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IT LOOKS THAT WAY.

This week's Saturday Evening Post has a very interesting article by Sam Blythe on the Republican convention that nominated Judge Hughes for president.

According to Blythe there was no intention of nominating Roosevelt nor Hughes. The delegates, a great majority of whom were men who "stand hitched," were in favor of some one other than the man who received the nomination or the citizen of Oyster Bay.

The happy result is that the rank and file of Republicanism is given a chance to vote for the right kind of a man and Judge Hughes will owe nothing to the ones who play a political game continually and spend their entire time hatching schemes fulfillment of which means personal benefit to them.

WHERE IS THE ARGUMENT?

The city commission in last evening's Observer gave out figures on the cost of Pendleton's water. This was in a way evidently intended to reply to the widespread demand in La Grande for cheaper water for irrigation purposes.

But those figures contain no argument against cheaper water here. It must be remembered Pendleton has only recently completed a new water system at heavy expense and it would be but natural for that city to place the rate high enough so that the fu-

ture would insure lower rather than higher rates. But La Grande's water system has been completed for many years and the water department of this city has been quite profitable, and is yet. There is good reason to believe that under such a favorable condition La Grande might begin to contemplate a lower rate for irrigation and thus increase the beauty of the city.

And, too, it must be remembered that this city has water to waste. In fact it is wasting. With the completion of the improvements last year at the intake we as a municipality provided for an adequate supply. Would it not be fair to give the entire city the benefit of that surplus water during the growing season?

WELCOME, ODD FELLOWS.

Today the Odd Fellows convention is being held in this city and at Riverside park. We mean Odd Fellows and their better halves—Rebekahs. That is one very fine thing about the I. O. O. F. brothers; they never attempt to do anything without the full and complete aid of the sisters.

SHEEPRAISING IS DYING.

Sheepraising is fast becoming a lost art in these United States. There is in consequence a dearth of wool and almost a famine in mutton. This same condition prevails pretty nearly all over the world. As a result clothing prices are going up all the time. Manufacturers are hampered. Meat prices soar and cost of living increases.

The Philadelphia Wool and Textile association is flooding the country with appeals to farmers to raise more sheep and to produce more wool, and is pointing out the drift downward, which in its opinion already is alarming.

The Wilson administration isn't saying a word or doing a thing about the matter. It isn't likely to say or do anything now or at any time, because there is only one thing to say and only one thing to do. The industry must be fostered, protected, encouraged. And that's the reverse of Wilsonism.

Were sheepraising judiciously fostered instead of injudiciously discouraged by the government in Washington, many a stony and now unproductive hillside would again be cov-

ered with grazing sheep, wool production would increase tremendously, farmers and consumers alike would prosper, one hindrance to real, solid prosperity would be removed and a bulwark would be provided to help protect the American nation against the shocks of economic readjustments sure to follow peace in the trenches of Europe.

WAR SUPPLIES.

Steps taken by the government to prevent speculation in supplies needed by the army must be applauded by every local American. When men are giving up home and family and offering their lives that their country may be safe, it is no time for a petty money grabber to climb to fortune by their necessities.

Agents of the department of justice have been notified to inform their superiors of any attempt to hold up the price of food and other supplies for the army. The war department, anticipating trouble, has been storing up supplies along the Mexican border for many months, so that it would not have to come into the market all at once for an immense quantity of provisions.

It is now proposed to form an exchange of reputable dealers who will agree to supply the army with its necessities at the lowest possible price. These firms would be put under bond and nothing would be bought except through them. They would be allowed, of course, a reasonable profit. In this way, it is believed the government could be safeguarded against those unpatriotic citizens who would take advantage of the situation to tuck their country—an act just one small step removed from treason, in the eyes of the loyal.

PROPERLY PLACED.

We notice that a tag-end of \$50 to a fund raised three years ago for entertainment purposes and never used was turned over to the park ladies to assist in paying for the bath house at the park. It was properly placed. In fact, it would be hard to place any amount of money with the ladies who have made it possible for La Grande to have a park without pronouncing its approval.

Judge Eakin showed his ability as a lecturer when in words that could not be mistaken he arraigned the participants in the local quarrel of North La Grande. While he decided not to inflict jail sentence or fine he gave the guilty ones a few short, crisp sentences that they will doubtless remember for many years to come.

This race horse talk takes one back to good old days when the race stable was the meeting place and the jockey was a hero. Not bad days they were, either.

A western writer says women are taking up the vices men have discarded. This probably accounts for the reason the women have so few vices.

