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**A BOY KILLED.**

Portland people in their mad desire for strenuous entertainment saw the murder of a boy Sunday. It was done by an automobile speed maniac and witnessed by the multitude who had gathered to have their brains set a whirle by unreasonable and unnatural speed exhibitions.

The poor boy was murdered in cold blood. His little life was crushed out by a huge machine with a maniac driving.

And every person who was in that crowd was in a way responsible for the death of the boy. By their attendance they made it possible for the fool at the wheel to do daring acts, and by those daring acts he took the little life of an innocent boy.

People who are honestly interested in public welfare; people who want to prohibit evils, vice and want to save society from the ravages of fools and criminals; who want to make life safe, why in the name of Heaven, do they not take up such things as automobile racing? Why don't they consecrate their efforts to legislation that will prevent such murders?

Where is our Governor who calls out the militia for crimes that have no comparison with the murder committed in Portland Sunday?

It is certainly time for people who have hearts and souls to mount the soapbox in defense of safety, if such be needed to awaken the better spirit in mankind.

The little boy is dead. His fond parents have nothing today but the body of clay and the playthings so dear to their hearts. Think of their loss and ask yourselves, is it fair for the sake of a brain wrecking exhibition to sacrifice the lives of the innocent?

On the tomb of the little boy should be inscribed the following: "Murdered in Portland, Oregon, Sunday, June 14th by an Automobile Speed Maniac, before the eyes of a Multitude of People who by their attendance made the murder possible."

**WE NEED HITCHRACKS.**

How often have you heard criticism in lack of hitch racks in La Grande? How often have you heard criticism on the location of what hitchracks the city has?

Well, the criticism is well founded. La Grande is the commercial center for a valley containing 300,000 acres of land that is being farmed. Naturally there is a large farming population who come to this city with their teams. Those farmers want to hitch their teams in a safe place—safe from railroad engines, safe from the standpoint of being able to leave articles in their wagons.

Neither of these conditions prevail here. But they should.

This city could do nothing better than to either provide hitchracks in a section where safety is absolute, or better yet, provide a wagon yard where the ranchers could drive in, have their teams properly looked after and feel safe that all articles left in their wagons would be protected.

This is something that is vital to the business interests of this city.

**AN OUT OF DATE SPEECH.**

"I am going to vote the ticket from top to bottom. The party is party is good enough for me. It can't make a ticket that I will repudiate, neither can it make a platform upon which I cannot stand."—Political speaker of a few years ago.

How would such a speech sound today? The man who would attempt to deliver such an address would be left without an audience. He would be looked upon as silly and unworthy of an audience.

Still there are elements in Oregon who think at the beat of the drum political parties can be revived and men lined up as in the days of yore. Poor judgement, very poor judgment.

Because a voter decides to vote for Witherby for governor is positively no indication nowadays that he will vote for Booth for senator or Tom Kay for treasurer. And the same is true with Dr. Smith and George Chamberlain. This is an epoch of do-as-you-please in politics with no party lines to hold anyone.

**AMUSING.**

Once the Oregonian loved Roosevelt; then it ceased to love him. Later it became bitter toward him, but now it would seem the old love is burning again. Read the following editorial comment from the metropolitan paper regarding the Bull Moose candidate for president in 1912:

"Colonel Roosevelt is never happier than when he is hobnobbing with Kings. The decadent monarchs of Europe seem to gain inspiration and energy from his companionship while he slaps them buoyantly on their shaky shoulders and calls

**SUNSHINY DAYS---GALA DAYS**

The many special Gala Events staged here in the next few weeks demands that you should look your best in new, Summery Styles. Now is the time of all times to supply your needs as right now our stocks are at their best of new, bright, quality merchandise.

**The Newest of the New Here in Dainty Summer Wash Dresses**



It is easy to select a pretty dress here from our large choice of styles and patterns that we are now showing. There are dainty flowered Crepes, Ratines and Embroidered Lawns, all tailored in the latest styles. An array worth seeing. All sizes priced \$5.00 to \$20.00.

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**Little Prices on Children's**

Coats, .... Special \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00.  
 Coats, Regular \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.00

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and want them up-to-date and look right in every way; this is the place to find them. Suits from four of the best clothier makers in the country gives you a chance to select a suit from as large a stock as many of the large city stores. Every suit made with snap, style and fit, only found in Quality Clothing and priced \$15.00 to \$30.00.



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36-inch Dress Linens, in Navy, Leather Brown, Pink and Blue, ..... Special 37 1-2c

them "old boy" in the spirit of good fellowship. He is as much a King as any of them in real dignity and a hundred times more so than most of them in respect to ability. We can think of no crowned head for which we should be willing to trade him."

The Oregon University is collecting data in Rogue river valley to assist in development. Our notion of assisting in development is to begin by pulling a few stumps. It will aid more than all the state statistics the university can gather, and will add a few more acres to produce crops. We have gone "bug-house" on gathering statistics in Oregon.

Ballooning is not to become popular in Portland all at once. Too many of those fellows in Portland are not always sure of their footing on earth without climbing into the clouds. That is one high grade sport which will not become popular with our water-soaked brothers of the Willamette.

Tom Lawson says nice things about Oregon. Wonder if he is going to float another Yukon gold mine and is looking for Blue Sky seekers to gobble up his stock?

Cove's decision to have a pavilion for her Cherry fair meets with a satisfactory and appreciate encore from La Grande.

Oh, those Oregon merchants. They will be the livest bunch you ever encountered.

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est store. We have the goods and guarantee satisfaction. There'll be no delays—our messenger is always on his job.

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**Young People Meet.**

The Young People's Campaign club met last evening in the Presbyterian church. The most important events of the meeting were a report from

the corresponding secretary who has received letters from many candidates from the various parties, and the appointing of a committee to confer with other local temperance forces in systemtizing the coming campaign.

**Will Canvass Vote.**

Tomorrow the election canvassing board composed of County Clerk

Wright, Justice of the Peace Arthur Williams and U. F. Weiss of Elgin will re-check all of the tally sheets of the late Union county election.

The cause for this re-checking is due to the close race between Judge McNary and Judge Benson. So far errors have been found in other counties that places the two jurists close, it has been decided to check over the tally sheets of the entire state.

**Here is for the Bargain Seeker and Home Makers**

For Sale—House of 7 rooms—Modern—Just Built—complete with Cement Basement. Lot 60x110 only one block east of the Court House. Only \$2500.00. \$300.00 down; balance to suit buyer.

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6 room house—Barn 12x18—Lot 2 Acres—City Water outside—Bath—Good Cellar— Chicken house—Wood Shed—Fruit Trees—Berries and small Fruits. \$2500.00 \$700.00 down.

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The above are excellent properties and well worth your consideration, Mr. Buyer. For now is your time to get what you want at very reasonable terms.

**C. J. Black & Co.**

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La Grande, Ore.

**La Grande National Bank**

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