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THE WISDOM OF THE GRANGE.

The Pomona Grange recently passed some resolutions that would be very good documents to present the forthcoming session of the legislature for the guidance of that lawmaking body. C. D. Huffman offered a resolution for the consideration of the Grange on the good roads problem, the gist of which was "to pay as you go" in building roads and directly opposes the many bonding schemes that are afloat over the state. The Grange adopted the resolution, just as it adopted one written by A. P. Davis who believes that the automobile tax should be collected in the individual county thus cutting off the forty per cent overcharge which has been the custom at Salem. Each county could collect this tax without additional cost, by using the county organization. It is just as plausible to have the secretary of state issue all of the hunting and fishing licenses as it is to have that officer issue automobile licenses throughout the state, and surely no one would agree to have those wanting license to fish and hunt to be compelled to send to Salem. The county clerk and the sheriff could collect the automobile license without great effort, and in that case more machines would pay than are now paying, for it would localize the collection.

All of these things are of the greatest importance to the state at large and the Grange of Union county is to be commended for taking a firm stand regarding them.

That royal tribunal for the purpose of trying kings on a charge of creating war would not be a bad proposition. But suppose a king would refuse to be bound by the judicial decision—then what?

The Elks will defy Jack Frost with a straw hat brigade on New Year's day. Another evidence that the world do move. Who would have thought of wearing a straw hat on New Year's day twenty years ago?

Land in Tillamook valley is worth \$300 an acre. When we say worth it we mean it pays interest on that amount. And it is done with the calm-eyed, long tailed cow. Let the Grande Ronde valley take a hunch, for this is a good dairy section.

The early agitation by legislators bids fair to give results and apparently the state boards which have been accumulating under the West administration will be discarded and a few departments will handle all of the state business. What a painful thing it will be to the present governor to see so many offices abolished and an army of his pets walk the log. But the taxpayers should rejoice over the direct move for economy in state work.

IMPORTANCE OF STATE CONTROL.

The federal government today is working on a water law that, if passed, will take away state control of streams and put all irrigated sections under control of the government.

Undoubtedly this is wrong. The federal government has never done anything in an industrial way that has not cost twice what individuals could have done the same work for. Besides the federal government is wound up in a ball of red tape and irrigation cannot wait the slow movement of the federal officials. When a ranch needs water it needs it. This is the very reason why Oregon as a state has worked hard to get a water law that is some force. She has that due time adjudicate all waters of the law now, and if not molested will in state and settle the many feuds caused in the past by the water hog. Senator Lair Thompson has taken the right step in urging all states that have irrigated sections to memorialize congress urging that body to keep off of the water laws wherein they affect irrigation. It is very likely the coming session of the Oregon legislature will make a direct appeal to congress along this line and it should be backed strongly by all ranchers and other citizens of irrigated Oregon.

That was a fine story about Wm. Jennings Bryan resigning from the president's cabinet. Mr. Bryan worked too hard for office to merely resign.

The neighbors of Judge Slater have determined that he is a very patient man, for all Christmas day he thawed water pipes at his home and not a profane word was heard.

The Kaiser has put a ban on American consuls, and from the kind of consuls some of the foreign countries are receiving from the United States, you cannot blame the Kaiser.

Seems that cattle thieves are again abroad in Union county. It is hard to outgrow that early day curse. Perhaps too many pardons have been issued to those who have felt the hand of the law.

England's attack on American commerce deserved the rebuke from the White House and it is not showing good grace to jump up and say "Oh, why did the President do this for he might involve this nation in the big war." No one wants to go to war with England or any other nation, but there comes a time when unless a protest is made this country could lose millions in foreign trade.

Notice.

The undersigned County Treasurer has funds on hand with which to pay all warrants issued on the Road Fund and endorsed not paid for want of funds prior to Dec. 1, 1914.

Interest on the above warrants ceases on the date of this notice. Dated this the 2nd day of Jan. 1915.

