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If you keep your mouth shut the first time you buy an automobile the dealer may not discover that you don't know the difference between the spark plug and the chassis.

An inventor announces that he has produced a substitute for gasoline that will reduce the cost of running motor cars 500 per cent. On that basis the man who sold you the fluid would have to pay you some cash to boot, wouldn't he?

While it is said to cost \$16,000 or more to educate a naval cadet, it is admitted that they are splendid careers and football players.

President Wilson says that, whenever a man ceases to change his mind he becomes a back number. So we suppose that is how the head of the weather bureau keeps so fresh and progressive all the time.

More married than single men have been enlisted in the British army, thus proving that married men are more patriotic than bachelors—or something.

The principal competition at the winter resorts seems to be as to who shall be able and willing to spend the most money.

Considering the fact that the centenarians we have been reading about adhere to the old fashioned methods of living, rather than the modern scientific fads, one inclines to faith in the notion that ignorance is bliss.

Things will not be right, however until the coal pile rises as automatically as the temperature.

Anyway, conscription is not necessary to secure attendance at a free show or a free feed.

The business man we know is one who spends an hour telling us how busy he is.

One fears the approach of summer as it may mean a recrudescence of the sport shirt.

And what has become of the old subscriber who used to begin his communication, "I take my pen in hand"?

FOR THE PUBLIC PROTECTION

La Grande, Feb. 12. (To the Editor) —In a recent issue of the Observer the author of "Margarine No Longer an Outcast" in a measure has taken steps to rattle what is fast proving to be one of our principal industries of this valley and bringing hundreds of dollars monthly into our midst. The principal point the author seems to bring out is the assumed fact that Oleomargarine is treated unjustly in that an unwholesome coloring is put in butter, yet restrictions on its use in oleomargarine. The Dairyman of this Country have no objection to oleomargarine when sold as oleomargarine but the fact is fraud and deception have followed in the wake of oleomargarine wherever it has been sold, hence every country has restrictive laws dealing with this counterfeit product.

In regard to the color being used in butter, the butter maker should be compelled to put coloring in his butter for the same reason oleomargarine should be restricted from its use. The natural color of butter made from a cow kept under normal conditions is a yellowish and which normal condition means; fed upon the green feeds of the meadow but when stabled and fed substitutes, a lighter color follows due entirely to the feeding; Therefore to insure the public of a genuine article, compel him to add coloring during the fall and winter months. For the same safe guard against the use of butter as oleomargarine compel the factories to eliminate the coloring.

No first grade oleomargarine will measure up to the standard of a first grade butter neither will a third grade oleomargarine measure up to the standard of any butter that is sold on the market today, and now Mr. Author don't think for one minute that oleomargarine is being as a whole treated for it is for your good as well as the community as a whole that is being benefited by our legislature.

And now let us not rattle the Mortgage Lifter (The old Cow) but stand back of her and she will ever prove your true friend.

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New Wellworth and Wirthmore waists just arrived at Golden Rule.—Adv. 2-12-1t.

NOTICE.

That aggravating little tear that you think can't be fixed, take it to Pauline, she will make it as good as new.—Adv. 2-8-tf.

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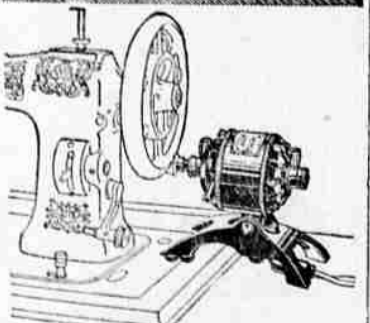
If it isn't an Anso it isn't the best. Everything in the camera line at Silverthorn's.—Adv. 1-31-tf.

Notice to Voters—Voters may register at the office of the county clerk at any time during office hours, and may register in the afternoons up to 6 o'clock at the office of the Security Land and Savings company 2-10-3t

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POLITICS HUM.

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Colon R. Eberhard, present district attorney, is another Republican who though he hasn't voiced his platform, may take a chance in the primaries. Hence the legislative contests have possibilities of hair-raising races.

The joint representativeness in this and Wallowa county is open this year but there is a dire lack of gossip. Some of H. B. Davihizer's friends in and about Joseph where he is a prominent rancher and stockman, want him to run. No Union county man aspires to that place, it being conceded to Wallowa county. As noted, there is a woeful lack of interest for that office to date. Davihizer ran Al Jones a thundering close race two years ago in his home county for the same office.

