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LA GRANDE A MODEL CITY

Someone has aptly said "If our forefathers were as good as our hindsight we would be better off by a long way." This is as true of the community as of the individual. If the founders of "new" La Grande had foreseen that entrance of the railroad into the city "across lots" or in a diagonal way would mean that the people who traversed its streets would be obliged to waste many steps and many hours of time in going around the long points on some of the blocks of the city they would undoubtedly have had the railroad pass through the city directly east and west or north and south.

They would have laid out the "new town" along lines parallel with the plan of the "old town." So also if we could pick up our present public buildings and place them where we would like best, we would likely arrange them something like this: Taking our post-office as the basis of a civic center, we would place county and city buildings on the Grandy corner, the electric light office on the corner just to the south and the library building on the grounds north of the postoffice. Then when we came "down town" to transact our business we would find all public offices within easy reach. Instead of having to spend a half hour or an hour to reach them all we could make the rounds in a few minutes and still be in the vicinity of the business district. Such an arrangement is hardly possible now, of course, and yet it is reasonable to expect that within the next few years there will be some changes to be made and some buildings to erect whose location or "dislocation" will mean as much for the convenience or inconvenience of our citizens as the location of the former buildings have meant. Why not anticipate and do some thinking ahead? Why not do some planning, some "city planning," if you please, as the more pretentious towns are doing. The time has passed when the city can be allowed to just "grow" as Topsy did. It must be built and to accomplish this the co-operation of all is needed. There are so many phases to city building that no one organization can handle them all. The municipal officers in a general way look after the city's welfare, making laws for the government of its citizens, protecting life and property, regulating health and sanitary conditions and otherwise providing for the comfort of the people; the Commercial club, commercial interests and promotion; the Neighborhood club the schools and the library, literary, education and charitable requirements, but no organization that comprehends the whole. No gatherings where we can "speak right out in meetin'" and discuss every subject that pertains to the public welfare. We need such an organization. If La Grande is to be a progressive and ideal city we must be on the alert to use every advantage. We have seen how failure to plan ahead sufficiently has handicapped us in the matter of civic interests. There are other features of civic betterment that should have our earnest consideration. La Grande needs some parks and play grounds. We have the beautiful Riverside park, of which we are justly proud. This is an ideal place for holding our annual chautauque and other outdoor gatherings. It is also a source of pleasure and recreation to those who are able to visit it during the summer months.

Much credit is due the ladies whose untiring efforts have made it possible. But there are many children and "grownups" who are unable to enjoy the benefits to any great extent on account of its distance from the city. Why not have some recreation grounds within the city? We have some fine large school grounds in different parts of the city that are idle during the summer months. It would require no very great stretch of imagination and no great amount of effort to transform these into ideal parks and play grounds. There are doubtless some among the teachers or other citizens who would be glad of an opportunity to receive a reasonable wage to take charge of these grounds during the vacation period and instruct the children in physical training and recreation. What a boon this would be to parents—and what a pleasure for the little folks. Then there is the wider use of the school buildings during this period and all the year for that matter for other purposes—social centers, sewing circles, Red Cross work, charities, parent-teachers' meetings, lectures, the athletic and a host of other good purposes. Instead of having these grounds and buildings idle a large part of the time why not make them useful all the time? Already La Grande is making great strides in a musical way with its community chorus, choral societies, orchestra and splendid band of nearly fifty pieces. Why not have some of the other good things? The Commercial club is devoting its energies to good roads and other public improvements; the city management is better streets and better water, and it will be our aim to do everything possible for the betterment of our city. Let us have the help and co-operation of all if we want the ideal. We need your assistance in keeping up

the parking, the lawns, the homes, gardening, cleaning up alleys, ashes, rubbish. In city planning, better housing. Just now there is much discussion of how best to prepare for the home-coming of our soldier boys; how best to honor them for their services in the cause of liberty. It is proposed to enlarge the scope and activities of the Commercial club to include most of these features. They can be accomplished only by organization and concerted action. If the Commercial club is the best organization through which to handle them, let everybody join the Commercial club in their efforts. At least, let us get busy and all do our part. I promise to do mine and suggest as our slogan, "La Grande a Model City."

JOHN COLLIER.

SAYS THE BOY WAS RIGHT

Editor Observer: I am greatly interested in an item I have just finished reading in this evening's paper, the title being "It's a Dirty Shame," from a boy in far away France and our country having been voted dry. The boy is right about advantage being taken during the fighting boys' absence, for when these boys return and want a glass of beer they are well entitled to it. The boy is right about our freedom being taken away from us. Not long ago a boy right here who had fought in France and was wounded returned here to his home and was arrested because he had taken a little drink and was happy and why shouldn't he, for if he was fortunate enough to return after all he had gone through, why isn't he entitled to a little bit of pleasure and if the man who arrested him had been half a man he would have sent the boy home instead of arresting him, for that same boy fought that we might live and not go through what the people across the water have suffered.

You may publish this note if you so desire, for I was really glad to read the piece in this evening's paper that someone would say our freedom is being taken away, and done while our boys were away.

Very sincerely,
MRS. L. L. GREEN.

NOT PARTIAL TO BULL FIGHTS

EL PASO, Texas, March 21.—American cowboys here recently attending a live stock convention expressed preference for boxing matches over bull fights. They went to a boxing program in Liberty hall one evening and a bull fight in the Juarez bullring across the border the following afternoon.

The boxing contests were between evenly matched young soldiers from the military district here, and the cowboys cheered the winners.

