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LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT COUNTS.

There is but one kind of law enforcement that counts, and that is the steady day to day enforcement.

In other words, the officer who does his duty each day is the man who does much for society, but he does not deserve great praise for so doing, as that is why he is elected.

No one deserves praise for doing his duty, but that officer or person certainly deserves censure who fails to do his duty.

Because the chief of police of La Grande in his routine duties finds a gambler and arrests him, finds a seaman disobeying the state and city laws and arrests the owner; finds any man breaking the state law or city ordinances gives no reason for the tossing of bouquets, for that is what the chief of police is supposed to do.

Were it not for the daily grind of law enforcement Oregon would be a poor place to live in, and it is the daily grind that gets results rather than the spectacular way of doing things.

As the Observer has ever said, "Law is the only king we have; its enforcement is positively essential."

This does not mean a law pertaining to vice any more than it means any other law on the statute books. What laws are written upon those pages should be enforced without fear and without partiality.

Sometimes it makes a great deal of difference whose ox is gored in this law enforcement matter. But be that as it may—the law is supreme and no condition should stand in the way of its enforcement.

AROUND THE VALLEY.

The editor of the Observer recently made a trip around the south end and east side of the valley. It is worth while, just as it is always worth while to get out and look across the Grande Ronde valley from a different angle than La Grande permanently and continuously sees.

No person, regardless of the number of times he has been across the country from La Grande to Union and Cove, can fail to be impressed each time with the possibilities of this great and glorious stretch of country.

The term has often been used that "the valley has hardly been scratched" and it is very appropriate. What can be done with this land as compared with what is being done the imagination cannot stretch itself to fathom.

For instance take the tule lands between this city and the Lake, and they reach toward Ladd canyon and beyond the Lake—think of what a marvelous drainage proposition there

is for capital, the results of which are just as certain as wheat in the bin. For no one can doubt the merit and richness of this land if once drained—hence the tremendous increase in value. But how to drain it seems to have worried those who have tried. Expert engineering will solve that problem in time. In fact, to the naked eye it does not look as though it was a great engineering feat as it stands, but it does look as though it is a problem for big capital to solve. This low land in the Grande Ronde, is, however, the best bonding proposition we have ever seen. We mean by this that nothing would pay such returns as for the owners of the land to bond for drainage and canal purposes, for there is large areas where the ten acre tract man could make good and would undoubtedly buy it at a good price because of the certain production and the land's capability of intensive cultivation.

If you will notice there is an abundance of such lands. We are told that a fourth of the valley needs drainage to get the best results and apparently there is no reason to doubt this estimate.

The hot water from the different springs will some day be utilized in various ways and the heat of which Dr. Tape justifiably often remarks, will prove a benefactor in many ways to the people who live here in the future. It is not out of reason to presume that by development and careful conservation of this hot water it will some day be used to heat La Grande during the winter months. Such a problem is not at all difficult to solve once it gets in the right party's hands. For health resorts its merit is now too well established to ever take a backward step, but there are other things commercially which will yield returns from the hot water, so much of which is now going to waste in the Hot Lake country.

Under the new management the Oregon Central railroad, which runs from Union Junction to the city of Union, is brushing up a bit and while we always liked Bob England, the former manager, we believe it has been a good thing to get some new blood in charge. The rolling stock is looking better and the railroad has been repaired to a considerable extent. Its train makes better time, does its work with more ease than in former years and impresses one with a substantiability that at one time did not exist. We remember one time when an excursion was being run from this city to Union the weight of one fat man made a great difference to the little engine and when that fat man was induced to walk the train got along fairly well. But it would take several fat men now to make any difference for the motive power is in much better shape.

(To be Continued.)

Perry Service.

A preaching service will be held at Perry tomorrow (Wednesday) night at 7:30 by Rev. W. C. Drahn of this city.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Revival meetings are still in progress at Island City with about 20 conversions. The church there is looking for a big result to come. Rev. Archer is still assisting in the meetings.

James Miller, traveling passenger agent for the O.-W., left this noon for Huntington where he will board No. 9, bearing the secretary of agriculture. He is the official representative of this system.

