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WHAT ABOUT THE RECALL.

Dame Rumor says there is a recall petition in circulation wherein Dr. M. K. Hall is to be recalled as mayor of La Grande. But Dame Rumor, as usual, fails to give facts and figures; fails to show that recall proceedings are justifiable. However, we do not wish to criticize any person's privilege to recall an officer—that is a right given under the Oregon law. And when an officer does not do as one wishes him to—if he fails to say "can't" for "cannot" or picks his teeth with a lead pencil during council meeting, why certainly that official is subject to an attempted recall.

We do not know whether Dr. Hall uses the word "can't" or picks his teeth with one of Faber's graphites but if he is guilty of such acts, why certainly bring out the recall and let try it out.

But it must be remembered that it is one thing to start a recall and quite another thing to finish with it. As before stated it is a right of the populace to start a recall at any time (after a certain period following election) but a recall election may prove that the recall is groundless, that it is unfair, that it smacks of revenge or some of such elements. And it is always noticeable when recalls have been started with anything other than public welfare behind them, they die before reaching first base.

At present we cannot see where the recall is justifiable in the mayor's case or in the case of any of the councilmen. Things may not be run as many people would like, but the chief sin is the sin of omission rather than commission.

The summer is with us—those long days when even pitching horseshoes becomes tiresome, so for the sport there is in the game—if a recall is to be instigated—bring it in during the summer. Yes, bring forth the recall giant and let us all look him over. His roar has reverberated up and down the canyons of Oregon, but until now La Grande has never met up with him at close range. Square him for action and with proceedings that will startle the kangaroo let us determine whether

er or not Mayor Hall says "can't" when he should say "cannot."

THE COVE CHERRY.

Good people who live in and around the Cove are preparing for a day of entertainment. That day is July 23rd and many will journey long distances to be present. All of which means that Cove could not pull year after year a successful event known as the Cherry's Show if she did not have the cherries. Yes, "Cove's Got 'Em." and no mistake. Cherries that make your eyes stick out and your palate tremble; cherries that make the easterner think he never before saw fruit by that name; cherries that take prizes at every national and international exhibition—that's the kind Cove has. On Cherry day cherries are free that is the day they give cherries away, and along with those cherries they give the noted Cove hospitality which makes one feel mighty good. The dollar chasing and the penny squeezing is forgotten and everybody goes to Cove with love in his heart and returns with a cherry in his mouth.

This year is no exception. To say that Cove is going to do something greater than ever before would not be right, for Cove does the eminently correct and proper thing every year—she opens the portals of her remarkable community to the public and bids them enter. What they see tells the story without the addition of words. A good old fashioned time is what you can expect at Cove and that time will be garnished with cherries served by some of the best people in all of the world.

STATE INSURANCE.

Wisconsin, which is in some respects the most progressive state in the Union, is going to try out a plan of state life insurance. The state life insurance law was passed by the legislature of 1911 and the insurance commissioner was given two years in which to prepare the necessary regulations, blanks, etc. The first application was made for insurance under the new law on the first day of last October.

The state writes at present three kinds of policies, ordinary life, 20-payment life endowment and 10-payment life endowment. Annuity policies will be added later. Insurance policies are issued to persons between the ages of 20 and 50 in amounts of \$500 and multiples thereof, up to \$3,000. The policies are written in the form of standard reserve policies but a large part of the cost is eliminated.

There are no large sums paid out for commissions to agents, or for the erection of huge buildings, or for the payment of great salaries to high up officials. Premiums may be paid almost any old way that suits the insured. They may be paid annually, semi-annually, quarterly, monthly or weekly. The policy holder may borrow on his policy from the state, to the full amount of his reserve.

If a policy holder for any reason ceases to pay his premiums the amount already paid is treated as a loan to the policy holder and his policy is automatically kept alive as long as the

premiums with interest do not exceed the amount of his accumulated reserve.

Premiums may be paid to any county, city or village treasurer or to any bank that is a state depository. Policies are issued to persons within the ages mentioned above, who are at the time within the state of Wisconsin or are residents thereof. Unlike most insurance policies there are no limitations or restrictions as to travel or change of occupation.

If after providing the required reserve fund there are found to be any net profits to the state, they are distributed pro rata among the policy holders.

Missouri is now agitating the question of state fire insurance, since the recent trouble with the old line fire insurance companies. These experiments are going to be closely watched. If Wisconsin demonstrates that the state can successfully conduct the life insurance business and if Missouri or some other state should establish a system of state fire insurance and make a success of it, it would not be very long until most of the life and fire insurance companies of the country would go out of business.

Ben Weathers, the Enterprise postmaster, holds a charmed political existence. When Grover Cleveland was made president he in turn made Ben postmaster. He was such an efficient official that republican decided to let him hold office. He held under republican rule so long that the general impression prevailed Ben was a republican. When Wilson was inaugurated some state democrats decided it was time for Ben to go, but Sam Pace and a lot of those pioneer double first-ed democrats of Walla Walla county said No, Ben is all right where he is and they forced his re-appointment. There is not chance to split in either the republican or democratic party over Ben Weathers.

Preparations for discussion of the new city charter are now under way and it is understood every club and lodge in the city will hold meetings for that purpose during the summer. This is right, for the document to be voted on is the law of the city and too much study can not be given it.

