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A WOMAN WHO LOVES LA GRANDE.

A great many pleasant things grew out of the Y. M. C. A. campaign just finished. Men who seldom become active in a public way buckled on the armor and went forth to fight for the cause. Loyalty to home was evidenced on every side, but one of the most striking examples of love for the home city was shown by Mrs. Honan who contributed \$5,000 to the fund.

Mrs. Honan, like many of the older citizens, has lived here many years; she has seen the town grow from a cross roads trading point to a modern little city and in every phase of that growth can be traced the loyalty of herself and her departed husband. They were not marked assistance to La Grande when La Grande was an infant, they extended that fostering care when La Grande grew to be a healthy child and now that this city has reached an advanced stage in growth, even though Dr. Honan could not live to see the advancement, his good wife continues to give of the family substance to the worthy enterprises which make this city a better place to live in.

It has not been long since Mrs. Honan built a handsome Guild hall and dedicated it to the Episcopal people. The structure rightfully carries the name, "Honan Hall" and it is a building that has been appreciated and will be appreciated by the young people as time goes on. Some might think one such gift was sufficient, but Mrs. Honan, in her broad vision of affairs, believes in preparing the young both in mind and body for the battle of life. She realizes fully that things have changed since she was a girl, and that children in order to obtain proper exercise of the body must nowadays have gymnasiums very handy. She realizes that the old days when the children obtained exercise from performing duties around the home, raising gardens, chopping wood, etc., have passed forever and she accepts the situation just as everyone must accept it.

Her donation to the Y. M. C. A.

was at a time when the last big fight was on. She knew it would be needed more at the last than the first of the campaign, and she was right. It saved the day and made it possible for La Grande's name to go out over the country as one of the few cities that in a Y. M. C. A. campaign raised more money than was at first attempted.

The entire population of this city respects and admires Mrs. Honan, not alone for the gift she has just bestowed, but for the true worth reflected through the long years of residence here and her desire to do good to all.

SINNOTT AT WASHINGTON.

The man who is raising sheep in the western country should know who his friends are at Washington, and during the late fight on the tariff it is very apparent that some of the senators and representatives have done a lot of sidestepping. For instance Senator Chamberlain appears and then he disappears when the wool question is up for discussion, but the most cruel thing of all was when the newspapers of the coast gave Senator Chamberlain credit for the amendment which Congressman Nick Sinnott introduced, taking the tariff off manufactured woolsens.

A great many of Chamberlain's supporters in this section of Oregon clapped their hands remarking, 'Well George made 'em some trouble. When congress demanded free wool he came back at 'em and demanded free manufactured woolsens.'

The truth is Chamberlain made no such demand. He merely waited for 'the cat to die' to use Whitcomb Riley's expression. Congressman Sinnott was the man who stuck in the amendment and made a good square fight for the wool men of Oregon throughout the tariff debate. His speech entitled, 'The Oregon Trail' delivered during the wool debate, is a gem and to every man who has made or lost money on sheep it should be filed along with the abstract to the homestead, for Sinnott not only told the truth but he told it in such a way there could be no mistaken meaning attached.

When wool men analyze congress to find their friends from Oregon there will be no Chamberlain show up. Sinnott was the one outspoken defender of the tariff on wool.

A TARIFF COMMISSION.

Constituent organizations in the Chamber of Commerce of the United States will vote on a referendum on the question of establishing a permanent tariff commission. This is the second referendum which has been submitted to the membership since the organization was formed a year ago. The vote on the first referendum as to a national budget was endorsed by almost unanimous vote. It is very doubtful if the same unanimity of opinion will show itself in respect to the question of establishing a permanent tariff commission.

It will be interesting to ascertain the sentiment of the business interests in regard to a tariff commission. Business is directly affected by all tariff legislation, good or bad, and

it has the deepest concern in the methods which are used to make changes in the schedules.

The proposal on which the referendum vote will be taken says that the commission will have power 'to technical and statistical facts of all gather, investigate and tabulate kinds pertinent to the tariff schedules, both in this and other countries.'

In connection with the referendum the Chamber of Commerce gives arguments on both sides of the question. Including within these arguments the thoughts of men on both sides of the question.

