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THE SMALLPOX DEVELOPMENT

It is high time precaution was taken to prevent the spreading of infectious diseases. This is beyond argument, and with all of the state laws it seems that lax condition can obtain and people be subjected to such a dreaded disease as the smallpox right here in Union county.

And it took a hard blow to discover that the isolation hospital of the city of La Grande was in bad condition and unfit to receive patients. This institution should be ready at a moment's notice at all times to house patients. In a city where so much travel occurs as there does in La Grande, where so many strangers come and go, there is not a day in the year when the people are safe unless they have an isolation hospital fit and ready to care shows signs of an infectious disease.

There is no time nor is there any occasion to mince matters on so important a subject.

Probably a kind providence will spare the people of La Grande and Island City from a scourge of smallpox, but suppose a repetition of the Prineville scourge would occur? Then, surely someone would be held to account for lax conditions. Why not keep everything in shape as is intended and thus avoid any possibility of the uneasiness that is now spread over the two communities.

ARTHUR SWIFT AS THE HEAD.

The Farmers' union of Oregon and Southern Idaho has elected Arthur Swift of Baker as its president, and in so doing recognized the ability, honesty and integrity of one of the very best men in Eastern Oregon. Mr. Swift is a native of Oregon, a farmer—not by proxy but by work—and one of the best posted men on all subjects of general importance that we have.

His career as a delegate to the Republican national convention last summer, when he stood out for right and honesty when several of his fellow delegates fell before the federal bribes, convinced us that we had never been mistaken in the man.

The Farmers union with Swift at its head will make progress and it will never be advised into doing unreasonable things. Everyone can expect the safest, sanest advancement of the union that can be thought of during his administration.

CLEANING SIDEWALKS IN WINTER.

La Grande is face to face with the problem of clean sidewalks. All will remember what a failure was made last year along this line, and how ladies were compelled to wade through snow a greater part of the winter in order to reach the business district.

The city has an ordinance for this very emergency, but its enforcement is the hard feature. Why not enforce it this year. Let the city without notice or parleying, put a crew of men on every morning following a snow and clean all the principal streets that lead to the business district and tax the expense to the property owner. The owner will have a right to beat the city to the job if he chooses, but in this way there will be assurance of the work being done.

It is to be hoped the street department will not overlook this opportunity to do a good turn for the entire population of La Grande and at the same time live up to the laws of the city.

What is the use to spend thousands of dollars for cement sidewalk if, through negligence they are to be

rendered almost impassable for a portion of the year?

STRONG ARM IS MOTIVE

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provide instructions in wrestling, boxing, football, basketball, handball, tennis, and the entire list forgetting not lessons in the Holy Bible. It is a general grab bag from which its members can seize that which they desire most and be in good wholesale atmosphere during the grabbing.

WANTED—Two ladies of culture to take up educational work and travel. Railroad fare paid and good salary. Address Mrs. A. L. Fields, general delivery.

Last chance to see Shakespeare's "AS YOU LIKE IT" at SHERRY'S tonight.

McFarland Wants Match.

McFarland of Dayton is seeking a match with Ed Warner of this city. He is of about the same weight and is said to be a rattling good mixer. He has fought Jackson to a draw, and Jackson is after J. Berg, so there one gets a good notion of McFarland's strength.

S. W. Motley of Chicago, will speak in Odd Fellows hall tomorrow (Sunday) night on Socialism. Everybody invited. Admission free.

ATTENTION VOTERS.

To the voters of La Grande and especially the ladies:— You are about to select your city officers for another year.

What kind of officers do you want? What policies and issues do you wish to decide? What principles do you desire to conserve and establish? What evils do you intend to have corrected; or what crime will you have punished? Have you a well defined platform of good sound timber on which you expect to stand?

If you desire to have the laws enforced, if you expect to clean up the dives and gambling halls, if you intend to protect your sons and daughters from the contaminations of vice and immorality you should elect the right men for office, especially the chief of police.

Look into the record, ability and experience of the various candidates seeking your votes for the chief of police. Who among the candidates for this office put down gambling when part of the council was in favor of it? Who brought the grafters to justice? Who got the evidence so every case tried was a conviction and never laid back on the usual plea "You furnish the evidence and I will arrest and prosecute." Who put many undesirable proprietors out of business and changed the method of running things from the habits of a wild and woolly wide open town to the condition of a well regulated city? This is the kind of a record and administrative policy that you should vote for.

The old theory has been exploded that denizens of the underworld bring prosperity to a town. These people "toll not neither do they spin." They merely follow to where others, by their industry, have made good times. They are the result and not the cause of prosperous towns.

LOU RAYBURN

when chief of police of this city made good as the records of the city hall and the circuit court will verify. He is always accommodating, gentlemanly and efficient in the discharge

of his duties. He is a terror to evildoers, and some of them don't like him, and they may vote against him. He never goes after a man that he doesn't get, and he always goes after them. As the embodiment of moral and physical courage he is the peer of any man.

