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THOSE DEFICITS.

Governor West has in his pocket, if he has been diligent, a certificate of indebtedness for something like \$1,456, authorized by the Emergency board (Treasurer Kay dissenting and Governor West voting aye) to reimburse him for moneys expended from his personal funds in his so-called vice crusade after the state appropriation had been exhausted.

The emergency board has power only to authorize a state official to create a deficit in cases where funds are exhausted for carrying on the work of an established department or institution, remarks the Oregonian. It is made unlawful for any state official to expend a greater sum than is appropriated by the legislature, except upon authority of the emergency board.

The governor's contention, in fact, is that he has the right to create a deficit in any amount and the emergency board has no alternative but to approve. Yet under the West administration there were to be no deficits. There will be none until next time.

A CASE OF HARD LUCK.

The Union County Fair association certainly met up with a case of hard luck this season. In the history of the country there had never been such a good start made for a successful

fair. The entire county was interested. Every section was preparing to exhibit some of its products and bring live stock. The best of feeling prevailed regarding the exposition. It was to have been a county undertaking, rather than a La Grande undertaking, just as it should be, for no city can give a fair. It is essentially a county matter and the people in general viewed it in the correct light.

But the rain came. Lots of rain, a little snow and sleet with cold wind accompaniment. The result can easily be guessed. But no one was at fault. Secretary SeCor handled his office in a splendid manner and got exceptional results. The only place where he fell down was with the weather dictator and that could not be helped.

While it is discouraging for time being, yet the fair will be continued for a few days in hope that the weather may become favorable.

With snow on the hills, and each day that snow creeping closer to the valley, there is reason to believe that Jack Frost is marshaling in King Winter.

THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

The municipal committee of fifty labored hard and long to induce thorough business men to run for the office of commissioner at the election to be held October 20th. That committee did its very best, and the result is most gratifying. There is a list of men to choose from that stand for the best possible to obtain in city affairs. The personnel of those men give positive assurance, no matter which three are elected, that La Grande will carry out to the letter the new charter adopted by the people recently. While other good men may run, for there is no barring the candidacy of anyone, it is a certainty that with any of the list mentioned results will be accomplished.

MONUMENT TO DAVENPORT.

On October 17-18 the newspaper men of Oregon will hold a meeting in Portland, the prime object of which is to start a national fund for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument to the memory of Homer Davenport, cartoonist and writer, who is buried at Silverton.

The movement is a good one, for Homer Davenport was of national fame. He carried the respect of all classes of men throughout his career and it is but right that the newspaper men of his native state should inaugurate the first step to secure a proper monument for this young man who was gifted in his particular line, and who was always one of the boys no matter how high salary or how important his position.

John Rich Still Lives.

Union, Or., Oct. 10.—(Special)—John Rich, who last week swallowed a quantity of slow-acting poison, with suicidal intentions, is still alive and battling for life and according to the attending physicians, has a good chance for recovery. Since his attempt at suicide it has been learned that he took a quantity of other drugs at the same time.

NOMINATIONS CIRCULATED

COMMITTEE OF FIFTY SUPERINTENDS CIRCULATION.

One Nominating Petition Filed Last Evening—Others Likely.

Nominating petitions for the 14 men recommended as candidates by the committee of 50, yesterday, have been circulated today, and will be placed on the ballot necessitating the preferential system of voting. In addition to the 14, Dr. W. D. McMillan has filed his nominating petition, doing so last evening. His was the only one filed yesterday.

Club Men Shocked.

London, Oct. 10.—Clubdom received a shock when Sir George Alexander, England's famous actor-manager, who has long been regarded the best dressed man in London, confessed that he had worn the same "dress suit" for 12 years. In an article in a weekly paper he declared that the subject of fashion scarcely interested him at all, neither on the stage nor off. "The impression that dress makes either the man or the actor is erroneous," he says. "Perfection in dress has absolutely no relation to the success of a play."

NOTICE TO WATER USERS.

Today is the last day for paying water rent, all water rent must be paid today, or the same will be shut off tomorrow, on penalty.

L. M. HOYT, Water Superintendent.

Smallpox Case in Pendleton.

Pendleton, Oct. 10.—At the present time there are six cases of smallpox in the city, one of scarlet fever and two of measles, according to Dr. I. U. Temple, city physician, who last evening submitted his third quarterly report to the council. However, he adds, there is no indication of an epidemic of any contagious disease and every precaution is being taken to prevent one. The smallpox and scarlet fever cases are quarantined and the houses where the measles patients are, are placarded.

Dr. Temple states that there are many cases in the city escaping the attention of the physicians because of their mildness and some others where physicians are not called in at all. His report shows that there were but few cases of contagious diseases in Pendleton during the summer. In July, there were two cases of typhoid and one of smallpox, August had the same record while in September five cases of smallpox were reported, two of typhoid and one of measles.

Sumpter Train Stalled.

Baker, Or., Oct. 10.—Telephone wire, broken down by the weight of snow, yanked the whistle off the engine attached to the Sumpter Valley westbound passenger train yesterday morning, two miles out of Sumpter. The escaping steam killed the engine, stalling the train until another locomotive could be secured from Sumpter. Nearly 60 poles with their connecting wires, have been torn out by the heavy snow.

Woman's Hand Mystified.

New York, Oct. 10.—A woman's hand, severed at the wrist, was found at St. George, Long Island today. The find is puzzling the police and detectives. Coroner Jackson believes that the discovery means another murder similar to the Amuller case.

\$500 Lots for \$250

In order to close out a number of lots by October 20th, I have decided to offer your choice of improved lots in Connordale for \$250. These lots are choicely located and have sold on the market for \$500. They are bargains and now is the time to get them. Remember, this only lasts until October 20th. This addition is close in property and finest addition ever put on the market between Portland and Salt Lake.

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Delegates Home.

The ladies who attended the State Federation of Woman's clubs convention at Hood River, the sixth and seventh, returned home this morning and report a record attendance and instructive and interesting program, and a royal reception and treatment of every one in attendance.

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UNION SCOFFS.

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hurriedly. Some had bells on their fingers, others on their toes and everybody on their arms.

The baby show was called off and postponed.

The fair is to continue over into next week, when a banner day of races will be held, that date to be decided by the rain gods.

Contrice won the first heat of a 2:35 special trot in the rain, and ankle deep mud in 2:43 1/2. Sidney Wilkes took second; Kismet third and Royal Meath fourth. A quarter, a half and other running races are being staged. School Children at Fair.

The City schools suspended operations at noon today in order to allow the students the afternoon to attend the fair and regardless of the rains they were there in goodly numbers and enjoyed the exhibit hall immensely. School spirit was rife and they viewed with competitive glances the exhibits from other schools of the county.

Union came in on this morning's train but their exhibits preceded them by 24 hours and were in place last evening, creating quite a sensation at the pavilion. The school exhibit is all that was looked for and the praises

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that have been given the Union school children are justly theirs. The exhibit consists of the work of all ages of children from the largest garden vegetables to the finest stitches in sewing. The domestic science and art departments and the manual training department of the high school comes in for a large share of the honors in the exhibit. The sewing from the Union graded school is another attractive feature of their exhibit. The Union school table is decorated in their colors of red and white and makes an attractive appearance among the other contrasting colored booths.

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