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HOW ABOUT THE COMMERCIAL CLUB?

At a recent meeting of a number of citizens \$600 was raised to aid in paying the Commercial club's indebtedness.

But there should be no hesitation for a Commercial club is just as essential as any other institution in the community.

La Grande has outgrown the days when everyone can run his own business and give no time or support to public matters.

We have grown big enough to entertain our friends, to hold open house, and in order to do it successfully we must have a Commercial club that is a live going concern.

GOVERNOR WEST PLAYS POLITICS.

Those who have been deluded by Governor West's loud claims that he

is not playing politics while in office have but to familiarize themselves with the county attorney appointment in Wallowa in order to disprove the governor's claims.

He promised A. W. Schaupp, an attorney of Joseph, that he would appoint him to the office of county attorney. Not only did he promise Schaupp but he announced the fact to several and it was generally understood that the county attorney matter in Wallowa was settled.

Schaupp's friends were indignant, as they had a right to be. One of these friends, who is connected with the church, called on the governor, and to use an old politician's language, "passed the buck up to West."

So it goes. The governor has rode over his enemies by fooling many in the belief that he was above playing politics, yet here is a case where he was caught with the goods on him.

More Wests, more enemies to state institutions, more wild-eyed I. W. W.'s and Oregon will be anything but a desirable place to live in and much less a desirable place to have a dollar invested.

IF A HOUSEWIFE SHOULD COMPLAIN THAT THE COAL SHE WAS GETTING WAS UNSATISFACTORY AND YET REFUSE TO TRY THE COAL FROM ANOTHER DEALER WHO ASKED HER TO TRY IT, SAYING THAT IF SHE DIDN'T LIKE IT BETTER THAN ANY OTHER HE WOULD RETURN HER MONEY, WOULD YOU PITY HER HARD FATE?

SCHILLING'S BEST COFFEE IS MONEYBACK IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT BETTER THAN ANY OTHER.

Order it this time and you will next.

NOTICE FOR PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENT.

To whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that the commissioners appointed by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, to make an examination of the property, upon which assessments are to be levied to pay the costs and expenses of the street improvement hereinafter described, as to the valuation and extent, if any of the benefits to be derived by said property by reason of said improvement, have made their report in writing to said council, which report has been received by said council, and is on file in the office of the

recorder of said city, and is open for your inspection. That it is the intention of said council to levy a special assessment against all the property hereinafter described for the purpose of paying the costs and expenses of improving Second street from the north property line of Spring avenue to the south line of the culvert extending over the irrigation ditch or canal crossing said Second street, through lot 3 in block 18 and lot 4 in block 5, Grandy's Addition to said city, by laying thereon Gravel Bitulithic Pavement according to the plans and specifications therefor heretofore adopted by said council and on file in the office of the recorder of said city.

That the real property included in and the boundaries of the district benefited by said proposed improvement are as follows:

Commencing at a point in the center of the alley in block 18 in Grandy's Addition to the city of La Grande, due west of the northwest corner of lot 3 in said block 18, running thence south along the center line of the alley in blocks 18, 17, 16, 15, 14 and 13, in Grandy's Addition to said city to the north property line of Spring avenue, thence east to a point due south of the center of block 10, Grandy's Addition to said city, thence north along the center line of the alley in blocks 10, 9, 8, 7, 6 and 5, Grandy's Addition to said city, to the south line of the right of way of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, thence northwest along the south line of said right of way to the north line of lot 4 in block 5, Grandy's Addition to said city, thence west along the north line of said lot 4 and the north line of lot 3 in block 18 of Grandy's Addition to said city to the place of beginning, said Improvement District, consisting of and including the following described parcels of real property, to-wit:

The east half of blocks 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, and the west half of blocks 10, 9, 8, 7 and 6, in Grandy's Addition to said city, and lots 1, 2 and 3, in block 18, and lots 4, 5 and 6, in block 5 in Grandy's Addition to said city, all in the city of La Grande, Oregon, and the estimated cost of said proposed improvement is \$16,311.60. You will further take notice that said city council will meet at the council chamber in the city building of said city on the 19th day of November, 1913, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. of said day to consider making said proposed levy and will then and there grant a hearing to any and all persons feeling aggrieved against, or on account of, said proposed assessment.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon this 6th day of November, 1913.

CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON,

LEE WARNICK, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

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All of this engraved work receives the same supervision and is accounted for just as accurately as the securities that are printed therefrom. Every morning the plates are issued to the various printing divisions of the bureau, and in the evening, when the day's work is over, they are returned to the vaults of the custodian of dies, rolls and plates, where they are counted, checked and locked up with time locks.

