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STRUGGLE AND STRIFE.

With the organization of an association of employers with millions of dollars of capital with the announced purpose of carefully scrutinizing all industrial legislation...

Somehow or other we wish we could avoid these crests of feverish speculation and these sloughs of ague-like depression...

We wish the ranks of labor well, and we hope that an era of better and protracted disputes between capital and labor will not come.

PRAISeworthy ECONOMY

Governor Withycombe was given a \$7000 appropriation for special agents. This was in the nature of a secret service fund.

ANOTHER YEAR OF WAR.

All of the observers of the European war agree that the war will last another year. Strange as it may seem the war has brought the semblance of prosperity to Italy, England and France.

"Life's Seven Ages"

Through all life's seven ages there is the need of a Bank Account, but not through life's seven ages will there be the chance to save, there is today.

There never was a better time to save than today, and every dollar you place in this bank is fully protected; always accessible, and acts as an ever-present inspiration to save more

COME IN TODAY

Deposits \$1,040,000.00; Assets \$1,365,000.00

La Grande National Bank

EARLY CHRISTMAS MAILING.

Early Christmas mailing is urged as well as early Christmas shopping. Three to four days or a week longer than the time ordinarily given for a letter or package to reach its destination ought to be allowed.

NEW MONEY

New money coming into a community quickens business activity. The shipbuilding industry is bringing a flood of millions into Portland and eventually this money will percolate into every nook and cranny of the state.

Just one week more until Thanksgiving.

LECTURES FOR YOUNGSTERS

Sunday Afternoon Addresses by Six Prominent Men Arranged

All parents are urged to send their boys between the ages of 12 to 15 years to the Y. M. C. A. building Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock sharp.

NEW EMPEROR IS CHARLES VIII London, Nov. 23.—(United Press)—The Austrian emperor takes the name of Charles VIII. He has issued a proclamation retaining all of Franz Josef's ministers, and promising to continue the war until the allies are defeated.

THE PRISON SENTENCE GIVEN

Bad Check Artists in Portland Include Woman and West Point Graduate.

Portland, Nov. 23.—(United Press)—Elsie Vedder, aged 23, and W. P. Williams, a West Point graduate, were sentenced to one to five years today for passing bad checks.

Bazaar at Island City.

The Ladies' Aid society of Island City will hold a bazaar and cafeteria supper beginning at 6 o'clock Friday evening, Nov. 24.—Adv. 11-23-11.

Card of Condolence.

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father, in His divine wisdom and mercy, has called home our esteemed neighbor and friend, D. M. Clark; be it

Resolved, That the members of La Grande Camp No. 169 extend to his bereaved family its sincere sympathy and express the sorrow which is felt individually by the officers and members of this Camp that in the death of our Neighbor we lose a most valued friend and worker, one whose friendship and work will be missed. We each feel and know that we have lost



Notable Suit Reductions

Your choice of a wonderful variety, the season's newest models, both novelty and tailored in all sizes and colors at a reduction of 33 1-3 per cent.

- All \$12.50 Suits Sale Price \$ 8.35; All \$15.00 Suits Sale Price \$10.00; All \$20.00 Suits Sale Price \$13.35; All \$25.00 Suits Sale Price \$16.65; All \$30.00 Suits Sale Price \$20.00; All \$40.00 Suits Sale Price \$26.65; All \$50.00 Suits Sale Price \$33.35

NEW WAISTS JUST RECEIVED. CREPE DE CHENE AND SILK, PLAIN AND HAND EMBROIDERED—WHITE, FLESH, MAIZE AND NAVY. SPECIAL VALUES \$3.75 to \$10.00

N.M. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

Remarkable Coat Values

Every ladies coat is guaranteed perfect in workmanship—Every fabric is the best to be had and the selection unequalled.



Dresses For Every Occasion

For street and calling—for evening wear and dancing. At \$12.50 to \$50.00

a warm, personal friend. "They never quite leave us; our friends who have passed, through the shadows of death to the sunlight above.

A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast To the places they blessed with their presence and love."

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records and that a copy be sent to the sorrowing family; also that a copy appear in the La Grande Observer.

E. W. EASTMAN, OLIVER M'DOWELL, JOHN SCOTT, Committee.

CHAUNCEY DEPEW'S PHILOSOPHY.

Chauncey Depew has announced the following philosophy:

David's ninetieth Psalm (the one mentioning three-score years and ten as man's allotted span) has killed more people than this war, ten times over. They believed they had to die—and died.

Just because David said "Seventy" needn't prevent you from going on to eighty, ninety or one hundred.

Don't retire at sixty or seventy. Keep on going. Have interest in life. If not sport—then public service.

Have an eye for a pretty girl—and tell your wife all about her.

You needn't be a mollycoddle or an insipid Pollyanna when you're seventy or older. Enjoy yourself. But do your little charities as you go along and you'll be glad to have lived this glorious life."

