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OUR CHARITY WORK

The Evening Observer's suggestion that Associated Charities be formed in La Grande has met with universal favor. So far as heard from not an organization in the city opposes it, but the expression received has been favorable.

It is one thing to talk about doing a thing and quite another thing to do it. One fault of the well meaning general public is to talk too much and do too little.

Many a good proposition both in the business and social world has been lost because it was not put up in concise language and put up in a way that busy people would take the time to consider it.

Then let La Grande people as a whole make a start. Let there be a time and place named for the organization of the Associated Charities. The officers may be chosen, the by-laws and incorporation papers be drafted and in a brief time this city will have a uniform system which will immediately show results.

It is hard to admit it but the fact remains that La Grande is a little slow in this work, for investigation reveals that other cities of this size in the state have been operating under Associated Charities for some time, and in each case they have nothing but the strongest praise for the plan.

Before this is forgotten will some one rise and make a further suggestion as to when to proceed to perfect the organization?

Ex-Congressman Ellis is no more. Death came to him suddenly at his home in Portland. The state has lost a good man. For many years he represented this congressional district in congress and he was an attentive, careful and honest congressman. His memory will be cherished by a large following of substantial citizens who repeatedly honored him with public offices and who never had a trust betrayed by him.

In the death of Mrs. J. Hopper, Eastern Oregon loses one of its noble women. The mother of fifteen children is a recommendation alone of her sterling character, and her long active life in the pioneer period of this section of the country left its impress upon the land of her choice. Such characters are few and it is but fitting and proper that the marked respect was shown.

The assertion that the present legislature is behind with its work because the number of bills introduced up to date is less than the number in 1913 is not well taken. Fewer bills means the legislature is showing

progress and the people begin to breathe with more ease.

The sensible view of things was taken when the Y. M. C. A. board decided to open the building for public use at the present time. There would be no economy in letting a big investment like the Y. M. C. A. structure lie idle because we are not ready to have an elaborate opening.

Judge Knowles has borne his burden of work without complaint and it is only when one reads of the necessity of having a motion day that we realize with the growth of this country has come a growth of litigation and court work.

Those who had hoped the District of Columbia would be ordered dry by congress, forgot that Southern Colonels are in control of congress.

TIME IS THE TEST

The Testimony of La Grande People Stands the Test.

The test of time is what tells the tale. The public soon finds out when misrepresentations are made, and merit alone will stand the test of time.

La Grande people appreciate merit, and many months ago local citizens publicly endorsed Doan's Kidney Pills; they do so still. Would a citizen make the statement which follows unless convinced that the article was just as represented? Below is testimony such as the sufferer from kidney ills is looking for.

Mrs. M. Pike, 101 Greenwood St., La Grande, says: "One of our family had weak kidneys, and the result was backache. This one found it very hard to straighten after stooping, and on doing so, sharp twinges darted through the back. After using Doan's Kidney Pills a short time great relief was had. Statement given May 20, 1910."

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GRANGERS ENJOY DAY.

Invitation to Hold Farmers' Day in Y. M. C. A. Accepted.

BY MRS. E. C. GOLDEN, (Secretary Blue Mountain Grange.) Blue Mt. Grange met in regular session last Saturday with 40 members present.

Lunch was served in rather a novel manner. As it was to be a Burns program names were given all, which represented families of Scotch authors. The Burns families were there, even to Bobbie.

After dishes were washed the master called the house to order and lecturer Mrs. Anna Holman took charge of the meeting, as follows: 1

Roll call answered by each one reading a short selection of some of Burns' poems.

Song by young people, "Flew Gently Sweet Afton."

History of Robert Burns, Miss Sara Williamson.

"John Barleycorn," read by Miss Etha Huffman.

"Origin of the Scotch People," by Mrs. J. W. Redhead.

"Scotland," Mrs. S. B. Williamson.

"Edinburgh," Miss Reba Williamson.

Discussion on the Tax and Road

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Laugh-maker with Richard & Pringle's Minstrels.

New Jersey bankers was made today to the Federal Reserve board. A big delegation of Jersey bankers are here for the hearings before the board. The principal argument was that the normal course of banking was disturbed when the Jersey banks were ordered to do business through Philadelphia instead of New York. It was argued that from time immemorial practically all Jersey banks have maintained close relations, because of proximity and natural course of commerce with New York and, with the exception of Trenton, Camden and other cities near Philadelphia, had had little relations with Philadelphia bankers.

Bankers from Newark, Hoboken and Jersey City, particularly expressed opposition to their inclusion in the Philadelphia district. The Jersey protest today followed the formal hearing recently given Baltimore bankers who protested against being "linked up" in the Richmond district instead of with Philadelphia. The assignments were made by the preliminary organization committee for the reserve system and are subject to change by the whole board. It is doubtful if immediate action will be taken on either the New Jersey or Baltimore protests. Others are to come from Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Fooling his hens into believing the short winter days last as long as the summer days, by using an artificial lighting system, George C. Newell, an auditor, is increasing the egg production of his poultry yards from a daily average of 26 eggs to a daily average of 80 eggs. Observing his chickens going to roost as soon as dusk began to fall in winter time, Newell installed electric lights by which he fed his hens up to 6 p. m. "Food and exercise are essential to egg production," he says. "Shortly before 8 p. m. I gradually reduce the light power to give the appearance of dusk. I light the henry at 6 a. m." Newell has 150 "egg machines" as he calls his hens. They laid 18,000 eggs last year.

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