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SOMETHING ABOUT THIS SECTION.

Visiting businessmen should not leave La Grande without knowing something about the city and her industries. The Observer herewith presents brief excerpts from the records of industries and enterprises for the year ending last New Year's day.

During the year 1913, sewer and building construction amounted to \$453,000.00. Of this amount \$300,000 was for new building and residences. Ninety-nine new, comfortable homes were constructed. These are but some of the expenditures during last year. Here are some figures about La Grande's resources last year: The O.-W. paid out in wages to people living in La Grande and working out of La Grande, \$1,400,000; the George Palmer Lumber company paid to workmen in the mill and at the camps \$480,000; the Grande Ronde Lumber company at Perry about \$300,000 and much of it was spent in La Grande; one million and a half bushels of wheat brought about \$1,000,000 to the growers; a thousand tons of cherries, \$70,000; apple orchards produced 200 cars of apples at approximately \$89,000 in cash returns; small grains, small fruits, combine to bring about \$75,000; stock of all kinds netted \$201,000, subdivided as follows. Hogs at an average of \$900 a car, bring about \$10,000 a month or \$120,000 a year; cattle brought \$40,000; horses \$35,000; sheep \$5,000; (these figures are very conservative); local and foreign creameries paid into Union county in 1913 a large sum; small factories, the brewery and other lines of industry in the city add fully \$100,000 more; throughout the county there are factories, mills and other business and mercantile establishments that bring a vast sum of money the size of which cannot be computed, but \$3,500,000 as listed above were distributed in 1913, but of course are only partial and form but a part of the income of a strongly endowed county, whose assessed valuation is \$20,000,000. No possibility of computing the county's gross income exists, but the figures above give an estimate basis at least.

PROGRAM MERITS LAUDABLE.

Men who "make" annual Oregon merchants' retail association sessions, assert that the quality of the program in La Grande far outclasses any held in years. This is not said in a boast-

ful spirit as being a feather in La Grande's cap, or La Grande people. It reflects credit upon the program committee centering around the state secretary's office, and upon the caliber of business men in Oregon. It would not be right, nor meet, nor possible, probably, to set forth or point to one of the many good speeches as the peer of the others. Each had much of interest to all, and a great deal of special interest to some. The galaxy of business and professional men who appeared on the program was a splendid tribute to the merchants of this state. It is gratifying, of course, that this condition existed in the La Grande convention, and it all helps to make a success of the eighth annual session as held here.

The bird butchers think that it is a shame that birds that would make good pie are allowed to fly around loose, killing insect pests for lazy farmers.

Tonight the big noise is over. It has been a pleasant noise at that. Let's not wait many years before this same association holds another meeting in La Grande.

It is stated that one of Germany's new dirigibles is capable of making 90 miles an hour. On the way down, perhaps.

Chief Justice White of the supreme court plays the piano. It isn't usual to dig up scandals about the great men until after they are dead.

Chauncey Depew expresses fear that as a nation we are losing our sense of humor. Evidently Chauncey doesn't see the congressional record.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

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Table listing court proceedings: Joe Trippear, hall rent for four election 22.50; B. W. Grandy, hall rent primary election 5.00; Dave Fitzgerald, do 5.00; H. McKinnis, do 5.00; W. E. Brownell, do 5.00; Jesse Crum, do 5.00; K. of P. Lodge, Elgin, do 5.00; City of Elgin, do 5.00; Dunham Wright, do 5.00; M. B. A. Summerville, do 10.00; Frank Batchelor, cleaning ballot boxes 2.00

Indigestion and Constipation. "About five years ago I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets after suffering from indigestion and constipation for years without finding anything to relieve me. Chamberlain's Tablets helped me at once and by using them for several weeks I was cured of the complaint," writes Mrs. Mary E. McMullen, Phelps, N. Y. For sale by all dealers.

Notice.

The Dorcas class of Island City Sunday School, will give a lawn social at the home of Mrs. A. R. Hunter, Friday evening, June 26. Every one cordially invited. 6-23-3t.

BUSINESS PART FINISHED (Continued from Page 1.)

brought depression up on ourselves," he said. "Teach your help and yourselves that time are not bad; we have more money per capita in the valley than we have ever had." He spoke emphatically against freak

labor laws claiming that workmen are cutting off the head of the goose that laid the golden egg; they have asked for and received labor laws in shortened hours that makes it impossible for local manufacturers to compete with states where less violent laws exist; that there is less work because many cannot afford to have work done at the prevailing short hours and high pay. He made no attack, he said, on the high pay, but regretted the short hours.

"Absolutely," has become the word of the loud, and it broke up with the loudest acclamation that the convention had been "absolutely" all right.

Some of the more important resolutions introduced and adopted follow: Whereas, merchants throughout the state are being forced to use S. & H. Green Trading Stamps at a considerable cost, and of no particular benefit to the merchants as a whole, and

Whereas, the manufacturers are being drawn into the same scheme to use Hamilton Coupons packed in their goods and which are interchanged with S. & H. green trading stamps, and

Whereas, the same is taking thousands of dollars out of this state without any adequate returns and produce no more business to the merchants as a whole, therefore

Be it resolved that we, the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association, in convention assembled, condemn the use of S. & H. green trading stamps and Hamilton coupons, in any manner.

It being a recognized fact that the farming and manufacturing interests are the strongest factors in building up a community by creating and maintaining a steady pay-roll, thus benefiting all classes, be it

Resolved, that this convention go on record as favoring co-operation with the above interests, as follows: 1st.—By members of this association using and recommending Oregon made goods.

2nd.—By giving the exhibition of Oregon made goods prominence as to shelf and counter space.

3rd.—By preaching the doctrine of Oregon first, last and all the time.

The fulfillment of this resolution will guarantee a steady increasing pay-roll, which will result to the general good of consumer, merchant, producer and manufacturer.

Would Change Bankruptcy Law.

Resolved that it is the consensus of opinion of the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association, assembled at La Grande, Oregon, this 23rd day of June, 1914, that the present national bankruptcy law be amended so as to exempt from discharge debts incurred for expenses of the petitioner's family and that the officers of the O. R. M. A., be authorized to confer with the representatives of the State of Oregon in congress and take such other steps as they think best to carry this resolution into effect.

Plain Enough on Labels.

Whereas, the customer is the business man's greatest asset and depends upon the merchant to supply honest weight and honest goods and, whereas certain manufacturers use deceptive means of concealing the true ingredients of food products to the detriment of the retailer's profits and reputation, and

Whereas, we believe that retailer should lend every assistance to the enforcement of the Food and Drug Act, of 1906, in order that we may escape the charge of disregarding the public's rights, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Oregon Retail Grocers Association go on record as favoring the use of plain English in the table of contents of all food products, and that we condemn any effort to conceal the true name of any ingredient in food stuff by using Latin names, with which the public cannot be conversant, as inimical to the best interest of the retail grocers and the public at large.

Homeseekers Wanted.

Whereas, the agricultural development of Oregon is furthered by bringing in experienced farmers, assisting homeseekers to find lands at reasonable prices and co-operating with new comers to help make them successful and

Whereas, this work has been undertaken in an organized way with good results by all commercial bodies of the enterprising communities of Oregon, in conjunction with the Oregon Agricultural College, the Oregon Development League and the Oregon State Immigration Commission, therefore be it

Resolved, by the Oregon State Retail Merchants' Association in annual convention assembled, at La Grande, Oregon, June 23, 24, 1914, that we urge upon our members the importance of actively sustaining their various commercial clubs in helping increase the number of farmers and in helping farmers now here to create property and recommend to the legis-

lature that such activities as contribute towards agricultural development be supported.

Year Book Praised.

Whereas, the year book of this convention is a credit to the secretary and those who had the same in charge and whereas the same reflects great credit upon the association as a whole therefore, be it

Resolved, that a vote of thanks be extended to those who had the same in charge.

Check Protection Sought.

Whereas, the laws of the State of Oregon being inadequate for the protection of merchants and others against the passing of worthless checks and checks without sufficient fund to cover same, be it

Resolved, that this association work for the passage of such laws that will absolutely protect all parties against this pernicious habit.

Differential is Wanted.

Resolved, that this association endorse and pledge their support to the proposed initiative, authorizing five per cent differential in favor of Oregon manufactured products on all public contracts and purchases.

Thank La Grande People.

Whereas, we, the merchants of Oregon, have been extended an unexampled wealth of entertainment and courtesy by the merchants and citizens of La Grande during the days of this convention, and

Whereas, our visit to this city of the Grande Ronde valley has been attended by a succession of diversions arranged at important trouble and expense by those merchants who have been unremitting in their solicitations on our behalf, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the delegates and visitors here in convention assembled, do express our sincere appreciation to the merchants and citizens of La Grande and to the La Grande Retail Merchants Association, for the splendid reception and entertainment extended us and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the public and trade press, that they be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and that a copy be given to the chairman of the entertainment committee of this convention. Another resolution was passed urging a federal standardization of merchandise, to aid the manufacturer, the merchant and the consumer.

MARDI GRAS BANNER EVENT.

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gras color to the setting, and the ball will long be remembered as distinctly unique and one of La Grande's biggest community undertakings in a social way.

The band was perched on a high scaffold in the center of the street, and was kept busy. When dancers were resting, merchants were on the job, and the band had to look sharp to catch and accompany refrains the marchers chanted.

Engineers in Session.

Chicago, June 24.—The seventh annual convention of the National Gas Engine Association opened here today and will be in session for three days. Mechanical engineers and professors of mechanical engineering from all over the country are in attendance.

Oxford Honors Page.

London, June 24.—Oxford University today conferred honorary degrees on the American Ambassador, Walter Hines Page, Lord Brice Dechmont, and Richard Strauss, the composer.

Sterilization Law Invalid.

Des Moines, June 24.—The federal court of appeals has declared unconstitutional Iowa's law for the sterilization of criminals, idiots, drug users, syphilitics, moral and sexual perverts.

COFFEE AT SANTOS

Brazil's National Beverage and the Way It Is Brewed.

A DRAFT OF LIQUID LIFE.

Thick as Thin Maple Sirup, Amber Bright and Crystal Clear, the Seductive Drink Stimulates the Brain, While It Sets the Nerves on Edge.

The coffee of Brazil is the lowest priced in the world's market. Knowing this fact, I was the more surprised at the exquisite flavor of the coffee served in the public cafes of Brazil. I called this apparent anomaly to the attention of an old Anglo-Brazilian with whom I dined in Santos one evening, and he advanced the opinion that the Americans, Germans and French, the principal coffee drinkers, did not know how to make the beverage.

"You are all too free with water and too sparing with coffee," he said. "You spare your coffee and, I suppose—um—well, yes, possibly your nerves." Then he summoned the head waiter, held a short conversation with him in Portuguese and finally induced him to escort us to the kitchen in the rear and inaugurate for my benefit the ceremony of preparing a fresh tank of coffee.

The chef desired it particularly explained that coffee as generally used in Brazil was not roasted to the crispness of that treated in the United States. This insures against any but the most delicate of the flavoring essence being extracted in the boiling and thus imparts smoothness to the beverage. He also called attention to the fact that the bean is not ground fine. Each grain is cracked into not more than six or eight pieces by being run through a wide set mill and then carefully blown and sifted to get rid of the dust and smaller fragments.

But the main divergence from our procedure lies in the quantity of coffee used. An extract of meat advertisement defines its product as "a bull in a teacup." With no more exaggeration might the modern Brazilian nectar be styled "a plantation in a coffee cup."

The chef took four liter measures of the cracked coffee and added it to just twice that quantity of warm but not boiling water in a shallow copper pan. Here he allowed it to soak for five minutes before turning on the burners, quickly bringing the water to a boil so violent that pieces of the coffee were thrown out on the stove.

This agitation was followed by ten minutes' cooling on a side table, at the end of which time the chef added a half dozen drops of a pungent liquid from a slender green vial, the nature of which he refused to divulge, but which my friend told me was some kind of a neutralizing agent to eliminate a certain rawness, impalpable to other than trained palates. Almost immediately a nickel siphon was introduced just under the surface of the liquid, and about six liters of it was drawn off from the pan into a boiler.

Nothing now remained but the boiling down, which took half an hour and reduced the liquid to a volume of three liters and the consistency of thin maple sirup. In the boiler it was inky black, but when poured showed a stream which was amber bright and crystal clear. Thus the four liters of coffee beans made only three-quarters of that quantity of liquid coffee.

If you are not of a nature impervious to the appeals of the appetite your first cup of coffee in a Santos cafe will be an experience. You enter and seat yourself at one of the tables scattered in refreshing aimlessness over the cool marble pavement. Hidden in a tangle of shrubbery an orchestra is playing something with a catch and a sob in it that you are sure you have heard in another incarnation, while an electric fan placed in a palm tree sets a frond aquiver just above your head.

Even the rattle of the street sinks to a heavy hum and comes to your ear all peacefulness. Lulled by a veritable lotus eater's spell of content, you are about to drowse away and loose your fancy on a search for the original source of the familiar but elusive melody that is still pulsing in the jungle in

the patio when somehow you become aware that the mozo has set a little cup before you, which, from the pleasant odor and the thin curl of smoke above it, might be full of a fragrant incense.

You lift it to your lips and feel that strange stir of anticipation, that mysterious foretaste, culled by sentimentalists "the soul of the drink," which steals over you preliminary to sipping a rare and pungent liquor. Now it touches your tongue, and you are willing to swear that the capsule of liquid life is dissolving in your month. In a moment more the fumes have risen to your brain, a thrill of energy goes tingling through your nerves, and you straighten up with the feeling that you are able to go out and build a railroad single handed. If you can go to sleep in the next twenty-four hours you deserve a gold medal.—New York Sun.

Undecided.

"Why don't you marry, old chap?" "Do you think a man could procure all the necessaries of life on \$1,800 a year?"

"Of course, but not the luxuries." "Well, I haven't decided yet whether a wife is a necessity or a luxury." —Dallas News.

A given force applied for a given time upon a given point is bound to win.—Napoleon.

CIVIL RIGHTS.

In order to stimulate your exertions in favor of your civil liberties, which protect religious rights, instead of discouraging to you on the laws of other states and comparing them to our own, allow me to tell you what your civil liberties are and to charge you, which I do in the most solemn manner, to hold them dearer than your lives—a lesson and a charge at all times proper from a judge, but particularly so at this crisis, when America is in one general and grievous commotion touching this truly important point. . . . For my part, in my judicial character, I know no master but the law. I am a servant, not to the king, but to the constitution, and in my estimation I shall best discharge my duty as a good servant to the king and a trusty officer under the constitution when I boldly declare the laws to the people and instruct them in their civic rights.—Judge William Henry Drayton, South Carolina, 1774.

HER GIFTS.

She gave not out of her golden store, For no golden store had she, And faithful love was her only wealth For a gracious ministry. But royal gifts to the world she gave With every quiet day, And many a heart was richer far Because she had passed that way.

She gave of her truest sympathy To those who were worn and sad; She gave a song in a darksome place That made the listener glad. She gave a loving and tender word To a tired, discouraged soul, And lo, it rose in a new found strength To win the wished for goal.

She gave not out of her golden store, For no golden store had she, And never the voice of fame was heard To herald her ministry. But she gave the oil of joy for tears And sunshine to banish gloom, And beauty and sweetness beamed from her steps Sprang rainbow-like to bloom. —L. M. Montgomery.

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La Grande, Oregon

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