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MR. STANGE AS PRESIDENT.

It is with considerable pleasure that the Observer notes the election of August J. Stange as president of the La Grande Commercial club for the coming year. The right man is in the right place. We say this because we have watched Mr. Stange with great interest since he located in La Grande and our conclusion is that he understands the first and cardinal principle of town and building. That principle is first of all, to trade at home—keep the home money as nearly in home channels as possible.

This was evidenced in his personal and business affairs, from the time he first came to take a bird's-eye view of the valley until he began disbursing approximately a million dollars for timber and land in the Grande Ronde river basin. In the building of his home on Fourth street home labor was employed, home house furnishers were patronized and so on down the line. When Mr. Stange, the Mt. Emily Timber company, or J. T. Williamson, of the same company want anything they make every endeavor to buy it in La Grande.

This is good business religion, and a high grade of common sense as well, for it is but natural to know that money thrown into the circuit that makes the routine of La Grande business will eventually come back in portion, or come so nearly back that you can hear its friendly jingle at least.

We know of no man who could better lead the commercial forces of La Grande than August Stange. We know of no man who will enjoy seeing the city advance and prosper more than he, although he has been a resident only a short time. He is constituted along the "do things" line; he could not keep quiet and let

the world wag, for he is not constituted that way. His idea is to be doing something all the time. This applies to cities as well as individuals and all Mr. Stange needs now is loyal support from everyone and he will make a record year for the Commercial club.

HANGING AT SALEM.

The day came and the deed is done. People who are guided purely by sympathy and sentiment will continue to wait for some time because four men met death on the gallows yesterday in this state. But listen—those same people did not wait nearly so much when the only son of Mr. Roberts—the boy that he had raised and loved most dearly—the boy that had all the splendid promise encompassed in young manhood—they did not wait when Murderer Roberts, without any cause whatever shot and killed that boy near Oregon City. And these same people who are guided by sobbing sentiment did not make any display of their emotion when the lives were taken by the other three murderers, did they? They who rave because justice demands the lives of the murderers? "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." But, some say we have outlived such bloody justice. In some instances, this is too true, but we have not outlived the bloody murderer, you will notice that.

Our guess is that, if Murderer Roberts had killed some near relative of any one of the delegation who appeared at Salem and sobbed all day Thursday that particular individual would have been on the other side of the great question and would have demanded justice as the law determines it.

Governor West continues to make himself obnoxious to the saner element of Oregon by capitalizing the gallows in order to obtain more publicity for his own little selfish career, and strange as it may be, the metropolitan newspapers of the state encourage him in his grandstanding.

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COMPLETE CHANGE OF VAL-DEVILLE AT SHERRY'S TONIGHT

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The Dusky Minstrels who have been making the valley towns, passed through La Grande this morning on their way to Summerville where they will show tonight. They report good houses wherever they have stoppde.

Swing sets, ribbon novelties, music rolls and mirrors for Xmas at West's.

Indian blanket bathrobes \$511.00 and \$13.50 at West's.

PERSONALS.

Walter Pierce was an arrival from Hot Lake on No. 17 this morning.

C. E. Kohl, a contractor of this city, went to Haines this morning on business.

Mrs. J. D. Watson went to Weiser, Idaho, this morning to visit friends and relatives.

Mr. Speckhard of La Grande went to Freewater and Milton this morning to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. August J. Stange expect to leave tonight for points in Wisconsin, their former home, to be through the holidays.

Mrs. Eckersley of Cove who has been in the city the guest of Mrs. Chas. G. Stacey, returned to her home this morning.

Mrs. Roberts is visiting at the home of Mrs. Parker of this city. It is a happy meeting of daughter and mother and grandchildren.

Mrs. Larson of Utah went to the Wallowa country to visit with her sister-in-law. She left this morning and will be gone a number of days.

Mrs. E. Norris of La Grande went to Conley station to attend a plate shower given Miss Callen Howell by Mrs. Ewell.

Mrs. Willard Couch went to Elgin this morning to attend church at the old primitive Baptist church at that place.

Mrs. G. W. Mitchell of Weston is visiting her son, Ed Mitchell who was seriously hurt in the shops some time ago. She reports that he is hardly able to get around.

Mrs. Lee Graham went to Alice this morning on the branch to visit with Mrs. Howell. She was accompanied by the babies, Lewanna and Leighton.

Mrs. H. Hug, who has been visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Youngblood, at 1311 Monroe avenue in this city, returned to her home in Elgin this morning.

County Assessor C. H. Allen of Wallowa county returned from Portland this morning and made immediate connections on the branch for his home this morning.

Hugh Snider, the plucky football star of the high school team, went to Weiser, Idaho, this morning to visit friends. He will be gone a number of days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer of Hot Lake will leave Sunday for Orange, a Miss. to spend the holidays with Mr. Sawyer's folks. They will visit at the principal cities of the east.

Mrs. Turpenny of La Grande started on a long trip to Marion, O., to visit relatives and old friends today. She will be gone during the holidays and will return in the new year.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter O'Bryant of Boise, Idaho, have spent a number of delightful days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jolly of this city. Evidently a good place to go to have a jolly time.

Mrs. C. F. McPherson and baby Jean of Palmer Junction were in the city several days buying goodies for the children. They returned this morning laden with parcels for the holiday season.

O. S. Hamilton of the Enterprise pharmacy passed through the city this morning on his way home from the Burns country. He states that business up in his country is getting better every day and that the prospects are brighter than ever before.

Mrs. Albert Smith who has been

visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith reports a very pleasant visit in the famous broomcorn country. W. J. Payton in the neighborhood of Mattoon, Ill., for the past few weeks returned this morning. She was accompanied by the children, Mrs. FOR SALE—Beautiful white Minorca chickens. Phone Red 331, 12-14-2

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