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UNIQUE POTATO CONTEST

Under the direction of the Washington State Grange, a boys' and girls' potato growing contest will be conducted in the state next year.

Contestants must be grange members under the age of eighteen years, on January 1, 1913, provided, that any boy or girl under the age of fourteen whose parents are members in good standing of any grange in the state, may enter the contest.

Each plot of ground must be one square rod in size, and the seed used may be of any white, kidney shaped variety of potatoes.

Any method of cultivation and fertilization may be used, but all work must be done by the contestant, and each contestant must keep a complete record of all operations, amounts and kind of fertilizers, giving dates of planting and digging, and an other points of interest.

The crop of potatoes shall be judged on a basis of a possible 60 points for quantity, a possible 25 points for quality and a possible 15 points for report of operations.

Digging shall be in the presence of some disinterested party, who shall weigh and certify to size of tract and weight of potatoes. No potatoes shall be counted, which shall have been dug from outside the 16 1-2 foot limit.

The quality shall be judged on the basis of one half bushel of the crop, selected by the contestant and shown at some place designated by the local committee in the several districts.

An essay shall be prepared, which shall consist of a report of all operations, etc., and shall consist of not less than two hundred and not more than five hundred words, said essay not to be judged on a literary basis, but on the completeness and clearness of statement of facts.

The state body recommends that each subordinate grange co-operate with the state grange by arranging for a local exhibit and contest, to be entered into by members of one or more granges in a neighborhood, and offering local prizes for competition.

It is recommended that each Pomona grange co-operate with the state grange by holding a fair, picnic or some other gathering, where the various contestants of the district or county may show their potatoes and where the Pomona competition shall be decided and that a series of prizes for such competition shall be offered.

All the local judges shall be elected by the local committee, all Pomona judges shall be selected by the Pomona committee and the final contest shall be decided by judges selected by the executive committee of the state grange, but no one who is at all interested in the contest is eligible as judge.

The executive committee of the

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La Grande, Oregon

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F. L. MEYERS, Cashier. EARL ZUNDEL, Asst. Cashier.

Washington state grange offers as a grand prize a short course scholarship, with all expenses paid, to the Washington state college, one for the boy getting the most points and one for the girl winning highest place.

THE MAIL ORDER HOUSE.

Air: "The Old Oaken Bucket."
(Try this on your catalogue.)

How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood
When fond recollection presents them to view—

The church and the store and the school in the wildwood
And all the loved spots that my infancy knew.

Last summer I wandered again to the village
But found not a neighbor of old or his spouse.

The streets were deserted, the farms needed tillage—
The town had been killed by the mail order house.

The village had vanished when merchants were banished—
The town had been killed by the mail order house.

But one lone survivor, as scared as a rabbit,
I found and I asked why the village was dead.

"The town got the mail order catalogue habit,
And that was what killed it forever," he said.

"It was not a war, epidemic or plague,
No foeman's invasion or robber's carouse;

The money that should have developed the village
Was all sent away to the mail order house—

The money we earned here—it never returned here,
When once it was sent to the mail order house."

GROCERS WILL CLOSE.

All-Day Holiday to Be Arranged for Grocers on Christmas Day.

Appended is a list of grocers who will close their businesses on Christmas day:

Pattison Bros., U. C. C. A., City Grocery and Bakery, Black and Cummings, J. G. Snodgrass, Thorn & Wilcox, White's, Geddes Bros., Stageberg. These places will be closed all day. The closing hours of the meat markets will be announced later.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Tracy Hollister has bought the interest of Paul O'Donnell in the O'Donnell & Palmer garage. The same will be known hereafter as the La Grande garage. Palmer & Hollister, Props. Phone M. 758.

EARN SOMETHING DURING YOUR SPARE TIME.

The Observer has an attractive proposition for one person—either lady or man—in every school district in Union and Walla Walla counties outside of La Grande, to act as correspondent. Space rate will be paid for all news, provided at least one news letter each week is sent in.

This work can be done during spare moments. Checks for services will be mailed each month. Remember, a correspondent is wanted at every postoffice and in every, as well as in each school district. No previous experience is necessary, as all that is required is telling the news of the community as it occurs.

Write at once and be the person to represent the Observer in your community, thus making some extra money for yourself.

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La Grande, Oregon.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR ALL IN LA GRANDE

The Observer has given this space to an organization whose ambition is to have every family in La Grande have a suitable Christmas dinner.

An person knowing of a family in the city whose circumstances are such that they cannot procure the necessities for a good Christmas dinner will confer a favor upon this organization by giving the name, address and size of family to the Observer. Don't hesitate to inform this paper if you know of such a family. There is no reason why Christmas cheer should not reach every household. The giver and the recipient will not know each other.

Annual Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the La Grande National Bank, will be held at their banking house in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1913, at 2 o'clock p. m.

At this meeting a board of seven directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be elected, and such other business will be considered, as may properly be offered at said meeting.

F. L. MEYERS, Cashier.

FOR SALE—Cheap. Two dozen Buff Rock chickens, 1908 East O. ave. 12-23-2t.

