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A FEW WORDS ON LA GRANDE.

La Grande is a fine place to be in. It is busy, its spirit is cheerful and optimistic. The climate is healthful, the air invigorating, the days bright and sunny. The people are cordial and hospitable, active in many kinds of social and civic endeavor. Given pleasant surroundings and plenty of work to do, what more can any man want?

VOTE NO.

The single tax amendment should be defeated because: It confiscates titles to all lands.

It makes all home owners tenants of the state.

Who wants the state for a landlord?

UNLOAD CARS PROMPTLY.

The west has a car shortage. It is getting worse. The cause is largely the movement of grain east by rail and congestion of traffic in eastern terminals. Local shippers can help the local situation by unloading cars promptly.

GET OUR SHARE.

The county judge and county commissioners of Union county are to be commended for their promptness in applying for a part of the Federal appropriations for good roads.

Within the next ten years the Federal government will spend \$85,000,000 for roads. Ten millions will be spent on roads in national forests.

Oregon will receive \$1,180,000 from the \$75,000,000 appropriation and approximately \$1,000,000 from the forestry appropriation. For 1917 Oregon will receive \$78,687 from the agricultural department appropriation and \$127,794 from the forestry appropriation, a total of \$206,481.

The plans of the state for road building must be approved by the department of agriculture and forestry service. Outside of the forestry appropriation, the state will pay half the cost and the Federal government one half. Roads from industrial or market sections to thickly populated sections will be aided.

Eastern Oregon, under this scheme, will be entitled to aid on a state highway connecting up with the Columbia River highway and for aid in improving roads that pass through national forests.

In their efforts to secure a share of public money for roads in this section the officials of Union county are entitled to hearty support.

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CITY'S DUTY TO FARMER

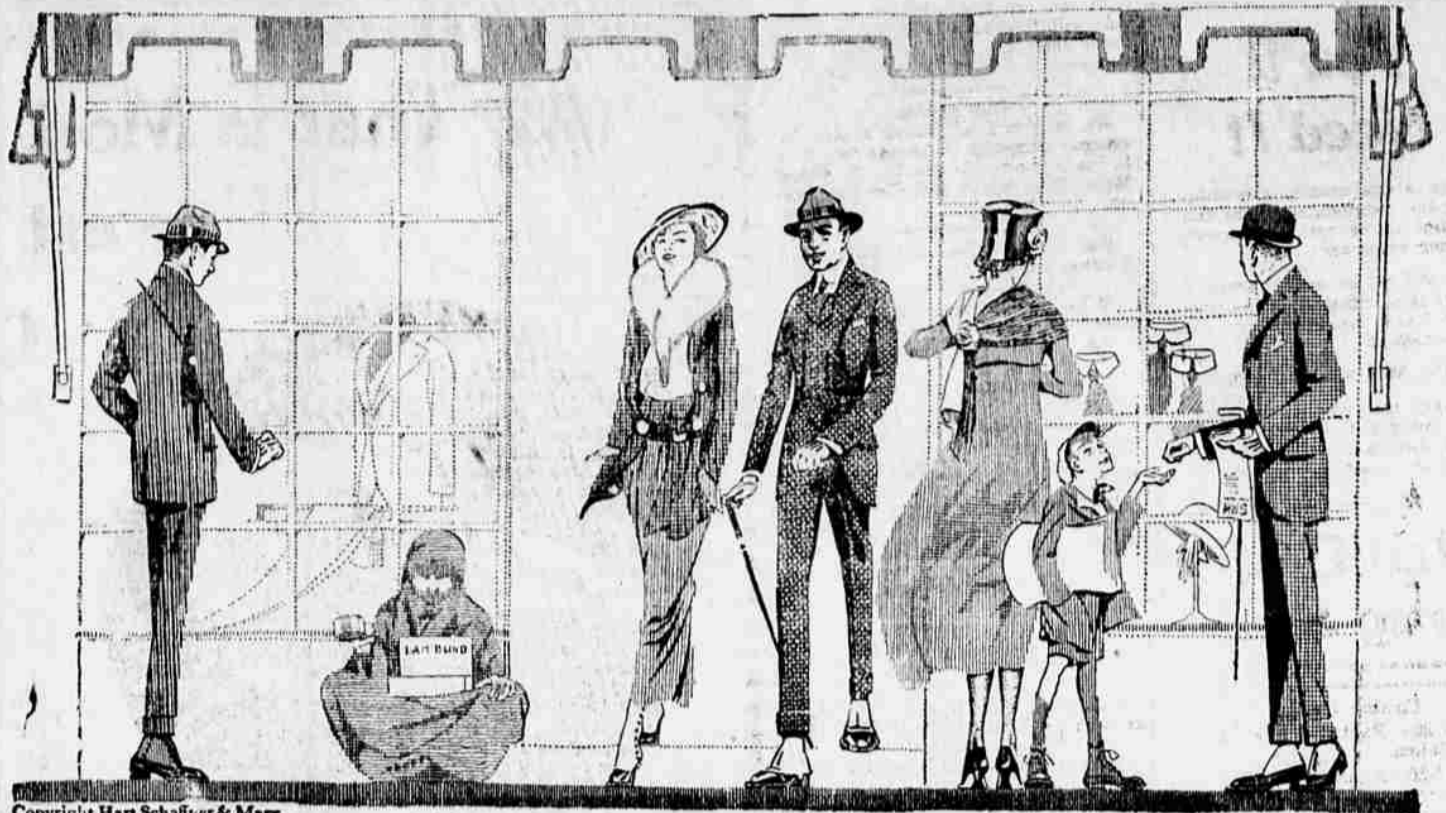
By David F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture, who urges Businessmen to Cooperate in Promoting Rural Prosperity.

