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THE CITY'S CREDIT.

Efforts of some members of the council may not be entirely correct in the plan of procedure to bring the credit of La Grande up towards par, but the effort is going to be thoroughly appreciated by every taxpayer and the hope is entertained that the present administration may find a way to make the city's warrants go to par.

be well founded but it is almost certain that when the city takes the bold strides of placing its paper up to par it will be found, no matter when this is done, that some one has invested in discounted paper as a speculation.

There is always a legal phase to the situation and that must be considered in its fullest sense. General fund warrants in a city as healthy as La Grande should not be selling below par, and there certainly is a legitimate way to bring them up.

At the last meeting of the council prices of commodities purchased by the city in some instances drove home the fact that when the pay is slow the price goes high—in city matters the same as with individuals

LA GRANDE DIVISION MAKES GOOD.

It is of considerable satisfaction to note that La Grande's railroad division made abundantly good during the late storms. Where Washington mountain divisions were tied up and trains could not get through for days, the mountain division of the O. W. R. & N., which is the La Grande division, was shoving its trains through

with little delay.

Constant vigilance and constant work combined made this possible. The cooperation of every department worked to one end, and the result was apparent to the traveling public. The rotaries were on the job all of the time. Nothing was let lie in idleness, for in fighting a blizzard idleness is sure defeat.

Both Kamela and Telocaset, each of which has been an enemy to railroading from the time the road was built, failed to stop traffic this time. The railroad company has every reason to feel satisfied over the investment in snow plows, which in the hands of a bunch of men who made good, gave the O. W. R. & N. company the distinction and prestige of carrying its cross continent passengers to destination when competing lines were tied up in the mountains.

WILL RECREATE FUEL.

Intensive cultivation is to supply the world's fuel hereafter, and again science has stepped into solve the problem which has been puzzling mankind.

The fact that the chemists of the world can make wood grow has been successfully demonstrated by Dr. David T. Day of Washington petroleum expert for the United States Geological survey and government representative with the 200 members of the International Congress of Applied Chemistry, who are touring the country at present.

By the system evolved by Dr. Day, wood can be made to grow by the proper use of sunshine and the introduction of necessary ingredients into native soil. Forests treated by the intensive method will grow seven times faster than wood can be used for heat, and there is no limit to the amount of fuel which can be produced.

The hue and cry as to the dangers confronting us as to the present coal supply is exhausted will subside as soon as the governmental experts can successfully demonstrate the theory of intensive cultivation. Several important discoveries have been made along this line in the growing of hot house products. When outdoor vegetation can be made to respond to fertilization, as hot house plants do to the introduction of heat, then the reforestation of the country will be assured.

It is hoped that the coal men will take warning and not boost their prices as high as they already have threatened to raise them.

SLANG IS RECOGNIZED.

American slang has been officially countenanced by so eminent an authority as Dr. Hanorf of the University of Copenhagen, and he couples his approval with the prophecy that the American slang of today will be the classic English of the future.

With many thanks to the distinguished professor, it will be odd to be able to look into a dictionary for the meaning of an expression like "Oh you kid," which in general, is our opinion of no expression at all.

A good many phrases, however, which have been coined at times of white heat, are so decidedly apropos that they must be accepted as good Americanisms. Words like "boob" are not particularly classic as to sound, but they seem to fit exactly the sound to the sense, and their immediate acceptance is a sign of popular favor which is bound to carry right so far as having a definite place in the vocabulary is concerned.

The English language now numbers some 400,000 words. This is a great advance since Spenser's time, yet it must be regarded as inadequate to the needs of a growing people. New words, apt expressions must continually be coined to meet the advancing needs of science in its various departments.

Those who wish to retain speech in its pristine purity are not imbued with the spirit of the times. "Neologisms" as they call newly-coined words are bound to come and will be sure to stay when sanctioned by the principle of natural selection which prevails in language as well as in the sciences.

George Bernard Shaw is to lecture in the United States which will probably mean a revival of chin whiskers as well as side whiskers.

Chicago boasts of a woman thief who deceived her husband for nine

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years. That's nothing. Some women go through their husband's pockets every night.

The Illinois man who was indicted on 15 charges containing 645 counts will at least not feel as though he had been arrested on false pretences.

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 Wallowa 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. THE OBSERVER, La Grande, Oregon

Andy Carnegie has just presented the Argentine Republic with a dipodocus. A dipodocus is less expensive to support than a library and Argentine should be grateful.

A taxicab in Philadelphia ran into a crossing policeman—and woke him up.

Drives Off a Terror.

The chief executioner of death is the winter and spring months is pneumonia. Its advance agents are colds and grip. In any attack by one of these maladies no time should be lost in taking the best medicine obtainable to drive it off. Countless thousands have found this to be Dr. King's New Discovery. "My husband believes it has kept him from having pneumonia three or four times," writes Mrs. George W. Flaco, Roxsonville, Vt. "and for coughs, colds and croup we have never found it equal." Guaranteed for all bronchial affections. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at all druggists.

"NOTE" IS PRESENTED.

Folately, Powers Urge Porte to Accept Balkan Terms.

Constantinople, Jan. 17.—The joint note framed by the European ambassadors, relating to the Balkan situation, has been delivered to the porte. It is definitely learned that while the note is not drastic, it advises Turkey to accept the terms of the allies, including the cessation of Adrianople and the Aegean islands.

London, Jan. 17.—Diplomats who attended the peace conference, which

hoped to end the Balkan war, are awaiting the reply of the Turks on the ultimatum of the allies, that Adrianople and the Aegean islands must be ceded as the price of peace. It is believed that rather than endure an attack a second time on the forts of Adrianople, Turkey will give in to the demands.

Jonescu, the Roumanian envoy started for Bucharest bearing the official reply of the Bulgarian government to the demands of the Roumanians for rectification of her frontier. Both Danef and Jonescu insisted the two countries would settle the differences amicably, but neither would divulge the terms of the note.

Shoe Repairing

A La Grande shoe repairing man seriously alarmed about those holes in your shoes, you ought to make a call to R. B. Grider's shoe shop and have those holes doctored before the effects get into your system and give you two-thirty consumption. I have moved into Mr. Wine's harness shop opposite Mr. Thorne's grocery store. All customers and friends are welcome to call and see me. Resp'y,

R. B. GRIDER 1515 Monroe St.