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BONDS TO BE VOTED ON.

The people of Union county will have an opportunity to vote on the bonding question—whether this county shall go in debt \$400,000 for the purpose of constructing thirty miles of hard surface roads.

This was decided when those favoring the hard surface movement presented a petition signed by the

requisite number of names to the county court.

It is probably just as well to settle this question one time as another, although it had been hoped that the issue would come at a general election in the fall of the year when a heavy vote was polled.

The primary election is plainly in favor of the bonds to a certain extent. Registration has been light and many voters who oppose the indebtedness have neglected to register.

Let that be as it may the bond election will be held on the same day that the primary election is held, May 19th, and it is up to the sovereign voters of Union county to determine whether or not they will bond the county.

HAPPY OPIE READ.

La Grande has had few lecturers, or other kinds of entertainers, who secured the good will, thorough endorsement and high praise as did Opie Read Saturday night.

"He's a great old Scout." "He is intensely human and knows the world." "He is clever." "He is perfectly

charming, looks so much like Napoleon." These were a few of the many remarks as the crowd left the auditorium.

And Opie Read is intensely human. He knows a thing or two, or three for that matter. He has lived the American life; has seen the good things and the dreadful, has drawn his own conclusions and weighed all sides and all classes in his scale.

He is happy all the time. He has found it does not pay to be otherwise. He believes he can do very little, but that he should do that little as well as he can. And that is what he is doing, he says. That he is doing it well is proven beyond question by the clamor for his return to La Grande at a future date.

You might have that chicken running in Portland Journal's Saturday poultry department for your Sunday dinner. All readers agree it is "some chicken."

The Montana man who brought a trunk load of booze to La Grande has us sized up wrong. No booze can be kept under lock and key in La Grande.

Let the noon day Christian services continue. It does everyone good to drop work for a time and consider the higher and better things.

Rex Lampman, in speaking of the different Fords of prominence mentions Pebleford before Henry Ford. Wonder why?

Viewing the corpse of Villa seems a frequent occurrence these days.

Register this evening or forever hold your peace.

Do it tonight. Register.

Registered Women.

"Are you registered?" asked the candidate of Mrs. ... this morning on the street.

"Sir, how dare you class me with animals?" replied the woman indignantly.

An automobilist recently wrote to the Pendleton Commercial association as follows:

"Dear Sirs:—I am writing to know whether I can go from Pendleton to La Grande by auto?"

Assistant Secretary Kirkpatrick indicated the following answer:

"Dear Sir:—Answering your letter beg leave to advise that you have our full and free permission."

However, on second consideration he didn't send it.—Pendleton Weekly Bulldogger.

Registrations in Portland.

Portland, April 12.—This is the last day the 26 substations for registration will be kept open. Dan Gregory, chief clerk in the registration department, estimates that since these auxiliary booths were opened, April 1, 5000 men and women have registered.

This total would bring the total registration at the court house and at the substations to nearly 64,000. To date 58,534 people have registered in the court house. Of this number 36,008 are men and 22,526 are women. Divided into parties, the registration is as follows: Republican, 26,655 men and 15,474 women; Democrat, 6,998 men and 5,057 women; Independent, 1,251 men and 785 women; Socialist, 389 men and 713 women; and Progressive, 293 men and 244 women.

Delay Building of Canadian Railroads

Winnipeg, Man., April 11.—Despite the reiterated contention that there is plenty of money in Western Canada, came the announcement today that several railways for which charters have been obtained will not be built this year on account of the war. The time for the building of the Calgary-Edmonton railway has been extended. The Central Western railway, building from Winnipeg to Edmonton, via Yorkton, Saskatoon and Battleford, will delay further construction.

GLOOM SPELLETS

Forgot That Mr. Bacon—These preserves you put up all taste alike to me, dear. Mrs. Bacon—But you can tell the difference by the labels.

Oh how silly of me I never thought of tasting the labels.—Yonkers Statesman.

Correctly Diagnosed There was a sudden loud report, and Wiggles brought his car to a standstill. "Mercy," cried Mrs. Wiggles. "What was that? It sounded like a revolver." "It was," said Wiggles, wearily. "It was our off hind wheel. It has stopped revolving."—Chicago Herald.

The Man Above Pedestrian (to youth under auto)—"What's causing the trouble?" Auto novice—"I don't know exactly, but I think it is the exasperator."—Lampoon.

Preparedness "How is plant life in Mexico?" "Mostly prickly pear cactus, and Spanish bayonet. Even the vegetation is prepared for war."

Reproof Kate Sanborn has recalled a blow to her sanity as follows: "I asked," she says, "the carpenter

During the few days left this store will solve the Easter Clothes question for most La Grande Women



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DEBT The Careful man does not carry a load of debt. He is a careful man and instead of wasting his money he puts it in the bank where it is safe and where he can get it. DEBT IS A HARD MASTER. THE WAY TO NOT HAVE A DEBT YOU CANNOT PAY IS NOT TO MAKE IT. THE CAREFUL MAN NEVER MAKES A DEBT, UNLESS BY DOING SO HE COULD SAFELY SEE A BIGGER INCOME THAN "OUT-GO". THIS IS HOW HE GROWS A FORTUNE. ARE NOT YOU GOING TO PUT YOUR MONEY IN OUR BANK AND ALSO GROW A FORTUNE? BANK WITH US. La Grande National Bank LA GRANDE, OREGON Capital \$200,000.00, Surplus \$50,000.00, Resources \$1,000,000.00 Fred J. Holmes, President; C. C. Pennington, Vice President; F. L. Meyers, Cashier; E. Zundel and H. E. Coolidge, Assistant Cashiers. DIRECTORS Fred J. Holmes, J. G. Snodgrass, J. F. Conley, C. C. Pennington, H. S. Brownton, F. L. Meyers, A. Blokland, A. T. Hill, H. E. Coolidge.

adorn a weatherbeaten door with some putty and a coat of paint. "Yes," he replied, "pint and putty will fix up a thing wonderful. Lots of humbly people use paint and putty. But I guess you and I ain't tried it yet."—Christian Register. The Neglected Vocation "My daughter writes beautiful poetry." "Dear me, dear me," sighed the man, "and the world so hungry for good cooks."—Detroit Free Press. Improving Mother Goose (Atlantic Monthly) We all know how the idea of Mother Goose as an immoral book has obtained. In one modern abridged edition, "There was an old woman who lived in her shoe" ends "She gave them some broth and plenty of bread. And kissed them all fondly and put them to bed." Why should the modern child be brought up with the wholly unnatural situation of the heavily burdened mother who behaves just as if nothing had occurred? Their literary taste will be ruined if pursued on these lines, "Spanked them all soundly and sent them to bed," is the only logical course. A Chump The alfalfa delegate was paying his first visit to a city of any size. Standing along the sidewalk he chanced to see a sprinkling cart coming down the street, and no sooner had he set eyes on the thing than he started to laugh like a boy at a minstrel show. "Say old pal," he remarked hilariously punching a cop in the ribs, "Don't that just beat all?" "Don't what beat all," replied the wondering cop. "What is the joke?" "Just look at that feller on the wagon," replied the alfalfa entry, "that durned chump won't have a drop of water left when he gets home."—Philadelphia Telegraph. Money By The Bushel She—What is this I hear about your getting a large sum of money from a woman? He—Some one's been kidding you. Who was the woman? She (innocently)—Why, May. What they told me her name was.—Boston Evening Tr.

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