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CITY WILL PROCEED WITH PLANS.

What would La Grande do were it not for her public spirited
meeting last night in the city hall and heard the plans for street
and other improvements discussed, felt hopeful when the meeting
adjourned that La Grande had made the big start for an era of
civic improvement.

For immediate action, the commissioners practically decided
to continue a force of men on the streets grading and rounding
up the dirt streets preparatory for further work if the property
owners form improvement districts for the purpose of rocking
and graveling the surfaces.

As for the bonds selling, there is little doubt, if any attractive
bond is issued carrying a rate of interest to meet other invest-
ments now on the market, that La Grande's bonds will sell. It
takes a little time to form districts and issue the bonds, but this
the commission is already doing. In the meantime, La Grande's
banks will investigate the bond markets and try and find a place
to sell the issues which this city will float.

The Observer does not believe it is necessary to amend the
charter, which would require a special election and thus consume
more time. Every security that the city has issued in the past
has been good, and we believe Bancroft bonds backed by La
Grande will not be questioned, but will be desired by the investing
public, provided they carry the prevailing interest rate of invest-
ments at this time.

Thus the start has been made. The community is for these
improvements, and likewise the city commission is favorable to
the movement. Working out of detail will follow, and in the
meantime the commission will use all labor necessary to do the
work on Victory Way, cleaning up the different public properties
and putting the city in good shape.

Unquestionably the arrangement should be made now for
voting bonds to build the city water system, and work on that
should start just as soon as the engineering can be accomplished.

IF YOU RIDE, YOU PAY.

Every month people who own automobiles scowl and roar
when the garage bills come in. Naturally. But did you ever
stop to think, when you cease to walk and ride, you must pay for
that luxury?

In the old days of horses, the man who kept a carriage team
had to pay, and pay well, for that luxury. If he cared for it
himself, he paid in labor, besides the feed; if he hired it kept,
he paid.

There is no way to dodge the economic principles of paying
when you ride. The cheapest ride yet conceived by the human
being is the street car, and the reason that is cheap is because
of the great co-operative feature embodied. It is everyone's
automobile, and therefore can operate on a small titling from
each person. The railroad also furnishes cheap transportation,
as compared with individual vehicles. Riding on steel wheels is
always cheaper than riding on air and rubber. Keep that in mind.

If you ride, you pay. Maybe you figure it is just a little,
but you pay, and you usually pay more than you expect. If you
keep an individual vehicle, whether it be an automobile, a horse
and carriage, or even a saddle horse, don't overlook that stubborn
fact of having to pay.

TREE BAZAAR.

What would La Grande were it not for her public spirited
women?

No one should attempt to answer this question, for a fellow
would choke before he got the words from his mouth.

There just wouldn't be any getting along without them.

Here is the latest move: The tree fund, which is to be used
to plant the Honorary Drive from La Grande to the city park
to commemorate the valor and bravery of the soldiers of Union
county who fought in the late war, is being swelled by rummage
sales and other social functions. But as tree planting time is
near at hand the Neighborhood Club ladies decided on what used
to be termed in horse racing days, "A Garrison Finish."

To do the thing properly, they have hit upon a bazaar. Now
a bazaar is one of those places where they get the money and
trade you a smile for it. But in this case they are going to have
more than the smile. If they did not have, it would still be worth
all it will cost anyone. But you are going to get a lot of things
at price descending figures. Bargains are the order of the day,
as we can prove by any merchant in La Grande or elsewhere, so
the ladies are preparing bargains galore, along with fish ponds
and a lot of other good games that make life worth while and
will drive away the blues from even the man who has been figur-
ing on his income tax report.

This event will occur on March 31 and April 1 and 2, so peg
the calendar and clear away all other engagements.

After all the work done by Republicans over the United States
to get the emergency tariff bill through congress, it was finally
voted as the last act of Mr. Wilson. The ex-President is a free-
trader, and no mistake.

Henry Ford is now charged with kidnapping a Jew. With all
of Henry's faults, we doubt this charge, for he is not willing to
take so long a chance.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

Moonshine.
Oh, hello, boys! I feel so gay.
I had some moonshine come my way.
Judge not to quickly, friends I beg,
Not from a bottle nor a keg—
It floated to me from the air,
It filled my nostrils, raised my hair,
He was with moonshine filled so tight,
He grinned and smiled from left to right.

Now, moonshine is a dandy dope
If you don't get it from a sloop.
When getting moonshine second hand
There's no worse drinking in the land.
The raisin's spoiled, so is the yeast,
You look and feel just like a beast.
Give me the first hand, fresh moon-
shine—

It makes you snappy, peppy, fine,
If you are cross and out of sorts.
You'll be real happy with two snorts.
Now, fellows, if you have a still
Why, hit her up, just as you will.
But second hand goods do not peddle
For other folks might try to meddle.
A peppermint or clove, please try—
'Twill kill the moonshine, get you by.
You need not wonder where you're at,
Your darned old head will fit your hat.

We wander up and down the hills,
Hunting moonshine, finding stills.
And then we find, when all is said,
That many stills are city bred.
If so, we lift our hats to you,
To think that you can put it through,
But please remember, do not peddle
Second hand goods or we might med-
dle.

