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OUR NEW CLUB PRESIDENT.

The Commercial club has chosen J. G. Snodgrass for its president the coming year, and in doing so it has made no mistake. Few men know better the needs of La Grande and surrounding country than this young business man who has spent his life in this city.

The name of Snodgrass is so closely woven into the name of La Grande that its mention in different parts of the state brings to mind the connection with this city.

The new president of the club is a son of J. W. Snodgrass, who for years was one of the most prominent men east of the Cascade mountains both commercially and politically.

His retirement from the active head of the organization does not mean that he will quit work, for Mr. Collier belongs to that class of men who never ceases working for the community in which he resides.

It looks as though the governor would be given power to veto single items in an appropriation bill by the legislature. Thus another big issue in the last campaign which was hurled against Governor Withycombe is wiped out.

H. H. Weatherspoon, in his communication from Kansas published last evening, tells the story of success and failure in that state in a very terse and interesting manner.

Killing the free text book law will not affect Union county for this county never took advantage of the law's provision. It provided that every county could vote free text books and the same would be paid from the general funds raised by taxation, but Union has never done this.

Prohibitionists need not worry over any move to pull the teeth of the proposed law for regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors in Oregon.

ORDINANCE NO. 808, SERIES OF 1915.

An ordinance regulating second-hand stores, pawn-brokers and junk shops, requiring them to keep a register, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

The City of La Grande does ordain as follows:

Section 1.—Every person, persons, company or corporation, who shall keep, conduct, carry on or manage a second-hand store, pawn shop or junk shop, shall keep a register in which such person, persons, corporation shall cause to be fairly and legibly written in ink a description of all goods, articles or things pawned or pledged by any person or persons whatsoever, and of all goods, articles or things bought secondhand or of a person, persons, corporation or company not regularly in the wholesale business, the amount of money loaned, advanced or paid thereon, the date of pawning, purchasing or receiving such goods, articles or things, the name and residence of the person or persons pawning, selling or delivering the said goods, articles or things; and no entry made in such register shall be erased, obliterated or defaced, and the said register as well as every article or thing so pawned, pledged, sold or received shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the Chief of Police or any member of the police force of this city.

Section 2.—Any person or persons carrying on, managing or conducting, or causing to be carried on, managed or conducted, either as owner, manager or employee such business of a pawn-broker, second-hand store or junk shop who shall fail or neglect to keep such register, or shall fail or neglect to enter therein as required by section 1 of this ordinance, a description of all goods, articles or things so pawned, purchased or received, together with the names and residences of the person or persons from whom such property or such goods, articles or things were purchased or received, or who shall refuse to exhibit the same to the Chief of Police or any member of the police force of the city of La Grande when

requested so to do, or who shall deface or alter an entry in any such register, shall upon conviction thereof in the municipal court of said city, be fined in a sum of not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, and in default of the payment of such fine shall be imprisoned in the city jail one day for each two dollars of such fine; and the chief of police and the members of the police force of said city shall have authority to enter such places of business and examine such registers and goods, articles or things kept in such pawn shops, second-hand stores or junk shops at all reasonable hours.

Section 3.—For the purposes of this ordinance, any person, persons, firm, or corporation, doing a pawning business, buying second-hand goods or junk, shall be considered a pawn broker, second-hand dealer or keeper of a junk shop, notwithstanding that such person, persons, firm or corporation may also sell, deal in, or carry on other business as well.

Section 4.—This ordinance shall be in effect on and after 30 days from the passage and approval thereof, to-wit:—from and after the 6th day of Feb. 1915.

Passed by the Commission of the City of La Grande, Oregon, on the 6th day of January, 1915, by three commissioners voting therefor. Approved this the 6th day of Jan. 1915.

J. A. RUSSELL, President of City of La Grande, Oregon.

LEE WARNICK, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

COURTS WILL DECIDE.

Quo Warranto Proceedings are Filed in Pendleton Circuit Court.

Pendleton, Jan. 26.—It is now up to the courts to decide whether John Dyer or R. F. Kirkpatrick is the mayor of Pendleton. Acting for the former, City Attorney Charles H. Carter this afternoon filed in the circuit court quo warranto proceedings against Kirkpatrick charging him with unlawfully intruding himself into the office of mayor, illegally exercising the functions and taking unto himself the emoluments and honors of that office.

The filing of the suit is one of the steps in the plan adopted by the council for clearing up the question of Dyer's right as chairman of the council, to act as mayor since the death of Mayor Matlock. Kirkpatrick was appointed mayor by the council at the last meeting and immediately qualified in order that the matter could be tested out.

Whole Cleveland Helps Unemployed. Cleveland, O., Jan. 27.—Cleveland has started in with a vengeance to solve its problem of the unemployed.

Sixty-one thousand workers are jobless according to recent statistics. A "Citizens Commission" appointed by Mayor Baker is today at work in the interest of every unemployed man and woman. House to house canvasses are being made. Organized sub-committees are scouring the city for all available work.

Two hundred Cleveland churches have taken up the campaign. From the pulpits pastors, priests and rabbis are urging their congregations to form neighborhood "hire-a-worker" clubs that will create odd jobs about households for the unemployed.

A committee, composed of business men is raising a fund to be loaned at low interest and thus stimulate building and other industry. All merchants and manufacturers will be visited within the next fortnight and urged to "build now" or "increase your force."

Rural Routes in Danger.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23. (Special Correspondence).—If the recent administrative order of the postoffice department to install no more rural postal routes unless ten miles in length and six families to the mile are served is not modified it will greatly restrict extension of the rural mail service in Oregon and other states having large sparsely settled areas.

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ered has averaged less than 75 pieces per month per mile shall not be continued unless it comes within these requirements."

The result of this will be to cut down the expense of the rural service by reducing the service in the least populated districts and thus destroying the very object for which the rural mail service was started.

Representatives Sinnott and Hawley in attempting to get new routes established have been told by the postal department that financial conditions were such that it was impossible to extend the service.

Census Guesses Varied. It is estimated that the population of the United States will reach the 100,000,000 mark on February 1st, 1915, or perhaps a few days sooner.

Wilson Likes Grandson. Washington, D. C. Jan. 23.—(Special Correspondence).—A lot of interest and genuine good feeling not bounded by party lines is being shown here in Washington and among the Eastern press about the "white house baby."

Other nations will please not attack us before 1920; it will take us

There never will be peace in Mexico until the movie men quit following the army generals around.—Atlanta Constitution.

If it is true that the reelection of Boies Penrose to the Senate cost \$1,000,000, it is pertinent to ask who got swindled.—Chicago News.

Something tells us that 40 per cent reduction in the freight-rate for anthracite is going to be added to our coal bill.—Boston Transcript.

President Wilson's opposition to the literacy test may be due to his own inability to read the writing on the wall.—Philadelphia North American.

Villa may not want to be President of Mexico, but he seems to have a constitutional objection to the selection of any one else.—Wall Street Journal.

Colonel Roosevelt is a man who, neither having been born peaceful nor having achieved peacefulness, has had peacefulness thrust upon him.—Washington Star.

The Eldorado Republican reports that it took two privates and a corporal, armed with chairs, to put down the latest Filipino rebellion.—Kansas City Star.

In declaring that with the Navy once destroyed an invader could overrun the country, Secretary Garrison forgets about Bill the Rabbit Shooter.—Boston Transcript.

Observations of the Press.

Italy is likely to find that one war measure is a peck of trouble.—Columbia State.

What a pity there aren't divorce-court news censors instead of war-news censors.—Louisville Courier Journal.

It will be observed from the market quotations that strictly fresh gold is worth its weight in wheat.—Washington Post.

A revolutionary effort is being made in Mexico to increase the President's term to six weeks.—Denison (Tex.) Herald.

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