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AGAIN.

The national election disturbed business conditions less this year than ever before. For a few days results of the election coming in has caused a little excitement but aside from that everything is settling down to a straightforward solid basis.

People have come to the conclusion that neither Democratic nor Republican nor Bull Moose party politics is going to create any big upheaval. They are willing to accept the majority decision and go on without raving or croaking as in days of old.

When Cleveland was elected the first time it took weeks for local affairs in small communities to adjust themselves and it took more than the four year term for the nation to adjust itself.

This campaign shows the United States to have grown past the primitive days of worrying much about president or the congress. It is now up to the Democratic party to make good and the public is willing to give it sufficient time to do so without throwing fit after fit because the nation went Democratic.

The Commercial club is fast getting located in its new home on the fifth floor of the new Foley building. The room is a fine one and the furnishings will be in keeping with the building. Secretary Humphreys is on the job all of the time and welcomes those who enter. And there are a good many entering already. While the formal opening has not been announced, many out of town people are taking advantage of the public hospitality and visiting the club rooms to find out more about Eastern Oregon's resources. The club, as it is now working, will be one of the most valuable public enterprises La Grande has ever had.

Another indication of La Grande's prosperity is the well organized social world here. No city of this size can boast of more social functions of a high order each week during the winter season than La Grande.

The improvement of the valley comes on with regularity. The light and power company has its transmission line completed to Elgin and this gives hundreds of farmers along the line the benefit of electric current, and also enables others to procure this luxury at a small cost by running short lines from the main trunk line. Electricity is one of the things necessary before any section can reach a high state of improvement.

ment and the Grande Ronde valley now has it.

Now comes the municipal election in La Grande, which in itself is of considerable importance and deserves careful consideration.

Lord Mayor in Office.

London, Nov. 9.—The streets between Guild Hall and the Law courts were lined with enormous crowds since early this morning, attracted by their desire to see the Lord Mayor's show, which promised some particularly interesting features this year. The buildings along the line of march were handsomely decorated with flags and bunting and presented a festive appearance. The procession was formed at Guild Hall and the neighboring streets and started on its march at half past ten in the forenoon.

The procession was headed by a detachment of city police, and then came the band of the Royal Artillery mounted. In the military division of the procession were contingents of London Territorials, regular troops, the bands and the boys of the Marine society's training ship Warspite. Then came the city companies or guilds with their banners and beards and historical emblems, large delegations of the various trades associations of the city, accompanied by their bands. A large body of Boy Scouts attracted considerable interest and enthusiasm along the line of march, more in fact than any other feature of the procession. The floats with representations of historical scenes were also well received.

Upon reaching the law courts the new lord mayor, Sir David Burnett, took the formal oath of office and was invested with the insignia of his position. The inauguration day closed with the customary big banquet at Guild Hall, which was preceded by the official inauguration reception by the new lord mayor and his former colleagues in the common council. The new lord mayor was born at Dalston in 1851, was educated at the City of London college and is an auctioneer and surveyor. He was first elected to the common council in 1885, became chief commoner in 1897, was elected alderman in 1902 and in 1907-8 served as sheriff of the city. He is a prominent Free Mason and in politics a Conservative.

Weeds Cause Trouble.

(Enterprise Record-Chief Clerk.)

Among the new suits filed in the circuit court within the last week are two of considerable general interest.

Aaron Wade began suit against the Amalgamated Sugar company for \$510 alleging that the company as tenants of his home ranch had done damage to it by sowing foul seed. The complaint states that Mr. Wade leased the ranch of 100 acres to the company in October 1909, for \$10 an acre. The lessor agreed to work the land carefully "and keep the same reasonably clear and free from weeds."

But, says the complaint, in the spring of 1912, defendant sowed seed not properly cleaned and "which contained seed of harmful and noxious plants and weeds, such as mustard and wild oats, and by reason thereof the soil was rendered foul and unclean." Several years of time and much labor will be needed, the complaint says, to remove the harmful plants and weeds, wherefore damages of \$500 are asked.

