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COMPLAINT FROM LADD CANYON.

The people of Ladd Canyon are indignant over the condition of the county roads in that section. They claim no work has been done there for three years and that the highways are in very bad condition.

It should be borne in mind that Ladd Canyon is a decided part and portion of Union county; that the people out there pay their taxes and travel the roads. They are entitled to consideration just the same as any other section of the county is entitled to consideration.

Charles Mays, one who is familiar with the Ladd Canyon district says there is a strong sentiment against the apparent neglect of the roads and that the blame is laid to a great extent upon La Grande.

This is but natural for La Grande is not only the county seat, but the commercial center of the county where people from all parts often come. Those living away from this city feel that roads should be made and kept in condition so they can reach the county seat without abnormal effort, and they are right.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE "BUSINESS LOBBY."

President Wilson made some very pointed remarks Monday when he asserted that a "business" lobby was endeavoring to depress the entire country just prior to the anti-trust legislation.

It is really due the people of this nation to have a more exhaustive explanation from the chief executive. If his ideas on the matter are correct and there really exists another "insidious" or "business" lobby, the whole matter should be exposed and this country should fight out the matter right now.

The attempt to adjourn congress is displeasing to the President and he will "call their hands." That is what everybody wants. Calling of the hands of men who are in a combination to force legislation would be the most refreshing thing the president could do and would put him in high standing with the people again, regardless of the business condition that may follow. If the United

States can be handled at will so far as commercial interests are concerned by a few men, that fact should be established and the blame placed where it belongs. The country awaits the detailed explanation of the President's remarks of Monday.

FAST DRIVING SHOULD BE STOPPED.

No town in Oregon permits automobilists and motorcyclists to drive as fast as La Grande does.

This is common comment from traveling men and strangers who visit the city.

Why the fast driving? There is plenty of time. Rarely an emergency takes a physician more than the speed limit through the streets, and when such cases occur they are permissible, of course.

But it is this every day fast driving that causes the danger. Fifteen miles an hour is the speed limit. Yet that ordinance is violated hundreds of times each day. It shouldn't be. Results of an unsatisfactory nature are sure sooner or later to follow. Would it not be much better to be careful than to be sorry?

When the fire truck runs out of the fire station get out of the way. Climb close to the curb and stay there. If you are driving stop your machine and wait until the fire truck and the volunteer firemen get by.

Don't think because there is a fire you have the privilege of driving sixty miles an hour through the streets because the fire truck and volunteer firemen in their individual machines do. You have no such right and you are violating the city laws the moment you attempt to keep up with the firemen. Besides, you are only in the way at a fire. La Grande has paid men and a first-class volunteer force who can accomplish more if they are let alone than they can with a hundred private machines buzzing around like bees.

Just keep in mind, that you have no right to make the run to a fire at more than fifteen miles an hour, or perhaps the chief of police will be forced to impress it upon you.

And the motorcycle riders come under this ordinance also. Motorcycling has never been curbed very much in this city and it is high time that the law was promulgated to every machine owner who insists on riding faster than the ordinance provides.

BANKERS SAY, "STOP."

Oregon bankers at the Medford session sent word to the President urging him to let up on business, which is really the sentiment of this state at the present time.

But, judging from the President's attitude all along the line, he will answer the bankers courteously in a way that will convey the intelligence that he is running the mill just now and while he would like to acquiesce he must delay the matter until he has whacked a few trusts, adjusted the canal business and proven to everyone that the cost of living has been reduced.

Of course, the bankers are to be congratulated on speaking their minds, but it is hardly expected that the President will be guided by them when bankers from other states have failed to impress His Excellency.

THEY ARE HUNTING LAND NOW.

"I have always noticed," remarked Land Attorney John T. Williamson, a few days ago, "that when times get a little close people begin the

search for land. This is noticeable in the demand for government land that is now going on."

And every period has its barometer. When everything is moving lovely; when twenty dollar gold pieces are easily obtained, there is little thought of breaking the sage brush land and making it produce the crops that feed mankind. But when depression overtakes us; when the hard money is scarce, it is then that man's thoughts go back to the soil and he yearns to make grain displace the sage brush, to make the stump land yield its portion of the world's supply of food.

ERROR IN PRICE.

"Round-up" to Cost 50 Cents Instead of 25 as Announced Yesterday.

Inadvertently display advertising yesterday in the Observer announced that the price for the wild west show June 24 for the visiting merchants would be 25 cents. The sum should have been 50 cents which admits to the grand stand. Children will be admitted for 25 cents.

Another Eruption.

Redding, Cal., June 18.—Mount Lassen is again in eruption. The outbreak could be plainly seen from Redding at noon. About one thousand tourists are encamped at the base of the mountain.

William Harder Dead.

Portland, June 18.—William Harder, twenty years general agent for the Great Northern at Portland, and one of the best known railroad men in the United States, died very suddenly here today of heart failure.

AN OLD TALE OF TWO CITIES.

Travel From New York to Philadelphia in Stage Wagon Days.

In the New York Gazette or Weekly Post Boy of May 9, 1708, appeared this notice:

To the Public: That the Stage-Waggons, kept by John Barnhill, in Elm-Street, in Philadelphia, and John Mercereau, at the New-Blazing Star, near New-York, continues their Stages in two Days, from Powles-Hook Ferry, opposite New-York, to Philadelphia: returns from Philadelphia to Powles-Hook in two Days also; they will endeavor to oblige the Publick by keeping the best of Waggons and sober Drivers, and sets out from Powles-Hook and Philadelphia, on Mondays and Thursdays, punctually at Sunrise, and meets at Prince Town the same Nights, to exchange Passengers, and each return the Day after:

Those who are kind enough to encourage the Undertaking, are desired to cross Powles-Hook Ferry the Evenings before, as they must set off early. The Price for each Passenger is Ten Shillings to Prince Town, and from thence to Philadelphia, Ten Shillings more, Ferriage free: There will be but two Waggons, but four sets of fresh Horses, so it will be very safe for any Person to send Goods, as there are but two Drivers; they may exchange their Goods without any Mistake.

