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MISREPRESENTATION.

The misrepresentation that is now being indulged in relative to the commission charter is wrong, and every voter should at once get a copy of the proposed charter and do some earnest reading. Bear in mind every voter occupies the same position in this law making election as though he were a member of the state legislature making laws for the commonwealth, so please realize the great responsibility that rests upon the shoulders of each.

Some of the hideous and unfair statements have come to light. For instance, it is being circulated in South La Grande that if the charter carries the chief of police is at once empowered to sell every piece of property that is carrying improvement indebtedness. This is wholly wrong and has no foundation whatever. There will be less property sold for taxes if this commission charter prevails than there will if it is defeated, because under it there will be a thorough business administration and a curtailment of city expense.

Another story is being freely circulated that the new charter if adopted will add ten thousand dollars more expense to the city; that each commissioner will receive \$2,500 per year and the manager \$3,600. What the charter does provide for is a board of three commissioners each of which gets five dollars a meeting night and the meetings are limited to four each month, so far as pay goes, and a commissioner who can draw as high as \$3,600 a year if he proves by his acts he is worth that much money. But it is up to the commissioners to determine his worth the same as it is up to the board of directors of the La Grande National bank to determine the worth of their cashier, the United States National bank directors to determine the worth of its cashier and the railroad company's directors to determine the worth of their superintendents.

The proposed plan places a premium on merit. It does away with old buttonholing system of keeping men in office because they are good fellows, because they belong to some lodge or machine, and puts those who work for the city on a merit system whereby the man who labors is paid according to the goods he delivers.

La Grande will make a serious mistake if the charter is not adopted.

WAR ON THE GAMBLERS.

More power to Senator Cummins and his intention of placing a really prohibitive tax on all stock exchange trades where the seller does not part with the actual property sold.

Everyone knows that practically all the selling and buying on the New York stock exchange is pure gambling. The man who sells hasn't got the stock, nor does the man who buys ever secure the stock. It is just as much gambling as betting that the little red ball will show up at No. 19 on the red.

Senator Cummins advocates a 10 per cent tax on all such fictitious sales of stocks, bonds, grain, cotton or other commodities. In support of his contention that the bulk of the sales on our big exchanges are purely fictitious the senator cites figures to prove that less than one-half of one per cent of the sales on the New York cotton exchange are followed by actual deliveries. He showed that the entire capital stock of some of our greatest railroads had been sold more than 25 times in one year, without any perceptible change in the real ownership of the shares.

"Thousands of men have been wrecked in fortune and their moral fiber broken down by the methods employed on the New York stock exchange," said he. "These methods have been the chief factor in imposing on the people a great volume of watered stock upon which they must pay dividends for years to come."

"One-half the railroad stock of the country represents water, at least it did at the time it was issued. These stocks, with the burden they impose on the public, could never have been foisted on the public but for this method of short sales."

CUTTING OFF THEIR HEADS.

The democratic administration seems to be a little late in cutting off the heads of the editor-postmasters in Illinois. They surely knew they were due a casting out of office when the returns indicated Wilson's election last fall. An Illinois editor is not the kind that will resign a good office until he is requested to do so, and in some instances there will be men like the San Francisco postmaster, who demanded the cause as to why he should be asked to loosen from a nice fat federal job simply because an administration has changed.

But it is better all around for the boys in Illinois and elsewhere to give way gracefully for they have to give way. Let the entire country be under democratic rule and thus try out the Wilson-Bryan ideas perfectly and well. It will settle a mooted question in the American mind that has been bothering more or less for many years and now is a good time to have those principles adopted in their entirety, whether editor-postmasters agree to it or not.

The public schools have started with that full sweeping gait which spells success in its best form. Prof. Girdler, although a new man, seems to have every rein well in hand and a thorough organization is the result at this early date of the term.

Thanksgiving turkey and Oregon school Ma'ams will go well together in La Grande this year.

It is believed Bank Commissioner Will Wright will have to spend some time in the Grande Ronde valley during apple shipping season to prevent the banks of the valley from carrying

too much cash on hand.

