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La Grande, Oregon.

**NO INFLUENCE NECESSARY.**

The new commission composed of Mr. Gardner, Mr. Wood and Mr. Russell, will not take charge of the city affairs until January, as provided in the recently adopted charter. From now until January each member will have ample time to weigh municipal matters and decide what in his judgment is best to do.

The subject of a manager is of course, the paramount task of these men and the general public can rest in the full confidence that it is the desire of the commission to get the right man for manager, just as it is the desire of the taxpaying public to have the right man.

During these few weeks when the commissioners are thoroughly debating in their minds the qualifications of different men available for the office of manager, it seems to us that the old plan of attempting to bring influence to bear, or of circulating petitions in the behalf of anyone for the place, is entirely out of order.

The petition never did and never will mean much. Signing petitions has ceased to have weight for it is often found that many names appear on more than one petition for the same office and why go to the trouble of circulating petitions, of embracing business people to sign and forcing a further embarrassment of the commissioners who cannot afford to pay attention to petitions, especially at this particular time.

**WHAT ABOUT IMMIGRANTS?**

An emigration expert in Europe makes an argument against the "education test" which has been considered for some time in this country. He contends that such a test applied to immigrants at United States ports would be against our best interests. He points out that an "educated" man particularly in the countries of eastern Europe, is an individual quite different from the "educated" man in this country. The European boy with a little education always desires to play the "gentleman." His idea of

life is loitering around in patent leather boots, with a high collar. He may be seen in the cafe morning, noon and at night. His evenings are devoted to gambling. This is the man who will have preference if the United States ever enforces the proposed "education test." The photographic accuracy of the eastern Europe "educated" man is evident to anyone who has spent any time in that region less frequented by American tourists.

But the European emigration authority goes on to argue that the kind of man eastern Europe is now sending us is good seed for any country. He is accustomed to hard labor, he comes to America with the intention of doing his best for himself and family. He brings his great physical strength to the country of his adoption, and is an asset of value for any new country.

"A visit to the mines, coal, copper, gold, silver—in both Canada and the United States will reveal the fact that a great part of the really hard labor is being performed by the emigrant class," argues the European. "Now, if this education test be imposed, just the class which is contented to do really hard manual work will be excluded.

"There will be a surplus of the non-producing classes in America, and it is necessary to emphasize the results of such a state of affairs. It would inevitably lead to the depreciation of all investments. The United States could not then compete with other countries, where cheap labor is the rule."

It was after reasoning along this same line that President Taft expressed his opposition to the immigration bill. It remains to be seen how President Wilson will try to solve the problem.

The plight is so pitiful of the office seekers that have been hanging around Washington, that they should be given jobs running some of the new

aeroplanes the war department has called for.

The Episcopal bishop of Mexico says that sending some baseball nines down there would help civilize the country. Mobbing an umpire might strike the greasers as quite as good fun as the shooting up of a president.

Some of the railroads are slowing down their fast trains, in spite of the fact that this injures the connection with Eternity.

There is great restlessness in Congress because there is no likelihood of a six months' vacation during the coming year.

Report of the condition of the LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK at La Grande, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business, October 21st, 1913.

**RESOURCES.**

Loans and discounts	\$681,482.09
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3.08
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	72,000.00
U. S. bonds to secure U. S. deposits, \$15,000.00; to secure postal savings, \$5,000.00	20,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	25,810.25
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	55,500.00
Other real estate owned	4,120.54
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	23,800.68
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and savings banks	9,600.69
Due from approved reserve agents	97,782.83
Checks and other cash items	4,152.16
Exchanges for clearing house	3,861.47
Notes of other national banks	3,200.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	908.96
Specie	\$45,530.15
Legal tender notes	17,762.00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	3,595.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,069,109.90</b>

**LIABILITIES.**

Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	130,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	14,232.13
National bank notes outstanding	71,395.00
Due to other national banks	8,871.25
Due to state and private banks and bankers	315.98
Individual deposits subject to check	427,893.34
Demand certificates of deposit	4,997.82
Time certificates of deposit	244,382.02
Certified checks	156.00
United States deposits	15,000.00
Postal savings deposits	2,366.36
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	50,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,069,109.90</b>

I, F. L. Meyers, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 F. L. MEYERS,  
 Cashier.

Correct—Attest:  
 FRED J. HOLMES,  
 C. C. PENNINGTON,  
 W. M. PIERCE,  
 Director.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of October, 1913.  
 H. A. ZURBRICK,  
 Notary Public.

