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LET'S HAVE SOME GOOD ROADS BEFORE WE DIE.

The state highway commission has adopted a wise policy at the outset of its administration:

First—To advertise for bids on public paving and to let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Second—If the bids received are too high and show evidence of collusion, to install a paving plant of its own and to do its own work.

The Observer has confidence that the Governor has appointed an able highway commission. The success of the system depends upon honesty and ability of the management.

We can all agree on the value of good roads. But we do not like to pay for them. The main advantage of the proposed state highway system, upon which the people will vote in June is that it will not add anything to the burdens of direct taxation.

It is good news that Union County was given by Mr. Thompson, Highway Commissioner, that we are to be on the main line of the state highway system.

Arguments will be made against the issuance of bonds by the state. They were made against the issuance of bonds in order to institute a state rural credits system.

Farmer, but No Farm!

Did you ever hear tell of a farmer without a farm?

Did you ever hear tell of a successful business man without a bank account? Success is just as likely to come to you without a bank account as it is to a farmer without a farm.

This bank meets your needs—fits your case, and is a bank of personal service. The same hearty service here for the man who opens a small account, as the man who opens one with more,

La Grande National Bank

Our Hundred Per Cent Truth



When this store started in business twenty-two years ago it was on a basis of entire truthfulness in advertising and in statements made to customers in the store.

We find that we make more customers and more profits by buying carefully and selling at a moderate profit than by buying carelessly and misrepresenting the values we offer.

This is the explanation of the real garment superiority which you have observed at such moderate prices here.

Our Suits at \$17.50 to \$60.00 and Our Coats at \$15.00 to \$50.00 Are a Sermon on Real Economy



bile owners are willing to build \$7,800,000 of good roads for the benefit of the state without adding one cent directly to the burdens of the taxpayer.

Multnomah County which would be entitled to 40 per cent of the funds will not get one nickel of the road money. Sixty per cent of the Federal Government's contribution to building post roads, must be spent in Eastern Oregon, so we are sure to get a great part of the benefit.

With an able and efficient highway commission, a sound financial system, with Multnomah giving up its rights to a large share of the funds, with Eastern Oregon's rights fully protected, with no increase in the burdens of direct taxation, the people of Eastern Oregon should unhesitatingly vote in favor of good roads in June.

BUILD THE VIADUCT AT ONCE.

One of the main reasons the Second street viaduct should be expedited by the City Commission is to get that public improvement finished before the next fall school term. School children are daily crossing the track. School congestion makes it necessary at times to shift students from one school to another.

The best news that has come over the wire for some time is that the railroad strike is averted.

The success of the automobile show illustrates the advantage of pulling together.

The Cattle and Horse Raisers' Convention is just one month away. La Grande will be ready on April 24 and 25 with a hearty welcome.

The Czar has abdicated. Sooner or later a revolution will establish democracy in Germany. The people will not always stand to serve meekly and patiently military autocracies who murder and slay their peoples with impunity.

North Powder News

North Powder, Ore., March 17.—(Special)—The weather for the past few days has grown warmer and most people think that spring is near. We hope they are right as this weather is growing monotonous, especially when the hay stack and woodpile are growing smaller all the while.

daughter went to Portland last week to spend a few days. James Dalton and wife returned from Portland recently where they had spent the winter. They had planned to make their future home on the coast but could not find a place that suited them as well as this part of Oregon.

Thursday to Baker between trains.

A surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wiltshire a few days ago. A large number was present and the evening was spent in playing cards and other amusements.

Professor Allen, of the extension service, O. A. C., spent a short time in town recently. He visited the high school and made a short talk. He will be here again on March 18.

Mrs. Walter Jones entertained a number of friends at her home recently. Five hundred as well as other amusements were enjoyed until a late hour. Refreshments were served and all present had a fine time.

Fred Ames has been hauling hay out to his ranch at Telocaset for some time and says if this weather continues he will have to keep on hauling. Mr. Ames has a large number of horses and it takes lots of hay for them this kind of weather.

Mrs. Ethel Hughey spent part of last week with her parents in Union.

A number of the ranchers around North Powder are eking out their supply of hay by mixing in straw and say that the stock is doing well on the mixture.

North Powder, Ore., March 17.—The News says:

That within the next few days a charter for a camp of Spanish War Veterans will be applied for is the announcement of A. E. Kirkendall, who with Dr. H. Horton and other local veterans of the war with Spain, have been working up the plan. Only ten are required for a charter and 20 have already signed, so the initial move may be made at any time.