Baker has her county fair on this week and a large crowd is in attendance. All of which indicates that the county fair is still the annual meeting place of the folks who raise good stock, good grain, good babies and take care of the country's future.

The trading stamp king recently died. What's the use of making a fortune in an original way?

When a man is in right with the "bunch" he's generally in wrong with his wife.

It would be hard for Thomas Lawson to turn around without demanding and getting two and one-half columns of pure reading matter advertising.

Men design all the freak gowns that are sent over here from Paris. This is one of the few instances where the blame cannot be laid on the woman.

When ex-Senator Bourne states that Portland will be the largest city on the coast in the next quarter century he can get no argument from anyone in Eastern Oregon. This is once when everyone here agrees with the senator.

Wallowa county is doing more railroad building than any portion of Oregon just now unless it be Coos county. When Wallowa county ties the north end to the remainder of that fertile country it will be hard to beat commercially.

Eight hundred women clerks in the United States treasury department have been forbidden to carry bags containing toilet articles into the offices where they are employed. Without the aid of that powder puff some of them will probably be just as homely as those new nickels.

Preparing For the Worst.
"I always prepare for the worst, and then if it doesn't happen I am agreeably surprised."
"But what if it does?"
"Well, then, of course, there's nothing left for me to do but kick myself for not having known better."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Proved His Smartness.
Wedderly—'I'd hate to have any business dealings with Slyker. He's too smart. Singleton—Do you mean to say that you consider him smarter than yourself? Wedderly—I certainly do. Why, he had a chance to marry my wife, but he didn't.—London Tit-Bits.

Very Refined.
"My young man's a real gent," said Liza of Shoreliff. "He never blows his soap like a common person. He always fans it with his hat."—London Telegraph.

Weak Points.
He—Why does an actor, to portray deep emotion, clutch at his head and an actress at her heart? She—Each feels it most in the weakest point.—Judge.

Winning Wives.
Mrs. Exe—Some husbands win their wives by sheer audacity. Mrs. Wye—Yes, and many others by sheer meadacity.—Boston Transcript.

Tactful.
Dobson had just bought a new typewriter machine.
"Now, what color ribbon do you want for this machine?" asked the salesman.
"Oh, black, by all means," said Dobson. "You see, my typewriter is a wid-
ow."—Judge.

"Home, Sweet Home." Too Pathetic?

"Home, Sweet Home," the song of a homeless American, once moved Robert Louis Stevenson to an outburst of passionate protest. But it was the music rather than the words that roused his indignation. You will find the passage in "Across the Plains." "I have no idea whether musically this air is to be considered good or bad, but it belongs to that class of art which may best be described as a brutal assault upon the feelings. Pathos must be relieved by dignity of treatment. If you wallow naked in the pathetic, like the author of 'Home, Sweet Home,' you make your hearers weep in an unmanly fashion, and even yet while they are moved they despise themselves and hate the occasion of their weakness."

Watched the Derby.
When the Derby was first founded the stewards used to ride along the course to watch the competitors. A separate steward was detailed for each horse, and his duty was to see there was no interference with that horse or his jockey by the other competitors or the public. In a picture of the Derby of 1791 by J. N. Sartorius one of the stewards can be seen riding along gayly some lengths in front of the winner.

Making It Clear.
The mother of five-year-old George had been ill for several days.
"How is your mamma this morning, George?" asked a neighbor.
"Oh, she's better," replied the little fellow, "but she isn't quite so better as she was yesterday."—Chicago News.

Literal.
Servant—It's 'art past 9, sir. Lodger—Good heavens! Why didn't you tell me before? Servant—Because it wasn't, sir.—London Opinion.

Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.—Thomas Jefferson.

Very Annoying.
Mabelle—What makes the leading lady so grouchy? Estelle—She had counted on making a big hit with her divorce case this season, and just as she was about to bring proceedings her husband had to go and die. Mabelle (indignantly)—Now, isn't that just like a man?—Judge.

Explain a Mystery.
"It has always been my idea," remarked the man on the car, "that something justified nature's elbow when she was pouring the seeds into the watermelon."—Toledo Blade.

You may stretch a truth into a lie, but you can't shrink a lie into truth.—Selected.

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