Your town needs a cleaning up. The scavenger cab attends to the alleys and sloop cans, but you need a RAYBURN to purge the festering hounds of vice that are more detrimental to your welfare than the malignant germs of typhoid or tuberculosis.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

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DR. HALL MAKES STATEMENT

La Grande, Dec. 7.—Editor Observer)—In view of the fact that considerable interest seems to have been aroused in connection with several questions in connection with city affairs and many questions have been asked me as to my position concerning them I feel that it is only fair to make some further statements at this time.

As to the much talked of telephone franchise, I have looked into the matter pretty thoroughly during the last few days, and have become convinced that at this time it is to the best interest of the city to grant the franchise under proper terms, restrictions, etc.

Realizing that the mayor and members of the council are only nine of the many partners interested in the city business I know that it is the duty of the former to keep the people at large regularly informed as to what is being done with the city's money through the medium of published financial statements. This I would make it my business to attend to. I believe that expense of conducting some departments is too high. I would endeavor to lower it.

The people should be given an opportunity to vote on the commission form of government. I have the utmost confidence in the ability of the voters to decide this matter and it should not be held up, but submitted to them. I absolutely know that the receipts from the water system if the latter is handled in an economical manner will pay the bonds and the interest thereon. There should be no reason to compel taxpayers to pay a special tax to provide money for the sinking fund and interest on water bonds as they must do under the budget issued by the present administration. Each improvement district should pay for the street improvement in such district. This is accomplished by the issuance and sale of bonds against the property in each district. A fund is created in each district; warrants may be drawn against such fund, the money to pay them being derived from the

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property owners and from the sale of bonds issued against such district.

There is no equitable reason why warrants on the general fund should be issued to pay for improvements in any special part of the city, nor any reason why warrants on the general fund should be issued to pay interest at 6 per cent on the warrants so improperly issued. Such I am informed has been done. The taxpayers at large are the sufferers for a time at least, and the credit of the city lessened by apparently increased indebtedness.

I pledge myself to look into this matter thoroughly and to protect the interests of all the people.

I do not believe that the city has the right to make such contracts with the Warren Construction company nor with anyone else.

This matter in my opinion should be thoroughly looked up and if embodied in the contracts to pave Jefferson avenue and Fourth street, such contracts should be voided if possible.

The city's indebtedness should be reduced if possible. A strong effort should be made in this direction. In the years 1908 and 1909 when I had the honor of serving this city as mayor,

the council was able to reduce the indebtedness. This in spite of the fact that no money from liquor licenses was obtained very materially. Under the present circumstances with over \$12,000 coming in annually in liquor licenses it would seem that the city's general indebtedness should not increase.

I believe in protecting the people now in the saloon business who are paying the license prescribed and otherwise obeying the laws by enforcing the laws against bootlegging. I will not be a party to the licensing of the social evil in our town to raise money. We can live without it.

M. K. HALL.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

The arrivals at the hotels yesterday were few. The following were guests at the Foley: J. L. Cochran, Reading, Pa.; Wm. Robinson, San Francisco; Mrs. Tidy, Albany, Ore.; Thos. Duncan, Portland; D. H. Barnard, Portland; D. W. Shehan, Enterprise; W. W. Evans, St. Joe, Mo.; A. E. Goodspeed, Chicago; J. F. Edwards, Spokane; P. Baker, Portland; E. N. Davis, Chicago; O. M. Neumeister, Tacoma; J. F. Mayo; W. L. Robertson, Hood River; Sing, a

Chinaman; McPhee Bros, North Powder; E. J. Creighton, Denver, J. Chambers, and W. H. Snell, Portland.

The following Fridayed at the Sommer hotel: Dorothy Goldbloom, Denver; E. A. Sifford, Portland, H. C. Allin, Portland; H. J. Gray, Portland; G. W. Cameron, Wallowa; H. M. McDonald; L. M. Jensen, Imbler; Geo. L. Simmons, Portland; A. Senneheimer, Portland; Chas. Hohnan, Portland; O. P. Bowman, Pendleton; H. M. Reiff, Baker; I. L. Higgins, Wallowa, and J. M. Seranton, Wallowa.

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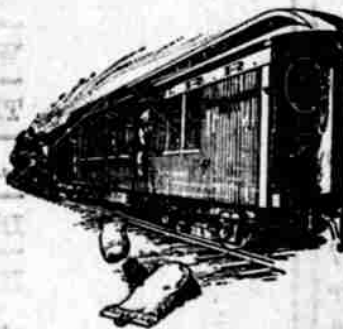
It is to be hoped that, although they have been out of practice a long time, the Democrats will not eat pie with their knives when they get up to the counter.

It is reported that American millionaires are being skinned by London art dealers. But anybody that can skin an American millionaire is entitled to the pelt.

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