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The present graduating class may be well versed in Latin, may be especially grounded in algebra, geometry and all the higher branches of learning, but the female section of the class has graduated already in one of the most essential studies of life—that of economy.

When, by unanimous vote, the girls of the class of 1914 said there should be a five dollar limit on graduation gowns those girls carved their names in the historic rock of common sense deeply, and a loud "Amen" from all corners of the city is plainly audible in commendation of so sensible a movement.

We have known graduation exercises to haunt the family of medium circumstances months before the date arrived, because of the hardship it was bound to bring. Hardship in keeping up with the procession, for all mothers and fathers want their daughters to dress as well as the best when the curtain rises on the entire class seated in a semi-circle on Commencement night.

By meeting this emergency in advance, by having the true grit and womanhood to take hold of the situation and announce to the public before the date arrives, that elegant gowns and feminine finery will not be on display, but those who attend Commencement may expect to see the girls clad in simple put appropriate gowns, these graduates have established a precedent that will live—a precedent that is labeled common sense and good judgment; a precedent that appeals to every person in this school district.

The young ladies who have thus taken an advance step in economy are Mildred Bush, Marie Bolton, Inez Knowles, Florence Happersett, Teresa Castle, Lizzie Wells, Sara Williamson, Grace Pickins, Bessy Stoddard, Hazel Richardson and Miriam Smith.

YOUR DUTY NEXT FRIDAY.

Although there is an army of candidates for the different offices next Friday at the primaries, it is the duty of every registered voter to look carefully to efficiency in selecting his men. We confess that the whole nominating primary scheme seems superfluous under our present custom, and hold to the belief that a free for all election would be better, less expensive and productive of equally as good results.

But the law says that you must register under a party name—that you must perjure yourself provided you do not expect to vote the entire party ticket under whose banner you register, and the law must be upheld.

So, according to custom, next Friday the polls will be opened and registered voters will vote. The burden of responsibility is apparent and the future administration of the different departments of state and county government will be affected greatly by those who cast their votes next Friday.

The Republicans should look to efficiency first; like wise the democrats and progressives. Raise the question on every candidate: "Can and will he make good? Has he the qualifications to render an economical administration, and will he exercise those qualifications if he has them?"

Put the measuring stick on every person you vote for and keep in mind the present break neck financial speed Oregon as a state is traveling. Keep in mind the enormous expense now incurred in handling a state with little more than a half million population. Dig up your tax receipt and look it straight in the face, and then ponder on who will be the best man to clothe with official power in the hope that he will actually lessen expenses.

A FIGHT INVOLVING THE WHILE STATE.

A fight is on before the Oregon Railroad Commission that involves the whole future development of the state. It is whether two towns near Portland shall have five cent fares on interurbans electric lines for eight or ten mile rides.

Linnton, which is farther from Portland than Garden Home, gets a five cent fare on the United Railways, and hence Garden Home asks that fares be reduced to the Linnton fare. The United Railways and the Oregon Electric are contesting both propositions.

The United Railways shows that it is losing four cents on each passenger hauled for five cents, and the Oregon Electric claims it would lose money by reducing fares from Garden Home

to Portland to the five cent rate, and hence resisting the demand.

The United Railways is part of the Hill system, and shows by the actual figures that if it were operating as an independent company it would be in the hands of a receiver and the more people it hauls from Linnton for five cents the more it loses.

The Railroad Commission has discovered by its own expert that the United Railways is losing even more than it claimed at the hearing. Has the rest of the state any interest in interurbans being operated at a loss for any city? Manifestly not.

What interest has the rest of the state in forcing the Oregon Electric to haul commuters for a nickel fare from Garden Homes into Portland at a loss, and what will be the effect on the development of the rest of the state?

Can Oregon reasonably expect railroad extensions when the state government is used to beat down those already operating below a remunerative figure? Will not excessive fares have to be collected from the rest of the state?

It is a well known fact that capital is not to be had for railroad extensions in Oregon, and nearly all the new lines are being run at an actual loss. Is this not a suicidal policy for a state to pursue that needs development?

VANDALISM.

Somebody has been amusing himself by tearing out by their roots or by cutting off flowers and other shrubbery that was set out to adorn particular parts of the city. There seems to have been no provocation for this bit of vandalism and the party guilty of the act must be devoid of the last shred of common sense or of civic decency and pride; or must have a soul so thoroughly engrossed in getting something for nothing, that he takes these means to enrich himself at the expense of the public.

It is generally supposed that everybody has so much love of the beautiful in him that he praises the act of some one else engaged in beautifying a particular spot of the city. But these nightly raids prove there is an exception to the rule, an exception that ought to be jailed and fined heavily. When a city has within its boundaries persons who destroy flowers and shrubbery, it is a sign that that city has an undesirable citizen in its midst. The police will do well to apprehend such a person and make a public example of him.

