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THE CHARTER SHOULD CARRY.

After several years of talk by the people, after several months of work by two very able committees, a charter is to be submitted to the people of La Grande for adoption or rejection. This charter is what is termed a "Commission Charter", but which in reality is a business man's charter—a charter founded upon the tried and true rules of business. Its adoption means municipal economy; better service; great saving in financial matters; in fact, a straightening out of a tangled mass of city business that has been piling up for many years.

No single council is to be blame for conditions as they exist. This present council is decidedly not to blame for the climax coming during its administration. It was one of those long drawn out events, the end of which was bound to come some time, but which was always postponed as long as possible.

Tax levies have not been sufficient to meet the enormous expenses, many of which proved almost useless. This being true the deficit has been gradually climbing, just as that little thing called interest always makes everything it connects with climb.

And now the city is face to face with the problem of raising more money and spending less money. Years of practice have forced the conclusion that an aldermanic form of government gets poor results. The system is wrong—it is a village plan, and in the days of villages where every citizen would lay down his trowel or tool to do something for the community it was all right. These are dollar chasing days. Survival of the fittest is burned in the brain of every business man. He cannot give the time necessary to city affairs, and he should not be asked to do so.

Then, what is the best thing to adopt? Plainly, a form of government that will insure a manager—a capable manager who is paid for his services and hold that manager to account for the city's welfare. Our banks, our lumber companies all get the best men they can find for managerial positions. The city should do

the same. Forget this friendship racket in municipal affairs. La Grande is the biggest business enterprise here; she is entitled to the best management possible, and in order to get the best management we must have the man; for someone has correctly said that "no business is greater than the shadow of the man behind it."

NO JEALOUSY HERE.

There seems to be a disposition to feel jealous of Pendleton's Round-Up in a good many neighboring cities. There is no jealousy in La Grande. We are glad the Pendleton folk had the ingenuity, the good luck and the brains to organize and pull off a show that the whole nation has recognized. Everyone may have his own ideas about the moral uplift features of the event, but that does not detract from the bigness of it.

When people will come across the continent to attend an entertainment there must be something out of the ordinary in that entertainment. And that is what happened to Pendleton. They were there from far and near, and they stayed through the show. It is said 30,000 people saw the show and that a million and a quarter dollars changed hands because of that show.

To all of which La Grande says, "Good for Pendleton, go to it and may you have many years of successful repetition of this spectacular occasion."

ENTITLED TO CONSIDERATION

Last evening it was not compulsory for City Recorder Lee Warnick to keep open the registration books until away into the night; according to the rule of many public employees he should have shut the door at the close of an eight hour shift with a bang and turned the key. But Warnick realized people had neglected registering that a city question is coming up which means a great deal to La Grande and he felt a sufficient pride in his office and his service to the public to inconvenience himself in order that the people might register and be able to vote on the charter at the special charter election. That way of doing looks good to the Observer—there is something about it that convinces one the man on that job is not always looking at the clock and waiting for the whistle to blow.

THE JOLLY SIDE OF LIFE.

When a newspaper man is working over a typewriter, attempting to separate a cobwebbed brain into editorial comment for readers of the next issue; when the hour is growing late and he feels that he must cease his labor soon—to have the 'phone ring and a big, good-natured voice at the other end utter, "stick a few minutes, old man, and we'll be over;" to wonder for an instant who "we" could be, and then suddenly to have the door thrown open and a jolly pair such as Jack O'Neil and Doctor Tape enter; when you hear their heartfelt salutation coming from away down deep, and listen to their stories, their experiences, their predictions—all of which are bright as the noonday sun—Well, it's the jolly side of life—a

side we all enjoy, yes sincerely enjoy.

It is stated that Dollarway has been chosen as paving on Spring avenue. When this street is laid with Dollarway there will be a chance for comparison of the two pavements, all of which is not a bad thing to have. In fact, when a city is ready to pave a good way to handle the question would be for each firm bidding to lay a few blocks of paving and let the people determine which is the best. Payment for these few blocks could well afford to be made at the long price in order that the property owners who later are compelled to pay thousands of dollars, would have the different pavements before them for inspection and choice.

Governor West proposes to clean out Coos county. Not of its prostitutes, not of its saloons, not of its sharks, but of a number of citizens who demanded law and order prevail and deported a man who was a trouble maker. But the governor never was loved in Coos county, and this may be a reason for his madness.

Why vote for the commission charter? Because it is a straight forward business proposition and a money saver. Is not that sufficient reason?

Many registered, but there were many who did not—the latter fact being a matter of municipal regret.

MAGAZINE WRITER HERE.

Miss Monroe Makes the Round-Up and Comes to See La Grande.

Miss Anne Shannon Monroe, special writer for the Saturday Evening Post, Collier's and other eastern magazines, is spending today in the city of La Grande, taking a birdseye view of the Grande Ronde valley. "Thoroughly delighted with the west; the Round-Up was a wonderful show. How I wish New York and other eastern people could know this great country where there is elbow room for all." These were the remarks of the lady to an Observer reporter after she had made the rounds of the city.

WANT STEEL CARS.

Bill Calls for All Steel Cars In Nineteen Eighteen.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Representative Allen of Ohio, introduced a bill in the house today providing that interstate railroads provide all steel cars by July 1, 1918, or suffer a heavy penalty. It will probably be enacted in preference to a score of similar measures which have been introduced since the New Haven railroad disaster at Wallingford. The measure provides that after January 1, 1914, the railroads must provide steel mail cars or pay a penalty of \$1,000 for each violation.

Baker Driver Released.

Baker, Sept. 16.—Dean Hutchinson, of this city, who was taken into custody at Pendleton last Thursday by the police after an automobile he was driving ran into and injured a little girl, was released yesterday and returned to Baker. Erroneous stories have been circulated that he ran over the child and then drove rapidly away without waiting to see what was done. What happened was this: He was taken in charge by the police pending the result of the child's injuries, and when she was pronounced out of danger he was allowed to go. According to Mr. Hutchinson, he was driving at the rate of seven miles an hour and the child ran from the curb right in front of the car, which he stopped a few feet after it hit her. His name was not mentioned by the Pendleton papers in reporting the accident, as no formal charge was made and his name did not appear on the police court record.

He wishes to have the situation explained, in view of the highly colored stories that have been circulated. Mr. Hutchinson has been driving the Matt Welter auto truck between Eagle Valley and Baker this summer and was driving the car of Bert Smith, a well known Pendleton man, during the Round-Up.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church will meet in the church basement Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Mrs. C. E. Happersett, is leader. All women are invited.



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Two Killed In Duel.

Aberdeen, Miss., Sept. 16.—Dr. H. E. Broyles, the owner of the Aberdeen hotel, and F. F. Hendry, a wealthy lumberman, were killed in a duel at a road station following a lumber duel. After Broyles had fatally shot Hendry, the latter seized an axe and decapitated Broyles. Hendry died a few minutes later.

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