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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

The Restoration of the Death Penalty.

Last Friday night's shooting in Portland seems to have started officials and others to thinking about the death penalty. It is high time that someone was doing something to head off such crimes as the one just committed. Prominent and capable men are not so plentiful that the country can afford to have them maliciously shot down by criminals.

Under the direction of Mayor Baker of Portland, Attorney La Roche is formulating a petition to have the death penalty restored in the state of Oregon. This means that at the next general election the voters of the state will have a chance to express their sentiments as to what should be done with convicted murderers. They will have the chance to cast a verdict on all criminals who are convicted of first degree murder, whether they shall pay the extreme penalty for their crime or be sentenced for life in the penitentiary with the chance of being pardoned in a few years.

If the death penalty is restored by the voters, it does not simply mean that all first-degree murderers will be punished by death. It will be a strong incentive to prevent such crimes, for when criminals know that death awaits them if they commit such an outrage, they will hesitate, and in hesitating will probably, very likely, not commit the crime. The public will not be menaced by such vagabonds and criminals as those who were behind the Centralia outrage and the Claremont robbery and murder.

Had the Centralia, Washington, Armistice day shooting occurred in this state, the heaviest penalty that a judge or jury could confer would be a life sentence. Every right-thinking citizen knows that in a few years this vicious element would be turned loose to again prey upon the public. At this time, when the country is overrun with a lawless element, there should be no sympathy. The I. W. W.'s exhibited no sympathy, the Claremont highwaymen showed no sympathy; why should the law-abiding people show any sympathy? Sympathy for that class only encourages crime and crime undermines the government, making way for anarchy and ruin.

No laws are efficient unless they provide for a sufficient penalty to impress the most vicious minded. The present law in Oregon lacks sufficient penalty. Capital punishment is the only penalty that will hold atrocious crimes to a minimum and protect society.

Some Sober Thought About the Peace Treaty.

Perhaps it is just as well that the senate pitched the peace treaty at the close of this session. Partisan passions had beclouded the judgment of senators and had confused the public. Everybody will see the matter more clearly after a quiet interval.

Private citizens and law-makers are now in position to stand off and look at the treaty and its problems objectively, dispassionately. Judgment [illegible]

[illegible] still they can set up some sort of machinery and get to work on the big job of rebuilding Europe.

The United States itself will suffer disadvantages from not being in at the start. The organization of the league will be accomplished by Britain, France, Italy and Japan. They will name the officers and committees and establish league [illegible] according to their own [illegible] [illegible] States. Many things will not be done as Americans want them done. America will have to stand that for a while.

It is inconceivable that this country should remain permanently outside of the league. Even if the American people were opposed to its fundamental principles, it would be a suicidal national policy to permit all the other great powers of the world to form a virtual alliance against us—which is what the league would amount to without America in it.

Very likely the senate, in its next session, will find some solution acceptable to two-thirds of its members. If so, the President will undoubtedly acquiesce. Otherwise the matter will have to be deferred for a while. The saving fact in the situation is that it will still be possible for the United States at any time to join the league by applying for membership.

"Protection" Needed For West Coast Lumber.

During the first eight months of the present year an aggregate of 760,854,000 board feet of lumber has been imported into the United States, duty free, from various foreign countries. Nearly all this comes from British Columbia. This is an average of approximately 95,000,000 feet per month.

The volume of lumber imports, according to the monthly reports of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, has been increasing from month to month, since the first of the year.

For the month of January the volume of boards, plank and other sawed lumber imported into the United States was 54,241,000 feet, beside 10,688,000 pieces of lath and 137,818,000 shingles.

By March the lumber imports had increased to 66,362,000 feet and lath to 15,480,000 pieces, while shingle imports had dropped for that month by 97,842,000.

In May the lumber imports went up to 155,644,000 feet, lath to 46,124,000 pieces and shingles to 229,271,000.

The August imports were 139,742,000 feet of lumber, 24,832,000 lath and 194,548,000 shingles.

The average monthly imports of lumber during 1918 were approximately 100,000,000 feet, of lath 50,000,000 and of shingles 140,000,000. All came in duty free.

There has been formed in Spokane an organization known as the Constitutional Government League which is composed of some of the business men of the city and is working in connection with the American Legion. Their object is to counteract social unrest and preach true Americanism, and to fight to the last ditch the radical and unpatriotic elements.

Anybody who goes broke on the stock market—and plenty of people have done it lately—deserves his fate. What this country needs is the use of brains and money in productive effort, not in futile speculation.

Organized labor is important. Organized society is still more important; and when the two come into conflict, as they did in the coal strike, the latter must win.

What this country needs, says a New aYrk paper, is 48 "Coolidges". Think it over.

It has come to pass where the country can stand almost anything the senate may do to that treaty, if the senators will only stop talking of it.

Dont fail to see the "Husking Bee" and Miss Clem McKinney's company at the Star theatre tonight.

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CITY ADOPTS ANNUAL BUDGET

OFFICIALS BELIEVE TAXES WILL NOT BE RAISED.

Ordinance Also Read Prohibiting Use and Sale of Fireworks In City Limits.

From a rough estimate made last week by the city officials the taxation for the city of La Grande will probably not need to be raised by any great figure. The budget was adopted by the city commission at their meeting Wednesday and follows in full:

Be it resolved by the Commission of the City of La Grande, Oregon, that the following budget of the estimated revenues and expenditures for the next ensuing fiscal year for the City of La Grande, Oregon, be and the same is hereby made, approved and ordered filed, to-wit:

Street department, materials and supplies	$ 1,500.00
Septic tank and sewers, material and repairs	1,500.00
Street department, salaries and labor	6,000.00
Lighting, streets and offices	7,500.00
Engineering department, labor and material	500.00
Viaduct (Second street), labor and material	1,500.00
Fire department, supplies	1,500.00
Fire department, volunteer service	750.00
Fire department, salaries	5,000.00
Health department, salary and expense	300.00
Police department, salaries	5,000.00
Police department, supplies and expense	500.00
Officials, salaries	7,100.00
Officials, supplies	250.00
Officials, bonds, insurance	350.00
Interest, general bonds	12,000.00
Interest, general warrants	2,000.00
Advertising	250.00
Miscellaneous expense	1,000.00
B. C. P. L. sinking fund	8,000.00
Election, expense	200.00
City building, repairs and expense	500.00
Fuel, city building	750.00
Park, appropriation	1,800.00
Library, appropriation	4,500.00
Water department, salaries, labor and material, repairing reservoir and drilling well	20,000.00
Total	$90,250.00

Estimated Receipts—

Water rents	$29,500.00	
Fines	3,000.00	
Licenses	2,000.00	
Miscellaneous	250.00	
Taxes, levy 1920	55,500.00	90,250.00

Passed and adopted by the Commission of the City of La Grande, Oregon, on this 19th day of November, 1919, by two commissioners voting therefor.

Attest—J. E. STEARNS,
Recorder City of La Grande, Oregon.

The foregoing resolution is hereby approved this 19th day of November, 1919.

H. S. BROWNTON,
President City of La Grande, Oregon.

The petition asking pavement from the north side of Spring to the north side of Main street on Cedar street was allowed.

A written report from Engineer Kelsey was reported. Before an election can be had for a new water system, a survey must be made and a resolution calling for an election must be passed. This will all be done in due time.

An ordinance was also read prohibiting the use and sale of fireworks for use within the city limits. The ordinance will probably be placed on its final passage at the next meeting.

FRATERNAL NEWS

A car load of Dokies left this morning for Huntington where they will put on an initiation this evening. Tomorrow evening they will journey to Weiser, Idaho, to put on a ceremonial there. About 125 tyros will be initiated during the journey. Dokies from Elgin and Wallowa county came out last evening. They were joined by 25 Dokies here, and the special pullman car which they chartered will pickup Dokies all along the way until Huntington is reached. The Dokie band accompanied the car.

The past matrons and past patrons of Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. S., will put on the degree work at the meeting of this organization tomorrow evening.

The Elks had a big time Thursday night when a large class was initiated. Seventeen were in the class. After the initiation, the evening took the form of a reception for the men who have just recently returned from the service.

Hope Chapter No. 13, will be officially visited this coming Saturday evening when Mrs. Alberta S. McMurphey of Eugene, worthy grand matron, and E. E. Kiddle, worthy grand patron, will pay an official visit to this chapter. After the lodge ceremony, the evening will take on the form of a reception. Several other grands have been invited and it is expected that they will be in attendance.

The Elks are making elaborate plans for the annual Memorial Day exercises on Sunday, December 7.

This evening at the Star theatre the Moose Lodge will give an entertainment, which time the films depicting the working of the great institution, Mooseheart, will be shown. A number of local talents will assist on the program.

Last Wednesday evening, the Moose gave their regular monthly entertainment.

The Blue Lodge Masons have changed their meeting night from the first and third Saturday to the first and third Friday's of the month. They held their second meeting last Friday. There is great activity in Masonic circles this winter.

Reading the Bible.

A college professor, famous as a critic of literature, tells how he read the Bible when he was a boy. His mother not only insisted that he should read the Bible, but also that he should be able to tell her something about each book. This looked serious, but the future professor of literature hit upon a plan to assist his memory. After he had read each book, he illustrated it and, after he had drawn the pictures, he found that he remembered without much difficulty.

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$12

A BLACK KID BOOT—high, leather, Louis heel and welt sole—an extremely long, slender vamp and slightly higher top than usual—a very dressy shoe. Price
$13.50

A BLACK PATENT BOOT with black Ooze top, high, celluloid-covered heel and light sole. A most beautiful shoe for dress.
A BLACK KID BOOT of light kid, high, Louis heel, welt sole. Price
$12.50

Then, there are many other beautiful shoes in the fall shades of Beaver, Field Mouse, African brown, etc. Black kid boots are very popular.
We invite you all to see these—Mothers, visit our children's department. You will find exceptional values in children's shoes there, ranging in price from
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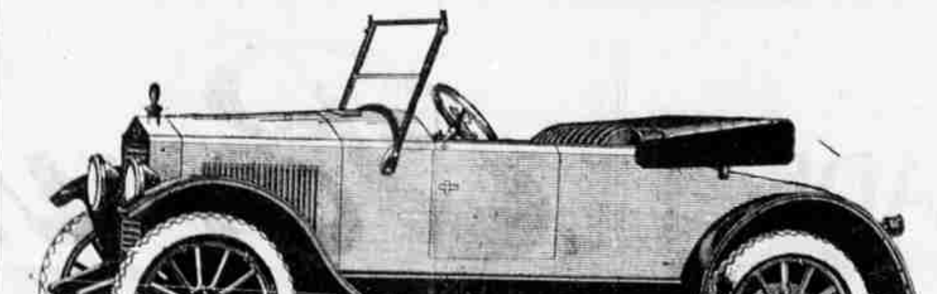

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