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When you need drugstore goods of any kind and we will promptly deliver what you order.

If you have a prescription that you want put up we will send for it and deliver the medicine, thereby saving you many steps.

Red Cross Drug Store

Coming Events

- June 3, 2 p. m.—Company M Field maneuvers at Elgin.
June 4—Special Election to Vote on State Road Bond Issue of \$6,000,000.
June 5—Registration day for U. S. Army.
June 8 and 9—Oregon State Bankers' Association at Marshfield.
June 8, 9, 10—Older Girls' Conference.
June 13, 14, 15—Livestock Show at Union, Oregon.
June 25 and 26—The Women of Woodcraft District convention.
June 27 to July 3 (inclusive)—Grand Ronde Chautauqua, La Grande.
July 7—National Education Association in Portland.
July 14-19—North Pacific Sangerfest, Portland.
July 18, 14, 15—State Editorial Association at Pendleton.
July 21-22—"Speed 'em Up" motorcycle and auto races at La Grande.

AMUSEMENTS

- Arcade Theatre—Motion pictures.
Colonial Theatre—Motion pictures and vaudeville.
Sherry's Theatre—Motion pictures.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

- Collection of News Paragraphs and Advertisements.
Fine incidental music for "20,000"
ENGRAVING for Weddings
Announcements
Social and Business Cards
At Home Cards
Steel Die Embossed Stationery
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The Observer Office

Muffins and Bread

Muffins made out of Blydensteins Dietary Flour are fine. Try a Package or sack today.

Receipt for Muffins
3 Cups of Dietary Flour.
1 Egg.
2 Tablespoonfuls of Butter.
2 Tablespoonfuls of Molasses.
1 1-2 Cups of Milk.
Let stand 5 or 10 minutes and bake in medium oven.

Recommended by Physicians for Constipation, Indigestion, etc. A Flour containing all of the most nutritious and medical elements of the wheat.

The City Grocery & Bakery
The Home of Fancy Groceries
PHONE MAIN 75

Leagues Under the Sea.—Arcade.—Adv. 5-19-21.

Money to Loan. On improved city property on easy monthly payments. Apply J. R. Oliver.—Adv. 4-7 lm.

Hemstitching. 10c a yard. For further information call Mrs. O. L. Wall, Red 1901; or 1904 Adams.—Adv. 5-21-6tp

Moved to our new location opposite Sommer hotel.—La Grande Seed & Floral Co.—

It is time for graduation presents now. We have beautiful and appropriate gifts such as cards, books, stationery, fountain pens, etc.—Newlin Book & Stationery Co.—Adv. 5-19-1f.

Money to Loan. On improved real property in Union county, no delays, current rates. La Grande Investment Co.—Adv.

Read R. E. Close's offer in the classified ad.—Adv. 5-14-7tp.

The Observer On Sale. When in Portland you will find The Observer on sale at the Oregon Hotel news stand and Imperial Hotel.

Surveying. Surveying and general engineering at reasonable rate. R. R. NEAL, Office of City Engineer in City Hall.—Adv. Mon.—Sat.

We pay better prices for used furniture. Phone B 1241. Cor. Fir and Jefferson. E. J. Donohue. 12-20-1f.

Special attention given to remodeling.—The Walling Millinery.—Adv. 5-14-2t.

Dance at Zuber Hall every Wednesday and Saturday nights. 5-18-1f.

We pay highest prices for hide and sheep pelts. Peoples' Meat Market, 1119 1-2 Adams Ave.—Adv. 12-5-1f.

Singer Sewing Machine. New and second-hand machines sold on easy terms. No interest. Repair work a specialty on all machines.—Chas. M. Shapland, agent, New Foley Bldg. Phone Black 1051.—Adv. 1-17-1f

6 1-2 Per Cent Money. \$30,000 for long term at 6 1-2 per cent interest for loans on Grande Ronde Valley farms. See W. B. Sargent at La Grande Investment Company at once. 2-2-1f

Water Glass. When you think of water glass, think of the La Grande Pharmacy.—25c pint; 40c quart.—Adv. 5-5-1f.

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Tennis and baseball goods at Newlin Book and Stationery Co.—Adv. 5-19-1f.

