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**MORE PAY ROLLS FOR LA GRANDE.**

The announcement made yesterday in the news columns of the Observer that the Mt. Emily Timber company had practically determined upon this city as its home means another step forward for La Grande. It means more pay rolls, larger business volume and the acquisition of a business concern which will add immeasurably to the city's resources. While this company may not begin with a large manufacturing plant, in fact, it is understood that it will begin with rather a small plant which will be used at first to cut the lumber now being purchased from other mills into shop lengths, yet that only means a start which with time will grow into one of the large concerns of Oregon.

This city is indeed fortunate in attracting the Mt. Emily Timber company, and whatever can be done to assist the company in acquiring property needed for sites at its proper value will without doubt be done by the citizens of La Grande.

**LOOK WHAT THIS TOWN DID!**

Towns that make no attempt to wake up and show some form of civic pride should look at the example being set by Mowrytown, Ohio, a little village which can not boast more than 500 souls. Five years ago this little Buckeye state village was such a run down place that even the local undertaker thought there was no further use in staying. Streets and sidewalks of the village were unimproved, the alleys were filled with trash, the vacant lots had fine crops of weeds, and on one in the village seemed to care a rap whether school kept or not.

One day a live idea struck one of the business men of the village, who otherwise had been about as much of a dead one as the other business men, but the idea was live, and so stuck around for a while. It was: "Why can't something be done with this town of ours?" The idea made itself so felt that the business man told his neighbor about it, and the two called in a third to talk it over. The result was that the idea got to buzzing in the heads of several of the business men at once, and it developed into a real live movement.

The movement of "cleaning up the town" got a good start, and the good start kept on until today Mowrytown is not to be scoffed at. The village has four miles of cement sidewalks, the streets are improved, the vacant lots mowed, the business men all get the spirit which places the sure that will help their village and further improvement conditions. The only thing poor about the village of Mowrytown now is the crop of weeds for the weeds are not doing well.

**THE LAW IS NOT A GOOD ONE.**

The assessment law of Oregon which says notes must be taxed is without question a very unfair law. It permits the non-resident money-lender to operate without paying on his securities while it taxes the local person who loans money. Just why such a measure was ever passed is almost beyond reason, yet it is on the statute books just as many other nonsensical laws are on the statute books today.

We have no disposition to criticize any county assessor for as the law is written his duty is plain. In some cases probably examination of the records is unnecessary, but that in itself is a question for the assessor to decide.

The point we wish to bring out is the injustice of the law. A non-resident can loan money here and unless his own state digs into Union county the notes would go unassessed. The man who lives at Island City or Hillgard can get off in his assessment of rates by paying the county and state tax, which last year was 10 mills, while the man in La Grande who owns notes must pay 27 mills tax. This is the penalty for living in a city like La Grande with improvements, advanced schools and other conveniences.

Then, too, there is the element of double taxation which certainly appears in some cases. All of which brings on chaotic ideas of taxation and engulfs the layman in a myriad of ideas when he tries to figure out just what would be equitable.

Now, that Assessor Couch has taken a firm stand in what he honestly believes to be right and within the strict meaning of the law, it is going to be very interesting to know whether the state tax board will insist that each county assessor in the state follows the letter of the law. For instance, will the state tax board say to the assessor in Baker or Multnomah counties that he must tax all notes of record and will the board see that these assessors do as the law undoubtedly prescribes?

**OPENING THE BASEBALL SEASON.**

La Grande opens the baseball season next Tuesday. There will be nothing tame about the opening, for Pat Foley is manager of the ball team and that means there will be something doing all of the time.

Five hundred cow bells have been provided for the occasion and every rooter for the home team may equip himself with a cowbell which will not wear its tones out as will the human voice.

The parade is to be a novel one and will form on Fourth street near the school house. Automobiles, carriages and pedestrians will be led by the "Spuds" steam roller attached to which will be a dozen wagons loaded with the children of the city. The whole town will lay off next Monday and the national game will be the only thing attracting attention. Get out the old shotgun and load it with powder, grab a cowbell, and best of all get the spirit which places the smile of contentment on the lips of every La Grander and makes him radiate his happiness to others.

**IN THE HIGH GEAR TODAY**

The Y. M. C. A. committees are out today working in the high gear. Not a cylinder is missing fire and the tremendous power plant is able to surmount any obstacle that may appear.

Mr. Rhodes, who is about as near a real general as one can find in time of peace, has the best organization we have ever seen. His discipline and ability to do things is so marked that every worker respects him and is anxious to do the way he directs. Politicians who have posed as bosses for years in different states could get some pointers from Mr. Rhodes on organization. In fact, we believe the United States army could be taught a few things by him.

With such remarkable preliminary work and organization failure of the Y. M. C. A. enterprise is among the impossibilities. It may take more time than was first anticipated; men who were slated for subscriptions may be displaced by others, but these are details.

London woman talked 56 hours to a jury. It took that jury 15 minutes to decide the case against her and to compel her to pay the costs of \$30,000. In this case talk wasn't so cheap.

