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NEEDED—A GOOD ROADS DAY.

The suggestion of Bird Lewis is a wise one. Let's have a "good roads" day. The highway between La Grande and Hot Lake is in places impassable, also the road toward the top of the Kamela hill is in bad shape, likewise the road to Wallowa.

By waiting the usually turn of the road machinery to fix these places there is a great deal of time consumed. To sit around and talk voting bonds for good roads means the next generation may have roads of some value, but under the Bird Lewis idea of everyone turning out and doing one good day's work for the good roads cause we would have some immediate relief.

Every man in La Grande who cannot do an active day's work can hire a man to work in his place. Now who will be the first to head the list of willing workers for better roads?

SPEEDING MUST GO.

No fault can be found with the city administration in its endeavor to enforce the law against speeding. It is plain to everyone that great danger exists where automobiles are permitted to exceed fifteen miles an hour within the city limits. But the automobile is not so dangerous, or at any rate, no more dangerous, than the motorcycle. It seems that motor cycle riders as soon as a machine is bought, forgets there is any restraint on riding. In the business section of the city twenty-five miles an hour is no uncommon sight, and if there is anything in the world that is hard to dodge it is a motor cycle. When the last campaign on speeding was on the two wheeled machine seemed to be overlooked for the speed some of them were driven around the streets was terrific. The city officers will

have united support if they will enforce the speed law to the letter on all machines.

PULLMAN PENSIONS.

The recently adopted pension plan of the Pullman company for superannuated employees is decidedly interesting in these days when employers are taking steps to safeguard the old age of their employees. Several of the features of the plan have been used before, but in some respects it is novel and offers a distinct contribution to the subject of a systematic superannuation pensioning. The plan provides for administration by a body known as the board of pensions, consisting of five officials of the company appointed by the president. This board, subject to the authority of the president, has power to make and modify such rules and regulations as may be necessary. It also has power to determine the eligibility of employees to receive pensions, their amounts and the conditions under which they shall be paid.

All appointed male employees of the company who have reached the age of 70 and female employees who have reached the age of 65 shall be retired, and if they have been in the continuous service of the company for 20 years they shall be eligible to pensions. Such officers as are elected may, after reaching the retiring age, be re-employed, and so, in exceptional cases, may appoint employees. Also eligible to pensions are all employees who have served the company continuously for 20 years and who before the age of compulsory retirement, have become permanently disabled.

Since the adoption of the pension plan the company's policy is not to employ any one over 45 years of age by special authority of the president or board of directors. There are various rules defining what "continuous service" shall mean, and these are fair. They except such periods of enforced leaving of the service as slackness of work may render necessary.

All of the expense of this pension system is borne by the company. It contains no insurance feature and no company is asked to subscribe to it in any manner. The rate of the monthly pension is one per cent of the average monthly pay received by the pensioner for the last year of employment multiplied by the number of years of service with the company. The minimum rate is \$15 a month. Thus, the lowest pension paid is 20 per cent of the average monthly pay

received during the last year of employment.

This seems a very fair arrangement and should make for the benefit of both the company and its employees, insuring the company of faithful service from its competent employees and the employers of an old age free from the specter of want, discomfort or the necessity of accepting alms.

New Jersey egg traveled across the country by parcel post in a paper bag and arrived at its destination whole. A New Jersey egg is apparently as hard to break as a New Jersey trust.

Millionaire sentenced to serve five days on a rock pile by a Maine judge because he ran his automobile too fast. He will certainly save a lot on gasoline.

That Pendleton evangelist finally made good on his charges of gambling and as a result many of Pendleton's population are fleeing from process servers. Still, there is no evidence that the preacher ever gambled any.

The governor has lodged a charge of fraud against the Pacific Livestock company. Now watch the further proceedings.

Since Governor West and Col. Lawson tamed Baker County even the coyotes enter that city and trot up and down the main street.

A California judge has had the nerve to take a stand against the Ben Lindsay brand of juvenile reform, and there is a great deal of logic to what he has to say. His contention is that children become more inclined to crime when they know they have a judge favoring them, and statistics prove this to be true.

Traveling Agent Here.

James Miller traveling passenger agent for the O. W. is in the city in the interest of the company.

Many Visitors at Savoy.

C. E. Baker of Elgin, R. L. Dorrane of Kamels, J. F. Laverty of Lostine, Mr. and Mrs. McKinzie of Summerville, and J. S. Williams of Joseph were guests of the Savoy last night and this morning.

Back from Portland.

Claf Group has returned from a business trip to Portland.

Good home wanted for a little girl 4 years old. Phone red 3672.—Adv. 3-21-2t

Read the advertisements too.

It Scared Him.

