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COLLIER ISSUES HIS STATEMENT

EXPLAINS REASONS FOR HIS
CANDIDACY.

Enforcement of the Law One
of Chief Assets.

Today John Collier, candidate for
mayor, issued the following state-
ment:

At the time my candidacy for mayor was announced it was not deemed necessary to state the principles for which I stood. Most of the citizens of La Grande are familiar with the work I have been doing through the Commercial club and in other ways for the promotion of the interests of our city and community; they know that I have for many years conducted successfully a business of my own that I have endeavored to live an honorable and upright life and it was thought that these qualifications justified my friends in announcing me as a candidate for mayor. Now that there are other candidates in the field and they have announced the platforms on which they propose to stand, it is perhaps only fair to my friends and those whose support they are asking for me that I state definitely what I stand for. First of all, I believe in that great principle enunciated by the immortal Lincoln, that government should be of the people, by the people, for the people; I believe in the enforcement of the laws made by the people. I believe that officers elected by the people to enforce and carry out the laws should endeavor to see that the laws are enforced and carried out and that if they do not do so, they should be recalled, whether they be mayor, councilmen, policemen or other officers.

I believe in an economical and businesslike administration of the city's affairs with proper regard for and consideration of the interests of all the citizens; I favor submitting to a vote of the people all proposed public franchises, and municipal ownership of all public utilities so far as practicable. This is a principle and not intended as a reflection on or a criticism of the franchises already granted by our city. When our town

was small we needed conveniences and comforts and the only way to get them perhaps was by granting liberal franchises but now our franchises are more valuable and as there is every indication that La Grande will some day be a large city and these franchises will be still more valuable, too valuable, I believe, to be left in the hands of a few to handle and, as they belong to the people, I favor all the people having the right and power to say what disposition they will make of them. I favor the submitting to competitive bidding all contracts for public work; I believe that whatever improvements the public health or comfort demand or the citizens ask should be made according to a definite plan with the idea ever in view of making La Grande a model, healthful and beautiful city with due consideration always for the best interests of all the people.

Another matter that is of vital importance to our city's welfare is the regulation of the morals of the city. I do not pose as a reformer, nor would I care to be considered a prude but I am opposed to immorality and vice. I believe that the franchise just granted to the women of Oregon was given largely through a desire to have them assist in the suppression of evil and I favor earnest cooperation to that end. My candidacy for the office of mayor was not brought about by any solicitation on my part but through the spontaneous, urgent request of prominent citizens who believe in good, clean, economical, business-like government. If elected, I shall endeavor to do my part towards carrying out those principles.

This article is not written as a "vote getter" nor was it instigated by any other man or "interest", but is intended as a plain statement of what I believe in and what I think every other good citizen should stand for.

JOHN COLLIER.

PUBLIC SALE.

Dec. 3, 1912.

At Ed Stringham's ranch five miles east of La Grande, commencing at 10 a. m. The following property will be sold:

16 head horses.
11 head cattle.
24 head hogs.
Farm implements.
Free lunch at noon.
11-28-31 p

La Grande Society

Complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ditterbrandt, who left this week for Portland to make their future home, Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Selgrist and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bay entertained the Pinocle Club on Monday evening at the Selgrist home in a very delightful manner. Members of the club only were present and following cards, a delicious luncheon was served. A beautiful guest prize was presented to Mrs. Ditterbrandt and the card prize was won by A. W. Nelson. Those present to bid farewell to the popular young couple, who have been members of the club since its inception were: in addition to the hosts and hostesses, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Scriber, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Duignan, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Snodgrass, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Snodgrass, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Nelson and the motifs, Mr. and Mrs. Ditterbrandt.

For the first time in several years—many of them in fact—the entire Hunter family, springing up from a highly respected stock at Island City sat down to a Thanksgiving day spread last Thursday. Mrs. W. G. Hunter was the queen of the day and she had her children and children's children at the table that was laden with things good to eat. Mrs. H. Hunter spread the edibles at the Albert Hunter home in Island City, and her kin present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones of Baker, and son Howard; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunter of Walla Walla and children Virginia and Alvin; Mr. and Mrs. Avery Harrison of La Grande and children Dorothy and Ruth; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunter of Island City and children Netta and Allen; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reynolds of La Grande and children Marjorie, Joe and Earl; Carrie and Stella Hunter.