Mr. Depew ought to know. He has lived long and we hope wisely. Perhaps some day Mrs. Depew will announce her philosophy.

Britannic's Victims Few.

London, Nov. 23.—(United Press)—The admiralty has asserted the Britannic carried no wounded when she sank. The regular crew and the hospital staff were the only ones aboard. Survivors have landed at several Greek ports.

Official surprise is expressed at the small number of casualties. The number of dead remained fifty. Athens reports indicated the Britannic was torpedoed. Over a thousand were saved.

Call for City Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that all warrants issued on the General Fund of the City of La Grande, Oregon, and endorsed March 31st, 1915, or prior thereto, are now called for payment and all interest on said warrants ceases from this date, November 23rd, 1916.

JOHN COLLIER, City Treasurer. Adv. 11-23-21.

Notice to Knights.

All Knights of Pythias and visiting Knights and their wives and lady friends are invited to be at the lodge

room Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Music, dancing, cards, refreshments. SOCIAL COMMITTEE. Adv. 11-23-31.

TAX LIMIT NOT SOLUTION.

State Treasurer Kay Says Measure Will Prove Embarrassing.

Salem, Or., Nov. 17.—(To the Editor)—Inasmuch as there has been considerable discussion pertaining to the 6 per cent tax limitation bill, which was lately passed, I desire to make known my position on this measure.

I opposed this bill before the election, on the ground that it did not apply as was intended by its makers, and under its provisions the state could not raise within \$583,000 of as much next year as was intended it should raise by the makers of the bill.

The object of the bill was to prevent the state or any tax levying district in the state from spending more money one year than it had spent the preceding year, plus 6 per cent, but the bill was made to read that neither the state nor any tax levying district in the state can raise more money one year than it raised the preceding year, plus 6 per cent, which is quite a different proposition.

Note the difference between the word "raised" and the word "expended." For instance, the state of Oregon required to pay the running expenses of its departments and institutions for the year 1916, \$3,100,000, in addition to money raised from indirect sources. The state carried over an unexpended balance from 1915 of \$550,000, and after deducting this amount from the amount required, namely, \$3,100,000, it raised but \$2,550,000 for 1916, although it spent \$3,100,000. Now, under the provisions of this constitutional amendment, the state can raise but 6 per cent more than \$2,500,000 next year, or \$2,703,000, which is \$400,000 less than the amount expended in 1916.

Robert Smith, secretary of the Taxpayers' league, which body drafted this bill, admitted in a discussion with me before the Chamber of Commerce in Portland, on Monday, October 29, the committee did not know, when drafting this measure, that the state had carried over a balance of \$550,000 into this year's budget.

Therefore, they thought they were placing the state on an equality with other municipalities by permitting it to raise for 1917 as much as it spent in 1916 and 6 per cent more, which would be \$3,100,000 plus 6 per cent, or \$3,286,000, which is \$583,000 more than it actually can raise under the provisions of the bill. As proof of this, Mr. Smith, secretary of the Taxpayers' league, said in his argument in the voters' pamphlet, referring to the bill: "It means that Oregon can continue to spend all the money she is now expending and can increase it 6 per cent; but if our public officials wish to increase it at a faster rate they must get the authority of the voters."

Now, as a matter of fact, this measure does not mean anything of the kind, but in the way it applies, it means that the state can raise \$2,500,000 plus 6 per cent, or \$2,703,000,

which is \$400,000 less than it is now spending and that it cannot raise within \$583,000 of what Mr. Smith and others thought it could raise and intended it should raise when drafting the bill.

Therefore, instead of permitting the state to spend as much as it has spent heretofore, and 6 per cent more, the bill, on account of being improperly drawn, through lack of knowledge on the part of the committee drafting same, prohibits the state from spending within 17 per cent of what it spent last year, and, of course, will seriously embarrass the state or other municipalities which may be caught in the same condition.

Since the voters of the state have expressed their desire to have the expenditures limited to an increase of

6 per cent, I shall seriously oppose any act that, by subterfuge or otherwise, will thwart the will of the people expressed by their ballots at the recent election.

THOMAS B. KAY.

Reply to Mr. Garrick.

La Grande, Nov. 23.—(To the Editor)—If Mr. Garrick will refer to my previous letter, he will see that the question discussed was "Whether the names Elohim and Jehovah-Elohim in the creation accounts as given in the Book of Genesis, referred to one and the same Being?" The identification of Jesus of the New with Jehovah of the Old Testament was not necessarily involved.

UPTON H. GIBBS.

Return of The National Stock Company Monday, November 27 In MRS. E. O. E. N. SOUTHWORTH'S Beautiful Story "ISHMAEL" A Great Four-Cornered Political Scene Lower Floor 50c - Balcony 25c ---Tickets on Sale at Young's---

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