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A Russian woman challenged her husband to a sword duel and killed him, but there are those women who will still maintain that the tongue is mightier than the sword.

The male population has always believed that something like this would happen some day. A Los Angeles man has hanged himself with a Christmas necktie.

The spelling bee has been revived in Chicago, and judging from some of the business letters received from that center of learning Chicago needs it.

A New Jersey heiress married her coachman. It is easy for an heiress to get almost any kind of a husband, but good drivers are scarce.

One Congressman demands free meat. What does he call those political banquets he attends?

WANTS COMMISSION PLAN.

La Grande, Feb. 12.—Editor of Observer: Your paper certainly deserves great credit for the bold stand it has taken in behalf of the rights of the property owners of the city.

Mayor Hall's address to the council rings true to the core. It is a true and just statement of the facts as they exist at the present time, and the sooner the commission plan is adopted, the sooner we will be freed from the unwarranted and excessive burden of debt now hanging over the entire city.

The management of the past shows conclusively that the council has not the time to attend to the details and watch the construction of the city's different affairs. In proof of this assertion we cite the Beaver creek pipe line. The Peare controversy. The Second street pipe line, which was laid once and covered up, then uncovered. The pipe laid and covered the second time certainly made an enormous useless expense on the city.

The macadam force on West Adams and North Fir streets which made the poor devils of property owners dig up their hard earned money to pay for a lot of chuck holes. No more macadam for us, thank you. We want good pavement or none at all.

As the mayor suggests, publish a statement of the city's financial condition for the benefit of the people.

Try the commission plan and wipe out this wholesale indebtedness by using the strictest economy. When this is done then we may hope to attain the position we ought to have of being the metropolis of Eastern Oregon.

Yours truly,
PROPERTY OWNER.

Editor's Note—Other discussions along this line by "Property Owner" are stricken out, as being personal and not signed other than by nom de plume.

PERSONALS.

C. R. Hibberd returned this morning from a Portland business visit.

J. I. Strugill of La Grande will be at Hot Lake for a week or so.

M. E. Marx, a prominent farmer of Pendleton, was in the city on business.

Miss Anna Nelson of La Grande went to Wallowa today to be the guest of her cousins.

S. H. Dalton, proprietor of the Dalton Cash store, has gone to Portland on business matters.

Mrs. Jerry Rusk is in Salem and Portland visiting friends and relatives.

I. W. Weeks of La Grande went to Baker this morning to be the guest of friends for an indefinite time.

Esther Sullivan of La Grande went to Joseph today to spend a week with C. E. Sullivan. Miss Sullivan is attending high school in La Grande.

The general superintendent of the New York Central lines passed through La Grande this morning on a trip of the western coast.

F. A. Whiting, A. M. Oswald, L. Denham, L. A. Stoop, all of Elgin, were in the city last night, guests at the Foley.

Mrs. Ambrose Wright of this city went to Wallowa this forenoon to be the guest of friends for a week or ten days.

C. E. Duffy of the La Grande Electric company, went to Cove today to rewire and install new fixtures in the bank building at that place.

Lewis Rodgers of La Grande started for Malheur City this morning, where he intends to sell a homestead located in that vicinity.

Mrs. Mary Connoly of Flora, Oregon, stopped off in La Grande to visit friends. She left today for Pendleton where she will also visit for a week or ten days.

Mrs. E. Jaeger of Zilla, Washington passed through La Grande en route to Wallowa where she will spend a number of weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron.

Mrs. Cora Hardin of Cove passed through La Grande today on her way to Elgin where she intends to be with her daughter Mrs. Breshears for a number of days.

Chet Luttrell, the right fielder for the Pippins last year, is in the city from Boise where he wintered. He will probably remain here until the spring training season opens.

Cora H. Newton of Haines arrived in La Grande this morning to be the guest of Mrs. Chas Murchison and Mrs J. A. Bugg for a week or ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bennett and daughter Doris Lottie, returned this morning from a two months' trip to Grand Forks, North Dakota. They have had a very delightful time, but are glad to get back home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lyons of Nebraska have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler for a day or so. They leave today for Denver where they will visit before returning to their Nebraska home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hohenstein, cooks at Casey's camp in the negihborhood of Meacham, left this morning to resume their duties. They have been in La Grande laying in supplies and getting ready for the busy season.

B. Wise, the local tailor, returned this morning from an extended tour of Portland and Sound cities where he bought up his spring goods stock for his local tailoring establishment. He has been gone a week or more, on this business jaunt.

G. O. Barnhard, chairman of the railroad engineers' grievance committee of the O. W. left today for Washington to look after the interests of the boys at that place. Mr. Barnhard is a cool headed fellow and the engineers have a competent man to represent them.

Mr. and Mrs. Shearer, representing a New York publishing house, are in the city on business. They report that the weather in New York has been very mild so far but that the predictions for cold spring weather have been made by all of the weather forecasters. This may mean fewer fruit in the spring and better conditions for Grande Ronde apple growers if our crop is good.

FOR SALE—Pure bred black Minorca and white Leghorn cockerells. Mrs. G. H. Chapman, phone Red 192. 2-8-1mo

AMATEUR BAND GROWS.

The La Grande amateur band is making rapid strides forward to perfection. One of its few public appearances was that of playing for a recent ball game at the Y. M. C. A., and next Thursday evening the organization drills again to get into best playing form. There are now over 15 pieces in the organization and play music that adult bands would be proud of mastering. Baker has a similar organization and the local players make no bones of their intentions to outdo the Baker players.

LOST—Ladies' rhinestone back comb Leave same at Geibel's tsore. 2-12-2

Advertisement for Proposals.

LA GRANDE, OREGON, February 12 1913. Sealed proposals will be received at this building until 2 o'clock p. m., Thursday, February 20th, 1913, for furnishing fuel, [illegible] supplies, washing towels, hauling ashes, and sprinkling streets for this building during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, or such portion of the year as may be deemed advisable. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved by the Treasury Department.

G. M. BICHEY,
2-12-2t Custodian

Dancing School to Stay.

Prof. Mazanti will remain in La Garnde and will conduct a first class dancing academy at the old roller rink hall. The grand opening dance will be given Saturday evening Feb. 15 and regular assemblies will be given every Tuesday and Saturday night of each week. New dances will be introduced free to all those attending the assemblies. Heacock's orchestra of four pieces will furnish the music.

Children' matinee dances will be given every Saturday afternoon commencing on Washington's birthday, Saturday Feb. 22nd. All parents having children from seven years and up should give them Prof. Mazanti's schooling in the art of graceful dancing. Private dancing lessons will be given to any one by appointment. An entire change will take place under the new management and respect will be demanded as to the rules and regulations, which will mean a place of amusement that will be a credit to La Grande.

Danceland academy will be the new name of the place under the new management. This will be the last week of roller skating at the rink.

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