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MAYOR HALL'S MESSAGE.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Observer will be found Mayor M. K. Hall's message to the common council, which is also a message to the Grande.

The mayor sticks to his promises in the campaign and re-iterates in firm language his position on several matters.

So far as appointments are concerned, we take it that every appointment made by the new administration is but a try-out, for the man who fails to make good in his department will doubtless be asked to resign and anyone accepting city appointments might well bear this in mind. Therefore, appointments only as they affect the individual or the individual's friends, means little at this particular time.

In the matter of economy and law enforcement, which, after all is said, are the two main features of interest to the people of La Grande, the new mayor has made himself clearly understood. His desire to have all business of the city open is to be commended but by this there is no meaning conveyed that business in the past has been secret, the intention of the present administration being that effort will be made to interest the general public in the city's work to the extent that every contract and every business movement of the council be given as much publicity as is possible.

As a whole no fault whatever can be found with the message. Some

may differ with parts of it, which is but natural, but it rings all right and the general public should, and we believe will, give its support to the new administration.

Wealth of Athletics.

New York, Jan. 3.—Seldom in the history of the national indoor athletic championships has there been such a wealth of runners, leapers and weight hurlers of high grade as are entered for the annual event to be pulled off in the Twenty-second Regiment Armory here tomorrow night. Cities as widely separated as Boston, Chicago and New Orleans, with many of the intervening points, have sent their best performers to compete for honors. Colleges and clubs alike will be well represented. Among the big colleges that will take part are Yale, Harvard, Cornell and Pennsylvania.

The list of events includes the 60 yards, 220-yards, 600-yards, 1000 yards and two mile runs, one mile walk, 50 yards high hurdle race, the standing high jump, standing broad jump, running high jump and putting the 12 pound shot.

In view of the many star performers included among the entries it seems almost certain that some of the marks in the eleven events will be displaced by better figures before the evening's program is concluded.

Cured of Liver Complaint.

"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c box of Chamberlain's Tablets and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to everyone." For sale by all dealers.

Senatorial Contest in Delaware.

Dover, Del., Jan. 3.—Members of the legislature and other politicians of Delaware are already much in evidence in the capital, although the legislature will not convene until next week. The early arrival of the members is chiefly due to keen interest in the contest now on for the United States senatorship.

For the first time in many years the Democrats have captured the legislature and will have the privilege of choosing one of their party to succeed Harry A. Richardson, Republican, in the United States senate.

The battle is being waged between Willard Saulsbury, Democratic national committeeman, and politicians who are strongly opposed to the selection of Saulsbury for the senatorship. Friends of Saulsbury argue that he is entitled to the senatorship because he was one of the original Wilson boomers in Delaware. They also point out the fact that he has been spending his money for years to elect his supporters to the legislature.

Funeral of Whitelaw Reid.

New York, Jan. 3.—Many of the most eminent men of the state and nation came to New York today to join in the last tribute of respect to the memory of Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, who died in London on December 15 and whose remains were conveyed to this city on the British battleship Natal, arriving yesterday. Today the body was landed at the Ninety-fifth street pier on the North river. Through a long lane of thousands of uncovered heads the cortege wended its way to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, in 119th street, where the funeral services were conducted. Several companies of seamen and marines from the British battleship joined with similar contingents from the United States

battleships Florida and South Dakota in escorting the body from the landing place to the cathedral.

Minnesota Legislator Meets Soon

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 3.—Members of the Minnesota legislature are already putting in an appearance in anticipation of the opening of the biennial session the first of the week. The general sentiment expressed by

those already on the ground is that the session will be marked by the transaction of much important business. One of the first items of business will be the selection of a United States senator, but this will be a perfunctory task for the law makers, as the preferential vote at the November election assures of the re-election of Senator Knute Nelson,



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