Base ball games like the one Sunday help everyone who goes. One feels better, eats better and sleeps better after seeing the national game.

And the High School graduates proved that the Elks Minstrels have not filed on all the local talent, for their show was of exceptional merit.

A little service on some of the highways both inside and outside of the city would be highly appreciated by all who travel.

Yes, there will be plenty of fruit. Don't worry.

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He is for a spotless town, He'll on wasteful methods frown, He will put the taxes down, Thereby gaining great renown.

He will sure enforce the laws Without any rest or pause. All offenders will have cause To remember who he was.

He'll abolish ev'ry vice, Ev'rything that isn't nice; Like card games or shaking dice, And he'll do it in a trice.

He will put in some hard licks For denatured politics. He will listen to your kicks. He's not up to any tricks.

He will help the working man Ev'ry time and all he can. Likes the Farmer's Union plan, And is quite a baseball fan.

He thinks much of women too, And he has some laws in view; Solving problems old and new For them, that he will put through.

He will never help make laws, That are chuck full of flaws, Just as soon as the reports Reach us from the highest courts.

It's tough when you remember That 'twill last till November. Then he may hear something drop That will bring him to a stop.

—J. H. BLUMENSTEIN.

FOR RENT—4-room modern cottage, near to business center. E. W. Kammerer. 2004 Adams. Phone Black 1532. 5-13-14p.

LOST—Pair of black rose leaves rosary beads. Silver mounted. 1206 Second St. 5-13-2tp.

TEMPORARY MEN NAMED. (Continued from Page 1.)

the results of the latter trial did not and could not affect the former. While it is true the police caught the two removing the animal from the pound without paying the fees,—a continuing act—the profane and indecent language used on the public street, and the assault testified to have been made upon the chief of police, were committed in his presence; for it is inconceivable that an act can be committed upon an officer and not in his presence. No warrant, as you correctly state, is required for any offense committed in the presence of a peace officer in order that such arrest may be legal. The ordinances of the city do not exclude its policemen from the protection of its laws, or render such acts immune. The defendant denied the charge,—the resistance to arrest,—but the court found him guilty. I do not desire to discuss cases in newspapers, and have no patience with the despicable and unprofessional conduct of members of the bar adver-

tising themselves under the guise of reporting cases in which the public have no interest, and make this statement merely to correct this error in a matter which the public are much interested, and want to know.

The affair is regrettable from every point of view. Under the late police force La Grande was rapidly gaining the reputation of being a city whose laws were enforced, in fact, it was the cynosure of all eyes in this section of the country. The managerial system of government is, without doubt, the coming plan for small cities, and La Grande was the first to adopt it on the Pacific Coast. The plan of having a responsible officer for every function, and every officer responsible for such function, in the city's government, is far better than having divided authority and interference of one officer with another in the performance of his duties, and excuses and recriminations. One has to go back only a few years and examine the city court records to find that this city has been engaged in licensing crime under the guise of monthly fines.

JNO. S. HODGIN, City Attorney.

M. B. Donohue Honored. At the state convention Knights of Columbus held in Portland yesterday, M. B. Donohue of this city was unanimously chosen for treasurer of the organization. La Grande council is the largest in numbers outside of Portland.

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON. In the matter of E. W. P. Allen, bankrupt, IN BANKRUPTCY.

To the creditors of E. W. P. Allen of La Grande in the County of Union, and District aforesaid, a bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of May, 1914, the said E. W. P. Allen was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and the first meeting of his creditors will be held in the office of the Referee in Bankruptcy in La Grande, Oregon, on the 26th day of May, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

JNO. S. HODGIN, Referee in Bankruptcy.

(All claims must be sworn to according to bankruptcy forms before filing.) 5-13-14.



JOHNS IS COMING MAN

CHARLES A. JOHNS, candidate for Governor in the Republican primaries of May 15, has gained ground so rapidly in the last few days of the campaign that his nomination is now conceded. It is predicted by political wisecracks that he will carry Portland and Multnomah County by a large majority.

Mr. Johns is the originator of a platform promising sharp reduction in taxes, a big cut in the expenses of state government, and the abolishing of all useless state boards and commissions, and this slogan has become the campaign cry of several other candidates. His straightforward talks to thousand of voters, his promises of economy and a business administration have won friends and votes for Mr. Johns at every stage of the campaign.

Knowing his untarnished reputation for keeping his promises, clerks and employees of useless state boards and commissions are opposed to his nomination, because his platform means what it says and he stands on his platform.

Mr. Johns has made a clean campaign, free from mudslinging and incriminations. His forceful, convincing addresses at Republican rallies throughout Multnomah county have been the chief drawing card of these meetings.

Republicans throughout Oregon concede that his nomination in May means a Republican victory in November.—Paid Adv.

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