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SAFETY FIRST HINTS.

Don't jump on or off a moving car. Don't try to anticipate when a driver is going to stop or start. Give him space to pass you.

Don't imagine you are a careful driver because you shout or toot your horn at a pedestrian.

Don't lose sight of the fact that the pedestrian is also permitted to use the roadway.

Don't forget that children must play and that the streets are sometimes the only place where they can play.

Don't forget that the operator of a motor vehicle has the same responsibility as the engineer of a train.

Don't fail to anticipate that persons will cross at the crossings and that you must slow down.

Don't imagine that traffic regulations were made for everybody but yourself.

Don't race home after your day's work. This practice caused most of the wagon accidents last year.

Don't fail to examine your brakes occasionally.

Don't forget that you cannot stop quickly on a down grade or on a slippery pavement.

Don't, if you are in a hurry, try to make up time across the street crossings.

Don't leave a motor vehicle unguarded so that a child can throw in first speed.

The walking public and reckless auto drivers are responsible for most of the auto killings and other accidents on the streets of American cities, in the opinion of Police Commissioner Woods of New York City. Campaigns against jaywalking and reckless driving have been inaugurated in New York and many other cities recently.

"The only remedy for this condition," said Commissioner Woods today, "is the education of the public, centralization in the authorities of control over chauffeurs, the improvement of traffic conditions and the streets."

"Arrests and fines have failed to teach drivers anything. The courts have been too lenient with these offenders. This, however, does not excuse the pedestrian's carelessness. The jay walker, or person who crosses the street between blocks increases public danger, decreases police protection and tends generally to prevent the recovery of damages in case of injury."

COMMISSION SESSION SHORT

ROUTINE MATTERS ONLY BEFORE MEMBERS.

Petition for Light and Another for Special Rights Heard.

Routine matters principally came up before the city commission when it met last night. A couple of ordinances dealing with formal creation of deeded property for streets and alleys were passed. These included the North Second street and Island City road properties where streets have already been dedicated but no formal ordinance covering them had been passed.

Some belated bills came up for consideration.

A petition for a light at Fourth and Y was read and referred.

Property owners on the North side of Y from Fourth to Depot want permission to move the proposed sidewalk four feet to save a long row of splendid shade trees. This was referred.

General manager's report for the week ending December 11th, 1915:

The street superintendent spent \$32.05 for teams and drivers; \$15.00 for white wing and 75c for a shovel last week. He had ten days prison labor done. He repaired a number of old wooden walks in North La Grande and some in Old Town. He moved the election supplies to the Fourth and Third Wards.

The police arrested nine. Three were drunk; one was disorderly and two were trespassers. Two boys were sent to the State Industrial School and a girl was committed to the Boys' and Girls' Aid society of Portland. Fines amounted to \$10.00. There were five sleepers.

The water superintendent spent \$17.50 lowering the two-inch pipe on Third street; \$28.75 for other repair work and \$5.75 for shut-off work on the Eleventh.

The recorder received \$10.00 fines; \$62.97 on District No. 99, First street walk and 50c for one building permit. He drew warrants for \$1289.26 bills allowed.

The treasurer and recorder were kept busy registering voters all last week. The registration on Monday was heavy, namely 207. Being acquainted with the people on account of collecting water rents made it possible to register so many as identification was unnecessary. The new full citizenship amendment adopted at last state election made it necessary to refuse registration to some. An effort should be made to get these people to go into court and get their naturalization papers.

The treasurer collected \$936.70 water rent; \$558.60 improvement district instalments; \$198.30 improvement district interest; \$31.64 principal and 95 cents interest on improvement district No. 93; \$5.00 principal and \$1.50 interest on improvement district No. 88 and \$6.80 on improvement district No. 1-A. He paid \$283.45 water warrants; \$435.00 improvement district interest and \$50.00 on district No. 99 warrant.

The primary next spring and the general election next fall will disappoint many if this is not done. It takes several months to get these now and those in need of them should get busy at once. Married ladies whose husbands are foreign born

should have their husbands' naturalization papers. Foreign born ladies should have their marriage certificates and proof of husband's citizenship. Those who come as children should get copies of the naturalization of the father or get their own papers.

Respectfully submitted, F. J. LAFKY.

Boom is Expected.

Pendleton, Dec. 16.—It is understood on good authority that a movement is now on foot among local business men to organize a local company on the mutual co-operative plan for the purpose of building residential houses in Pendleton. This is the plan which was proposed by several of the leading business men some time ago in order to provide homes for people who desired to come to Pendleton to live, and especially to provide homes for the railroad men who will naturally move to Pendleton when the terminal is moved from Umatilla to Pilot Rock Junction.

This plan has been discussed by those who have the interest of the community at heart and now they propose taking the final steps towards organizing a local company for the purpose of building houses.

It is expected that the details of the plan will be perfected by the first of the year and weather permitting operations will follow. All these houses, as contemplated at present, will be built on the north side down towards the Walters Mill location and some even below that. They will be modern in every respect but nothing showy or costly and will be either for rent or purchase on the easy payment plan.



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Your Christmas shopping can be done with the most satisfaction here—Because this is the most convenient store where you will find everything you want. Find it always at as low, and generally at lower prices, than elsewhere. Here the Christmas stocks are the largest; here you are waited on better and more courteously.

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From the 'Little Paris Shop'

Everybody delights in the Merite Jewelry displayed in our "Little Paris Shop."

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For the least possible expense, you can buy Merite Jewelry both artistic and of real worth. Look through this list:

GIFTS FOR YOUNG GIRLS

Pearl Beads 25c to \$2.00.
Ear Drops 25c to 75c.
Rings 25c to \$2.00.
Neck Pins 50c to \$2.00.
Bar Pins 25c to \$1.50

GIFTS FOR WOMEN

Locket and Chains \$1.00 to \$3.50.
Jet Bead Necklaces 25c to \$2.50.
Lingerie Sets 25c to \$2.00.
Bracelets 50c to \$4.50.
Brooches 25c to \$2.75.
Hat Pins 10c to 50c

FOR CHILDREN.

Locket and Chain \$1.00 to \$2.00.
Baby Pin Sets 50c to \$2.00.
Bib Holders \$1.00 to \$1.50.
Bracelets 50c to \$2.00.
Handy Pins 25c to 75c

FOR MEN AND BOYS.

Link Cuff Button 25c to \$1.75.
Waldermar Chains \$1.00 and up
Waldermar Chains with Pencils or Knives \$1.50 and up
Scarf Pins 25c to \$1.75
Tie Clasps 25c to \$1.75

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750 Fine Sample Handkerchiefs at Special Prices

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Birth Record.

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Barbers Idle Christmas. All barber shops will be closed

Christmas and New Years. Open until 10 previous evenings.—Adv. 12-16-3t

WANTED—To rent ranch of from 300 to 500 acres for a term of three to five years. Good references will be furnished. Address box 144 La Grande, Oregon. 12-16-3t

Progressive Dinner Saturday

Parcel post sale, bazaar and progressive 6 o'clock dinner M. E. church basement Dec. 18. Dinner 25 cents. Good time in store for all with plenty to eat.—Adv. 12-16-3t



Merry Xmas.

Resolve To put money in the Bank all next year

Careful man

MERRY XMAS. YOU SHOULD SEE THE HAPPY FACES THAT COME INTO OUR BANK TO GET SOME OF THE MONEY THEY BANKED DURING THE PAST YEAR TO BUY PRESENTS FOR THEIR FRIENDS.

SOME COME IN TO START BANK ACCOUNTS FOR THEIR CHILDREN (THE BEST PRESENT OF ALL). SOME START BANK ACCOUNTS BEFORE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR SO AS TO GET A GOOD RUNNING START.

THEY WILL BE HAPPY NEXT YEAR.

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