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OUR LIBRARY.

Last evening La Grande's library was formally opened. The interest shown in the opening indicated just how well this institution fits in this community and how needful it has been in the past.

Through the generosity of Mr. Carnegie it has been possible for this city, like many others, to have a modern institution of the kind and La Grande as a community thanks Mr. Carnegie for his assistance.

A library is a house of reference. True, there are many volumes of novels and fiction which will serve to pass away time and incidentally train the mind of the young to concentrate, but the chief aim and object of a good library is to have books of reference, and have the list so thoroughly indexed and catalogued that anyone may obtain what he wants in a moment. Any attorney will gladly state that his knowledge does not lie in what his head really contains, but in his ability to find what he wants in his library and find it quickly.

With the excellent building and plant our library starts under very favorable circumstances and from time to time books will be added until La Grande will have an institution of the very best of its kind.

WEARING OF THE GREEN.

Today is the day to sing the good old Irish songs to tell of Tipperary and the day that you were born.

To wear the green and eulogize the Shamrock.

Today is the day to review the wonderful work of the Irish people—more wonderful even away from their native land than at their home.

Let the river Shannon flow and all join in singing the songs dear to the heart of every son of Erin.

AMEN.

In a speech to the Grange Judge Gatens of Portland, recently gave expression to the following excellent brand of religion:

"There should not be a Juvenile Court," said Judge Gatens. "The way to get rid of it is for the fathers and mothers to do their part. The mother who spends her time at some function or club and the father who spends his time at his club, while their children roam the streets at will, are the guilty ones and make the Juvenile court a necessity. The parents are the ones who should be punished, and not the children."

MAN FROM THE BIG OUT-OF-DOORS.

Bill Hanley was in La Grande yesterday shaking hands with his many friends, and Bill's handshake is just a little different from any other handshake you ever experienced. Nature has hit him with her sunshine and her storms—has broadened his vision of men and affairs with the forked lightning of the great interior; has tempered his disposition so he does not scream when his toes are stepped on;

has given him inward energy to return a punch for a punch and a smile for a smile.

He speaks of Oregon in capital letters every time. To him this state is the chosen spot for God's best people.

He wants to render service to the commonwealth, not necessarily political service, but the service that will obtain best results.

It is a fine thing to know Bill Hanley and when you once know him you can but wonder if the great interior could mould an army of men like him. We need an army of Bill Hanleys in Oregon.

WHAT SHALL WE DO FOR THE FAIR?

Next Thursday the Fair Association stockholders will meet and endeavor to determine what shall be done regarding a fair for Union county. If the present association continues to run the annual exposition it means that some one must carry the financial burdens which are piling up now pretty high.

Several counties in Oregon have turned the fair proposition into a public matter entirely and the taxpayers have voted that the county should take over the plant and run the fair through the regular county machinery. The experiment is not yet old enough to determine its entire merit, but to all appearances it is just the proper thing to do.

Two reasons seem to justify such a course. First, holding a county fair is advertising the community as well as furnishing a place for friendly contests in stock, fruit and grain displays. It is of benefit to the entire county and therefore no one should make any money out of such an enterprise, individually. If it is a public matter wholly and not a project where private ownership should profit, then the public should own it and furnish the operating fund. This is the view taken by the other counties in the state that have taken over the fair grounds and we believe the public of Union county, will after consideration, view the matter in such a light.

SHOWING BOOKS WORTH WHILE.

New York has been having something new recently—a book exhibit. Art exhibits, industrial exhibits, etc., are rather common. A book exhibit strikes the American public by its novelty.

This particular exhibit has been fathered by the Publishers' Co-operative bureau and it is but the preliminary of a nation-wide campaign which will be made to educate the people in the selection and reading of the better class of books. A special feature will be the effort to find out the facilities or lack of facilities for buying books in the remote districts. Twenty-three publishing houses are behind the movement. No attempt is made to boost any particular book or particular publishing house.

Within the last year or so book publishers have been making a serious analysis of their business and have discovered some important faults in it. One is that a great many persons who would be interested in certain types of books never hear of them. The average magazine contains many advertisements of the so-called "popular" books but few of the technical books, the special books and the books of enduring literary value. Then, too, in many cities the book stores carry only a few of the books that are so advertised. They stock up on the ready sellers but cannot afford space for those which are not so certain of a sale. If one really wants a certain book and is willing to wait for it, the dealer will send away for the volume. More often than not, however, the one who would be particularly interested does not know that such a book



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has been written. The Dial, which is the book buyers' best friend, weekly prints a list of all the books published, but comparatively few outside the distinctively literary ranks, take this modest but high grade publication.

The exhibit is the means by which the publisher hopes to bring home to the public the fact that there are many books, little talked of, but nevertheless of vital value to the library. It would be a good move to send this exhibit on a tour of the country.

Pendleton capitalizes these Indians who are fed by the government on every occasion possible. She made them the background for her Roundup; she gets their money on pay day, and now some of the Pendleton ministers are advertising Indian evangelists to get up excitement during a town revival.

"Our" governor wants everyone to think he was offered a federal appointment while he was in Washington, judging from the way he talks to the press associations. But if President Wilson cared to talk what would he say?

Proper observance of the curfew ordinances will save court costs, broken hearts to parents and bad reputations to the younger generation. And this does not mean that La Grande is any worse than the other cities of her size.

Although the payment of an income tax may help one get into society, it is not considered good form to wear the tax receipts pinned on the outside of your coat.

The head of the canal commissary department has been suspended for taking gratuities. What is called

gratuities in Panama in a less genial climate is called graft.

The way President Yuan is running things in China, it doesn't look as though a republican form of government would have a Pekin.

It is said that frock coats are to be ruled out of fashion. This is a blow to Indian doctors, advance agents for circuses, and the United States senators.

St. Patrick's Breastplate.

I bind unto myself today The strong name of the TRINITY, By invocation of the Same, The Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind this day to me for ever, By power of faith, Christ's INCARNATION. His Baptism in Jordan River; His death on Cross for my salvation; His bursting from the spiced tomb; His riding up the Heavenly way; His coming at the day of doom; I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today The power of God to hold and lead, His Eye to watch, His might to stay, His Ear to harken to my need, The Wisdom of my God to teach, His Hand to guide, His shield to ward; The Word of God to give me speech, His Heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name, The strong name of the TRINITY; By invocation of the Same, The Three in One, and One in Three, Of Whom all nature hath creation; Eternal Father, Spirit, Word; Praise to the God of my salvation, Salvation is of Christ the LORD. —Mrs. C. F. Alexander, Authoress of the well known hymn "There is a Green Hill Far Away."

TO THE PUBLIC.

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