In a state and district way, Union county politicians are active. F. J. Holmes seeks the district congressional district delegateship to the St. Louis convention in June, and Attorney T. H. Crawford wants to go as a delegate from the state at large. The one drawback attached to these offices which will tend to hold back competitors is that it is an expensive luxury—between \$200 and \$300 at the best as expenses must be borne by the delegates. Notwithstanding this handicap, enough others seek the job to make the contest interesting.

Dr. Morrow of Portland, and possibly Jack White, son of Sam White, also of Portland will probably be among those who will run with Judge Crawford for delegate at large. A new face enters the district race against Holmes et al, with the likelihood of ex-Sheriff Blakely of The Dalles coming out for that honor. Aside from him and Mr. Holmes, County Judge Bilyeu of Enterprise and Will Peterson of Pendleton are in that part of the contest.

Republican delegates for the same office do not as yet total up more than the number wanted, but in some cases there are contests on. Dan Boyd of Enterprise, N. J. Burgess of Umatilla and W. H. Brooke of Ontario are three running in this district,

with one due to be beaten. Two go throughout the state C. W. Fulton, Chas. H. Carey, both of Portland, and Mr. Folkes of Salem are men who seek the Republican junket to the Chicago coliseum.

Central committees, by reason of the fact that the committeemen are not named until the primaries are held, have comparatively little to do these days. When the primary votes come in, the personnel will be determined, and at the present writing the chief matter of interest concerning these parts of political organization is that hereafter each will have 36 members rather than 28. Better organization and better work should follow. But there is much to be done in keeping up, or firing up, campaign heat, and this will largely devolve, in the pre-primary days, upon the Young Men's Republican club and the Woodrow Wilson club.

Which reminds one that President H. E. Dixon of the former body contemplates seriously of withdrawing from the presidency of the Republican club and will likely ask Secretary A. B. Rogers to call a meeting soon to reorganize. He is a candidate and feels he shouldn't occupy the executive chair. The Woodrow Wilson club has not felt the interneecene disturbances noticeable at Portland where objection was raised at calling the club "Woodrow Wilson." Here everything is perfectly lovely and President F. J. Holmes will no doubt beckon his votaries about him and hold council of war very shortly now.

Another office that is pregnant with keen political battle will be the sheriff's office to succeed August Hug, who, unlike most politicians, cries "nuf" after a two-term whirl at the game. On the Republican side, Tom Williamson, a deputy, added interest to the race by kicking his son-brother into the ring a day or two ago against his fellow deputy Hal Rees.

There are others who have their ties well trained on that post. Lee Warnick, Democratic, has brushed up on the political game and will vie for the nomination of the party to which

he belongs. Tom Johnson, Cove practitioner and hog raiser, is reported a receptive candidate.

The people have legislated David Proctor out of a job and after the first of the year there will be no county recorder's office.

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe will likely have to campaign against Aubrey G. Smith school superintendent of Union for county school superintendent, though the latter has only intimated as much thus far.

U. G. Couch has his mind set—or practically so—to succeed himself as county assessor. He has no known opposition on his own ticket. Neither is the Democratic crop prolific—but there is plenty of time for competition to develop.

An office that public usage, as it were, concedes to Union is that of county commissioner. W. J. Townley is a candidate to succeed himself. He is now serving the unexpired term of James Hutchinson, resigned.

For county clerk, the race is in the hands of three aspirants—Kenneth McCormick, present deputy, C. M. Humphreys, city treasurer, and David Proctor, county recorder. The retirement of Ed Wright who seeks a seat on the Public Service commission may stir up additional contenders however before the vote is cast.

For district attorney there promises to be a string of starters as big as a corporal's guard. H. E. Dixon, La Grande, R. J. Kitchen, Union, Chas. Albert Small and Eugene Ashwill, La Grande are the men Dame Rumor has out for the Republican nomination. Dixon is the only one now an avowed candidate but Kitchen is seriously contemplating such an announcement, likewise Mr. Small, with Mr. Ashwill less determined. Democratic candidates at present are confined to John S. Hodgin. If others of his party contemplate a race against him in the primary, they haven't to date made their aspirations known.

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