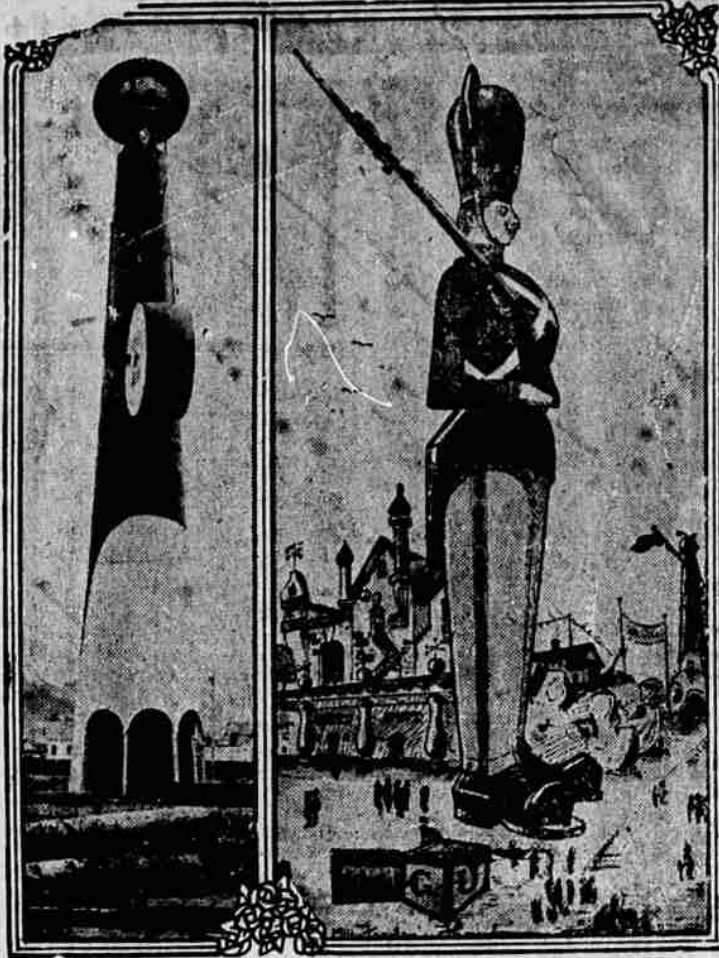
JOHN FRAWLEY,
County Treasurer.

—Adv. 12 31 3t.

Notice.

Owing to the fact that we are compelled to pay cash for all coal and wood delivered to us by the producer and because of the prevailing stringency in the money market we will be compelled to place wood and coal upon a strictly cash basis commencing January 1, 1915.

Signed,
W. E. MCCLURE & CO.
Eastern Oregon Produce Co.
12 17 10t.



THE tallest toys in the world are being constructed for Toyland Grown Up, a twelve acre playground in the great fun section, "The Zone," at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The figure of the lady on the left is Miss Emmaline Imogene Equal Rights Pankhurst. The figure on the right is the "Tin Soldier." Both are ninety feet high.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual meeting of the Stockholders of La Grande National Bank will be held on Tuesday, January 12th, 1915, at 2 o'clock p. m., at their banking house in La Grande, Oregon. At this meeting a Board of Directors will be elected to serve for the year 1915, and until their successors are elected and qualify, and such other business will be transacted, as may properly come before said meeting.

F. L. MEYERS,
Cashier.

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Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Eastern Oregon Light & Power Co.
Telephone Main 34

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FOR

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Horses to be from Five to Twelve year old, heavy built.

Weighing from 950 to 1300 and 15 to 16 hands high.

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For all horses shown by us. Bring all horses one day before inspection to insure them being shown.

Date of Inspection **FRIDAY JAN. 7**

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La Grande National Bank

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FRED J. HOLMES, President; C. C. PENINGTON Vice-president; F. L. MEYERS, Cashier; EARL ZUNDEL and H. E. COOLIDGE, Assistant Cashiers.