

ENGINEERS' ORDER GROWS

BROTHERHOOD REGETS THROW INTEREST LIGHT

Local Division Has Big and Active Membership.

Official reports of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for the month of December, 1912, show a very flourishing condition of affairs in that institution, both from a financial and membership standpoint and members of the La Grande division will be much interested in it. The brotherhood owns a modern 16 story office building in the heart of Cleveland, Ohio, erected some three years ago at a cost of \$1,250,000.00, in which they maintain their general offices, renting the balance at an average income of \$6,000.00 per month. This building occupies one-fourth of a block and is the pride of the brotherhood, being now practically paid for and furnishing a home where in all probability the future triennial sessions of the brotherhood will be held.

The brotherhood now has insurance in force among its members, to the amount of \$136,809,000.00 and since the organization of the insurance department, have paid benefits to the amount of \$26,426,241.96, this since 1868, at which time this department was organized. The membership carrying insurance is 65,910, showing an average per member of \$2,075.00. The entire membership of the brotherhood is 71,937, the difference being accounted for by the fact that at the time of organization of the insurance department, many of the members had reached an age that prevented their taking insurance, and further that until 1890, the carrying of insurance was not compulsory.

The brotherhood contributes liberally each year to the Highland Park home, near Chicago, Illinois, a home for totally disabled railroad men and to which all the railroad brotherhoods contribute and support, there being members of the institution from the different classes of railroad service.

The brotherhood maintains an accident insurance department that insures its members against accidental injury and death, solely, and thus becoming a direct competitor of the accident insurance companies. This department being operated by the regular officers of the brotherhood and at actual cost of maintenance furnishes accident insurance to its members that since organization six

years ago has not cost the individual member to exceed \$30.45 annually for a \$20.00 a week benefit, good for 52 weeks if necessary, and in case of death, \$2,000.00; compared with the corporation companies this cost is less than one-half.

The brotherhood also maintains a pension department that is being well patronized by the membership generally having only been organized at the Harrisburg convention, in May, 1912.

"The local division of the brotherhood is known as Grande Ronde Division No. 262, and has a present membership of 80. There are two other divisions on the O.-W. R. & N. system, No. 236 being located at Portland and No. 443 at Starbuck, Washington," says C. M. Humphreys secretary of the local division.

HOYT REJECTED.

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for the approval of the city fathers is the method of letting contracts, it changes the method of improving the streets in such a way that all of the legal details of the matter are disposed of before work on the street commences. The issuing of bonds and the signing up by the property owners for the payment of the improvement will be done before the improvement is commenced. This avoids the issuing of warrants and saves interest. After the work is completed 10 per cent of the contract price is withheld from the contractor for the period of six months and will be paid to the contractor after that time only when the city engineer informs the council that the work is satisfactory after the six months' test. Dr. Lincoln proposed the foregoing measure and there was no opposition.

A refunding ordinance will probably be passed which will provide for the refunding to property owners the difference of the preliminary assessment and the actual cost of construction.

The city's finances are not in the very best of shape. The report of the city treasurer seemed unintelligible to the council and considerable study will have to be indulged in before all of them know exactly just what is and what is not. The Beaver pipe line sinking fund is to be put to use. An ordinance will be drafted by the finance committee and the city attorney, providing for the purchase of general warrants with this fund at not less than 95 per cent of their face value. Councilman Sargent proposed the adoption of a resolution providing for the purchase of district improvement bonds with this fund.

Objection was made that many of the bonds had been purchased for less than 90 cents, and the city would be required to pay for them at their face value. This was unsatisfactory

WARNER GETS "Y" POSITION

BECOMES PHYSICAL DIRECTOR OF Y. M. C. A.

Management of the Institutions Employs Popular Athlete.

Tangible offers on which to bid for new members to the Y. M. C. A. have been added in that the board of directors has completed arrangements whereby Ed Warner, will take charge of the physical department of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Warner is well known in La Grande and Eastern Oregon. He takes immediate direction of the department. It is hoped and expected that the men of the city will back up this latest move of the association with a membership large enough so that they may break even. The fee to May 1st will be only \$2.50, payable in advance for seniors and business men; \$1.50 for boys nine to 15 inclusive.

The A class juniors have elected James Rosenbaum as captain and Lyde Geddes as manager of the first team. There is material in this class for one of the fastest boy teams in the county.

The schedule for classes is as follows:

- Monday—
 - 4:00 p. m.—Junior B class.
 - 5:00 p. m.—Business men.
 - 7:30 p. m.—Seniors.
- Wednesday—
 - 4:00 p. m.—Junior A class.
 - 5:00 p. m.—Business men.
 - 7:30 p. m.—Seniors.
- Friday—
 - 5:00 p. m.—Ladies class.
 - 7:30 p. m.—Seniors.
- Saturday—
 - 9:00 a. m.—Junior B class.
 - 10:30 a. m.—Junior A class.

