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CITY INDEBTEDNESS.

Are you aware that La Grande is in debt to quite an extent?

We can hear several saying, "That's not good news to print."

Well, perhaps it is not, but we have always noticed that the day of spending some time has to be confronted with the day of paying, and that is what we, as a city, are up against right now.

Yes, we are in debt. To put in a thoroughly understandable shape, and including all indebtedness—improvement tax, etc.—there is one hundred dollars indebtedness for every man, woman and child in the city.

It is little wonder that Mayor Hall, after obtaining a statement of the city's obligations, immediately issued a message urging that something be done; that the parleying of city councils be stopped by the people and that business methods be installed forthwith. To do this requires the commission form of government and the mayor quickly saw it. He came out for the new modern municipal government and a pronounced effort will be made to adopt it.

Perhaps a good many think it is an easy task.

Now, don't be too sure. There are men right now saying they will favor it, who will vote against it. It was that way before and it will be that way again.

Most people will see at a glance

that it is a good thing, but there is something about electing councilmen that has its followers. They like to see the old form remain and are willing to do a little quiet work to keep it intact.

The campaign for commission form must necessarily be one of thorough education with every feature put forth in a bold, honest manner. There is nothing to hide about it. It will stand the most rigid investigation. Let nothing be spared to show every voter what it will mean to have a city run as a business.

Mayor Hall's idea of a mass meeting cannot be questioned. It is right and proper. Everyone can be heard then and attention can be paid to every criticism. In a meeting of this kind many things will be brought out. And it may require more than one meeting, but whatever number it may require let us as citizens who are working for the upbuilding of La Grande, and not as Councilman Davis says "to recall someone," go at the task and work it out.

ELECTING NATIONAL COMMITTEEMEN.

The earnest support of everyone should be given B. E. Kennedy, secretary of the Bull Moose committee on legislation in his effort to get passed a bill to elect national committeemen of each political party rather than to choose them in the present manner which brings on disgrace to a state such as Oregon experienced last summer.

It is very doubtful if the Oregon delegation to the republican national convention would have disgraced themselves and the state as a number of them did, had it not been for the trading and trafficking in public office to re-elect the national committeeman.

The office of national committeeman has been minimized in importance by the people, or a better way to express it, the people have never been taken in on the inside of the important transactions wherein the national committeeman figures.

ANNOUNCEMENT

First Spring Styles in Women's and Misses' COATS AND SUITS NOW ON DISPLAY

"THIS SEASON'S NOVELTY"

MOONLIGHT COATS

A new and decidedly popular style in light wrap for spring wear. In many attractive materials and shades.

\$15.00 to \$25.00

"SEE THE WINDOWS."

"CHARMING STYLES IN"

TAILORED SUITS

The product of America's best tailoring and highest grade of materials are both embodied in these attractive spring styles. Just received direct from New York. Popular prices from

\$15.00 to \$30.00

"SEE THE WINDOWS."

February White Sale Now at Its Height

SAVING PRICES ON ALL NEW EMBROIDERIES, MUSLIN UNDERWEAR AND WHITE WASH GOODS.

SALE LASTS ONLY UNTIL FEB. 15TH

\$9.90 Suit Sale

Over 40 of these elegant garments to select from. Values up to \$40.00.

WEST'S

THE QUALITY STORE.

Final Cleanup Prices

on many short lines to make room for arrival of spring merchandise.

**"Pleased!"
"Delighted!"
"Dandy Work!"**

IS WHAT THEY ALL SAY ABOUT OUR
French Dry Cleaning and Pressing

Because we are giving a quality of service never before even approximated in La Grande.

LET US PROVE IT TO YOU.

Cherry's New Laundry, Inc.
GEO. GILBERT, MANAGER.

The Test of Time

Time determines whether the policies under which a bank is operated are safe.

This bank has been in business twenty-six years.

It has grown steadily until it has become one of the strongest and most prosperous financial institutions in the West.

The soundness of its policies is attested by the long list of conservative business men who transact their business here; also by an earned surplus of \$136,500.00, the work of time and the result of conservative management.

