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SHOWING PROPER INTEREST.

The taxpayers of La Grande are to be commended for showing proper interest in the municipal election which occurs in December, regardless of the many other things that are claiming attention.

It is of the greatest importance to this city to elect the proper men as mayor and councilmen. La Grande is no longer a village. It is a city and has reached a period when vast sums are being expended for improvement. And the improvement has only fairly begun. From now on there will not be a meeting of the common council that does not mean much to every taxpayer. Keep up with the city. Take a deep interest in what is going on around you.

TO THE GOVERNOR'S CREDIT.

It is always more pleasant for a newspaper to applaud an official than to criticize him. And it is decidedly a pleasant task for the Observer to commend Governor West on the real business principle he is advocating in cutting out a lot of useless commissions and abolishing state offices that render little or no service to the people.

In the case of Tod Rinehart of this city who voluntarily resigned a few days ago and recommended that his office be abolished. No doubt Mr. Rinehart had some conscientious scruples and felt that "it was a shame to take the money" the state was paying him. But Tod would hardly have resigned had not the governor given intimation of what was in the air, and permitted the Union county man to make a hero of himself by claiming the center of the stage and demanding that his office be abolished. We believe the credit for this is due the governor, just as the credit for bunching a lot of useless commissions and urging they also be abolished.

The governor is getting down to actual business now and he will receive praise from every independent newspaper and voter in the state for his acts. His present actions are just as much to be admired as his pretended moral crusade was open for criticism. In the crusade he was tackling the impossible; he was fighting a condition that has existed since the beginning of history, hence his campaign was bound to fail and every practical person knew it when he started it. This gave the governor's move the label of grand stand-

ing. But in the business movement he has started he is absolutely right. He is carrying out many of the recommendations made by Jay Bowerman, all of which mean a saving to the people and the forcing of a lot of officeholders to work for their living.

Keep at it, Governor. You will find Eastern Oregon against you when you are wrong and with you when you are right.

THE SENATORIAL SITUATION.

With many of the substantial voters of Oregon the senatorial situation resolves itself into "Who can beat Bourne?" This is because he has by his actions repudiated everything that is held sacred in the primary law and forced the people to believe he has never been sincere in its advocacy. For a time it appeared that Dr. Harry Lane might be the strong man against Bourne. It was the natural conclusion. Lane is the Democratic nominee, while what should be the Democratic opposition has three candidates.

A close analysis of the present condition, however, develops the fact that Bourne has a Democratic following that is as large, if not larger than the Republican following. On every hand you can find Democrats who are deserting Lane for Bourne, some openly claiming that Bourne is the best Democrat in the state today.

With Lane losing this support, with Mr. Clarke picking up some of the Progressive strength, it looks at the present time like Ben Selling is the strong man against Bourne. In fact, to all appearances Bourne's advent in the senatorial contest will elect Ben Selling, for without him in the race Dr. Lane seemed to have the game almost won.

Selling's strength is a positive quantity. There is no guess work on the large Republican vote he will poll. Besides he will get quite a Progressive vote from men who know his record. He and Nick Sinnott have nothing to fear when their records are investigated on the Progressive lines, for each of them was thoroughly Progressive long before many others who now earnestly advocate the Progressive principles.

WHAT SINGLE TAX WILL DO.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Observer appears an interview from George Palmer. It should be read by every citizen of Eastern Oregon for it means much to the voter when he goes into the booth to cast his ballot.

The George Palmer Lumber company is one of the institutions that are positively making Eastern Oregon. It has brought in outside money and is developing a lumbering industry that has grown and will grow as time goes on. Its money is spent in every avenue of business in this city; besides large sums are expended among the producers for supplies. A concern that employs from 500 to 800 men is important not only to the country's development, but to the

army of people who assist in taking the Oregon tree and turning it into a commercial product.

Mr. Palmer takes no active part in politics. He takes the ordinary interest in every election that every voter takes, but at this time the Evening Observer felt his views on the proposed Graduated Tax amendment should be known. He has studied the question and knows whereof he speaks. We sincerely hope every person will read what he has to say and study carefully the effect such a measure will have upon La Grande, Union county and the entire Eastern Oregon country.