Tuesday the Neighborhood club of which Mrs. Richardson is president, and Mrs. Vincent Palmer is vice-president, heard the report of Mrs. F. G. Schilke on the doings of the State Federation of Women's Clubs recently convened in Portland. The report was quite comprehensive and evidenced keen interest in all that had transpired. The programme includ-

ed a number of papers on Irving's characters and bespoke careful reading and correct criticism.

The papers of Miss Anson and Mrs. Lynch were exceptionally fine. Owing to the lateness of the hour, Mrs. Ollvers paper on Art was omitted, but will be held in store for and read at the next meeting.

Miss Gleason, who had asked for time to explain the Minimum Wage Bill was allowed about half an hour. She expained in detail the features of the bill, what it purports to correct, and what it will do for women and minors. She brought forth all the arguments for the bill as well as those against it, refuting where refutation was necessary and succeeded in enlisting the warm sympathy and promise of co-operation by the club to urge legislators to vote for the measure.

In an interview for the Observer, Miss Gleason spoke flatteringly of the reception accorded her by the ladies of La Grande. She pronounced the women to be "an enthusiastic, wide-awake, up-to-date set of women with the right kind of ideas and what was in her estimation worth more, the willingness to pull together and work for an ideal." They compare very favorably with the best club women in the state. I have visited all the cities of any consequence in the state and your La Grande women are certainly progressive," Miss Gleason

was enamored of the snow capped hills encircling the valley, and when taken to an elevation where she could view the stretch of fertile land, declared it "beautiful". "Why sir, this ought to be a city of twenty-five thousand."

Cards were left with the local club for distribution and gathering of data relative to the wages and living conditions of women and minors. This wage bill will not have any immediate bearing on La Grande people, because of the limited number of women employed and the fair scale of wages paid. It will be most beneficial to women and minors in factories in the larger cities, department store girls and shop girls of all classes. "So thoroughly are many of the poor girls in the grasp of dire need," said Miss Gleason, "that it is impossible to get them to do anything that might displease their employer. For this reason they cannot be induced to sometimes fill out the cards we give them for fear of being out of a job."

Miss Gleason departed Wednesday night for Portland where her services are required in the distribution of aid to the needy.

The employees and families of the Arcade theatre were guests of the People's Amusement Company at a Thanksgiving dinner given on the stage of the theatre last night.

The company appreciates the prosperous condition of the Arcade and realizing that this is greatly due to the untiring efforts of every employee, took this method of thanking them for their co-operation with them in giving the people of La Grande the best shows money and ef-

fort can provide. The bountiful repast was followed by toasts, some of which occasioned much mirth.

An auto party of 26 spent a most enjoyable evening last Tuesday when they autoed to Hot Lake to a dancing party. After indulging in dancing for several hours a dainty two course luncheon was served by the management in the hotel grill. At a late hour, when the party broke up, all expressed themselves as having had the time of their lives. The party consists of Misses Ethel and Mayme Reith, Russell, White, Foley, Grimmett, Wood, McCall, Aikine, Leslie, Murphy, Disqua and Gulling; Messrs. Dave Stoddard, French, Blackwell, Fries, Greene, Francis, Williamson, Thomas, Desilet, Foley, Ryder, Bassett and Dr. Meyers of Hot Lake.

The first Loyal Order of Moose "at home" tendered the members and their lady friends last Monday evening was a huge success. Eighty couple were present to play cards or dance, the music for the evening being furnished by the Snapp orchestra. These social ventures of the lodge will become regular ventures hereafter, as the introductory one was immensely successful.

Mrs. L. Moe of May Park entertained eight of her lady friends to a delicious five course luncheon on Tuesday afternoon. After spending several hours over the tea cups the remainder of the afternoon was spent in sewing.

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