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IN FAIRNESS TO OLCOTT.

Secretary of State Olcott is entitled to wide publicity in the state over a misleading statement that gained circulation some time ago regarding the collection of automobile license fees. It was stated in this part of Oregon and never contradicted in such a way that attention was paid to the contradiction, that it cost the state last year \$31,000 to collect \$42,000 in automobile license fees. On this basis the automobile owners declared war in many sections, just as they would have had a right to do had the statement contained facts.

The Observer has investigated this matter and we find that nothing like that amount was expended, and furthermore, that the department being new a considerable expense was incurred in purchasing filing cases, typewriters and printed matter, most of which is permanent improvement and will remain a part of the department.

We find that the total receipts of the department for the year amounted to \$43,132.50, while the total expense was \$16,814.42. Of this amount \$3,889.50 was spent for clerical services; \$2,153.98 was spent for postage, express, etc.; \$996.54 for printing, \$563.37 for stationary and filing cases; \$3,139.03 for auto tags and chauffeurs' license buttons; \$72.00 for refund of licenses, with \$18.08 remaining on hand at the end of the year. The department turned into the general fund \$32,300.00.

The Observer is glad to make this correction because it is right. We, like many others, labored under the belief that the expense of the department was out of reason, but when the facts are known it is plain to be seen that such is not the case.

There is positively no reason on earth why this paper should print this editorial setting the matter right in Eastern Oregon, except for the desire to be fair with Secretary of State Olcott, a man whom we have always opposed.

MORE RAILROAD PEOPLE FOR LA GRANDE.

The best news story from La Grande's point of view that has appeared in the Evening Observer since the news of the coming of the George Palmer Lumber company, can be found in this issue on the front page.

It is the heralding of the authentic statement that the O.-W. R. & N. company has decided to put a superintendent here for the mountain divisions and means that La Grande is to be the railroad town of the state. Thomas Walsh is to be the superintendent and with him will come a large force of clerical help, assistant superintendents, etc. If our judgment is not in error, while there is nothing given out by local officials except that Mr. Walsh is to come as superintendent, there is every reason to believe that our conjecture on other points will materialize.

This will mean a larger railroad population for La Grande. It will mean in time that larger and more commodious quarters will be erected, that general conditions will widen and improve so far as the railroad business is concerned, all of which combined will place La Grande squarely in the front rank and make it easily the railroad city of Oregon.

There is a pardonable pride on the part of every La Grande citizen when he tells of this proposed change which benefits the city and the Observer feels just as every citizen feels regarding the matter. As we have before said, the railroad company made it possible for a La Grande to build; it contributed its business which for years was practically the only business this city had. But La Grande was always good according to her size. Railroad money circulated in the arteries of trade and made it good. Then came the Palmer Lumber company and added its large pay rolls, giving this city another tremendous resource. Also the Grande Lumber company increased its business and thus increased its pay rolls. And from year to year the railroad company kept step with every demand of the country in the way of improvement which in turn increased its La Grande pay rolls and La Grande business.

Now, the company advances with a long stride and makes this city the home of the railroad company and railroad people for the mountain division. Our people are not unmindful of the company nor of the railroad

employees, for the two are inseparable and so closely interwoven that when mention of the company is made that mention carries with it reference to the splendid citizenship which is enlisted upon the company's pay rolls to make the successful operation of this railroad system.

La Grande welcomes Mr. Walsh and all who may come with him. We, as a people, welcome every improvement made by the company and in turn pledge our earnest and loyal support to the railroad, guaranteeing fair and honest treatment to every employe who is so fortunate as to call La Grande his home.

A new shipment of Royal Typewriters in today, \$75.00. The best typewriters in the world. Newlin Book & Stationery company, 4-7-2t

READING DRAWING WELL.

Ticket Sale Is Excellent and Out of Town Guests to Be Many.

Two counties are sending people to La Grande tomorrow night to hear Katherine Oliver McCoy in her reading, "Bunty Pulls the Strings" at the L. D. S. tabernacle, commencing at 8 o'clock. The Neighborhood and Tuesday Musical clubs announced today that the sale of tickets has been gratifying the proceeds being destined for the library fund. Over 200 tickets have now been disposed of here and reports from Island City are that a large sale has been registered there. Mrs. McCoy comes with a splendid Scotch production, and is herself a princess among entertainers and readers. The Oregonian says of her:

Katherine Oliver McCoy is one of the very best entertainers now before the American public and she wisely recognizes that the said public wants to laugh rather than to cry and is prepared accordingly. She gives a literary and amusing treat quite out of the ordinary in Scotch dialect comedy "Bunty Pulls the Strings" last night at the Y. W. C. A. auditorium. The audience listened with keen appreciation and at the close of the reading she was asked to repeat it in this city in the fall.

(As a sequel to this Katherine Oliver was engaged for a series of recitals in Portland in March, 1913.)

Coughs and Consumption.

Coughs and colds, when neglected, always lead to serious trouble of the lungs. The wisest thing to do when you have a cold that troubles you is to get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery. You will get relief from the first dose, and finally the cough will disappear. O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., writes: "My wife was down in bed with an obstinate cough, and I honestly believe had it not been for Dr. King's New Discovery, she would not be living today." Known for forty-three years as the best remedy for coughs and colds. Price 50c and \$1.00. Recommended by all dealers.

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Sole La Grande Agents for

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M. D. SANDERSON, B. M. OLIVER, F. H. OLIVER, C. W. OLIVER, WALTER WOODS. Summerville, Ore

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Notice to Contractors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed bids will be received by the city recorder of the city of La Grande for the construction of three concrete culverts, one on Fourth street, at the north property line of I avenue, containing approximately 60 cubic yards excavating, 31 cubic yards of concrete and 80 lineal feet of 1 1/2 inch galv. iron pipe; one on Fourth street, at the south property line of H avenue, containing approximately 60 cubic yards excavating, 31 cubic yards concrete, and 80 lineal feet of 1 1/2 inch galvanized iron pipe; and on Second street, between Grady avenue and Palmer avenue, containing

approximately 35 cubic yards of excavating, 25 cubic yards concrete and 32 lineal feet of 1 1/2 inch galv. iron pipe. All bids to be in by 8 o'clock p. m., April 16th, 1913, accompanied by a certified check for 5 per cent of bid. CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE. By LEE WARNICK, City Recorder. 4-4-5t

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La Grande National Bank La Grande, Oregon

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