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POOR COFFEE IS A BREAK-FAST SPOILER; STARTS THE DAY WRONG; LEAVES A FROWN WHERE A SMILE IS NEEDED. BAD BUSINESS!  
 SHILLING'S BEST COFFEE, WELL MADE AND WELL SERVED; LIQUID OPTIMISM.

In aroma tight cans—1-lb., 2-lb., 2½-lb., 40c a lb.—money-back.

**PEACE.**

At last the civilized world, after ages of sore trial, realizes that our greatest of all blessings is world peace. Nations do not live only on what they themselves produce. Britain is already compelled to import her food supply. Stop that and she starves; hence her gigantic naval forces. Other nations as they increase in population will be compelled to do likewise. Many already import a large portion of their food supplies. Nations feed each other. Our duty is to prepare for this high destiny, and the path is obvious, since the increased exchange of food products is inevitable. I submit that the only measure required today for the maintenance of world peace is an agreement among three or four of the leading civilized powers (and as many more as desire to join—the more the better) pledged to co-operate against disturbers of world peace should such arise, which would scarcely be possible in the face of the partnership agreement suggested. Man was created to ascend and by a law of his being must march upward and onward toward perfection. Be of good cheer, soldiers of peace. All goes well. In this the holiest of all crusades there can be no such word as fall.—Andrew Carnegie.

**SONG OF THE WIND.**

The wind has a mind of his own. He's a lover and rover free. He mutters among the clouds; He flutters above the sea; He navigates regions rare Where savages leap in glee; He strips the forests bare In autumnal ecstasy.

The wind is a child of earth. Of ocean, air and sky. He joys at a young world's birth. He moans when the old ones die; He can woo a nodding rose to rest Or trample an empire down. He's the sceptered king of everything. And the high stars are his crown.  
 —Robert Loveman.

**THE Gossard CORSETS**

They lace in front—as a result the abdomen is relieved of all pressure. Support is given to the organs and deep breathing is encouraged. They emphasize the long graceful line of the back, which artists agree is the most beautiful line in art. They gently but surely compel a correct standing position and a graceful carriage. I invite you to investigate these wonderful corsets. A trial fitting will please you. Prices \$3.50 to \$8.50. A complete line always on hand of the different models and styles.  
 MRS. ROBERT PATTISON,  
 Corsetiere.  
 Phone Red 3221.  
 Res. 1702 Corner Spring and Oak.

**Young's SWEETS**

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FRESH TAMALES AND CHILI.

All kinds of HOT DRINKS Ice Cream

Finest Line of Fresh Candies in town

See Our Windows for Halloween Goods

**FOUR GREAT LINES**

of men's clothing now on display in our windows and men's store.

**Alfred Benjamin & Co.**  
 New York Styles ..... \$20.00 to \$30.00

**Society Brand Suits**  
 for young men and men who stay young.  
 \$20.00 to \$27.50

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 correct styles for men ..... \$25.00 to \$35.00

**Fidelity \$15 Suits**  
 Guaranteed Pure Wool.

WE CAN FIT YOU PERFECTLY, and please you in both style and price. Try us.



**A Marvelous Escape.**

"The Evening Observer on sale at Newlin's Book Store."  
 "My little boy had a marvelous escape," writes P. F. Bastimas, of Prince Albert, Cape of Good Hope. "It occurred in the middle of the night. He got a very severe attack of croup. As luck would have it, I had a large bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. After following the directions for an hour and twenty minutes he was through all danger." Sold by all dealers.

Read the advertisements too.

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One heifer or a car load, with calf or coming fresh; white or mixed black and white; immediate or deferred delivery. Cash or terms—prices right.

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Four good cars available day and all night for city and country driving, and to surrounding towns, charges reasonable. Experienced, licensed chauffeurs always on job. Call Sommer House or Foley Hotel.

**J. D. LYNCH**

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We wish to announce that we have a new phone number, which is MAIN 721. Whenever you need anything in vegetables and fruits that are nice and fresh, call MAIN 721. We have in some very nice home made Sauer Kraut, which we would like for you to try.

Always at your service

**Berry Bros., Grocery**

PHONE Main 721

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Organized in 1887.

DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.  
 UNITED STATES POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORY.

Capital ..... \$100,000.00  
 Surplus ..... \$130,000.00  
 Total Resources ..... \$1,000,000.00

For twenty-six years, in all kinds of financial weather, we have successfully catered to the monetary wants of the people of La Grande and the Grande Ronde Valley.

We respectfully solicit your business.

**La Grande National Bank**

La Grande, Oregon