A self-confessed horse thief has been acquitted in California. Any man who can find a horse to steal these days is entitled to a discoverer's medal.

Three Chinamen have joined the fraternities at Cornell. Why not? Most of the fraternities sound as though they were named after Chinamen.

It requires quite a lot of patience to lick one of those new Panama expedition postage stamps.

**Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN**

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Portland, Baker and La Grande men, the workers organized themselves into teams of ten each, chose the people they would see today and then arranged themselves in working order. Of the dozen or so teams about twelve of them are clamoring that theirs will be the squad that will chalk up the largest aggregate of subscriptions.

The banquet last evening was a grand success. General optimism for La Grande was expressed in certain tones, and with it optimism for the Y. M. C. A. campaign. Toastmaster H. E. Coolidge after a few introductory remarks in which he told of the long need of a Y. M. C. A. in La Grande introduced Ray Coach of the high school who told of the reasons why the young men really wanted a Young Men's Christian association.

W. H. Ellis of Baker City, told of the recent campaign in that city, and as with all the speakers, dwelt upon the influence of a Y. M. C. A. upon the life of the city. C. M. Humphreys spoke from the interests of the railroad men. George Stoddard held up a higher ideal for the young men as expressed in the work of the association. Mac Weed told why, now was the logical time to undertake the campaign. W. L. Boyles for many years a railroad Y. M. C. A. secretary, related why Y. M. C. A. associations were considered as essential equipment of any railroad.

The speaker of the evening, H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Portland association reviewed at length the various activities of Y. M. C. A. and explained its power as a promoter and a builder of a higher civilization.

Last on the program, I. B. Roades, field secretary of Oregon took charge of the meeting, and after an appeal for help during the coming campaign, requested all workers to remain to organize themselves into fighting regiments of ten each.

**Watch the Clock.**

Watch the big "Eight Day" clock on Adams. This is actually an eight day clock, for if it is regulated rightly it will complete the revolution in just eight days. Every one of its sixty minutes means over \$500 for the Y. M. C. A. This clock will tell local time in terms of money. Standard time says that it should make one revolution in eight days. Time (the clock) will tell whether local La Grande time is up to the standard or whether it is slow. Every ten dollars means that the clock will move a second. How many seconds will you advance the hand? It is up to each La

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Remember the Noon Lunch.

Each member of every team is expected to attend the noon lunches in the Odd Fellows' hall. This will be the clearing house of the campaign. The results of the previous twenty-four hours will be credited to each team according to the report of the chairman. New name swill be selected and the team mates will plan their work for the next twenty-four hours. This will all take place between bites, the bites costing twenty cents.

If there are any men who are willing to work during the coming eight days and have not as yet been assigned to any team, a place will be made for them immediately upon their notifying campaign headquarters, which are located in Wm. Miller's office.

**MAY TERM IN SESSION**

**Supreme Court in Pendleton May Term Hears local Cases.**

Local attorneys are hieing to Pendleton this week. Robert Eakin, of the firm of Crawford & Eakin, returned this morning from Pendleton where the supreme court is holding its May term, and Attorney R. J. Greens went to Pendleton last night as interested attorney. C. H. Finn, Turner Oliver and District Attorney Ivanhoe are among the other attorneys having business before the court.

The East Oregonian says of the session opening yesterday:

With the five members of the tribunal all present, the regular May Eastern Oregon term of the supreme court commenced Monday morning in the circuit court room and will continue through the greater part of the week. The court is composed of Justice A. McBride, Frank A. Moore, Henry J. Bean, George H. Burnette and Robert A. Eakin.

Three cases were argued and sub-

mitted today. The first case up was that of the Pringle Falls Electric Power & Water Co., resp., vs. Charles A. Patterson, Luella C. Parrish, I. B. Grangstead, Charles S. Gesner, and the Deschutes Hydro-electric Co., appellants, from Crook county, involving the right of way for a power line. J. Le Roy Smith and J. N. Hart of Portland appeared for the appellant and E. B. Defur of Portland for the respondent. The second case that of Bruce Lydell, resp., vs. Flat National Bank of Joseph, F. D. McCully and J. A. Branson, appellants, concerns itself with the attempt of a shepherd-ar to collect money from his employers. It is from Wallowa county and Sheahan & Cooley of Wallowa are representing the respondent and Crawford & Eakin of La Grande the appellant.

The third case is that of the State of Oregon vs. Norman Sweikert, accused of the larceny of some sheep. It is from Union county. District Attorney F. S. Ivanhoe and Attorney General A. M. Crawford are for the state and Turner Oliver for the appellant.

During the present session of the court six applicants for admission to the bar will take the examination.

J. T. Langley, the master mechanic for the division, is in the city on a regular inspection tour.

C. S. Williams returned to Imbler this morning.



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"Uncle George" Webb, ex-treasurer of Oregon is here from Pendleton and will make an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Stevens. Though within a year and a few months of the 90 year mark, "Uncle George" anticipates enjoying some exciting fishing trips this spring.

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