All who served in the army, navy, marines, hospital corps or other branch of the service during 1898 to July, 1902, are eligible and Mr. Kirkendall would like to hear from all such in Eastern Oregon who are interested in becoming members of such a post. The Portland organization has 800 men and there is none in Eastern Oregon. The principal object of the camp here, as elsewhere, would be to cooperate with the G. A. R. in the promotion of certain proposed and pending legislation for the welfare of the widows and children of the Spanish War veterans.

Rennie Bros, prominent sheep men, have closed a deal with the Northern Pacific railroad and the Jesse Thomas interest of Tacoma, whereby they leased about 14,000 acres of range lying west and northwest of Hanford, Wash. Other lands near Hanford belonging to the same interests have been leased by F. Wener.

Enterprise Notes

Enterprise, Ore., March 17.—The Record-Chief says:

Saturday, April 14, is the date decided on for the horse show to be given in Enterprise this spring. A meeting of the men interested was held at the court house on Saturday, and the Wallowa County Horse Breeders' association formed to conduct the show and advance the interests of horse raisers and fanciers generally.

The sentiment of the meeting was that the show should be held at the fair grounds if possible. Free feed and straw will be given to all exhibitors, and there will be no admission charged to the grounds. Business men of town and interested farmers have subscribed enough money to pay expenses. Something of a program will be given, and outside speakers will be here to give valuable talks on horses.

Officers were elected by the association as follows: President, A. Hunter of Wallowa; secretary and treasurer, Dr.

E. R. Flack of Enterprise; committee to solicit exhibits, John M. Fruits, John O'Malley, Jack Johnson, Grant Johnson, Hector McDonald, Harry Wade, W. C. Eads, L. J. Willett, Gus Carlson, John Thompson, H. Bes; Arrangements will be in charge of Dr. Flack, Edwin Bloom and another committee member not named. Sheriff F. D. Rinehart was the choice of the meeting, but he said he was so busy he could give the work no time.

The show starts modestly, and with no suggestion of commercialism about it. It will bring together a large number of men interested in horses, and will show something of what the county affords in this line. It is believed also, that this exhibit will stimulate rivalry between the horsemen and help this department at the fair next fall.

Clean Up Chinatown.

(Union Republican.)

The general public is wondering about how long the city of La Grande is going to allow the continuance of the tong fights in that city, without ridding the place of every Chinaman in the town if necessary to put a stop to the dangerous war that crops out about every so often. A person going to La Grande does not know when he may bump into some crazy Chinaman with an automatic, running amuck down the main streets of that town. If La Grande should decide upon a general cleaning of the Chinese quarter, people who are in the habit of visiting that town will applaud the move.

AT THE HOTELS

Foley.

W. R. Lawrence, Dell B. Scully, M. H. Nichols, L. L. Breede, Herman Lowe, P. A. Robbins, Portland; Fay Smith, G. A. Boner, Joseph; W. N. Cranshaw, Spokane; S. L. Smith, Los Angeles, Geo. D. Haskett, Kansas City; Jay Conley, Cove; Elise G. Holmes, Glenn Wagner, Enterprise; M. S. Marcus, Chicago; L. D. Byrne, St. Louis; Florence Baker, John Carlton, J. R. Wagner, Ralph Warder, L. Burnett, Pete Rourke, City; Max Goldsmith, San Francisco; Mrs. Keenan, Wallowa; William Miles, Evans; H. L. Stringer, Salt Lake; J. P. Justice, Pendleton; Sam J. Ford, Seattle; Bill Jones, Floyd Maxwell, M. L. Bideler, Union.

Savoy.

Mrs. M. Fiske, Innaha; D. Murray, A. Clark, B. E. Slack, Bertha Hamilton, Pearl Rutter, J. A. Wardell and wife, G. V. Parry and family, M. E. Gordon, City; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Renfro, A. F. Linn, Enterprise; Mrs. John Couch, Wallowa; A. B. Anderson, Weiser; C. S. Aitken, City; Gale Gibbons, North Powder; J. H. Keown, Imbler; J. M. Staley, Chicago.

Sommer.

H. P. Schweitzer, H. S. Bostick, P. A. Robbins, Herman Lowe, Ben Ertelson, Mrs. F. G. Horton, F. A. Heiser, W. A. Vincent, Chas. E. Smith, Portland; Chas. Weis, F. H. Tatman, F. Holloway, Dr. R. F. Murphy and wife, City; Caro W. Jacobs, San Francisco; P. A. Robbins, Herman Lowe, Portland; E. T. Kruger, Kansas City; H. J. Pemberton, City; A. M. Gorsline, Akron, O.; C. E. Mays, A. C. Parsons, Howard Hazelwood, Myra Tucker, Millie Hill, Gladys Hill Elgin; E. Friend, Seattle; Chas. H. Davis, Pittsburg, Pa.

Unit with Presbyterian Church. At the evening service yesterday, three young people united with the Presbyterian church.