

THE OBSERVER

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STANDING BY OREGON LAW.

Elsewhere in the Observer will be found a communication from ex-Governor West responding to our editorial request for more knowledge on what he said in a speech before the Oregon Civic League, which speech was not printed in the Portland papers. By reading Mr. West's communication carefully it will be observed that he gives a signal of alarm relative to attempted disregard, and lays bare an apparent movement on the part of certain lines of business, to repudiate Oregon statutes.

Signs of this very thing have been appearing of late and it is about time that someone uttered a few words of warning. The depressed business conditions that have prevailed in Oregon very naturally caused what is termed "big business" to wall and screen. The people listened and immediately began to urge a campaign of sympathy for business. Whereupon advantage was taken of the psychological condition of the public mind and "publicity departments" of heavily capitalized concerns worked overtime to tell the people how the Oregon law was oppressing them.

Why can't we strike a medium gut and keep it? If, in some instances the state's industrial institutions would be better served by sane and rational change of some law, why cannot we elect a legislature for the

coming session that will act with wisdom and fairness? But under no consideration let us get it into our heads that every roll emanating from some concern that has ulterior motive, is genuine and that the law is unjustly punishing it.

By fair and impartial investigation it will be easy to correct any oppressive law if honestly undertaken, and ex-Governor West has made no mistake in calling public attention to an uncalculated "interest" that is being raised in some localities by interests that usually bear close watching.

THE FLAG.

Last evening George Palmer presented Group No. 2 of the Boy Scouts with a magnificent American flag. The meeting was held in the E. M. C. A. and Boy Scouts were lined up in regular manner by Scout Master Eakin. When the youngsters beheld the handsome flag, immediately as if by magic they stood in full height, saluted Old Glory and gave three cheers for Mr. Palmer. It was a great tonic to patriotic nature; it gave older men present a single that passed up and down the spine, to see the boys so thoroughly interested, so alive to the loyal spirit, and so thankful for favors bestowed.

Following the presentation Robert Eakin gave a brief and concise history of the Boy Scout movement and told what the organization teaches. It is surely worth while and if your boy wants to join the Boy Scouts do not hesitate to endorse his action.

A young woman in New York is said to possess five distinct personalities. Within many of us is waged a daily battle between the energetic, conscientious self which is eager to get down to work and the lazy ego that wishes to linger in bed.

Now the boy men face England prohibiting American boys entering the United Kingdom. Just as well pull up the vines, boys, and raise well, most anything else.

It doesn't always take a month or night in June to turn a man's mind toward matrimony. Sometimes finding a shoe button in the restaurant pail will do it.

Such a big dividend as that declared by the DuPont company indicates that they are keeping their powder stock dry.

Why It Pays To Buy Shoes At West's!

If we could talk personally to every man and every woman who reads this advertisement—tell them how we carefully examine every line of shoes before they are placed in the store; how we search for workmanship and defects and discard every pair that we believe would in any way prove unworthy when worn to the test of actual use—they would realize why they could not afford to buy their shoes elsewhere.

A pair of shoes may appear all right at the store, but when put into actual service, may turn out to be bad eggs. If you buy your shoes from us you take no risk. Every pair of shoes in the store is made of solid leather—the styles are the season's best, and the wear is guaranteed satisfactory. Be sure to come when in need of shoes. Your satisfaction is assured in every instance.