WARSHIP TO BE MINEPROOF

World's Biggest and Most Powerful Battle Cruiser Under Way.
LONDON, March 21.—Details of the world's biggest and most powerful warship, which is being built on the Clyde for the British navy, can now be told. The ship is the Hood, whose design speed, the representative of the London Daily News learns on official authority, will be 32 knots and which may be increased during her trials to 35 knots.

Details of this vessel hitherto have been secret. She is a battle cruiser and her length will be 900 feet, or only one foot less than the Aquitania, the largest British liner. The Hood is expected to be in commission within six months. She will be mine and torpedo proof, her hull being surrounded by a "blister," or outer cushion, and there will be steel armored walls inside the vessel as an additional safeguard.

George A. Jones of Bend has been elected president of the Central Oregon Woolgrowers' association.

WOLVES of the SEA

By RANDALL PARRISH

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Verne wheeled sharply about to go forward. This movement placed him face to face with me.

"What are you looking here for? Who are you?"

"Joe Gates, sir," I answered quickly, something the first name which came to my lips.

"Gates—Joe Gates?" peering savagely into my face but unable to distinguish the features. "I never heard of anybody on board by that name. Who is the fellow, Haines?"

The Englishman gripped me by the sleeve to whirl me about, but as his fingers touched the soaked cloth of my jacket he burst forth with an oath.

"He's wet enough to be the same lad you chucked overboard an hour ago. I believe he is. Say, mate, are you the gay lubber we hauled aboard drunk and dumped into the forecastle?"

"I dunno, sir," I answered dumbly, believing it best not to remember too much. "I couldn't even tell yer what the crew had disappeared, lying down no doubt in corners out of the wind. And this wind was certainly rising. I wondered that LeVere hung on so long in his perilous position, although, in spite of the increased strain, the anchor still clung firmly. It seemed to me that no hawser ever made could long withstand the terrific strain of our tugging, as the struggling bark rose and fell to the grip of the sea. To him must have come the same conviction, for suddenly his high-pitched voice rang out from the poop:

"Stand by, forward, to lower the starboard anchor; move lively, men. Every thing ready, Haines?"

"All clear, sir. Come on the jump, lubbers!"

"Then let go smartly. Watch that you don't get the line fouled. Aloft there! Anything in sight, Cavere?"

From high up on the fore-top yard, the answer, blown by the wind, came down in broken English:

"Non, m'sieur; I see nothing."

I joined the watch forward. The number of men on deck was evidence of a large crew, there being many more than were necessary for the work to be done. Most of them appeared to be able seamen, and Haines drove them mercilessly, cursing them for lubbers, and twice kicking viciously at a stooping form. Then the great rope began to slip swiftly through the hawse hole, and we heard the sharp splash as the iron flukes struck the water, and sank. Almost at that same instant the voice of Cavere rang out from the masthead:

"A sail, m'sieur—a sail!"

"Where away?"

"Off to port quarter. I make out to be so little boat—she just rounds the point."

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What Are You Looking Here For?

ship this is, nor how I signed on. Last I seem to remember I was ashore from the schooner Caroline; but this year is a bark."

Haines laughed, already convinced of my identity, and considering it a good joke. Then he proceeded to tell me all about it.

LeVere broke in with a savage snarl. "What's all that? Do you mean, Haines, that this is the same d—n scoundrel who tried to stick me?"

"No doubt of it. But he never knew what he was doing—he was crazy as a loon. There's nothing for yer fer fear over now. Tell us about it, Cavere—the bark must have sailed yer up."

I watched LeVere, but he remained motionless, a mere shadow.

"I suppose it must have been that, sir," I confessed respectfully. "If things happened as you say they did, I haven't any memory of 'er!"

LeVere snatched me by the collar and shook me. "You're a liar! You're a liar!"

"Once upon a time; just now we are flying whatever flag comes handy. We ain't got no prejudice in flags."

"Is that a gun forward, covered with muzzles?"

"Yes, an' yer might find another aft, if yer looked fer it. Mor'n that, we know how to use 'em. Now see here, Cavere, that's the reason why we should head about the bush—fact is we're sea robbers."

"Sea robbers—pirates, sir?"

"Balk! what's a name! We take

WATER ADJUDICATION FOR OREGON PROGRESSES UNDER LA GRANDE MAN AS SUIT

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year. These are things which show the possibilities of the system of water distribution under the present water law.

During the past eight years the water law has been amended in the courts by every conceivable method. When it was first enacted, numerous lawyers held the opinion that it was invalid and not enforceable. Various suits were brought, not only in the state courts, but in the United States courts, and the validity and soundness of the Oregon water law was established in the highest courts, including the supreme court of the United States. The decision of the supreme court of the United States upholding its validity, has made the Oregon water law a model for all the arid states of our nation to follow.

The future work of the water board, so far as adjudications are concerned, lies entirely in Eastern Oregon. About 100,000 acres remain to be adjudicated. During this year, Malheur, Burnt River and Hood River will be finished up. This covers about 100,000 acres of irrigated land. The other large rivers for adjudication are the Owyhee, John Day and Deschutes rivers. There are numerous smaller rivers, like the Willamette, Silver creek in Harney county, Pine creek in Baker county, and a number of small streams in Central and Southern Oregon. With these stream adjudicated, the work of distribution will certainly make irrigation in Oregon the most systematic, the highest developed, and the greatest to be desired in existence.

Moore Brothers' store at Turner was broken into Wednesday night and a supply of overalls and perhaps other clothing was stolen, according to a report made to Sheriff Needham today. Entrance was gained to the store by breaking the glass in the front door. It is presumed the robbery was committed by hoboes.

Clyde Cramley aged 30 years, was struck by a switch engine and killed at Cochrane, Or., Monday.

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