Read the advertisements too.

Report of the Condition of THE COVE STATE BANK, at Cove.

In the State of Oregon, at the close of business January 13, 1914.

Resources table listing Loans and discounts, Bonds and warrants, Banking house, Furniture and fixtures, Due from approved reserve banks, Cash on hand, and Expenses.

Total \$87,967.70

Liabilities table listing Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Individual deposits subject to check, Demand certificates of deposit, Time certificates of deposit, Bills payable for money borrowed, and Reserved for taxes.

Total \$87,967.70

I, Hugh McCall, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. HUGH McCALL, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of Jan., 1914. Samuel G. White, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: J. F. Conley, C. M. Ramsdell, Directors.

SUNSET IS GREEN

Rare Arctic Spectacle Seen Twice by Russians.

Discoverers of the New Polar Continent Brought Back a Very Large Collection of Specimens From Land and Sea.

St. Michael, Alaska.—The Russian polar expedition which arrived here with the news of the discovery of a new Arctic continent, witnessed a splendid occurrence rare in the Arctic, the phenomenon of a green sun, lasting 90 seconds each time at sunset July 30 and September 14. The spectacle was sketched in colors by Lieutenant Polosen, chief engineer. The vessels have a barograph record of the Bering sea storm and photographs showing the extreme inclination of the vessels during the storm with mountains of water apparently about to overwhelm them.

The Russian officers are very courteous but reticent regarding scientific data and results obtained further than the facts already cabled. The expedition left Vladivostok under command of General Sergieff, who was stricken with apoplexy in Bering sea and returned from Plover bay on the Russian cruiser Argon. The command developed upon Lieutenant Wiltkuzky. The ship brought back a remarkable collection of polar marine animal life, marine plants found about the new land and which are microscopical and a large geologic collection. Nicholas II. land was discovered August 21 and possession taken August 22, Russian calendar.

St. Petersburg.—Confirmation of the discovery of new land in the Arctic ocean was received by the Russian admiralty in a brief official fireless report from Commander Wiltkuzky of the Russian navy.

The new land extends in a narrow strip from about 60 miles north of Cape Tchelyuskin, also known as Northeast Cape, the northern termination of the Asiatic continent, to 81 degrees north.

The admiralty expedition on board the transports Taimyr and Waingatch, left Vladivostok in July last and surveyed the coast from Kolyma to Cape Tchelyuskin.

Commander Wiltkuzky is a son of the famous hydrographer, who died last year. He tried to go west to the River Yenesei to winter, but met with solid ice and on this account proceeded in a northerly direction, where he discovered land extending two hundred nautical miles.

The expedition was then compelled by the ice to return toward the east. When passing Bennett Island in latitude 76.40 north, longitude 148.30 east, they found the diaries and documents of the ill-starred expedition under Baron Toll, which was lost in 1900. They also discovered a new island.

The expeditions under Baron Nordenskjold, Fridtjof Nansen and Baron Toll passed between Cape Tchelyuskin and the newly discovered land without noticing its presence.

The discovery of the new land is regarded as having the most important bearing on ice conditions in the Kara sea.

Advertisement for West's 16th Annual Sale, featuring 'Last Week Of...' and 'Final Reductions Placed on All Lines'. Includes prices for Tailored Suit or Coat, Silk Dresses, and Wool Dress Goods.

Advertisement for BIG MOGULS IN U. S., English Engines Can't Compare With Those in America. Monster Can Pull Train Weighing 15,000 Tons.

Advertisement for The Union Nurseries, Union, Ore. Cherry Trees; also a general line of fruit trees, shade trees, ornamental stock, small fruits, 40 varieties of roses.

Advertisement for JONES DAIRY FARM SAUSAGES, is exactly the same as it has been for twenty five years. The City Grocery and Bakery, E. POLACK, Proprietor.

Advertisement for La Grande National Bank, Organized in 1887. Capital \$100,000.00, Surplus \$140,000.00, Total Resources \$1,000,000.00.