Our Brands of Solid Leather Shoes for Spring Wear

<p>Men's Nettletons</p> <p>"Cost you more by the pair but less by the year." A line of men's shoes that stand in the lead of all the best brands manufactured. When you buy "Nettletons" you buy the best. Styles in tan and black, broad toe or English toe. PRICED \$6.50 to \$7.00.</p>	<p>Men's J. E. Tilt Shoes</p> <p>Sold to the man who wants a quality shoe but likes to pay about \$4.00 or \$5.00—You'll be surprised at the great amount of style, fine workmanship, and smoothness of leather used in J. E. Tilt shoes—All leathers, all styles, all sizes in large stock. PRICED \$4 to \$6.</p>	<p>Men's Beacons</p> <p>An \$3.50 meet every requirement of the man looking for a low priced shoe. Our present stock comprises a large assortment of styles—button and lace styles, English and broad toes, also the greatest value in work shoes. If \$3.50 is your price buy Beacons. PRICED \$3.50.</p>	
	<p>Boys' Pat Cogan</p> <p>Shoes out-wear all others because they contain the best of solid leather. The counters and inner soles are fully guaranteed. Fit your boys with "Pat Cogan Boys' shoes" and their shoe troubles will end. The best you can get for the money. PRICED \$2.50 to \$3.50.</p>	<p>Children's Rompers</p> <p>There's plenty of good hard wear for youths in Rompers, with plenty of snap and style thrown in. For school wear or for dress wear, they can't be equalled—plenty of styles to select from in patents, kids and calf leathers. PRICED \$2.00 up.</p>	<p>Women's Pingree and Utz and Dunn</p> <p>The greatest lines of women's and misses' shoes manufactured today. Go to the big cities and you'll find the biggest stores selling them. Come to La Grande and you'll find them at West's. New styles and leathers now on display. PRICED \$3.00 to \$6.00.</p>

Agents for "Bergman" Leggings. "Ask the man who wears them." He will have no other make. PRICED \$5.00 and \$8.50.

West & Co.
THE QUALITY STORE

We carry a full line of Arch supports, bunion reducers, corn removers, etc.—If your feet trouble you consult our shoe man.

"From The Inside"

A series of seven lectures on The Doctrines and Practices of the

Catholic Church

in the church of Our Lady of the Valley. Every evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Patronize the question box. No Collection

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED

TOO LATE!

The Careful man puts money in the Bank before old age or sickness or adversity takes away his ability to earn

JUST LOOK AT THIS PICTURE AND DO A LITTLE "THINKING."

THEN YOU WILL BANK YOUR MONEY.

BANK WITH US.

WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST ON TIME DEPOSITS

La Grande National Bank
LA GRANDE, OREGON

Capital \$200,000.00, Surplus \$50,000.00, Reserves \$1,000,000.00
Fred J. Holmes, President; C. C. Pennington, Vice President; F. L. Meyers, Cashier; E. Zandl and H. E. Coolidge, Assistant Cashiers.

DIRECTORS
Fred J. Holmes, J. G. Snodgrass, J. P. Conley, C. C. Pennington, H. S. Brewster, F. L. Meyers, A. Blokland, A. T. Hill, H. E. Coolidge.

NEARLY \$90,000 COLLECTED

State Tax Commission Explains Conditions of Tax Payments

The sheriff's office collected up to yesterday, March 29, the sum of \$87,154.23. The total tax to be collected for the year 1915 was \$102,444.97.

The Observer has received through the courtesy of Deputy Sheriff H. C. Ross, a circular from the state tax commission which explains all the conditions and times for tax payments. The circular reads:

Section 1 of Chapter 514, Laws of 1915, amending Section 3692, Laws of Oregon, is now in effect and reads as follows:

"The first half of all taxes legally levied and charged shall be paid on or before the fifth day of April following, and the second half on or before the fifth day of October following.

"Interest shall be charged and collected on any tax or half of a tax not so paid at the rate of one per cent per month or fraction of a month until paid.

"All taxes remaining unpaid on the fifth day of October next following shall become delinquent and on the fifth day of November next following a penalty of five per cent shall be charged and collected thereon, in addition to the interest provided herein.

"All penalties and interest shall be for the benefit of the county."

Under this section taxes become due and payable in two separate installments. If the first half is not paid by April 5th, interest is charged thereon but not on the second half, at the rate of one per cent for each month or fraction of a month until paid. If the second half is not paid by October 5th, interest then begins thereon at the same rate. No rebate or discount is allowed for advance payments of either installment.

All taxes not paid in full on or before October 5th become delinquent. After said date and until the taxes are paid or certificates of delinquency are issued, interest continues to run at the rate of one per cent for each month or fraction of a month. Delinquent taxes not paid before November 5th are on that date subject to a penalty of five per cent, in addition to the interest specified.