BASEBALL STRATEGY.

A Game That Was Won by Two Players and a Live Snake.

Tommy Tucker lost a game for Washington to Chicago once and started a battle all because of a trick Bill Dahlen and Bill Everett put up on him. Tom never did like snakes. Indeed, he held them in abhorrence, and in some way Dahlen discovered this Washington was to play Chicago that afternoon, and during the morning practice on the west side grounds Dahlen and Everett discovered a small gartersnake and treasured it up.

Along in the fourth inning Everett cracked out a hit, and as soon as he landed on first base Dahlen, ignoring his usual custom, ran out to coach, and a moment later he slipped the harmless little reptile to Everett, who dropped it into Tucker's slip pocket.

Tommy discovered the snake just as the pitcher was delivering the ball and, with a yelp, he deserted first base. The batter had hit to the shortstop, who gathered up the ball on the run and started to throw to second, but was too late and threw toward first. Tommy was twenty feet off the base, jumping up and down and hunting for something with which to kill that snake, and the ball went to the stands and Chicago scored four runs before the inning ended.

Tucker protested wildly, but the umpire couldn't find anything about snakes in the rule book and let it go at that.

The Primary Colors.

Primary colors are the colors into which white light is separated by the dispersion of a prism. Those named by Newton are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. Artists reduce these to three—red, yellow and blue. Scientists generally consider red, green and blue to represent the primary color sensations, and in one theory there are supposed to be three sets of nerves in the retina which can respond to these three colors. The idea of three primary colors is that from the combination of these three all hues may be produced which are to be found in white light.

Paying the Pope's Physicians. By a long established custom the physicians of the pope are paid every week by the pope's chamberlain. When his holiness is seriously sick the physician does not receive this payment. From this custom no payment. The pope has departed since the time of Sixtus V.—Le Cri de Paris.

When She Nags. It is not always a sign of ill temper when a woman nags. Sometimes she falls into this habit and sweet tempered fall of ten the habit. Nine times out of ten a woman is tired.

Greater Reductions on All New Merchandise

Compare our quality and prices with any others and you will quickly realize the importance of making your purchases here.

Every Article in the Store Reduced West's Remodeling Sale

Italians Good Advertisers.

Rome, July 17.—Musical Italy has gone America one better in the matter of the advertising poems which adorn the street cars of today. Hereafter all will be set to music—and that by the best modern masters. Puccini, composer of "Madame Butterfly", and "The Girl of the Golden West", has just set to music an ode extolling the merits of a tooth powder. Caruso "the golden," has drawn a caricature of himself in which words and music are issuing from his mouth in praise of a certain brand of soap. Leoncavallo, of "Pagliacci" fame, is the author

Woodman Meeting Tonight.

There will be important business for the Modern Woodmen of America this evening. Lodge called promptly at 8 o'clock.

Shipping Out Horses.

Ellis McLean and F. McLean are shipping out a carload of elegant horses today. They were purchased from valley ranchers.

of the music to a hymn which tells just what kind of hair tonic will make two hairs grow where there haven't been any for many years.

Norway King an Ornament.

Christiana, Norway, July 17.—Norway's king henceforth will be merely an ornamental decoration—a mere puppet—if a measure which has been submitted to the national Storting (parliament) becomes a law. Having granted women suffrage which has placed women upon absolute political equality with men, the Storting, by way of a special committee, named today, began active steps to put through a measure which will take from the king his power of veto and approval of laws passed by that body. Only the signature of a responsible minister will be necessary to make enacted bills law. The measure being considered also would abolish all orders and decorations and takes from the king the right to confer them. If these laws pass the King of Norway would have less governmental power and authority than Joseph Tumulty secretary to President Wilson.

MOTORCYCLE RACE.

Arrangements have been completed by Baker.

A motorcycle race from Baker La Grande and return in 1914, is a plan of Secretary C. M. SeCor of the Union County Fair association, who in the city today planning for the year's event. Piloted by W. H. Ed he selected the route through the city July 27. The racers will enter Baker at Tenth street following the street center, to Main, where they will register at the Baker Commercial then to Campbell, to the eastern side of the city, then north toward La Grande.—Baker Herald.

NOTICE TO WATER USERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Beaver Creek Pipe Line is out of commission, and WATER USERS ARE NOTIFIED, NOT TO IRRIGATE ANY ALL, and only use the water that absolutely necessary, until notified, publication in the La Grande Evening Observer.

L. M. HOYT Water Superintendent 7-16 B. Adv.

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Is to have the Press Facilities, Material and Workmen. The Observer's Job Department has added

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One 16x15 Chandler & Price Job Press.
One 12x18 Chandler & Price Job Press.
One Power Wire Stitcher
One Chandler & Price Paper Cutter
One Portland Multiple Punch,
One ten horse power motor, and
Over \$1,000 worth of type and material.

This added to our former equipment, which consisted of Mergenthaler Linotype, Baskcock, cylinder press, two job presses, cutter and perforator makes ours positively the

Best Equipped Job Office Between Portland and Boise

Sixteen People Work at the Observer Office.—\$250.00 pay roll each week, every cent of which is spent in La Grande.

The Test of Time

Time determines whether the policies under which a bank is operated. 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 \$130,000.00, 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, \$130,000.00 Resources, 1,180,000.00 DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. UNITED STATES POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORY.