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JOSEPH SMITH.

Joseph Smith the second, who died the other day, was the commonplace son of a remarkable father, says the Oregonian. The first Joseph Smith founded the Mormon Church, asserting that he had received a revelation from on high. Whether he wrote the famous Book of Mormon or not and how he came by it if he did not write it himself are questions involved in mystery. But the possession of this obscure and mystical work gave him great power over certain persons and enabled him to establish a new religion in the world.

Driven from pillar to post, the Mormons finally settled at Neuvoo, Ill., where they were no more welcome to the old inhabitants than they had been elsewhere. In some of the ensuing troubles Smith was arrested and a number of zealous opponents demonstrated the excellence of their Christianity by shooting him in jail. When the younger Joseph's mother heard of the affairs she dedicated her son to the work from which his father had been cut off. But the young man's star was not in the ascendant. The great genius of the Mormon Church at that time was Brigham Young, a man whose consummate executive and economic ability has not been adequately recognized by historians.

Smith differed with Brigham Young on some points of doctrine connected with polygamy and the new church consequently suffered a schism. Those who agreed with Young followed him on his marvelous migration to Utah. Joseph Smith and his much sought flock took up their abode in Missouri, at Independence, where they have prospered moderately. They number some 50,000 members today, while the Brigham Young branch has increased to perhaps 400,000 and is growing vigorously even where it is bitterly opposed by other denominations.

The great strength of the Mormon church lies in its economic practices. It has adopted thoroughly the principle of central aid to the individual and full co-operation. The community stands by its members in their business operations and expects unstinted support from them in return. The suspicion of polygamous practices has prevented the Mormon economic theories from developing their full power to solve social problems, but, handicapped as they have been, they have done wonders.

"BLINDLY PARTISAN."

Not long ago the Pendleton East Oregonian accused the Observer of being blindly partisan because we saw the point in Governor West's offer to consult with Withycombe upon appointments made the last few days of the West administration.

"Blindly partisan" is amusing; why should the esteemed editor of the Pendleton paper, which is a moss covered Democratic organ, open his siren whistle on us?

We have never tried to enter his "non-partisan" pasture nor drink from his fountain of West-Chamberlain-Lane simplicity. We are plain-

ly independent. We do not have to bend the knee when King Jackson crooks his finger; nor quiver in our boots when the able Irvine reads what we have written. Yet, according to the Pendleton paper that has for years practiced hypocrisy on its readers by claiming to be non-partisan and each election cinched the girth of rabid Democracy tighter on Umattilla county, we are "blindly partisan."

THE CHEERFUL GIVER

The people of America are showing themselves to be very cheerful givers indeed. Thousands of dollars have been given to the Belgium Relief Fund besides the many articles which have been shipped to the war swept nation.

As Christmas approaches the people of this nation will have a chance to show their generosity at home. There are many children whose fathers will be unable to help them make Christmas as it should be. These children, because of their poverty, hardly know what Christmas is.

Here is a chance for the generous men and women of the country to make the hearts of many children glad by helping them to find Christmas.

THE EXPENSIVE DAILY NEWS-PAPER.

Not long ago the Seattle Daily Sun was started with a blare of trumpets and great prediction for a wonderful career. With it started the pay roll for help, the telegraph bills, the paper bills and a thousand and one other expenses. The paper flourished borrowing from one to pay another until finally its debts overtook it and on December 24th unless there is some bidder present to make an offer on the paper it will cease publication and remain a pile of second hand machinery without newspaper life.

The expense ate it up. And so it is with the daily newspaper game of today. The expense is terrific— heavier than anyone familiar with the business can predict. When the European war broke out the telegraph service leaped upward. Now, that white paper is the target of capital its price has advanced materially in the last few days, so that the company or individual publishing a daily newspaper awakens each morning to some unexpected expense.

This is more or less true in all lines of business, but is abundantly true with that of publishing a newspaper.

The Seattle Sun company worked until it grew tired of the strenuous life that produced no dividends, but on the other hand made its debts larger, and it quit.

The grand jury is busy.

Did your water pipes freeze?

And the plumbers say, "oh, oh, ha, ha." Why shouldn't they.

Congress is undergoing a wet and dry campaign today. The result is easy to guess.

A Kind Providence could not help Eastern Oregon more than to cover us with about four feet of snow.

Those who have wells may yet have the laugh on those who depend upon the city hydrant for water supply.

It looks as though the European nations would have to come to the fair in battleships under a flag of truce if they come at all.

Union county has the best livestock, the best fruit and the best grain. What's the matter with Union county? She's All Right.

And now comes the demand that the compensation act be amended. It is apparently not a bad act the way it stands and care should be used even by its friends, in attempting to make it better.

EASY TO DARKEN YOUR GRAY HAIR

Try this! Mix Sage Tea and Sulphur and brush it through your hair taking one strand at a time.

When you darken your hair with Sage Tea and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it's done so naturally, so evenly. Preparing this mixture, though, at home is messy and troublesome. For 50 cents you can buy at any drug store the ready-to-use tonic called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy." You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning all gray hair disappears, and, after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully darkened, glossy and luxuriant. You will also discover dandruff is gone and hair has stopped falling. Gray, faded hair, though no disgrace, is a sign of old age, and as we all desire a youthful and attractive appearance, get busy at once with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur and look years younger. Adv.

