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INFORMATION FOR CITIES.

Lack of information has turned many an ambitious, promising new office-holder into mediocre city official. American cities have been slow to adopt the plan in vogue in older countries of employing experts trained in the handling of municipal problems.

To provide such information for city executives, New York state established a year ago, a clearing house of municipal information. Any city in the state can apply to this Albany bureau for data which may be helpful to it in solving its difficulties.

Several cities have information bureaus of their own, but the New York institution has greater and better facilities than most could hope to have. And as the expenses are paid by 57 cities, this makes the cost of each a comparative trifle.

DON'T.

It is but a few days until the La Grande Motor club holds the annual Speed 'Em Up races. These races will be held at the new park and race

track, and it has not been possible to finance the undertaking sufficiently to erect a high board fence around the grounds as yet.

Therefore, let every American citizen and foreign born citizen who has reached man's estate, or woman's heritage, resolve upon his or her honor not to stand on the outside of the park, grounds or race track and watch the motor races without paying regular admission fees.

The boys who are behind this event are boys who work day and night for its success. They do not make a nickel from it for themselves and their whole aim is to build up the biggest thing of the kind in the west right here in La Grande.

So, if you have a measly feeling like you wanted to stay on the outside, crush that feeling and decide to be a man in the fullest sense by paying your part toward an event that is entitled to the support of every citizen.

Jack McCarthy now owns both livery barns in La Grande. There was a time when four and five big barns were maintained here, but this gasoline age has forced Jack to spread over the entire industry if it is to be preserved at all.

Twenty-nine eggs in twenty-nine days is batting 1000 per cent, according to baseball language, and there is every reason to believe that the Fred King hen with this record is closely competing the Ed Reynolds O. A. C. hen for the pennant.

The Grande Ronde wind made another dark spot in history by blowing down the walls of the new round-house. This bit of news will travel all over the northwest and we will often hear of the "terrible wind in the Grande Ronde valley that blows cars off the track and cracks out of the fences."

Jolly bunch of folks from Cove yesterday. And they came to impress upon La Grande the date of the Cherry fair, which they did in a way La Granders will not forget.

The war department is sure Villa is dead, but the American residents along the international boundary line are not so sure of it.

Those June rains got sidetracked this year and are now arriving.

STATE NEWS.

Spuds Large.

The record yield of early potatoes in the Hood River valley is held by K. P. Anderson. From a single hill of American Wonders, which had not finished their growth, he harvested 13 tubers, the largest of which

weighed 15 ounces and the smallest six ounces.

All Stockholders Bound. In the case of Worth Huston and Dr. W. H. Davis vs. the First National bank of Albany, Judge Wm. Galloway has held that the stock holders of a corporation who sign a note for money received and used by the corporation, are acting as trustees for the corporation and that all other stockholders are bound with the ones who sign the note.

Southern Oregon Mine Sold. The famous Layton placer mine on Upper Williams creek, near Grants Pass, has been sold by G. W. Colvig, administrator for the heirs of J. T. Layton, its original locator and owner. The mine was purchased by an eastern concern.

Baby Inspection Is On. Interstate regulations, designed to prevent the introduction of infantile paralysis, are now in force in California, Idaho, Oregon and British Columbia. Dr. Roberg, state health officer, and members of the Oregon board of Health are highly gratified at the prompt spirit of co-operation with which their proposal was met.

Late Berries Damaged. A large percentage of the unharvested cherries and late berries in the Hood River valley are damaged by the recent rains.

Body Recovered. The body of Wm. F. Drew, an engineer on the construction of the north jetty, was recovered at Astoria. He was drowned a week ago.

Work Does Not Harm Music Hand. Edgar E. Coursen in a communication to the Oregonian says that up to date music teachers have discarded the theory that manual labor of any kind, or in any quantity, injures the hand for piano playing.

Liquor Shipments Gain. Figures made public in Douglas county show that the liquor shipments for the month of June were slightly in excess of the previous month.

Dallas Rifle Club Formed. A rifle club with a membership of 78 has been formed at Dallas. Many business and professional men are on the list of members. Target practice will commence soon. Much interest has been manifested.

Grants Pass Fines Grow. Owing to the new traffic ordinance at Grants Pass, the city treasury has been greatly augmented by the business and professional men. One hundred dollars have been harvested in one week in fines.

Rickeral After Power. Rickeral, near Dallas, may soon be served with electric power. An effort is being made to interest the Oregon Power company in the building of a service line between Dallas and Rickeral.

Tonnage Is Sought. S. S. Bullis with whom the city of Medford recently concluded a contract for an extension of the Bullis line to the Blue Ledge mine, has announced that he will put up a \$30,000 sawmill in order to obtain a large box factory for the city, if the citizens would cooperate with him in an effort to get tonnage for the proposed road.

Crop Estimate Lower. Following the drop and thinning of apples at Hood River the growers declare that the total tonnage will not go much over 50 per cent of that of last year. The apples are going to be of a quality above the average, owing to more scientific treatment.

Stanwood Is Launched. Miss Dorthea Albert of Oakland, Cal., christened the steam schooner Stanwood at North Bend Saturday. Several hundred persons witnessed the launching.

Apples Invade Hood River. Apples grown in another section, other than Hood River, were put on sale by the merchants of that town for the first time Saturday. Their local apples are late.

Carlton Hay Damaged. Recent rains caught farmers with many tons of hay cut at Carlton, causing a great deal of damage.

Picnic Planned. Next Saturday at the Oaks in Portland, the Native Sons and Daughters of the State of Oregon, will give a picnic honoring the pioneers. The question of erecting a building in Portland to be known as the "Pioneer Memorial" building will be discussed.

Four Educators Resign. The city superintendent of schools at Tillamook has resigned to accept a position of private secretary to President Campbell of the University of Oregon. Three other instructors in the high school have resigned.

District Attorneys to Confer. At the annual meeting of the Oregon District Attorneys' association which will be held at Portland this month, the matter of the proposed amendment to the prohibition law will be discussed. This amendment would make it legal to bring liquor over the line by private conveyance.

Trout Lake Club Is Host. The Woman's club of Trout lake entertained the members of the White Salmon's Woman's club last Thursday. An interesting and varied program was provided. Returning by moonlight through the timber to White Salmon was a fitting climax to a most enjoyable day.

U'Ren Quits. After an all day discussion with Attorney-General Brown, in an effort to persuade him that "the people's land

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and loan law" was the best title for the proposed amendment, which if passed, would make the single tax operative in Oregon, W. S. U'Ren, author of the measure, gave up in disgust and left Salem. The measure will be known as the following: "Full rental value land tax and homesteaders' loan fund amendment."

Albany Has Record Rainfall.

In 30 hours 1.67 inches of rain fell at Albany, the down pour being continuous from 6 to 8 o'clock one morning until noon the next day. This probably exceeds all records there for an equal period at this time of the year.

Street Work Suspended.

The rains have compelled a temporary suspension of all street work at Astoria. Damage to hay will be extensive.

One Bids for Hatchery.

A score of Oregon City and Portland men were prepared to bid for the 16-acre tract, formerly used as a fish hatchery on the Clackamas river, but not a bid was submitted, as D. Winn, who conducted the sale said he had a sealed bid offering \$5000. None of the bidders would raise that figure.