Sermon Postponed. Rev. H. L. Ford's sermon on "If Christ Came to La Grande" that was to be given last Sunday evening was postponed on account of an unexpected visit of Mr. C. F. Swander, the "corresponding secretary of the State Board," who happened to drop into church in time to take part in the service. Mr. Swander preached a most excellent sermon on "The Church of Christ." The choir sang special songs and Mrs. H. L. Ford

and Mr. W. T. Coates sang a duet which called forth many compliments from the large audience. Mr. Ford will deliver his advertised sermon next Lord's day evening.

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Special music, "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea."—Arcade.—Adv. 5-19-21

Misses Jones and Rabone. Ladies' Ready to Wear. We are now showing all the new goods in Suits, Coats, Skirts and Waists. We make suits, coats and skirts to order. Remodeling done. 3-12-1f

On an after May 18 the price of chain wood will advance to \$3.00 a load, delivered in town and \$2.00 at mill.—The Geo. Palmer Lbr. Co.—Adv. 5-18-6t.

Watch for two Maxwells with Red Gas Cans, Wednesday, May 23. They will make history here for low auto upkeep.—Leighton's Garage, John E. Anderson, Distributor.—Adv. 5-21-1t.

If you have an Eastman or an Anco camera we can furnish you every supply. Eastman Autographic Films, Anco Speedex Films, Packs, Plates, Azo, Velox, and Cyko Papers and Cards. Expert finishing our specialty.—Silverthorn's Family Drug Store.—Adv. 5-16-1f.

Hemstitching. 10c a yard. For further information call Mrs. O. L. Wall, Red 1901; or 1904 Adams.—Adv. 5-21-6tp.

Elks Plan Flag Day Program. The Elks' lodge of this city has committees at work preparing the program for Flag Day which will be made a big event. All the fraternities of the city have been invited to take part and are co-operating. Details of the program which will consist of a parade, etc., will appear next week.

Second Hand Furniture. We pay best prices for second hand furniture. DYAL'S FURNITURE CO., 404 Fir St., Phone Black 3351.—Adv. 12-4-1f.

Hemstitching, 10 cents per yard. First-class work. Elite Hemstitching Shop, Sommer Bldg., Baker, Ore.—Adv. 5-18-1f.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership of Johnson & Riesland, doing business at 1515 Adams avenue, La Grande, Oregon, is dissolved of this date. All outstanding accounts due to said firm, are payable to E. G. Riesland, and all bills against said firm, will be paid by E. G. Riesland. E. G. Riesland will continue said business at the same address, under the name of Auto Electric Service Co.

E. T. JOHNSON, E. G. RIESLAND. —Adv. 5-19-10t.

Joseph News Items

AUTO LICENSE BILL HAS BEEN PASSED AND EXTRA MONEY WILL REVERT TO ROADS, IF ROAD BILL PASSES.

BY ARTHUR S. RUDD. Joseph, May 19.—(Special)—At a meeting which was held on Tuesday afternoon in the lobby of the Hotel Jennings the \$6,000,000 Road Bill was discussed. Several outside men spoke to a large body of business men in favor of this measure which will be voted upon in the June 4th election. The first speaker was W. L. Thompson, a member of the State Highway commission and a banker of Pendleton. Mr. Thompson explained the benefits to be derived by auto owners should this bill be passed. He said, in part, that this measure was one of the most intelligent and constructive of any ever placed before the voters of Oregon. He also urged us to keep firmly in our minds that the Motor Vehicle law, which was passed at the last legislature, should not in any way be confused with the \$6,000,000 Bond bill, as the other is already a law and must be complied with whether this is passed or not. He explained that this bill would double the cost of auto licenses but that all license money would be spent in hard surfacing the roads, whereas the money might go for other purposes if this bill failed. Mr. Thompson then explained the introduction of this bill; why many members of the house favored it; the revision of the work as originally mapped out by the State commission, and the Bean Barrett law. He then assured the people present that Wallowa county would receive her share of the appropriation, should the bill carry, and further convinced them of protection by referring them to the 60 per cent clause which provides that 60 per cent of the post road money shall be spent in Eastern Oregon. In the conclusion of his speech Mr. Thompson said that he visited Wallowa county two years ago and that he noted much improvement of things in general about the county. He was heartily applauded.

The next speaker was Benjamin S. Worsley, of Astoria, a soil expert and horticulturist. His talk dwelt mainly upon the benefits to be derived from this bill by the farmers. Then Mr. Daniel Boyd introduced

THE FORUM

Mr. Eastman Has the Floor. Mr. Eastman Continues His Remarks. (Continued from a previous issue.) La Grande, May 12.—(To the Editor)—Take for instance the grocery, department store and hardware stores. If the city of La Grande owned one huge store, made fire-proof, bought her goods from the government which manufactured everything, what a saving it would be to the people. Some day the government (the people) will own everything, its own factories, its own railroads, telephones, telegraphs, wireless, coal mines, etc. Now take this city as I was going to say what a saving could be made if we only had one huge store carrying everything, one set of clerks, one set of delivery wagons and all stored in one big building, and no profit except a bit to meet emergencies. You say I am a fool and that that would knock people out of employment. Yes it would, but the government would have other jobs then. They could build more factories, better roads, electric lines, great gardens, parks and public buildings. Then someone says: "Yes I suppose the lawyers would be the only ones in private business." No, no, the government should own them also, that is to say they should work for the government. When two men got in a lawsuit over the ownership of a cow or an electric stove the government would put a lawyer on each side and they would come into court with the case and it would be tried before the jury. The government would have a corps of medical men to prevent diseases mostly and to advise the people and help them. They would be paid by the government.

Some fool has said "Competition is the life of trade." Competition is the death of freedom and it is only the fittest who can survive, not fit in character but in beastly cunning and miserly grafting. To say that John D. can accumulate 700 millions honestly is an insult to human intelligence. The government should confiscate his grease business, hire his same men and run it themselves.

But some people say: "But how can we get a municipal light plant for instance for La Grande?" The simplest thing in the world. When the petitions are presented this summer let every mother's son and daughter sign up and boost. Then the petitions will be filed, an election called to bond the city for \$100,000, the bonds to be paid for out of the profits of the light business, the city to guarantee that it will be done. Then when that election comes vote for bonds. Then the city authorities will sell the bonds, employ engineers, put in a new and bigger pipe line, install the machinery and a little later turn on the lights thus saving the city street department alone over \$7000 per year. This alone will pay for all the men necessary to run the plant and then have \$100 a month left to pay interest with.

Portland is about to vote on municipal light plant. Watch the election. She is also going to vote for a municipal grain elevator. The last will go through like lightning. Why? Because all the big bugs are in favor of it because it will help business there and the little bugs, well it doesn't make much difference to them anyway so they will vote for it. But the light plant! All the big bugs will be against it; some of the little bugs will not have sense enough to vote for it; some will be bought off and some are indifferent and will not go to the polls so probably the election will be close. But if a municipal light plant does go in and operates for a year or two, good-bye big fellow and the Portland Railway and Light company.

How any sensible person can be against municipally owned lights when the whole history of such service has been cheaper lights for the consumer, I cannot fathom. And as for the government ownership of railroads I challenge in public debate right here any person against government ownership of the railroads. E. W. EASTMAN.

High Praise for the Cook.

In another suburban family, Molly a keen-minded little girl of six, had watched with great interest her mother's struggle to keep on hand the single servant that the household demanded. A new baby brother arrived simultaneously with the departure of the latest experimental cook. The mother's sister was summoned in haste to manage the household temporarily. Molly had hitherto been escorted to kindergarten by her mother. This morning for the first time she went alone. "Why, Molly," said her teacher, "you're all alone this morning! Where is your Mamma?" "Mamma's gone to the hospital to get a baby," she announced solemnly. "And Aunt's gone downtown to get a cook. And we think the cook's most important."

Sugar beets are grown in large quantities for sugar making, but their value as a source of the family sirup supply has been overlooked. Sugar beets suitable for sirup making may be grown wherever soil of reasonable fertility is available.

Thee Schelur who gave a short talk, telling of road conditions near Joseph.

A Dream That Came True

The story of the birth of a sound idea and how it has revolutionized business methods in the Waist industry. Three years ago the Wirthmor plan was born. By some it was counted only as one of the many day dreams of an over-enthusiastic manufacturer, it was even ridiculed by some and by others with more foresightedness it was heartily approved.

The Dream

This manufacturer, appreciating the extravagant waste of manufacturing distribution—expense of traveling men, introduction of new models, unsold garments, etc, made this proposal: That he would send us weekly or monthly a certain number of new blouses, at least four distinct styles, that these styles would be the origination or adaptation of highly-paid designers, that they would be made from suitable materials and faultless in needlework. His saving in cost of selling enabled him to guarantee his output to equal or surpass any waists possible to be secured anywhere at similar cost.

