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SINCERITY.

In the proposed bond issue campaign which is now apparently certain one thing should not be lost sight of, and that is the sincerity of either side.

There are good men in this community who are thoroughly honest in their belief that a bonding scheme to furnish hard surface roads is the right and proper movement, and there are equally as good men who believe sincerely that to bond Union county would be almost an act of treason.

For this reason it is well to call attention to the fact that no one has a corner or a copyright on sincerity. Each side should give the other full credit for having the county's welfare at heart, for it is a difference between neighbors and friends and should be treated as such.

Already the agitation brought about by the proposal to bond the county has done good, inasmuch as it has caused road discussion and road talk, and out of the whole matter this county is to have better roads.

While bonding the county for hard surface highways is to our mind, out of the question and not the proper thing to do, we all agree that we must have better highways and better highways we will have.

THE NEW WAR SECRETARY.

President Wilson has appointed N. D. Baker, former mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, as secretary of war to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Garrison. Everyone hopes that the selection is a good one. The President took sufficient time in choosing that no mistake should have been made.

And yet, in looking over Mr. Baker's career we find him a very good reform mayor, prominent in the National Consumer's League and a peace advocate to such an extent that one might naturally class him with Mr. Bryan's policies rather than President Wilson's.

About the only way to look at the matter just now is to have faith in the President's judgment in not letting into his official family another man who is opposed to him. Surely, he has a detailed knowledge of what he can expect from the new war secretary, which under these trying times, would not be what Mr. Baker has apparently stood for in his past career.

The appointment is a little bit puzzling to say the least, but let us hope it is for the best.

GEORGIA TURNS A NEW LEAF.

Georgia, as a "dry" state, will not serve to draw the country's derision any longer, according to recent action taken by the Georgia legislature.

It is well, of course, that when Georgia adopted prohibition she did so with a mental reservation—it was intended for the Negro only. The prohibition law was the only method by which the Negro's use of liquor could be restricted, but by a widespread "gentlemen's agreement" it was understood that the law was not to be enforced against white men. And it wasn't. Thus, the country had the spectacle of the mayor of the "dry" city of Atlanta ordering the saloons to be closed during the excitement that attended the Frank trial.

But Georgia has had an awakening. She has discovered that she has to her credit—rather, to her discredit—one-third of the lynchings of the United States. Georgia, in 1915, did more lynching than the combined 16 other states where this form of lawlessness occasionally breaks out. And Georgia has been carefully diagnosing

her case to see why this is so. She has come to the conclusion that "liquor and the white man" are at the bottom of it.

Georgia has discovered another thing—the existence of "bloodless lynching" in her borders. When Police Chief Beavers, of Atlanta, discovered that it was the clandestine drinking of the white inhabitants that caused most of the lawlessness in his city, he undertook to close up the liquor clubs. He found his way stopped by respectable citizens amongst whom were members of the police board. Some of them were obtaining high rents for property used as liquor clubs. Others were good patrons of these same clubs. Beavers did his duty nevertheless, and was "politically lynched"—that is, he was removed from office on the flimsiest of pretexts. It happened, however, that this was just the thing needed to crystallize public sentiment. The legislature passed more stringent laws putting all private clubs out of business under severe penalties.

If your patriotism is luggish; if you hold the belief that this country is immune from attack, and if you have been resting in the full belief that the United States government is capable of handling any condition that may arise, it would be well for you to study carefully the wonderful portrayal of that remarkable picture—the Battle Cry of Peace. Nothing has ever been shown on a screen that so thoroughly tends to arouse the American people to their condition.

State Treasurer Tom Kay is organizing a boom in Oregon for Cummins for President. Thus the presidential possibilities are drifting a little farther west. Perhaps Borah may have a chance yet.

The snow is a little hard on candidates, to say nothing of its effect on the live stock.

This is the week Grande Ronde valley's best crop is honored—the babies.

Who would not give a little time to Baby week?

VIEWS OF THE PRESS

The basic trouble with international law is it has never been international.—New York Sun.

The next time we have to send Germany a note, we favor letting Billy Sunday write it.—Columbia State

What's the use if we keep the peace but cause our Colonel to die of mortification and shame.—Charleston News and Courier.

Mr Garrison might have known that when he became involved in a letter-writing contest with the President he would have to quit.—Nashville Banner.

The scarcity of pork in Germany is said to be alarming, and it is also beginning to cause some anxiety in the Democratic Congressional Trenches.—Indianapolis Star.

There is no big game in the Bahamas, but then the Colonel can get a little excitement by plunging into the sea and biting the man-eating shark.—Chicago Daily News.

As an evidence of how they do not understand some Americans, the Berlin Morgen Post says Secretary Garrison has quit and the Secretary of the navy will soon follow.—Indianapolis Star.

Speaking of a "well armed and disciplined militia," it won't be long before the dimensions in the ranks of peace societies and defence organizations will afford us an experienced body of fighters that will make us invincible against the world.—New York Morning Telegraph.

Trouble about peace movements is that a soft head always goes with a soft heart.—Columbia State.

It would be even more terrible to threaten to treat the British naval ships like merchant vessels.—Springfield Republican.

Mr. Ford says he has more money than he can use. But Mr Ford makes cars; he doesn't run them.—Nashville Banner.

It is easy enough to tell that Haiti is a fourth rate republic by the few notes it requires to adjust her troubles.—Washington Post.

What an ideal leader Claude Kitchin would make if the Democratic party were going the other way.—New York Morning Telegraph.

Mexican women are demanding the right to vote. If they get it they should extend the privilege to Mexican men.—Minneapolis Tribune.

The President may have abandoned his plans for a trip to the South because it is becoming hot enough for him right in Washington.—Indianapolis Star.

An increase of 200 in the fatal accidents in London streets during the past year suggests that darkness is about as deadly as the Zeppelins.—Springfield Republican.

The eighty two Naval Academy cadets who have been dismissed for low standing in their studies know now what that sort of unpreparedness means.—Springfield Republican.

Notice of Impounded Stock.

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that the undersigned, chief of police of the City of La Grande, Oregon, has this day taken up and impounded in the city pound of the City of La Grande, Oregon, the follow-

Who can afford poor coffee?

Only the extravagant, who don't know good!

The satisfaction of fine coffee costs almost nothing, if you use Schilling's Best.

Its economy is in its freedom from bitterish chaff, its even grinding and the absolute protection of its full, rich strength.

Schilling's Best



HOW ARE YOU FIXED?

MONEY IN THE BANK

The Careful Man builds and supports his home with a Bank account. Who is getting the money you earn?

IF YOU WANT TO BUY A HOME IT IS BEST TO FIRST HAVE ENOUGH MONEY PAID UP IN THE BANK TO BUY IT. THEN YOU CAN BUY IT, AND IT WILL REALLY BELONG TO YOU.

YOU MUST HAVE MONEY IN THE BANK TO SUPPORT ANY ENTERPRISE YOU MAY UNDERTAKE. WE WILL KEEP YOUR MONEY SAFE FOR YOU.

BANK WITH US.

WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST ON TIME DEPOSITS

La Grande National Bank

LA GRANDE, OREGON

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These Boys' Suits With Two \$5.00

NEW SPRING SUITS JUST RECEIVED. For Style, Low Price and Goodness, we will match these suits against any other \$6.00 or \$7.00 suits in town. Coats in Norfolk style. 2 pair Knickerbocker pants with patent knee buckles, all seams taped; sizes 6 to 16 years. Made by the manufacturers of the "Best Ever" Suits for Boys—Special values at \$5.00. Boy's "Kaynee" Blouses—guaranteed color—no tapes or strings, special values at 50c. Boy's Caps, always at 50c. Boy's "Black Cat" Hosiery, triple knees, pair 25c. Boy's Medium Weight Union Suits for Spring 50c Up. Boy's Spring 4-in-hand Ties 25c. Boy's Suspenders, good ones 25c. Boy's Fancy Leather Belts 25c.

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ing described stock, to-wit: (1) One dark iron grey mare, about three years old, no brands visible; (1) One light brown gelding, branded on left side V, weight about 1000 pounds; (1) One bay mare, with foal, branded 2 on right thigh, 7 or 8 years old; (1) Bay mare, 5 or 6 years old, no brands visible; (1) Iron grey gelding, two saddle marks back of weathers, branded X on left stifle. That said animals, if not reclaimed by the owner or owners thereof within ten days from the date of

this notice, will be advertised and sold at public sale according to the Ordinances and Charter of said city. The owner or owners of said stock, at any time before sale thereof, may reclaim the same by paying the cost of taking up and keeping the animal or animals reclaimed, together with the cost of advertising. Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 6th day of March, 1916. J. C. ARDREY, Chief of Police of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1884. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Advertising Pays if you've got the product to stand back of the advertisement. King Coal will verify every claim we've made for it. And we've made some pretty strong ones. CAR OF LUMP COAL JUST CAME IN. LA GRANDE FUEL COMPANY. 106 Fir St. PHONE : MAIN 700. Opposite Thorne & Wilcox Grocery.

These Stains EXPERT DRY CLEANING WILL REMOVE THEM. LET US SHOW YOU--OUR WORK IS GUARANTEED. CHERRY'S NEW LAUNDRY Inc.