After approximately 50,000 impressions are printed from a steel plate it becomes useless as far as its original purpose is concerned. The delicately engraved lines and geometric lines work become worn, and the portrait loses its detail. When the plate becomes so affected as to render it unfit for further satisfactory printing a duplicate is ordered to be made for printing future orders from the treasury department. The old plate is then canceled and laid aside, subsequently to be destroyed.

This destruction, or, rather, transformation, takes place just after the 1st of January each year under the direction of a committee appointed by the secretary of the treasury composed of three persons, one of whom represents the secretary and acts as chairman, another the commissioner of internal revenue and the third looking after the interests of the comptroller of the currency.

Under instructions from the department the committee makes a schedule in duplicate of all the canceled material, the original list being retained by the committee to form a part of its report to the secretary and the duplicate placed inside the box in which the plates are to be packed. The boxes are made to hold an average of 150 pounds each. As each box is filled the cover is nailed on and the box numbered and sealed with the treasury seal. The sealed boxes are then stored in the vaults of the bureau until such time as is convenient for their conveyance to the place of destruction.

The committee recently reported to the secretary of the treasury the destruction of 4,326 pieces, weighing 41,810 pounds—over twenty tons—with

drawn from the vaults. To convey this vast amount of metal required the services of eight laborers and a team of draft horses attached to one of the huge money wagons of the bureau, making eight trips to the United States navy yard, where the cremation takes place in the foundry.

On arriving at its destination the committee directs the unloading. The boxes are removed from the wagon on to hand trucks and taken by elevator up to the floor level of the cupola door. The boxes are here opened, the carbon duplicate schedule removed and the plates again counted and checked as they are cast into the furnace.

From the time the plates are taken from the vaults of the custodian until the last one is thrown into the fire they are under the watchful eyes of the members of the committee, who see that none goes astray, for if one or two of these plates should fall into illegitimate hands and later be put to improper use it would probably cause considerable embarrassment to the government.

In order to ascertain whether the destruction has been complete, the committee must wait until all the melted steel is drawn from the furnace and the cupola opened and cooled. The melted steel is poured into molds covering a great variety of castings that eventually find their way to the armament of our modern battleships.

It may be a yoke for an eight inch gun weighing three or four tons, or it may be some minor casting for a torpedo tube. It is not beyond the range of possibility that the officer who sights one of the immense fourteen inch rifles may have in his pocket at the time a note of some denomination printed from a steel money plate that has developed by a series of evolutions into a part of the very gun he is adjusting to wreak destruction upon any object in the path of its flying projectile.

What appears to be a waste in one department of the government thus becomes a valuable asset in another.—New York Times.

The Modern Polonius.

"My son, be polite until you have accumulated your first hundred thousand."

"Yes, dad."

"After that the regulation thing is to be crisp and terse."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Anger begins in folly and ends in repentance.—Pythagoras.

Keeping in the Heat.

You speak incorrectly when you say that your fur coat is warm. There is no heat in the fur coat at all, but it keeps you warm because it prevents the heat of your body from passing off into the cold air. The Bible says that God "giveth snow like wool," because snow is a poor conductor of heat, just like wool, and protects the seeds of fruits and vegetables in the soil in winter just as wool protects your bodily heat. A saucepan which has been used will bring the water to a boil more quickly than a new one because the bottom being covered with soot it absorbs heat more quickly than a highly polished new surface. The cook polishes the lids of kettles because, when bright, they do not draw the heat and in this way keep the contents warm longer than if dull.—New York World.

"The Wolf" a Great Show.

Eugene Walter's play "The Wolf", which comes to the Arcade Theatre on Friday, November 14, might be called a poem play of pictures. It is very seldom that one sees a play that grips the interest and piques the curiosity with its first line. "The Wolf" does that. The curtain rises upon a beautiful scene, it is Indian summer in the northern woods. Pines and golden foliage mingle their light and shade. A stream winds down the avenues of cottonwoods, in the back ground are the blue foothills. To the right is the log house of MacTavish, with a great tree in front of it. Under the trees sits Ba'tiste, the Canuck, puffing at his pipe. In the porchway is the gaunt form of MacTavish, he, too, is smoking. The two men puff in silence for a moment, while the auditor takes in the perfect coloring perspective and grouping of the scene. Then MacTavish says: "you say she died, mon."

This is one of Eugene Walter's strong points—begins his story with the opening lines. He wastes no time in unnecessary conversation, and he sticks to the point from curtain to curtain.

Another of these pretty picture effects is in act three. Two men are squatting in the foreground, standing, is the tall, lithe graceful figure of Jules Beaubien. Hilda appears at the top of the trail carrying the canoe paddle. She stands there an instant holding the paddle like a spear, framed in the dark pine and golden leafage color; with the sunset redening eminently about her. One almost expects to hear the wild cry of the Valkyrie. A little later come the great and intense scene of the play, which is without doubt one of the most novel and gripping scenes ever staged.

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