Two qualities only were to be manufactured— "Wirthmor" Waists at \$1.00 "Welworth" Waists at \$2.00

THERE IS BUT ONE WIRTHMOR STORE IN EACH CITY— IN LA GRANDE YOU WILL FIND THEM ONLY AT

THE GOLDEN RULE CO. Quality the same—Prices less. La Grande's R. C. U. Store

United States Battleship Vermont

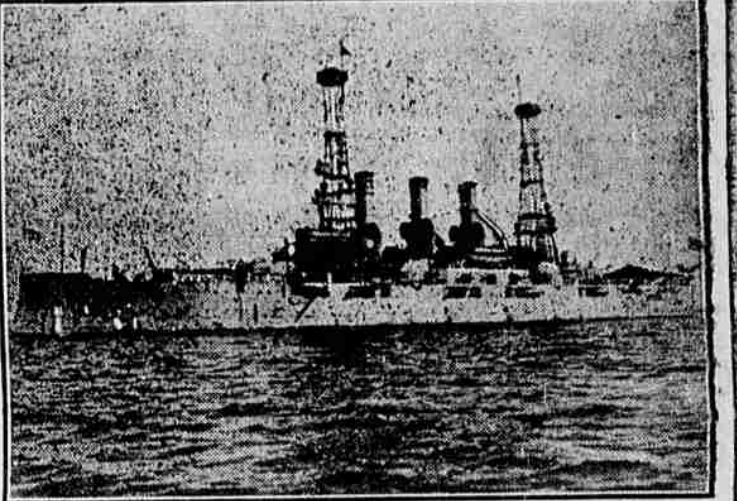


Photo by American Press Association. The Vermont, one of the older battleships, is a 16,000 ton warship, 456.3 feet long. Her principal ordnance is four twelve-inch guns, and vessel and guns are served by 850 officers and men.

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Good Roads For Oregon

By E. J. ADAMS, State Highway Commissioner

"Eleventh Hour Bill"

(g) Our friends tell us this measure was "put through the Legislature at the eleventh hour." That is true! But it is not and will not become the law until after the fourth of June and I submit to you that even though this bill were introduced during the closing days of the session, it was re-written three times and after that materially amended in the House and later in the Senate before it even passed in its present form.

In addition to that, all that voters and people of this State have practically three months in which to consider carefully every one of its provisions.

(h) They tell us the "statement made that the auto license fees will pay the principal and interest of these bonds is a fallacy." In reply to this, I simply ask you to use your own pencil and make the computation I have made upon which I have based the statement that these license fees are ample and more than enough to pay the principal and interest of not only the \$6,000,000 in bonds, but both issues of bonds, aggregating \$7,800,000.

This is a matter that can be demonstrated to a certainty by any school boy. Therefore, such an idle statement as they have made with reference to this does not need further refutation.

Sinking Fund.

(i) They tell us "what about the sinking fund?" In reply to that, I call your attention to the following: These bonds are not the old fashioned bonds that all run for a definite period of time and must be all paid at the end of that time, under which a sinking fund to meet that condition

was necessary. Instead of providing a sinking fund, we redeem the bonds as we get the money to do it with. We pay the bonds off as we receive the money. This is a much better system than the old-fashioned one that we used so long.

(j) They ask us "what will happen should some succeeding Legislature repeal this fee law?" If we issue bonds on the strength of the auto license fees to pay them off, let me ask, then, what would become of the legislator that dared vote to repeal the law imposing those fees? But if we undertake to collect these fees from the auto owners and then refuse to give them roads to use, upon which he can make a saving, there would be just reason for expecting the automobile owners under that condition to demand either a reduction of these fees or a repeal of the law.

If the bonds are issued, however, and the roads are built, there is absolutely no danger of it.

"Would Mean \$50,000,000"

(k) They tell us "this is a \$50,000,000 program;" that it will cost \$50,000,000 to build these roads outlined and, therefore, we should vote down the \$6,000,000 bonds and not undertake to build the roads at all. Is that the kind of courage the second generation of Oregon has wrapped up in their hides? Because the task looks large, they refuse to undertake it at all.

When will we see the finish of our roads if we never pluck up courage enough to start them. There must be a beginning before the end. Ever so, the statement they make as to the cost of building these roads is erroneous, as a very casual glance at their figures will show.