After spending a few weeks one year at a watering place, where he took his daily swim in the open air pool of warm sulphur water, a little fellow was the next year at the seaside. In his tiny bathing suit he gazed out over the vast ocean in silence. Then he protested: "I'm not goin' in. Dat ain't water for boys. Dat's for boats."—Chicago News.

Hit It.

Polly (to big sister's admirer)—Guess what father said about you last night? Adolphus—Oh, I couldn't guess, was it? Polly—I'll give you a peach if you can guess. Adolphus (flustered)—Polly, I haven't an idea in the world. Polly—Urr—you was listening.—Society Bulletin.

Good Time Lost.

"Why do you insist upon having the biggest piece of pie, Harry?" asked the mother of a small boy. "Isn't your older brother entitled to it?" "No, he isn't," replied the little fellow. "He was eating pie two years before I was born."—Chicago News.

How Diana Scored.

In "Milton and Homespun" is this amusing English fox hunting story: "Hold hard, madam! For heaven's sake hold hard or that camel you are riding will be the death of some of my hounds!" cried the choleric master of one of the southeastern counties' packs of foxhounds to a lady who was riding rather too close to hounds. Without deigning to turn her head she steered her mount a little to the left and one of the hounds rode her own line to a centaur, led the van through a very fast run and



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The above list mentions only a few of the many attractive novelties offered in our Dry Goods Section. Come and inspect our Spring Lines today.

N. K. West & Co.

THE QUALITY STORE

was the first of the head to see the fox rolled over in the open.

Having recovered from his temporary fit of churlishness and delighted with the manner in which the lady had ridden, the master approached her somewhat sheepishly. It must be confessed, with the "brush" and an apology.

"Pray, don't apologize, sir," was the smiling reply. "You simply mistook my favorite hunter for a camel, and I your foxhounds for fox terriers. It seems we were both mistaken. Thanks awfully for the brush."

When Kelvin Slipped.

Great scientist though he was, the late Lord Kelvin sometimes failed to do simple addition or subtraction sums correctly. Once on a blackboard at Glasgow university he made two and two five and, hearing the delighted laughter of the class, hastily altered the five to a three. On another occasion he said "Seven times nine, Mr. Macfarlane, are a hundred and what?" (Pause). "But, no," continued the scientist; "seven times nine cannot be a hundred and anything, for the square root of a hundred is ten."

ATTENTION BREEDERS!

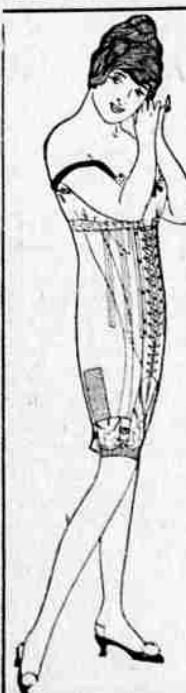
The grandly bred stallion, HAROLD WELCOME 2:11 1/4, will stand for service the season of 1914 at the Fair Grounds, La Grande, Oregon. For further information address G. A. Lincoln, owner, or Chas. Butcher, trainer and manager, La Grande, Oregon.

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To the Voters.

I respectfully announce my candidacy for representative subject to decision of the republicans at the primary election. I will give vigilant and active service to reduce the burden of taxation and procure legislation to meet the wants and necessities of the people.—Adv.

L. DENHAM,

To the Voters.

To Union County Voters: I desire to represent you as representative from Union county in the next legislature. If elected my policy will be retrenchment of public expense and abolishment of commissions. I ask for the republican nomination. Adv.

W. B. SARGENT.

GIRL WANTS DONATION.

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land, about one half million feet of yellow pine timber, does not require

irrigation; one large running spring, three miles from town of about four hundred, two miles from railroad and county road, nearly level road to town; in hilly country one half mile from National Forest boundary. This piece was held by the Government as mineral land, until lately. It can be homesteaded or taken as a timber claim as I understand it. If you can locate this for me I should like to have you send me a small plat of Baker County with the description of this piece, also a contour map of this particular district. If there is anything due on the plats I will remit upon receipt of them. I should also like to know the law in taking up homestead and timber claims in Oregon. The filing fee; length of residence; how soon one must go onto the claim after filing.

I will appreciate it very much if this information can be sent at an early date.

Respectfully,
MARIE B. M.

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Winnipeg	60	New York City	108.50
Saint Louis	70	Boston	110.00

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Corresponding Reductions to Other Eastern Cities.
SPECIAL—Sale dates before June 1: To Chicago, May 19 and 20, \$72.00; To Atlanta, May 2 to 6, \$91.40.

NORWAY EXCURSIONS—Tickets on sale at reduced rates April 20, 25 and 30.

For detailed information, fares, rates and other arrangements call upon J. H. KEENEY, Agent, OREGON-WASHINGTON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO., LA GRANDE, ORE.



La Grande National Bank

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Total Resources\$1,000,000.00

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We respectfully solicit your business.

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