Program at Arcade Tonight.

- 1.—"The Sergeant's Boy." Two reel 101 Bison feature.
- 2.—"Love's Test." Comedy drama.
- 3.—Hermann The Great & Co. Hindoo Illusions.
- 4.—"Orator, Knight & Cow charmer." Comedy.
- 5.—Winkley & Chapman. Music. Coming son—"Dublin Dan."

ORIGIN OF THE PEARL.

The Prized Gem Only the Brilliant Sarcophagus of a Worm.

Science has discovered the real origin of the pearl to be a worm. Dr. Hugh M. Smith gives some interesting information on this subject in the National Geographic Magazine.

We know that almost any foreign body—a grain of sand, a bit of mud or shell, a piece of seaweed or a small animal—may by its irritation cause the mollusk to cover it with mure and make it the nucleus of a pearl, but the largest part of the annual pearl crop of the world is due to parasites that normally pass a part of their life cycle within the shell of the pearl oyster.

Minute spherical larvae of marine worms known as cestodes become imbedded in the soft tissues, as many as forty having been found in one Ceylon oyster. As the result of irritation the oyster forms a protecting sac about the intruder, and then, if the larva dies, its body is gradually converted into carbonate of lime, and the pearly mass proceeds to grow with the shell.

If the larva lives it may pass into the body of the strong jawed trigger fishes which prey on the pearl oysters, there undergoing further development. Ultimately it reaches the body of the great rays, which in turn eat the trigger fishes. In the rays the worms attain full development and produce larvae that are cast into the sea and find lodgment in pearl oysters. Thus the cycle is begun once more.

We may literally accept the saying of a celebrated French investigator that "the most beautiful pearl is in reality only the brilliant sarcophagus of a worm."

His Bid.

First Buyer—What did he want for that stuff? Second Ditto—Thirty shillings. First Buyer—What did you bid him? Second Ditto—Good morning.—London Answers.

Nothing to Brag About.

"I never hear you bragging about your ancestors."
"No. They all had to work for a living too."—Detroit Free Press.

VAST TIMBER

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timber, even though the tax amendment should be repealed. This makes the situation at present very acute.

"In a lumbering concern the heads, or the men who have money invested, are not the only ones to be considered. Every large business is necessarily a creature of co-operation, and it is for this reason that I feel like giving out this interview. We have from five hundred to seven hundred men with us. They are in our employ in a sense, yet every man who does his work is as essential to this plant as is the superintendent. The men co-operate with us to make this institution a success. To vote Graduated Tax on the industry means to vote to annihilate an enterprise that all of us who are employed here have worked hard to establish.

"The argument that no man should be taxed until he accumulates \$10,000 is absurd. What is the incentive for any man to accumulate that amount of property if the Graduated Tax is then to begin and tax it away from him?"

"I cannot believe the amendment will carry. I cannot believe that all over this state a majority of the people will adopt such an unjust proposition, thereby absolutely crippling

PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH.

Descendants of the Germans Who Came to This Country in 1682.

To most Americans the word "Dutch" means German. The Dutch are Hollanders from the Netherlands. New York was first settled by the Dutch from Holland.

The first Germans came to this country in 1682 and settled at Germantown. It is estimated that the Germans and their descendants in Pennsylvania numbered 100,000 at the time of our revolution. The descendants of these are called the Pennsylvania Germans or Dutch. The word Dutch is a corruption of Deutsch, meaning German.

The early Germans were followers of Menno Simons, known as Mennonites. They were persecuted in their own country on account of their religious belief and when Penn offered religious liberty it was gladly accepted by them. The persecuted Germans came largely from the Rhenish province, Wurtemberg, from the lower Rhine, Alsace, Saxony and Switzer-

Didn't Go In.

"I see you passed a candy store on your way home this evening."
"How in the world did you know that?"

"Because you didn't bring any candy with you."—Houston Post.

Spiteful.

"I'd like to see the man who could persuade me to promise to love, honor and obey him," said Miss Wellalong. "I don't blame you," replied the peevish bride.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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