature of the fair and a fine display of products is one of the best possible means of securing desirable immigrants. The fair management offered quite liberal prizes for community exhibits, but with the exception of the Imbler district, there was no adequate response.

One trouble was that the time in which to create public sentiment and secure co-operation was too short. The time to begin on the next Union county fair is now. Plans for its betterment should be put in operation at once and the agricultural building should be filled from floor to ceiling, even if it is necessary for the management to buy the products and pay the freight on them to La Grande.

SYRIA'S HUGE MONOLITH.

Largest Stone Ever Quarried is a Relic of Antiquity.

One of the most interesting proofs of the wonderful civilization of the ancients is afforded by the great slab of stone at Baalbec, in Syria. This huge monolith is sixty-nine feet long, fourteen feet broad and seventeen feet in depth. It is said to be the largest piece of stone ever quarried and its estimated weight is 1,500 tons.

It is thought by archaeological scholars that this huge stone was intended by the ancient builders to adorn the Temple of the Sun near by—now, of course, in ruins. Here in one of the walls which still stand are to be seen huge slabs of stone, which careful measurements show to be sixty-three feet long and thirteen feet high.

And, more remarkable still, they are placed in position nineteen feet above the ground level. Moreover, although no sign of any cementing mixture is to be found in these ancient buildings, the stones have been squared and polished so evenly that only after the most minute search can the joints be found and when traced it is impossible to thrust the blade of a pocket knife between them!

How these things were done is a standing mystery to the scientist—Wide World Magazine.

THROWING THE DISCUS.

Methods of the Grecian Athletes in Homeric Times.

Discus throwing was a refined form of hurling the stone. In Homeric times, and even at Olympia, a stone or mass of iron was first used for the purpose. This was held by a leathern thong, swung in a circle and hurled as far as possible. A circular or lenticular disk of bronze was used at least as early as the beginning of the fifth century.

A standard weight must, of course, be assumed for the great games. A discus now in the British museum, which seems to have been used, weighs 11 pounds 9 ounces, but whether this was the standard weight or not is not definitely known.

The thrower took his stand upon a slight elevation of limited circumference, where he could have a secure foothold and was prevented from running. Then, with a swing of the arm and a corresponding movement of the whole body, he hurled the discus as far as possible.

The value of the body movement was recognized by the sculptor Myron in his famous statue, "The Discobolus," and is understood by the modern athlete when he swings the hammer or even when he makes a drive at golf.

The Guest House in Asia Minor.

The guest house is a real institution in Asia Minor. It is sometimes owned by an individual, but is usually the common property of the village. To this guest house, like the travelers' bungalow in India, every traveler has a right, but as all have the same rights one may have more company than he desires. However, the head man of the village will usually arrange matters for the foreign traveler, and the native guest will often courteously make way for him. In the guest house is one large room, in one part of which our horses munch their hay, with the drivers lying beside them, while in the other part we spread our rugs and set up our beds and unlimber our cooking apparatus. Some guest houses have two rooms connected by a wide opening, without a door. In one of which the animals and animal drivers sleep and in the other the pampered guests from abroad.—Dr. Francis E. Clark in National Magazine.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that Harvey Dahlstrom, administrator of the estate of Jhon H. Dahlstrom deceased, has filed in the county court of Union county, state of Oregon, his final account and report of his administration of said estate and the court has set Monday, the 7th day of October, A. D., 1912, at two o'clock p. m., as the time for the hearing of said report and all objections thereto.

Dated this September 6th, A. D. 1912.

HARVEY DAHLSTROM,
Administrator.

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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 18th day of September, 1912, creating improvement district No. 70 and designating O avenue, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 18th day of September, 1912, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of O 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 by 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 O avenue, from the west line of First street to the West line of Fourth street.

And the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows: The north half of blocks 74, 73, 72 and the northeast 1-4 of block 71, of Chaplin's addition to La Grande, Oregon; also the southeast 1-4 of block 70, and the south half of blocks 69, 68 and 67, of Chaplin's addition to La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$8,588.38. That the council will, on the 2nd day of October, 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, September 18th, 1912.

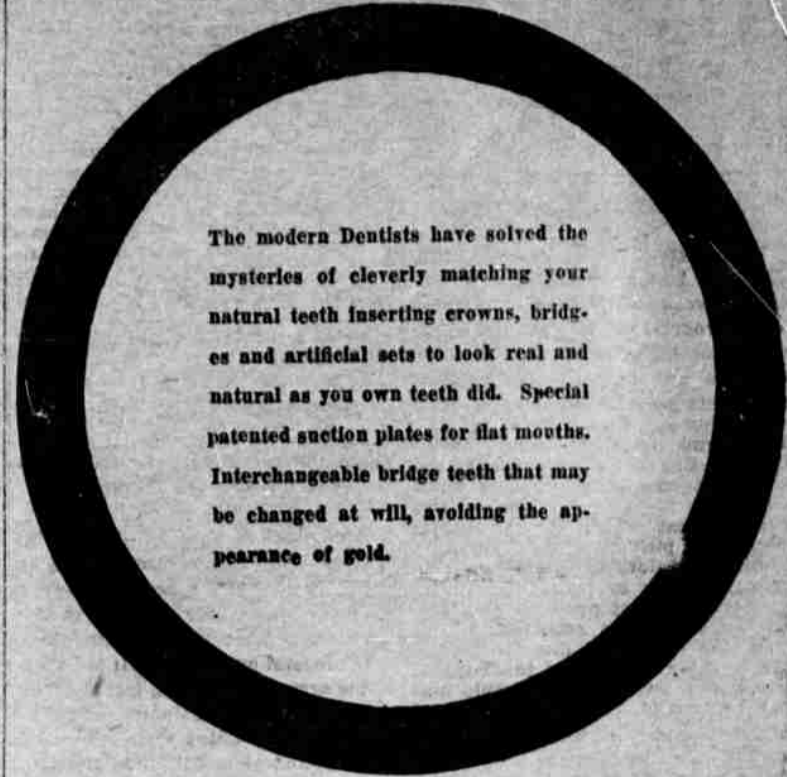
CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.

By C. M. HUMPHREYS,
Recorder of the City of La Grande,
Oregon. 9-21-101

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 17th day of April, 1912, creating improvement district No. 54 and designating Fourth street as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 3rd day of July, 1912, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Fourth 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 and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be improved

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