Persons may now go from New-York to Philadelphia, and back again in five Days, and remain in Philadelphia two Nights and one Day to do their Business in: The Publick may be assured that this Road is much the Shortest, than any other to Philadelphia, and regular Stages will be kept by the Publick's obliged humble Servants, JOHN MERCEREAU and JOHN BARNHILL.

MUSICAL HEADS AND FACES.

They Have a Shape All Their Own, Says a German Scientist.

That all musicians are "freaks," so far as their physical appearance goes, is the opinion of Dr. Paul Sohn, the German scientist. Not only this, but he finds that, regardless of their race or nationality, all persons of marked musical ability show a close resemblance to one another in the shape of their heads and faces. The head and countenance of the typical musician often look very much like those of the lion or the sphinx.

The peculiar shape of a musician's head is due, Dr. Sohn believes, to the gradual expansion of the sound center of his brain and the consequent change in the conformation of his skull. This is why the heads of Wagner, Beethoven, Robert Schumann, Richard Strauss and other great musicians all have an eccentric, abnormal and sometimes fantastic appearance. A musician's sound center develops abnormally because it is there that everything in his life finds its motive.

The musician head and face are of a primitive type, because musical genius is a reversion to the time when men communicated their ideas by means of more or less inarticulate sounds. But, although the musician's physical appearance is barbarous in its lack of beauty and regularity, it contains no hint of degeneracy.

The typical musical head is characterized by the horizontal breadth of the forehead, the broad nose and chin,

Now-a-Days advertisement for N.W. West & Co. featuring Benjamin Washington suits. Includes an illustration of a man in a suit and text: 'It's the man with the "punch" that wins. The same is true with stores, with them, the "punch" may be their goods, prices, values or service—but a combination of all these things is necessary for a store to win. That's why the West Store leads all when it comes to Suits. "Hirsh-Wickwire," "Benjamin Washington," "Society Brand" and "Fidelity Suits" are four great lines that can't be beat for values, fit and long wear, and our modern Men's Department gives you service as good as most city stores. SUITS \$15.00 to \$30.00'

and the wide, extremely mobile mouth. The brow often overhangs greatly, as was so notably the case with Beethoven. The eyes are lustrous, but bear a separated, dreamy expression. The hands are broad and strong. "Musicians," says Dr. Sohn, "are absolute slaves to their sense of sound, and it is this that not only affects their physical appearance, but makes them mentally so nervous and excitable. The main feature of the musical intellect is that mental excitement seeks a different outlet from that in the case of ordinary men."—New York American.

MARK TWAIN AS A LINGUIST.

His Grim Vow After He Firmly Decided to Learn French.

When Mark Twain was a young reporter, working on the San Francisco Call, he made up his mind to learn the French language. He did not want to go to the expense of a teacher, and so he bought a grammar and conversation book and set to work. Before breakfast he pored over the lessons; late in the evening he was at it again, and every available moment of the day he employed with equal assiduity.

He soon began to look about for opportunities to make use of his new accomplishment. Accordingly he began to eat at a French restaurant once a week. One day as he and his roommate were coming out of the restaurant they found on the sidewalk just outside the door a Frenchman. He was asking first one passerby and then another the way to a certain street, but no one understood him. That was Mark's chance. The Frenchman looked at him with wistful eyes and began to talk. Mark listened attentively. Three or four times the stranger was compelled to repeat his question, then Mark seemed to catch his drift. But he had scarcely spoken half a dozen words in reply, when the Frenchman fell to the sidewalk in a dead faint.

The true cause of the stranger's fainting may never be known. Very likely he was famished, and perhaps he had been put out of this very restaurant because of his seedy appearance. But, whatever the cause, the joke was on Mark for once. Mark's roommate was careful enough of his friendship not to tell the incident at the office of the Morning Call, but he teased the rising humorist a good deal about it. When the fun had lasted long enough Mark set his jaw, and with unlimited determination written on his features announced, "I'll learn French if it kills every Frenchman in the country!"—Youth's Companion.

Unfair Advantage.

"Your valet went on strike, did he? I hope you did not accede to his demands?" "Pon my life, I had to, old chap. The cunning creature actually threatened to leave me one morning when I was half dressed."—London Opinion.

A Trying Position.

"This is going to put me in a very trying position," he muttered. "What, my dear?" she asked. "I have been summoned to serve on a jury."—London Telegraph.

Nettle and Bee.

"Little Bertie had just been stung by a nettle," "Mother," he asked, "if a bee settled on a nettle would the bee sting the nettle or would the nettle sting the bee?"

DRINK NATURAL SAM-O MINERAL WATER AND YOU'LL KNOW THE JOY OF LIVING. THE ABSTRACT & TITLE CO. Foley Hotel Building

FOR POWER- RED CROWN THE GASOLINE OF QUALITY. There is gasoline and gasoline. As a discriminating purchaser you are not concerned with what your gasoline costs per gallon—but you are very much concerned with what it costs per mile. It is this consideration that will lead you, like thousands of other motorists, to use Red Crown. It is quick acting—uniform—reliable. There is power in every drop. Red Crown signs are furnished to all dealers handling Red Crown Gasoline. Watch for the Sign or ask our nearest agency about delivery in bulk. Standard Oil Company (California) La Grande

La Grande National Bank Organized in 1887. DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. UNITED STATES POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORY. Capital \$100,000.00 Surplus \$140,000.00 Total Resources \$1,000,000.00 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