This bank has facilities for taking care of more high grade business and offers its services to those who appreciate the best in banking.

La Grande National Bank

La Grande, Oregon

Capital, \$100,000.00 Surplus, \$136,500.00 Resources, 1,100,000.00

DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.
UNITED STATES POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORY.

It is to be hoped the time will soon come when political parties, if there should be any left, will cease to choose presidential candidates in any way but by popular vote, and when that time comes the committeeman will not swell up with importance as he does now.

At present, however, it is necessary for the national administration to rely on the committeemen from the different states for many things, which in turn adds considerable prestige to the committeeman and enables him to do things which revert to his own personal interests, if he so chooses. With the Kennedy bill in practice the committeeman is elected, the same as any other officer, and it will go a long way toward eradicating many political evils which now exist.

WHO READS THE ADS?

Once in a while, not often, someone will say, "No one reads the advertisements in a newspaper." Better never say that, for the other evening in a Security Land and Trust company ad.

There was a typographical error which made the selling price of ten acres read, "\$325,000,000." The paper was hardly on the street until the telephones began to ring and we were asked repeatedly what it meant. If the price of land was not going pretty high, and a hundred and one other questions. The Security Land and Trust company was likewise besieged with inquiries regarding the particular tract.

How would those people who called up ever have known of the price quoted had they not read the ad?

Oh, it pays to advertise, it pays to advertise.

LOST—Elk tooth watch charm with initials J. J. S. Finder leave at Observer and receive reward. 2-7-21

Notice to School Children.

All children of school age, vaccinated or not, must attend school Monday, Feb. 19, 1913, or the law will be enforced.

By order Truant Officer,
I. W. FAULK.

GETTING GRAY? JUST APPLY A LITTLE SAGE TEA TONIGHT

Sage Mixed With Sulphur Restores Natural Color and Lustre to Hair.

Why suffer the handicap of looking old. Gray hair, however handsome, denotes advancing age. We all know the advantages of a youthful appearance. Your hair is your charm. It makes or mars the face. When it fades, turns gray and looks dry, wispy and scraggly just a few applications of Sage Tea and Sulphur enhances its appearance a hundred fold.

Either prepare the tonic at home or get from any drug store a 50 cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," ready to use; but ten, avoid preparations put up by druggists as they usually use too much sulphur, which makes the hair sticky. Get "Wyeth's" which can always be depended upon to darken beautifully and is the best thing known to remove dandruff, stop scalp itching and falling hair.

By using Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair. It does it so naturally and evenly—you moisten a sponge or soft brush, drawing this through the hair, taking one small strand at a time which requires but a few moments. Do this at night and by morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two its natural color is restored and it becomes glossy and lustrous and you appear years younger.

FOR SALE—Nice fat chickens, dressed ready for the pan. Phone Red 861. Mrs. A. F. Liley. 1-6-11

FOR RENT—Four room. R. A. Crawford. Phone Red 1392. 2-4-21

FOR SALE—Good cooking apples 25c and 50c box delivered. Call Red 1232. 2-5-61

WANTED—Lady cook at Home restaurant. 2-3-21p

FILOUR

FLOUR HAS GONE UP 20c A BBL. AND IS GOING HIGHER. BUY NOW.

GOLD MEDAL FLOUR (Minnesota)	1.90
BLUE STEM PATENT FLOUR SELLS AT	\$1.40 A SACK
WHITE QUARTZ FLOUR SELLS AT	\$1.40 A SACK
ROYAL PATENT	\$1.30
IMPERIAL PATENT	1.30
DIAMOND BRAND	1.30
NORTH POWDER FLOUR	1.30
SEA FOAM	1.20
RELIANCE	1.20

WE ALSO HAVE BLUE STEM FLOUR, GRAHAM, WHOLE WHEAT, GERMS AND GOLD MEDAL FLOUR IN SMALL SACKS.

The City Grocery AND BAKERY

HOME OF FANCY GROCERIES
Phone Main 75