How to Prevent Croup.

It may be a surprise to you to learn that in many cases croup can be prevented. Mrs. H. M. Johns, Elida, Ohio, relates her experience as follows: "My little boy is subject to croup. During the past winter I kept a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and when he began having that croupy cough I would give him one or two doses of it and it would break the attack. I like it better for children than any other cough medicine because children take it willingly, and it is safe and reliable." Obtainable everywhere.

Notice.

NOTICE OF THE RECORDER of the City of La Grande, Oregon, of the assessment of improvement District in Sewer 1, of Section No. 5 of the City of La Grande, Ore.

NOTICE is hereby given that the assessment for the improvement of Sewer District No. 1 of Section No. 5, being Sewer District No. 1 of Section No. 5 of the City of La Grande, Oregon, under the provisions of Ordinance No. 807, Series 1914. "An ordinance declaring the cost of constructing an 8 inch lateral sanitary sewer in Section No. 5 of Sewer District No. 1, of the City of La Grande, Oregon, along the center line of the Alley in Block 2 of Grandy's Second Addition to the City of La Grande, Oregon, determining the property benefited thereby, levying an assessment thereon to defray the costs and expenses of said improvement; providing for an assessment roll for the same, and directing the entry of said assessment roll in the Docket of City Liens; providing a time when the same shall become delinquent, and requiring the city recorder to prepare a special assessment roll in accordance with the assessments levied herein, and to collect such assessments, the same being Sewer District No. 1 of Section No. 5, in said City of La Grande, Oregon, is now in my hands for collection and the same may be paid to me at any time within ten (10) days from the 21st day of Dec. 1914, without penalty, interest or cost; and each property owner is hereby notified that on application to the undersigned within ten (10) days from the 21st day of Dec. 1914, which is the first date of the publication of this notice, they will be allowed to pay such assessment in ten (10) annual installments, the first installment thereof being due and payable on or before the 21st day of Dec. 1915. If application is not made as above specified, the whole amount is due, payable and will become delinquent on the 2nd day of Jan. 1915. The assessment roll is as follows:

OWNER	LOT	BLK	COST
I. C. Holmes	1	2	\$1.66
I. C. Holmes	2	2	\$1.66
W. H. Faxon	3	2	28.15
W. H. Faxon S of	4	2	14.10
L. Faus N of	5	2	28.15
L. Faus	6	2	28.15
Maggie Reynolds	7	2	28.15
Maggie Reynolds	8	2	31.67
Ella Rynearson	9	2	31.67
Ella Rynearson	10	2	31.67
John A. Oliver	11	2	14.10
ohn A. Oliver N of	12	2	14.10
H. M. Pfeiffer S of	13	2	28.15
H. M. Pfeiffer	14	2	28.15
Dora E. Flannery	15	2	28.15
Dora E. Flannery	16	2	28.15
D. A. McAllister	17	2	31.67
I. C. Holmes	18	2	31.67
\$534.94			

By order of the Commission, LEE WARNICK, City Recorder. 12-21-5t.

Notice.

NOTICE OF THE RECORDER, of the City of La Grande, Oregon, of the assessment of improvement District No. 97 of the City of La Grande Oregon.

NOTICE is hereby given that the assessment for the improvement of the west side of Walnut street, from the north curb line of Main Avenue to the south curb line of Washington Avenue, being district No. 97 of the City of La Grande, Oregon, under the provisions of Ordinance No. 806, Series 1914. "An Ordinance declaring the cost of improving the west side of Walnut street, from the north curb line of Main Avenue to the south curb line of Washington Avenue by grading the same to a proper sub-grade and constructing thereon a standard five-foot concrete sidewalk, determining the property to be benefited thereby; levying an assessment thereon to defray the costs and expenses of said improvement; providing for an assessment roll for the same, and directing the entry of said

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assessment roll in the Docket of City Liens; providing a time when the same shall become delinquent; and requiring the City Recorder to prepare a special assessment roll in accordance with the assessment levied herein; and to collect such assessment, the same being in improvement District No. 97 in said City of La Grande, Oregon, is now in my hands for collection and the same may be paid to me at any time within ten (10) days from the 21st day of Dec. 1914, without penalty, interest or cost; and each property owner is hereby notified that on application to the undersigned within ten (10) days from the 21st day of Dec. 1914, which is the first date of the publication of this notice, they will be allowed to pay such assessment in ten (10) annual installments, the first installment thereof being due and payable on or before the 21st day of Dec. 1915. If application is not made as above specified, the whole amount is due, payable and will become delinquent on the 2nd day of Jan. 1915. The assessment roll is as follows:

OWNER	LOT	BLK	COST
Mrs. L. E. White,			
E 1-2 of Lots 7 & 8	12		\$146.94
J. A. Whitby,	9	12	54.43
L. D. Howland,	10	12	62.00
L. D. Howland, S. 16			
ft. of	11	12	22.15
Robert Eakin, N. 32			
ft. of	11	12	43.66
Robert Eakin,	12	12	121.24
\$450.42			

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