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UNION'S COURAGE.

It must require some courage to overcome a feeling of depression when, after having made great and ample preparations for an event such as the stock show at Union, cold weather, snow and rain interfere with a program of unusual merit. The accumulated feeling of expectancy that all will redound to the credit of the city and to the officials who manage the whole affair, and that those who would otherwise come and witness the combined efforts of many hands and minds, will be kept away, must give way to a feeling, at least for the moment, that man's efforts are always subject to a higher law than his will.

For those who planned and worked there will be this consolation that, the success of the whole affair was subject to their own individual effort, plus the intervention of the elements which no body can control. Union could not control the elements.

La Grande had the same experience last year and the results of that experience have trailed themselves into this year.

It is nobody's fault, and for that reason a calm attitude of hope is the best advice that can be given. La Grande men did not succumb to a pining grief, but strove manfully to make plans for the succeeding year. We are responsible only for the things that we might have done and which are within our control. Union did what it should and could, and for that reason no one with common sense will say ought that will reflect either on the management or the city. Union will gain commendation from her sister towns by maintaining a cheerful mein, in spite of the intervention of rain which may be another blessing in disguise. Where there is time there is hope, and where there is hope there is life, and where there is life there is

power to overcome adversity. Union will do that.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

Much has been said and much has been written about the control and solution of the unemployed question. Congressman Victor Murdock is advancing a federal bureau of employment. In a speech the other day he said among other things of what the bureau can do:

"The purpose of the Federal bureau of employment would be to lessen the amount of unemployment in the United States.

"It would endeavor, first of all, to bring together workmen needing work and employers needing workmen. It would do this through a central office at Washington and a system of branch labor exchanges in important industrial and commercial centers. Each exchange should collect all possible information about the state of the supply of available labor power in its district, both through its actual work as a free employment office and by any other means, and would cooperate with the others by exchanging reports through the central office. The central office should combine these local reports into a labor bulletin, from which anyone could learn the demand of work and for workmen in different parts of the country. The bureau would cooperate to the fullest possible extent with all existing State, municipal, and private employment agencies.

"The bureau shall also investigate the methods of all persons, corporations, and agencies procuring employment for others who carry on an interstate business. The head of the bureau should have power to license, inspect, and thus effectively control the work of all such interstate agencies.

"The bureau would also make a thorough and comprehensive study of the causes of unemployment, in order to determine which of them are due to conditions that can be altered and which must be met as an inevitable incident to industry. It would study possible means for avoiding the dislocation effect of seasonal industries and for lessening the amount of casual labor. It would try to see what relation there is between unemployment and the lack of vocational guidance and industrial training. It would investigate the various systems of employment insurance and other methods or relief in operation in foreign countries, to judge whether some such provision would be applicable to American conditions.

"Only by a definite, scientific, national plan can this country hope to solve the question of unemployment. By not attempting to solve it,

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Money Saving Opportunities Throughout the Store

EXTRAORDINARY CUTS IN READY TO WEAR DEPARTMENT



One of the reasons that the Ready-to-Wear Department of this store has made such a success is that it never carries stock over from one season to another. so it has been with Suits and Coats.

Entire Line of Ladies Spring SUITS & COATS Half Price

- \$10.00 Suits or Coat, \$5.00; \$12.50 Suit or Coat, \$6.25; \$15.00 Suit or Coat, \$7.50; \$17.50 Suit or Coat, \$8.75; \$20.00 Suit or Coat, \$10.00; \$22.50 Suit or Coat, \$11.25; \$25.00 Suit or Coat, \$12.50; \$30.00 Suit or Coat, \$15.00; \$35.00 Suit or Coat, \$17.50

Entire Line of Ladies Silk and Crepe Dresses Made Special at 1/3 off

Latest Models in Pretty Silks and Crepes, all Dresses this season's stock.

Entire Line of Skirts Divided In Two Lots

One Lot Spring Skirts, 1-2 PRICE. One Lot Spring Skirts, 1-3 OFF.

MOTHERS TAKE NOTICE

Entire Line of Children's Coats Half Price

McWest & Co THE QUALITY STORE

SUMMER WASH GOODS AT BARGAIN PRICES

- 38-in. Silk Ratine, all colors, regular \$1.25 values, Special, Yd., 89c; 24-in. Printed Poptins, Many Pretty Patterns, regular 75c values, Special, Yd., 48c; 23-in. Cheney Foulard Silks, Guaranteed Fast Color and Spot Proof, Extra Special, Yd., 89c; Imported Silk Pongee, Extra Special, Yd., 50c; French Ratine, all Colors, regular, \$1.00 value, Special, 73c

One Lot Ladies' Waists, regular \$2.50 to \$4.00 values, Special One-Half Price.

One Lot of Women's & Children's OXFORDS and PUMPS HALF PRICE

Some Extra Special good values in Oxfords of broken lines. Colonials, Buttons, Straps and Ties in Suedes, Patent and Gun Metal. Look for your size.

MEN!

Seldom does any one store ever give you an opportunity to choose a suit from four of the best clothes makers in the country. We are exclusive agents for—

HIRSCH WICK WIRE

High Grade Clothing.

BENJAMIN WASHINGTON

\$22.00 to \$30.00.

SOCIETY BRAND SUITS

Suits for Young Men.

FIDELITY \$15.00 SUITS.

Those men who want the best buy suits here.



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Organized in 1887.

DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. UNITED STATES POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORY.

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For twenty years, in all kinds of financial weather, we have successfully catered to the monetary wants of the people of La Grande and the Grand Ronde Valley.

We respectfully solicit your business.

La Grande National Bank

La Grande, Oregon

the country is playing into the hands of those that say that no solution is possible.

POLICE LITERARY.

Library for Policemen at New York Patronize.

New York, June 5.—That New York has claim to the most literary police force in the country is shown by the number of patrons of the circulating libraries which have been established in the various police stations. These branch libraries have a yearly circulation of 12,302 volumes, an increase of 5,336 over the previous year. About twenty-five volumes are allotted to each police station, where they occupy small book-cases. They are in charge of the police lieutenants, and when a policeman desires to take out a book he applies at the desk. The New York Public Library changes the books about once a month. The librarians have now come to have a good idea of the policemen's taste in books. A study

of the works read by policemen in the past year shows that most of them prefer the productions of great authors. The men in making requests for books invariably ask for the "standards," or the novels of the best modern authors. The police show little interest in the modern detective story. When one of the librarians in charge was asked the reason for this, he stated that it was because the police had so much better detective stories of their own that they did not care for the inventions of fiction. The police are great readers of works of science and stories of travel. Since the trouble with Mexico they have been sending for books on Mexico and the Mexicans. The firemen have a library similar to the one for the police. Last year the firemen read 39,859 books, an increase of 11,159 over the year before. They have far more leisure for reading than the police, though. After a policeman comes in from patrol he usually feels more like sleeping than reading, but many

policemen find time to do their reading in the "back room" of the station house while they are on reserve.

Card of Thanks.

Whereas: Our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved brother, C. E. Golden, a charter member of Blue Mt. Grange-No. 345, and whereas! The Grange having lost a faithful officer and loyal brother, the community suffered an irreparable loss and the family a devoted husband and loving father, therefore be it resolved that Blue Mt. Grange extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family in their hour of sorrow, be it further resolved, that the Charter of our Grange be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy be sent to the Pacific Grange Bulletin, a copy to the La Grande Evening Observer, and that a copy be inserted in the minutes of this meeting.

Fraternally Submitted EDWARD JASPER, REBA WILLIAMSON, MABLE ANSON, Committee.

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