A second claim of \$10 is made for alleged damages to fences. J. B. Nicholson has sued W. H. Baker, F. S. Johnson and N. J. Hanson, Flora for \$1775 and costs, because of an injury alleged to have been suffered by plaintiff while employed in a sawmill in the north end town. On July 17, 1912, the complaint states, Nicholson's leg was caught "between the iron or steel top of the log carriage and a solid or fixed bumper" and broken, crushed and bruised. This

was caused, so plaintiff asserts, through the negligence and ignorance of Hanson, a fellow workman.

ELK COMING.

State to Send Carload of Young Animals—Herd Is Doing Well.

A carload of yearling elk will be added by the state of Oregon this winter to the herd now in Wallawa county. This is the first sent by W. L. Finley, state game warden, to Deputy W. E. Leffel at Joseph. The young elk will be fed in the valley until spring and then will be taken to the government pasture in the Chesimimus country.

The state has not been neglectful of the elk herd in the Billy Meadow pasture this summer. A new house and barn have been built there, and the big deer are well cared for.

In the next 15 days all the trout fry in the Minam hatchery will be distributed in Wallawa county streams and lakes, the state game authorities have decided. Mr. Leffel will place the fry in cans, as soon as they arrive from Portland, and will take them to their destinations. There will be fry for Looking Glass, Minam, Wallawa, Lostine, Enterprise, Prairie Creek and Joseph. Many will be put in Wallawa lake. It is expected. The trout fry at the hatchery number 750,000. It is estimated. The cans in which they are transported are practically the same as ordinary milk cans. The water must be stirred every few minutes, to introduce air into it, for the fish to

How Big Elephants Have Compared In
The Past—They Play Today.

1899—Pennsylvania 11-Michigan 10.
No game scheduled in 1900-05.
1906—Pennsylvania 6-Michigan 0.
1907—Pennsylvania 6-Michigan 0.
1908—Pennsylvania 29-Michigan 0.
1909—Pennsylvania 6-Michigan 12.
1910—Pennsylvania 9-Michigan 3.
1911—Pennsylvania 9-Michigan 11.
Summary: Won by Pennsylvania 4 by Michigan 2; tied 1.
1902—Yale 10-Brown 0.
1903—No game.
1904—Yale 22-Brown 0.
1905—Yale 11-Brown 0.
1906—Yale 5-Brown 0.
1907—Yale 22-Brown 0.
1908—Yale 10-Brown 10.
1909—Yale 23-Brown 0.
1910—Yale 0-Brown 21.
1911—Yale 15-Brown 0.
Summary: Won by Yale 7, by Brown 1; tied 1.

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AN ICEBERG'S SECRET.

One of the Mysteries of the Sea That Will Never Be Solved.

The age of an iceberg is problematic. The berg that sank the Titanic may have been forming on the coast of Greenland when Columbus crossed the sea or even before that. Then again it may have been reared by the elements since Henry's first expedition to the pole, but probably it antedated steamships by many years.

In 1841 a great berg appeared off St. John's, N. F. Its pinnacle was fully a hundred feet above the sea, and its base formed a glittering island in the middle of which, imbedded between two hills of ice, were two ships side by side. The masts were gone, but otherwise the upper works seemed to be intact. Scattered about the decks were various objects that might have been the frozen bodies of the crews. All were covered with snow.

Several old sailors approached the berg as near as they dared to and scanned the ships through powerful glasses, but could not see any name or anything to indicate the nationality or business on the ships. There were no signs of life aboard them, nothing but the motionless masses under their white coverings.

They were believed to be part of Sir John Franklin's expedition and were seen at the mouth of the harbor almost stationary for several days. Then one morning the berg was gone, and the ultimate fate of the perished it carried is still one of the mysteries of the sea.—Minna Irving in New York Press

The Pillars of Hercules.

The "Pillars of Hercules" was the name anciently given to the mountains of Cape and Abyla, standing opposite to each other, the one on the European and the other on the African shore of the strait which connects the Mediterranean sea with the Atlantic ocean. The mountains are now called the Rock of Gibraltar and Jebel Zanzat. The word Gibraltar, which is at present also applied to the strait, was originally "Jebel Taric," or "Mountain of Taric," Taric being the name of the leader of the first Mohammedan band which crossed at that point over into Spain in the year A. D. 710.

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