Article VII—(Final Article)—What One Business Man Accomplished.

"Let me give an illustration of what I have in mind. I shall give only one of many. It may serve to indicate what the urban community, what business men, may do almost anywhere in the Union. Thirty years ago I knew well a certain county in the South. I recall vividly the conditions then existing. The farming was neither better nor worse than that in the section generally. The better farmers were fairly comfortably off. Those still lower down were living from hand to mouth, their farming scarcely more than a pretense. There was a business man, a banker, in the county who had vision and sympathy. He turned his attention to the rural districts. He began to see what could be done about cotton. He established connection with the department of agriculture and entered upon the work of cotton breeding. After a long and difficult experience he succeeded in breeding a seed that would produce an inch-and-a-quarter staple. The next task was to get enough farmers to produce the cotton and to create and to establish a local market. But this was not all. The cotton had to be properly ginned. It was a new sort of product, and the spinners had to be reached. Intelligence and persistence won. I was in that county a year ago. I found it a sort of oasis. When cotton was selling at 12 cents a pound in all the rest of the South, 90 per cent of all the cotton in that great county was selling at from 19 to 20 cents a pound. Another business man had attacked the problem of corn production and had won his fight. These two men rebuilt their county agriculturally and incidentally made their towns. The farmers were assisted in solving not only their marketing problems but their rural-credit problems as well.

Outlook Bright.

"I am optimistic about the future of American agriculture. We still have vast resources. Our farmers are the most alert and capable in the world. They do not produce more per acre than any other farmers in the world—it would be foolish for them to undertake to do so—but they do produce from two to six times more per man, per unit of labor and capital. They use more and better machinery. They have the assistance of more powerful practical and scientific agencies. No other three nations in the world combined have as powerful forces aiding the farmers as this Nation has. The land-grant colleges and experiment stations are without parallel. They are 67 in number, have a total valuation of endowment, plant, and equipment of 128 million dollars, an income of more than 26 millions, with 4,500 teachers, a resident student body of over 60,000, and a vast number receiving extension instruction. Their great ally, the department of agriculture, is unquestionably the greatest practical and scientific agricultural organization in the world, with a total annual budget of \$36,129,000, having increased in three years by 50 per cent. It has a staff of more than 16,000 people, many of them highly trained experts, and all of them of consequence, with three exceptions, in the classified service. The farmers have the benefit now of a number of long-needed and highly beneficial legislative enactments. The Nation is committed to an expenditure of millions for the direct education of the farmers, and of \$160,000,000 from Federal and State cooperative funds for good roads over a period of five years, with many additional millions annually arising from local sources. Great numbers of farmers and of farmers' organizations are alert, intelligent, and acting vigorously for the betterment of the life of the Nation. No other people have such enormous expenditures for general education. Other countries are depending upon us more and more for foodstuffs, and in the years to come Europe in particular is likely to ask our service. There never has been any real substantial competition with the American farmer, it is not threatening today, and I am not in the



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Folks Need A Lot Of Loving; The day is all before, with cares beset—; The cares we know, and those that give no warning; For love is God's own antidote for fret. Folks need a heap of loving at the noontime—; The battle lull, the moment snatched from strife—; Halfway between waking and croon-

time, While bickering and worriment are rife. Folks hunger so for loving at the nighttime, When wearily they take them home to rest—; At slumber-song and turning-out-the-light time—; Of all the times for loving, that's the best! Folks want a lot of loving every minute—; The sympathy of others and their smile! Till life's end, from the moment they begin it, Folks need a lot of loving all the while. —The Omaha Excelsior. The Third Degree. A famous police captain who was

stupid but brave, ignorant but willing to learn, once had a suspect in the "third degree room," endeavoring to find out who were his accomplices. "Were ver you last night?" asked the captain. "In the back of Blank's saloon." "Vot Ver you doing?" "I was playing solitaire," answered the suspect. "Ach! Now I have you," shouted the officer, "who was you playing solitaire with?" The Joseph P. Price School of Vocal Music announces its opening in its studio, over Young's Confectionery Store, Adams Avenue. Mr. Price is a pupil of Madam Bope, New York, and also of Miss Florence Jepperson of Boston. He is conductor of the Y. M. C. A. male chorus and also of the L. D. S. Tabernacle choir.

Loggers Consider Prohibition.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 17.—(Special)—What about prohibition? Has it helped you as an employer? Has it helped your men? These, with other questions of human betterment, will be the chief topics discussed on the program of the Fifth Loggers' Welfare dinner, to be held Thursday, 6:15 p. m., October 26th, at the Pacific Logging Congress, Portland, Ore., Oct. 26-28.

Human betterment in the lumber camps and mills of the northwest will be the general theme of the dinner. Other subjects discussed will be reports from employers who have provided Employees' clubs, Modern Camp Buildings or Industrial Y. M. C. A. buildings for the use of their employees and families. Several secretaries in charge of Y. M. C. A. branches in the camps will be present and tell of the progress of their work.

A. W. Laird, vice president of the Logging congress, will be chairman. J. D. Young of the L. Man-Poulsen Logging Co., will open the discussion on prohibition and J. S. O'Gorman of the Columbia Loggers' association, will act as official timekeeper and see that the speeches do not exceed 10 minutes each.

A committee, with representatives from the five northwest states and British Columbia, has been appointed and a large attendance is expected.

Congregational Meeting Called.

There will be a meeting of the congregation of the Lutheran church at the church on M avenue Wednesday evening of this week at 7:30. Rev. Theo. Schoenberg, field missionary, will be present and it is to be an important session generally. All members are urged to be present.

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