In the argument for a permanent commission it is stated:

'The determination of tariff policy is a political question. Duties on imports constitute a tax. Whether or not a tax is to be levied, whether the tax should be heavy or light, for the protection of American industry or solely for revenue purposes, are political questions for the determination of congress.'

'What the rates of duty on specific articles should be in order to accomplish the policy established is an involved, technical and economic question which, owing to frequent change in conditions in this and foreign countries, requires constant, expert investigation as a basis for a change in duty to accord with tariff policy.'

'Congress does not sit continuously. Its very fitness to establish policies in accord with the majority of the popular will unfits it and its members for detached investigation of economic facts regardless of policy.'

In the argument against a permanent commission it is contended:

'It is impossible through a commission or any other means to secure an exact determination of cost of production in this country and abroad. The success or failure of an enterprise and its costs are dependent upon managerial ability. Costs, prices, wages and practically all other facts which it is proposed to have a commission ascertain from day to date in consequence of economic influences that any set of data ascertained would be merely historical and not of current value as a basis of legislation.'

A BAS THE SIRENS.

A French judge has delivered a knockout blow to the musical automobile horn. In the test case brought before the judge, two motorists of Douai, who had been enlivening the night by trumpeting the leitmotiv from 'Die Walkue,' were the accused. There had been a slight accident. The accused declared they had sounded a warning note through their siren. That's where they got into trouble with the court.

The law in France declares that every motor car must have a 'horn' attachment to warn pedestrians and others of danger.

'The horn,' said the court, 'must be for the purpose of sounding an alarm and be used to warn the public, not to amuse it. The horn must give forth a single note which should be grave, even sinister, in order to call attention to impending danger. The fanfare horns lack seriousness and, therefore, are outside the meaning of the act.'

We are rather inclined to agree with the learned French judge. How could a person, out for his evening stroll, hearing the soft, sweet strains of 'Aren't You Coming Out Tonight, Mary Ann?' be made through any psychological process to believe there was danger in the air? Or, could anyone presage a jolt that might necessitate a hurry-up ambulance call when he was mentally digesting the opening bars of 'Just a Dream of You, Dear'?

We get enough musical entertainment through the hotel orchestra, the restaurant piano, the neighbor's pianola, the phonograph across the street, the parrot in the flat above and the tomcat in the alley in the rear.

We need no sirens on our motor cars. Let us stick to the sharp, decisive, staccato 'honk, honk' with its sinister warning of impending dangers.

Governor Hodges of Kansas says his state should stop holding legislative sessions for ten years and let the state catch up with the laws already passed. Kansas once before passed a bunch of laws many of which the state has never caught up with.

Penfield, N. J., school board wants the science of cow milking taught in the public schools. What's the use? With hundreds of condenseries all over the country, all that is needed is a can opener.

One of the hardest stunts that a congressman has to do in order to earn our money, seems to be learning parliamentary rules enough to play politics on all important tariff changes.

Sulphur from Japan has been admitted free of duty after a long controversy. Seems to be enough sulphur along the western coast now.

You can always tell how worldly a man is by the alacrity with which he gives up his seat to a woman.

It's no use. This patent cleaner won't change the style of a straw hat.

SCHOOL HAS FINE ENDING

CLOSING PROGRAM AT LADD CANYON EXCELLENT.

Building Packed With Friends to Hear the Closing Program.

Ladd Canyon, May 19.—(Special) Mrs. Retta Allen and pupils of the Ladd Canyon school gave their closing school entertainment Friday night to a packed house, there scarcely being standing room. The school house was artistically and beautifully decorated with colored streamers, flowers, American flags and shrubbery. As Mrs. Allen has been very faithful in teaching so many small children and putting the larger ones through the eighth grade, she deserves special credit in having the program so well selected and rendered. The term just finished is the second one she has taught here and having gained so many warm hearts nearly the whole neighborhood regrets to see her leave. Sixteen people from La Grande were in attendance at the entertainment. They were: Miss Mary Warnick, who is visiting Mrs. James McClure; Mrs. Fred Snyhorst, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry Peebler; Miss Ada Jorris, who was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jorris; Miss Hazel and Master Henry Mohr, who are visiting at the Krouse home; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lowman, who are visiting with Mrs. Loman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Linebarger; Mrs. Dora French and children Eva French and Thomas Crawley, who were visiting Mrs. French's sister, Mrs. James Mulholland; and Mrs. Grover Farris and brother, George Clark, Miss Neil Watson, Laurence Spencer and Daisy Turnbow. The writer was unable to obtain the titles of the recitations, but the program was given as follows:

Song of Welcome, by five girls. Recitation—Mildred Mulholland. Dialogue by 10 small children. Recitation—Willie Banton. Recitation—Dorothy Krouse. Recitation—Sailor Bainbridge. Recitation—Olive Jorris. Recitation—Cecil Sherwood. Recitation—Belle Counsell. Dialogue by 6 boys. Dialogue—Otto Chapman. Song—"Spring" by school. Recitation—Arthur Conway. Recitation—George Chapman. Recitation—Mildred Conaway. Dialogue—"Playing Hookey" Six characters.

Recitation—Walter Peebler. Song by six small boys. Recitation—Evan Peebler. Recitation—Tavis Wilson. Recitation—Jim Conaway. Dialogue—"Keeping House" Five girls.

Recitation—Raymond Stump. Solo—"Roses Bring Dreams of You" by Mildred Mulholland. Recitation—Etta Banton. Dialogue—"Trusting too Far" by 9 characters, 5 scenes.

Recitation—Silbyl Mulholland. Recitation—Minne Drummith. Recitation—Murriel Mulholland. Song—"Oregon"—by school.

Mrs. Thomas Bates and uncle, Jack Walker, visited over Friday night with relatives at Union.

Mrs. Alec Furgason, of Island City,

New Fabrics and Trimmings for Summer Dresses Just Received

Bulgarian Bandings—In many wonderful colorings and a wide variety of patterns. The season's newest novelty. 30c yard.

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Washable Corduroy—Comes in plain white, 27 inches wide. Extra long nap. Price \$1.25 yard.

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The Famous Gage Bros.' Pattern Hats All reduced 25 per cent.

Select your new hat today while you can choose at this great price saving.



SCOUTS WILL GUIDE CLEANUP

Four Divisions to Have a Wagin and Scouts Each Saturday.

Boy Scouts are to play an important part in cleanup day next Saturday. The city has been subdivided into four sections and in each of these a Scout chief will superintend a garbage wagon that will pick up all rubbish left in alleys and on streets. Property owners are urged to have these piles assembled early that there may be no delay. It will be permissible to burn rubbish on that day without permits from the fire department. All the Scout force will be utilized in keeping the work going that day, and the youngsters will practically take complete charge under the direction of the civics committee of the Neighborhood club.

Yesterday was planting day at the hospital grounds and about 20 ladies beautified the grounds there by planting and seeding things that make prettier an already pretty plot of ground. The nurses at the hospital

BUILDERS TO BE HOSTS

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEMBERS TO BE ENTERTAINED.

Contractors Assume Mine Host Role for Friday Evening.

Friday evening, this week, builders and contractors of the city are to fete and entertain the members of the commercial club at an informal smoker. The builders have arranged the affair for an evening when there will be little counter attraction and all members of the club are urged to be out to participate in the festivities which the builders have in mind.

It is to be very informal along smoker lines and a good time is in store for the occasion.

visited from Wednesday until Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mulholland.

served a delicious luncheon to the ladies at the noon hour.

PROGRAM AT ARCADE TODAY

- 1—THE GREY SENTINEL, TWO REEL FEATURE.
2—ANGEL OF MERCY, DRAMA.
3—DOROTHY BENTON, IN VAUDEVILLE.
4—DOG IN A BAGGAGE CAR, THANHOUSER COMEDY.
5—THE KOLSTADS, IN MUSIC AND EFFECTS.

Clark brothers, South La Grande well diggers, have just completed a well on the J. J. Carr ranch in which abundance of water was found at 80 feet.

PROBERS ARE NAMED

Sub-committee of Senate to Look Into Mine Employment.

Washington, May 21.—The senate labor committee has named Senators Borah, Swanson and Shields a sub-committee to consider the Kern resolution demanding an investigation of the situation in coal fields of West Virginia. They are expected to report favorably.

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La Grande, Oregon

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