Dr. Wiley says that cabbage is best when converted into sauer kraut. It certainly is better that way than when converted into cigars.

An eastern astrologer says that Hughes will be elected. But an astrologer with Democratic leanings may read the stars differently.

Pennsylvania has gotten far enough along in the prohibition agitation to begin to demand an anti-tipping law.

A Charleston hen has laid an egg with a bullet in it. Well, what would you expect to find inside a shell?

With eighty U-boats building commerce promises to sink beneath the waves.

STATE NEWS BREVITIES.

Plans Made for Editors. Interest has been aroused in the meeting of the Oregon State Editorial association which is to be held in Medford the first week in August.

Bandon Pioneer Passes. Harry Sudderman, a rancher of Bills Butte, 10 miles from Bandon, was found dead in his home Sunday.

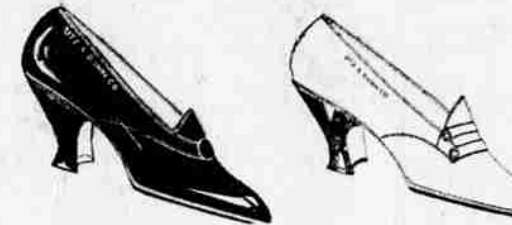
Herder Made Culprit. Barney Parks, of Harney, Oregon, recently pleaded guilty on an indictment for willful grazing trespass on the Malheur National forest and was

Outing Needs In Brief

Whether for a day, week or a month; in the mountains, up the river, at the Park, at the lake, at the seashore, bathing or automobiling—these items of summer and outing wearables will be of interest to you—Not only useful for your trip but because of the desirable quality from this store you can get lots to wear from them the rest of the summer. Also the variety here is larger to choose from and prices are the lowest.

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Pretty Wash Frocks .50c to \$5.00 up
Women's White Canvas Pumps, rubber soles .85c, \$1.60, \$2.00
Women's Bathing Suits \$1.25 to \$5.00
Women's Bathing Caps .25c to 50c
Women's Bathing Shoes .15c
Tan or Dull Calf Sport Shoes, with rubber soles and heels, narrow and wide sizes \$3.50 to \$4.50
Women's Divided Khaki Skirts \$2.00 to \$4.00
Women's Khaki Middy Blouses \$1.50
Children's Genuine "Koveralls", fancy trimmed .75c

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Chief Joseph Indian Blankets, always useful \$5.00, \$7.50, \$8.00
Little Boys' Wash Suits .75c to \$2.00
Boys' Extra Pants .59c to \$1.50
Boys' "Kaynee" Brand Sport Blouses .25c up
Boys' Bathing Suits .40c, 60c, 90c
Boys' Straw and Cloth Rah Rah Hats .40c, 60c, 90c
Men's Sport Shirts \$1.00 to \$1.50
Men's Khaki or Whipcord Trousers \$1.25
Men's Khaki Shirts at .50c
Men's Bathing Suits \$1.00 to \$5.00
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fined \$50 by the United States court.
Young Bootlegger Sentenced. Ellsworth Herd, 17 years old, of Centralia, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail at Centralia for bootlegging. Four others are held.
Methodist Minister Sued. Nicholas Welter, a Free Methodist minister of Newberg, Ore., has recently been sued on an alleged damage in a real estate trade. The plaintiffs ask for \$1000.
Big Mortgage Filed at Cathlamet. A mortgage covering a bond issue of \$6,000,000 and secured by property in California, Nevada, Washington, and Oregon has been filed with the County Auditor at Cathlamet. It was executed by the Crown Willamette Paper company and given to the Continental Commercial Trust & Savings bank and Frank H. Jones of Chicago.
Company Begins Training. Company I, Oregon National Guard, will leave Medford soon for the summer training camp at Fort Stevens. Captain Vance expects the company to make a fine showing this year.
Last Payment \$150,000. Easterners paid \$150,000 last week for the last purchase price of 5000 acres of timber land on South Coos river. If no market is established for direct sales, the company may construct a sawmill on Coos Bay.
Teacher's Cause Backed. Petitions containing about 1300 names, asking for the reinstatement of Rev. C. H. Cleaves as instructor in the Roseburg schools, were presented to the Roseburg School Board. Most of the pupils signed the petition. The petition declares that Mr. Cleaves was dropped for the reason of jealousy between him and the superintendent and not incompetency.
The summer school at the University of Oregon is more than twice as big as it was two years ago. This year's increase was 70 per cent.

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