Be Cautious, Brothers!
Oh, let us not be critical
Of ladies now political,
Their demonstrations furious
Are neither new nor curious.
When forming factions partisan
The Woman is an artisan
Who, spite of her divinity,
Performs like masculinity.
Her inclinations serious,
Her arguments imperious,
Are nothing better, nothing worse
Than just to run the Universe.
And it has been self-evident
That man himself on this was bent.
Recall, when Woman you assail,
She's deadlier than any male!

Editorial Wit.

Taxes may be uncertain in Ireland,
but death isn't.—Greenville Piedmont.
The deflation process is apparently
a slow leak.—Cleveland News.
The good mixer does not neces-
sarily mix drinks.—Muskegon Times.
The question is not what the coun-
try's coming to, but when it's coming
to.—Evansville Courier.

The fact that automobile killed 3,
800 persons last year might be clas-
sified as motortary statistics.

Hush-A-Bye

Hush-a-bye, baby
Daddy is near;
Mamma has a job
To electioneer.

BIGGIN FOUND NOT GUILTY

FEDERAL JUDGE BEAN SO OR-
DERS THE VERDICT.

Instructed Verdict Came As An Un-
usual Ending to A Criminal
Prosecution.

PORTLAND, Mar. 10.—J. J. Biggin
federal officer, who was tried in con-
nection with the death of Robert Hed-
derly, was acquitted by the order of
Federal Judge Bean Tuesday.

The case was an unusual ending to
a criminal prosecution in federal court.
Deputies of the United States dis-
trict attorney's office, who defended
Biggin, with the state conducting the
prosecution—in itself a singular situa-
tion—said that they had no knowledge
of such judicial action in any other
criminal prosecution in federal court,
and were openly jubilant over the dis-
missal.

"I know of no similar instance,"
said Deputy Federal Attorney Veatch,
who conducted the defense, assisted
by Elton Watkins. "Instructed ver-
dicts are, of course, common in civil
suits before the federal courts, but
an absolute dismissal in any criminal
case has never before come to my
attention. We are pleased, natu-
rally, at this definite decision, which in-
terprets fully the weakness of the case
against Biggin."

Hedderly was slain by a bullet
from the revolver of some member
of the prohibition force as he sought
to flee from arrest after having at-
tempted a "decoy" delivery. The
prosecution maintained that the killing
was unjustifiable, and witnesses
alternately testified that his car was
moving but slowly, or that it gathered
impetus with a surge forward.

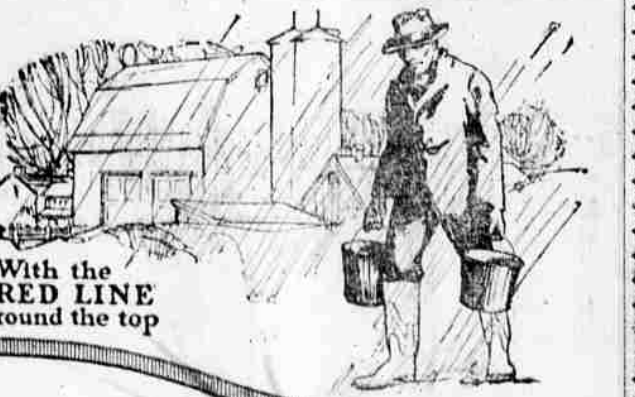
E. J. Lewis, companion of Hedderly
testified that both of them knew they
were entering a trap and that they
had decided to deliver to Jack Howie,
a "stool-pigeon," a 10-gallon keg of
colored water instead of whisky—the
price being fixed at \$400. The keg
blew the car.

Other members of the liquor squad
and its muck contents were found in
present when Hedderly was slain, are
yet to be tried singly. They are
W. R. Wood and Delano C. Smith,
revenue agents, and E. M. Jackson
and W. D. Morris, patrolmen of the
police bureau.

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Did you ever stop to think that
spring is practically here, and sum-
mer is but a few months off, and
that along with summer comes hot
weather? Did you ever picture your-
self sweating like a cloud, when no
place seems comfortable, when you
wish for a cool spot? Well, then,
why not use to a good advantage that
Christmas slogan—"Shop Early"—and
buy an electric fan now. We sell
them, all sizes, and if we haven't
what you want, we will order it for
you. Eastern Oregon Light and
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FOR EVERY NEW
COSTUME.

Many new ones ar-
rived this week, of black
and brown leathers. A
great variety of shapes
and sizes to select from;
all are the very newest—
to harmonize with the
Spring Suit, Dress or
Coat.

Prices range from \$5
to \$12.

NEW ICE PLANT WILL COST \$45,000, ACCORD- ING TO THE PLANS

PENDLETON, Mar. 10.—The new
ice and cold storage plant to be built
by the Smythe-Loneragan company to
replace the one recently destroyed by
fire will cost \$45,000. F. J. Leonard
is named as the contractor in the ap-
plication and the building will be
completed by June 1.

The new building will occupy the
same ground as the old plant and will
be approximately 77 feet square. Ice
storage capacity will be 600 tons,
whereas the old plant could store on-
ly 225 tons. There will be 3000 square
feet of storage space for commercial
storage use.

Say it with flour—any good brand.

HIT WIFE WITH CUP, RIBS ARE BROKEN

BEND, Mar. 10.—Assault and bat-
tery against his wife, is the charge
against John Bucholtz, who was ar-
rested Saturday night by Officer R.
H. Fox, after the complaint had been
sworn to in justice court by Mrs.
Bucholtz.

Bucholtz, his wife claims, attack-
ed her in December, breaking a rib with
a blow from a teacup.

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