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RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION.

Mayor Hall took the floor in his own defense at the council meeting on Wednesday night which was all right. He was amply justified in asking his accusers to come to the tent and play the game in the open.

The mayor was the one assailed and he cannot be blamed for taking the course he has.

However, it will be useless to further prolong the matter with committee investigations, attempted impeachments and the like.

It seems to us the proper course for all now to pursue, is to settle down to hard, earnest work for the passage of the commission charter which will put an end to a lot of such work as the city has witnessed of late.

NEWSPAPER ERRORS THAT CAUSE SHIVERS.

No man ever ran a newspaper for long that errors did not creep in which serve to cause embarrassment.

Last evening in mentioning the

death of our friend, Willis Duniway, the headline read, "A Useful Cedar Tree," when it should have read, "A Useful Career Ended."

It did not detract from the admiration we have always held for the man who passed from this life, and we believe that most readers will readily understand that a line from another article got in the wrong place.

THE SOFT PEDAL IN MEXICO.

Just why the administration, cannot see, or why the Taft Administration could not see, that the time is sure to come when Mexico must be cared for by the United States is somewhat of a mystery.

No one wants war but when it is inevitable why prolong the agony and continue to have American citizens butchered, the flag insulted and the nation outraged by a band of ruffians?

SUMMER TAN TO ORDER.

Sunburn minus both the sun and the burn is the latest shortcut which the twentieth century science has devised. In the Edison laboratory is a machine that by utilizing what is called a mercury ray, makes it unnecessary to go to a summer resort to get a coat of fashionable tan.

The modern world has evolved a number of ways of cutting across lots of almost any desired end. We are assured by Dr. Elliot that reading ten minutes a day from the books that comprise his "five foot" shelf will give us learning.

In spite of the advance of science however, some old fashioned persons will prefer to get what they go after in the time honored ways.

honest-to-goodness vacation in the open does.

Perhaps, after all, the tan is not the sole and only end of the midsummer holiday.

Discussion of an excursion to the beach is out of order. The climate of Eastern Oregon has it all over the beach climate and people from the lower country are coming to Willowa lake this summer instead of going to the ocean.

Guess a million and a quarter bushels of wheat don't sound bad for the Grande Ronde valley this year? And there is money here to move the crop too.

And after all the solution of Bryan's speechmaking is probably not the money end. He is a man who just dearly loves to talk.

One thing no one will doubt: If T. R. does organize an army to invade Mexico it will be composed of fighting men and not mollycoddles.

Just why the press dispatches should call attention to ten bachelors on the Diggins jury has not been fully explained.

Don't overlook the fact that La Grande, along with her many other sensible moves this season, is erecting a public library.

When a man gets sore because he can't make others believe in his brand of religion we doubt whether the Creator classes such over-zealousness as an asset or a liability.

The police of Aurora, Ill. are to have summer uniforms of Panama hats and serge coats. Sounds cool but inadequate.

Mental telepathy is unreliable in that the man who owes you never seems to have his mind as much on you as you do on him.

The originator of some of these late parascos must have mixed buttermilk with his chop suey before going to bed.

One thing that the city boy escapes is turning a grind stone for father.

Dry Farming Considered.

Portland, Aug. 7.—President Widetson, of Utah Agricultural college, Logan, Utah, passed through the city today on his way to Corvallis where he will confer with the agronomists there regarding dry farming and other agricultural problems peculiar to this state.

Dr. Widetson is a specialist on dry farming and a strong advocate of the "half-day" system of school work as is in vogue in Germany.

Telephone Rate Changed.

A Union dispatch says the Eastern Oregon Co-operative Telephone company, at a meeting of the board of directors, decided to accept the decision of the railroad commission rather than contest it in the courts.

Bend Has \$4,500 Blaze.

Bend, Ore., Aug. 7.—The Evergreen rooming-house here was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock, causing a loss of about \$4,500, covered

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by insurance. The flames had gained great headway when discovered and the guests had barely time to escape with their lives, losing all their personal belongings.

Summer Students On Outing.

Joseph, Or., Aug. 7.—The Williamette University summer school, in session at Joseph, took an outing trip through the mountains to Aneroid lake, on Saturday, as the guests of Jay H. Dobbin.

Oregon Loser in Home Seeking.

Salem, Or., Aug. 7.—A warning was sounded today by J. B. Eaton, a member of the state tax commission, who is just back from a tour of Eastern and Southern Oregon, that if the state is to reach out and secure its share of Eastern landowners the present alleged wildcatting in real estate must cease, and investors be made to realize that when they invest they will receive value in return for their money.

says, and, unless they are stamped out, it will only be a matter of time until Oregon will be unable to interest Eastern investors in its lands. He also declared that the state is on the eve of a new era of land valuations.

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