For illustration we will assume that the taxes on the roll total \$100.00. The first half (\$50.00) may be paid on or before April 5th and the second half (\$50.00) on or before October 5th, without interest or penalty on either amount; but:

If said first half is paid on any day from April 6th to May 5th, both dates inclusive, there should be added an interest charge of one per cent (\$1.00); from May 6th to June 5th, inclusive, two per cent (\$2.00); from June 6th to July 5th, inclusive, three per cent (\$3.00); from July 6th to August 5th, inclusive, four per cent (\$4.00); from August 6th to September 5th, inclusive, five per cent (\$5.00); from September 6th to October 5th, inclusive, six per cent (\$6.00).

If the entire tax of \$100.00 is paid on any day from October 6th to November 5th, inclusive, the interest charges should be seven per cent on

TO OUR FRIENDS

Advertising is a subject to which few readers give sufficient thought, and yet it is of vital importance to them considered from an educational standpoint alone.

Do you realize that men are paid from \$20.00 to \$50.00 a year for their ability to write advertising copy?

You will find some of this splendid ability shown in the columns of the La Grande Evening Observer, and we wish to impress upon you the fact that there is interesting, instructive, and beneficial reading to be found in our advertising columns. Of course, we know there are a lot of subjects discussed there that may not interest every reader; on the other hand, there is not an issue that does not contain an advertisement that will give you some new idea, add to your comfort and in all probability save you money. Take for instance the unusually fine advertisement published this week by Oregon Co-op. Ass'n. about United States Cream Separators. It is to your interest that you pay some attention to advertising columns.

In the advertising columns you find the story of the world's commercial progress. Ninety per cent of all the new inventions are first brought to public notice through advertising.

We want every reader to take an interest in the advertisements appearing in the Evening Observer, because they help to provide the financial support of this paper. All these advertisers are first class business concerns which have been investigated, and are guaranteed by the publisher. Buy their goods whenever you can; it will be appreciated by us if you mention this paper.

RAILROAD WAGE DEMANDS

(Prepared and issued by the Southern Pacific Information Bureau.)

Q—Are all railroad employees concerned in the movement?

A—No, only the men in the train and engine service.

Q—Are the train and engine men asking a day of eight hours?

A—The eight hour day is simply an expression to denote a period of time when regular wages shall cease and overtime be paid.

The demands of the men are not for a shorter day, but for an increase in pay. They ask ten hours pay for eight hours work. But they do not want to be limited to a day of eight hours.

Q—How are to overtime?

A—They ask an 87 1/2 percent increase in overtime pay.

Q—Are the men paid well now?

A—They are the highest paid class of railroad labor. There are other classes of railroad men who occupy more responsible positions and get less pay.

Q—But the railroads are now having a prosperous period! Why should they not divide some of their profits with the men?

A—The wages increased and paid in prosperous times must be continued to be paid during times of depression. If the employees are to share in the profits during prosperous periods, why should they not share in the losses in depressive times?

Q—Has a schedule of pay fluctuating with the earnings of a railroad ever been suggested?

A—Not by the men, and the railroads know too well how the men would accept such a suggestion.

Q—But when a railroad enjoys prosperity, why should not its men?

A—The railroad's prosperity is always reflected in the prosperity of its men, in their steady employment in the employment of more men, and in such community benefits as come from new construction, the increased purchase of materials and supplies, etc. And it must be remembered in this connection that stockholders who have invested their money in railroads, are entitled to a reasonable return on their investment if capital is to be encouraged to enter new projects.

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.

Modart Corsets Front Laced

HAVE YOU MADE THIS TEST OF YOUR CORSET?

DO YOU feel occasional languor, intervals of listlessness, intermittent indigestion an intense relief at the moment of uncoasting?

If you feel these symptoms you are developing a premature maternity figure, sacrificing health for fashion.

Women who wear MODARTS never feel these warnings. For the Designer of MODART Corsets is generally conceded to be the foremost corset designer in the world. Every smart effect he creates must also meet his approval as an anatomist. So, if you seek to improve your figure—if you seek to gain new grace of carriage—if you seek to promote your health and comfort and at the same time conform with prevailing styles—then we urge you to have a trial fitting.

Pauline Lederle Sommer Hotel Bldg.