SHERRY'S SCORE AGAIN.

Magnificent Production on the Boards for Tonight and Tomorrow.

Following very closely the splendid picture, "Kings of the Forest," the management of Sherry's theatre announces the startling and spell-binding production, "The Lion Tamer's Revenge."

This is a sensational story in which lions play an important part and cause many a thrill. Love, jealousy and revenge are, of course, the principal ingredients in this splendid drama, the closing scene being wonderful. A jealous lover, with the assistance of a clown—the play being enacted in a circus—lures his rival and his partner, the girl, into the den of lions, and binds them to a post. The woman manages to escape later to accuse the murderer, but the liver is mangled to death by the infuriated lions.

It is a thrilling story and two full reels. Today and tomorrow.

30,000 VOICES

And Many Are the Voices of La Grande People

Thirty thousand voices—What a grand chorus! And that's the number of American men and women who are publicly praising Doan's Kidney Pills for relief from backache, kidney and bladder ills. They say it to friends. They tell it in the home papers. La Grande people are in this chorus. Here's a La Grande case.

W. S. Ray, carpenter, 902 Washington avenue, La Grande, Ore., says: "Two years ago I had an attack of kidney trouble, brought on by straining my back at carpenter work. I had dull pains in my loins and my kidneys got to acting badly. Soon my back got lame and sore and it hurt me to stoop or lift. I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, and they soon fixed me up in good shape. I can certainly recommend this grand kidney medicine."

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

ORDINANCE NO. 62, SERIES 1912.

An ordinance fixing the salary of the city recorder of the city of La Grande, Oregon.

The city of La Grande does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the recorder of the city of La Grande shall receive in full compensation for his services the sum of one hundred (100) dollars per month, to be paid by warrant drawn on the general fund of the city.

Section 2. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval by the mayor and publishing in one issue of the Evening Observer, 18th day of December, 1912, by eight 18th day of December, 1912, by eight councilmen voting therefor.

Approved by the mayor this 21st day of December, 1912.

(Sd) W. J. CHURCH, Mayor.

ATTEST:

(Sd) N. J. MANSAGER, City Recorder.

RECEIVED IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

ANOTHER SHIPMENT OF OUR FAMOUS

Chief Joseph Indian Blankets

A BETTER BLANKET FOR LESS MONEY. WE INVITE YOUR INSPECTION AND COMPARISON OF THIS WONDERFUL BLANKET VALUE. IT WILL STAND EVERY TEST AND COME OUT WINNER.

Pappoose Size
\$2.00

Our Special
\$4.50

The Chief
\$7.50

This Store Open Evenings till Xmas

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Don't Miss Our Showing of
STIEFF'S IMPORTED TOY ANIMALS
25c to \$9.00

West's
THE CHRISTMAS STORE

See our line of
IMPORTED CHARACTER DOLLS.
All prices, all Sizes
25 to \$4.00

Christmas Day Services.

St. Peter's Church

Holy Eucharist—8 a. m.
Morning service and second Eucharist—10:30 a. m.

The offerings on Christmas day will be for the Aged and Infirm Clergy fund.

The Sunday school Christmas exercises will be held in Honan hall on Thursday evening at 6:30 p. m.

UPTON H. GIBBS, Rector.

Magnificent Packages of Confectionery

More and more each year Christmas Boxes of Fine Candy are in demand; choice confections have become universal gifts.

To meet the demand this year we have provided a stock of box candies never before equalled in this locality.

These are Lowrey's and other celebrated confectioner's finest goods put up in packages of all sizes and of every degree of beauty. Come and see them. Some idea of the character of the goods can be realized from the range of prices—reasonable prices, too.

25c to \$3.50 a package.

RED CROSS Drug Store

LOOK

our line over before you buy her that box of candy for Xmas.

FOLEY BROS.

We have Xmas boxes of candy from 25c to \$15.00

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WE EXTEND TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF LA GRANDE AND COMMUNITY OUR MOST HEARTY WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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NOTHING EQUALS S.S.S. FOR OLD SORES

Nothing equals S. S. S. as a cure for Old Sores because nothing equals it as a blood purifier. The source and supply of every chronic sore is impure blood; the circulation is infected with germs and morbid accumulations which are being constantly deposited into the open place. This causes ulceration and inflammation of the flesh tissues and produces a condition upon which salves, washes, lotions, etc., can have no curative effects. The blood must be purified of all infectious matter before the circulation can nourish the flesh tissues and stimulate them to the healthy condition necessary to heal the sore. S. S. S. heals old sores by going down to the fountain-head of the trouble and driving out the germs and morbid matters which are keeping the ulcer open. Then as new, rich blood is carried to the place, the healing begins. All discharge ceases, the inflammation leaves, new tissue and healthy flesh are formed, and soon the ulcer is well. You are not wasting time when you use S. S. S., but you are giving yourself the benefit of the very best treatment for old sores. Book on Sores and Ulcers and any medical advice free. S. S. S. is sold at drug stores.

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