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RAILROADS ARE IN NEED MORE PEARLYS.

All must admit that railroad companies are getting too severe a grilling nowadays, but it must also be admitted that to a great degree the railroads brought the trouble on themselves.

The tables turned and turned quickly. People began swatting the railroad companies on every side. It is the old story of the reform pendulum—when it began to swing it swung too far in the opposite direction.

What we want to impress is that railroad managers and presidents in the past have been the most dense set of individuals in the country.

The address delivered by A. W. Pearly last evening at the Commercial club on the public and the railroads was along the right lines.

If railroad companies had taken the public into their confidence long ago and sent out a number of Pearlys a great deal of the present condition would have been overcome.

LAWS THAT MEAN SOMETHING

It is an imposing summary of progressive legislation which is marshaled by William B. Shaw in the July number of the Review of Reviews un-

der the title "Progressive Lawmaking in Many States." Glancing at what has been accomplished one is forced to realize that a great change has come over this country within recent years, a change that augers well for the future.

The dominant chord in the new legislation is the betterment of humanity. The day when men are put before dollars evidently is on the way, if it is not already here.

It is interesting to note the emphasis which Mr. Shaw places on the part that legislative reference bureaus play in legislation. Wisconsin was the pioneer in this movement to secure exact information in advance of laws in other states with details as to their strong and their weak points.

The result of this forethought is that fewer bills that "won't hold water" are being passed. Far more effort is being expended, too, in learning if a proposed law can be enforced.

Sheriff Hug has a new horse-standard bred and registered. It runs by gasoline power and its speed is unlimited.

An Oklahoma paper in commenting on the new skirt for ladies says: "We consider the present day costume quite attractive and undoubtedly a fulfillment of the scripture—Those things that are hidden shall be made plain."

Chicago has a house of seven rooms wherein 300 men sleep every day. The house ought to be supplied with sound "condensers" for the benefit of the neighborhood.

A wife can easily estimate her husband's love after she returns from her vacation if she finds the dishes all clean and no cobwebs on the carpet sweeper.

The young man is up against a hard problem. The secretary of the navy is urging him to go into the navy, the

secretary of war is urging him to go into the army and the secretary of agriculture is urging him to go back to the soil.

"The chief purpose of the slashed skirt," remarked the ex-Harney county ranger yesterday, "as I see it, is to assist chickens in showing their drumsticks."

It seems as though a good American baseball umpire would be the right man for king of the new Balkan principality.

Wu Ting Fang of China is coming back to Washington. He gets around to Washington about as often as Mr. Taft when he was president.

To the man with limited means but a large imagination the old home porch can be made to look just as good as a summer resort.

The cigar dealer who put out a new imported brand called "Suffragette" has found to his sorrow that smokers prefer the mild domestic.

Against the time when all women will vote, it is up to somebody to think of a good substitute for the campaign cigar.

Oregon is wondering if it is not best to put up with such a governor as she has rather than be in the same fix New York is in.

One magazine attempts to defend forest fires. In Oregon we cannot agree with this reasoning.

Perhaps those fire chiefs in session at Tacoma can do something for the fire blight in the orchards.

While it is no physical deformity, the trade mark of success is the hump.

A famous London taxidermist has died in poverty. He should have been a taxicabbist.

It seems as though George Barr McCutcheon should be made ambassador to Graustark.

Fire In Baker.

Baker, Aug. 26.—The Missouri lodging house on Center street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, was partially destroyed by fire about 11 o'clock Monday evening.

Notice Special Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of the Grande Ronde Reservoir Co. that there is a special stockholders' meeting called for Saturday, September 20, 1913, at 2:30 p. m.

A Special "Don't".

Don't use cough medicine that contains opium or morphine. It may stifle the cough, but it will constipate the bowels, keep the poison in the system and not cure the cold.

Minister Praises This Laxative.

Rev. H. Stubenvoll of Allison, Ia., in praising Dr. King's New Life Pills for constipation, writes:—"Dr. King's New Life Pills are such perfect pills no home should be without them."

Another Special for Final Clearance
The last three days of West's Remodeling Sale will be filled with still greater bargains. Here's one that will interest every economically inclined woman.
\$9.90 For Your Choice of Many Silk and Wool Dresses \$9.90
That sold regularly up to \$22.50. Not an old style in the lot but all are attractive new models that were received during the season. Come and see them today.
\$15.00 Suit Sale Final Clearance
Lasts for 3 more days only
Your choice of any man's suit in the present stock for the next three days at only \$15.00
Regular values from \$22.50 to \$30.00
Remember Only Three Days More of West's Remodeling Sale

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, for the construction of hard surface pavement, together with grading and drainage, as follows: On the alley in block 106, Cnaplin's addition, 515 square yards of paving, same to be constructed according to the plans and specifications on file in this office.

LEE WARNICK, City Recorder.

Suffered Eczema Fifty Years—Now Well.

Seems a long time to endure the awful burning, itching, smarting, skin-disease known as "tetter"—another name for Eczema. Seems good to realize, also, that Dr. Hobson's Eczema ointment has proven a perfect cure.

Mrs. D. L. Kenny writes:—"I cannot sufficiently express my thanks to you for your Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. It has cured my tetter which has troubled me for over fifty years."

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

Notice is hereby given that the county board of equalization for Union county, Oregon, will attend at the court house, La Grande, on Monday, September 8, 1913, and publicly examine the assignment roll, correct all errors in valuation, descriptions or qualities of land, lots or other property, as assessed by the county assessor, and it shall be the duty of all persons interested to appear at the time and place given.

All persons having grievances regarding the 1913 assessment may appear before such board and present their affidavits containing grounds for complaint. All such affidavits must be presented during the first week of the meeting of the board.

U. G. COUCH, Assessor for Union County. Adv. 3-18 9-8.

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PENLETON, OREGON
SEPTEMBER 11-12-13, 1913
Excursion Fares
Wild and Wonderful
Pony Express Races
Bronco Busting
Indian Cowboys
Outlaw Horses
Furious and Exciting
New Contests for Clay
Old Champions, man and beast,
Hold You Spellbound with
Their Horse and Dog.
From any Agent O-W.R.S.N.

The Test of Time
Time determines whether the policies under which a bank is operated are safe.
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 \$730,000.00, 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, 1,100,000.00
DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.
UNITED STATES POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORY.

FALL TERM OPENS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1913
ENROLL NOW
Baker Business College
PHONE 131. HANSON & KINION, PROPS.