Men's Meeting.

Next Sunday afternoon C. B. Pickens, who was until recently Boys' work director of the Boise Y. M. C. A., will speak to the Y. M. C. A., 3:30 o'clock. Come and bring another man with you.

Scouts.

General Scout meeting of all troops at the Y. M. C. A. Friday night. Every Scout should be present at this meeting.

to several of the council and it was voted down.

A number of other resolutions were adopted, among them one for the regulation of theatres, the systematic purchase of supplies, and one governing the movements of vehicles in the intersections of streets. Some of these will be printed later.

A new system of double entry book keeping will be started in the city recorder's office, and an assistant will be employed temporarily for this purpose at a salary of \$90.00.

School District Bond Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given that at school meeting of school district No. One of Union county, Oregon, to be held at Old high school building in said district on the 18th day of January, 1913, there will be submitted to the legal voters of said district the question of contracting a bonded debt of thirty thousand dollars for the purpose of purchasing land for school purposes and building a school building, and for repair of school buildings, the vote to be by ballot upon which shall be the words "Bonds—Yes" and the words "Bonds—No." Polls to be open at 1 o'clock p. m. and remain open until 4 o'clock p. m.

By the order of the board of directors of school district No. One of Union county, Oregon.

Dated this 25th day of December, A. D. 1912.

ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS,

Clerk of School District No. One, of Union County, Oregon.

S. N. BOLTON

Chairman of District School Board of School District No. One of Union County, Oregon. 1-14-4t

THIS WILL INTEREST MOTHERS.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, a Certain Relief for Febrile States, Headache, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. They break up colds in 24 hours. They are so pleasant to the taste Children like them. Over 10,000 testimonials. Used by Mothers for 25 years. They never fail. Sold by all Druggists. See Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Gray, Le Roy, N. Y.

PERSONALS.

C. C. Cates was a homeward bound passenger to Alice this morning.

W. J. Hazelwood went to Elgin this morning on business.

E. C. Coles was a passenger to Imbler this morning.

Mrs. O'Brien and daughter were passengers to Boise this morning.

J. J. and A. H. Parsons were in the city yesterday and this morning.

C. L. Newman of Emmett, Idaho, has been in the county seat visiting E. H. Johnston.

Mrs. Frank Pike went to Umatilla this morning to eat birthday dinner at the home of friends.

Mrs. Norman Stoddard of Perry was an inbound passenger this morning.

Mr. C. G. Imbler was a business visitor in the city last night and this morning.

Mrs. M. J. Island City has been visiting her son in La Grande. She returned home this morning.

"Kid" Parker, the well known pugilist of Denver, was a passenger to Hot Lake from La Grande. He was accompanied by John Dunnigan.

Mrs. C. F. Smith and son who have been the guests of Mrs. Smith's folks returned this morning to their home in Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Van Buren left this morning for Portland where they will spend a number of days visiting friends.

City Attorney Jerry Rusk went to Enterprise this morning to argue a case before the circuit court. He will be gone a few days.

R. F. Jenkins, the genial traveling salesman for the Clacet Bros. company, stopped off in La Grande to leave some of the famous brand shirts with local merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Holland of Cooperstown, N. Dak., arrived in the city this morning on their way to Wallowa where they will spend the winter with their son.

J. B. Wade of Palmer Junction has been in the city on business. He reports four feet of snow in the woods but says all men are at work in spite of it.

L. W. Elledge, a prominent fruit grower of Nampa was in the city investigating the prospects of the fruit market and consulting with fruit men of his valley. He left for Weiser this morning.

C. D. Kauffman of Medical Springs, is in the city at the bedside of his son who has been in the hospital suffering from appendicitis. He reports his son on the convalescent list.

Ed Selders, formerly of the Selders confectionery, now connected with the Blue Mountain Creamery company, went to Union this morning in the interest of the business.

R. A. Hanna went to Enterprise this morning to do the court stenographic work. Mrs. Hanna and daughter and Mrs. Grant went as far as Elgin where they will visit until court adjourns.

Mr. Cherrier who has been in the employ of the Grande Ronde Meat company, and who will soon open a market of his own in the Geddes building, arrived from Baker this morning.

Wm. Frazier, a cousin of Mrs. Turner Oliver, was yesterday killed by a Portland street car. The deceased was at one time sheriff of Multnomah county. Burial will be tomorrow at Portland. Mrs. Turner Oliver leaves tonight to attend the funeral.

Guy Eddy Resigns.

Los Angeles, Jan. 16.—City Prosecutor Guy Eddy recently acquitted of the charge of contributing to the delinquency of Mrs. Alice Phelps, has sent his resignation to Mayor Alexander. His health is dissipated on account of the trial and he feels the need of rest. The mayor has accepted the resignation.

French Can't Agree on President

Paris, Jan. 16.—France is having a lively time electing a president. Jules Pam, the minister of agriculture, is leading in the contest. It has been customary in France to elect a man of little force of character, one who could smile graciously and attend banquets and meet foreign plenipotentiaries in a pleasing way. But the newer element in France have chosen Premier Poincaré on account

FIREMEN TAKE EXCEPTION

La Grande, Jan. 16.—(To the Editor.—We, the amusement committee of the B. of L. & E., note with surprise that the Trainmen announces, in Tuesday's issue of The Observer, that they will not sell punch at their annual ball Jan. 22, from which we are pleased to infer that their financial condition is such as to warrant their giving a ball without the aid of this lucrative source of income.

Patrons of the Firemen's annual ball on New Year's eve, will note with regret that the Trainmen seem to have first considered that they could not consistently, supposedly from a financial standpoint, supply their patrons with punch without selling it, and, as that would incur the expense of securing a license, they finally announced that punch would not even be sold.

Our financial condition warranted our serving our patrons free punch, and rather than have our "brothers of the rail" make the embarrassing announcement that they could not even sell it we would willingly have tendered monetary assistance.

The only other inference left us, if "the root of all evil" did not figure, is that they feared some of their members might imbibe too freely and create a condition which would not compare favorably with that resulting from the ladylike and gentlemanly patronage which made our New Year's eve ball such a grand success.

C. E. HELMICK,
W. M. WIESE,
D. CHARLTON,
Amusement Committee

Editor's note—Incorrect inference might be gained from the article referred to above relative to the "selling" feature. The word "sell" should have been "serve" in the headline of the Trainmen's notice.

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of his ability and his diplomacy. The balloting has been in progress for more than a week and neither has a majority. Palms received 322, and Poincaré 310 in the last count. There are other candidates.

FREEDOM.

Our political creed, without a dissenting voice that can be heard, is that the will of the people is the source and the happiness of the people is the end of all legitimate government upon earth; that the best security for beneficence and the best guarantee against the abuse of power consists in the freedom, the purity and the frequency of popular elections.—John Quincy Adams.

THE LAW OF NATURE.

The law of nature is that a certain quantity of work is necessary to produce a certain quantity of good of any kind whatever. If you want knowledge you must toil for it and if pleasure you must toil for it.—Ruskin.

TRAINMEN ALL HELPING

Arranging for a Big Time January 22 at Annual Ball.

Nothing is left undone for the big ball January 22 when the trainmen of La Grande will be hosts to the public at a grand ball in the Elks' auditorium. The best of music, excellent service of every kind has been arranged for, and the trainmen have no hesitancy in saying this is the best arranged ball they have ever attempted in La Grande.

Hair Work.

Madam Kennedy and husband, the reliable hairdressers are here from Pendleton at the Savoy hotel, room 17, prepared to do all kind of hair work from your combings. Also a nice lot of hair goods for sale and will be pleased to meet all the ladies of La Grande while here. 1-16-1f

LOST—Double tooth Elk charm. Initials L. R. on back. Return to L. Rayburn and receive reward 1-16-1f

WANTED—Clean rags at the Observer office. Pay 2c per lb. 1-16-1f

WANTED—To buy heifer calves Good pay. Phone Farmers 158. 1-16-1f

FOR RENT—Four room house. 76 Jefferson, cor. First St. 116-3t

STENOGRAPHER WANTED — Care Hot Lake sanatorium, at once. 1-16-3t

WANTED—People, sell groceries by sample to consumers, details to Box 601, Portland, Or. 1-14-3t

SALESMEN WANTED

To sell our complete line of guaranteed nursery stock. Outfit furnished free, cash advanced weekly. Write for territory today. Idaho Nursery Company, Weiser, Idaho. 1-15-6t

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WATER IS INJURIOUS TO MOST WOOLEN AND SILK FABRICS. WASHING IN A SUBSTITUTE FOR WATER IS TERMED 'DRY,' 'CHEMICAL,' OR 'FRENCH' CLEANING. ALL MEANING THE SAME.

BENZINE IS THE MOST USED. IT IS A GREAT SOLVENT. SPECIAL SOAPS AND OTHER SOLVENTS ARE ADDED TO MAKE IT STRONGER.

GARMENTS MUST BE FLOODED, SOUSED AND AGITATED FOR ABOUT AN HOUR TO GET RESULTS, HENCE THE NEED OF POWER WASHING MACHINES.

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