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CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

Bible Thought for Today. THE SUPREME RULER:—Ead, ye Lord our God, and search! at his footstool; for he is holy.—Psalm 113:5.

FARMING MUST HAVE ASSISTANCE

The Portland Telegram was shocked at a speech delivered in Oregon City at the annual Gladstone Chautauqua. The speaker said unless some relief could soon be obtained the farming industry of America was bound to deteriorate and probably pass into the hands of foreigners. But the Telegram editor on further analysis admitted through its own editorial columns that the farmer very often was forced to forego interest on his investment and salary to himself, but it found some consolation in the privilege of living on the farm. Yes, living on the farm is fine but hours are long and the tasks are many. Finally in conclusion the Telegram eases the matter up by calling attention to the fact that if a man owns his own farm free or debt he will get along fairly well. Quite true, but how is a farmer going to own his farm free of debt the way things have been breaking? In the good old substantial Grande Ronde valley there are more of the old farm homes mortgaged today than ever before in the valley's history. It is a hard business to handle and one that does not pay over a period of years. The speaker was absolutely right in his analysis of the farm and the farmers and all one has to do to verify his statements is to give careful investigation to any rural community.

MR. BOOTH ON ROAD BUILDING

When Commissioner Booth assured La Grande men that all road building when properly done was a good investment he told the truth. The statement came from a man who has given practically his entire time to the state for five years to the end that Oregon might have good, serviceable highways. Right now it is hard to understand how the state can afford the huge road program which she is carrying out, and this newspaper rather holds to the belief that our program grew too big and that we should have extended it over a longer period of time. But the fact that good roads do pay is refreshing. Such conclusion is best determined by the individual who drives a car either for business or pleasure and needs no argument in its favor at this time. But the important feature is not to lose sight of the fact that we had poor roads and when you ride now from La Grande to Baker or to Joseph on a third less gasoline, much less car up-keep and with decidedly more comfort, just remember how it was before the highways were built. The good roads are costing a pile of money—staggering sums, but let us all hope that Mr. Booth's conclusions and figures are correct as to the saving made by good roads over poor ones. We all know that there is a great saving and no one can doubt the Commissioner's figures when he says every machine saves five cents per mile by having good highways until there has been a more thorough and complete test.

GO TO IT, "BILL" WHITE.

William Allen "Bill" White, editor of the Emporia Kansas Gazette and also editor of Judge, has defied the Industrial Court law of his native state and asked to be put in jail if the commonwealth sees fit to do so. And this is the way the veteran editor did it: It seems that in that Industrial Court law there is a section which prevents any public talk or newspaper expressions favoring a strike. White not only took the side of the striking shopmen in the nation through the Emporia Gazette, but he also placed a placard in the Gazette office window stating his views on the strike. His attitude is that in this free American country a state law should not curb public opinion nor the utterances of the press. Is he right? Ask yourself. If you felt deeply an injustice on a strike question and gave utterance to that feeling would you cherish prosecution?

His Score Years and Ten.

John J. Johnson was born in Tennessee on Sept. 1, 1872. He was six months before the Constitution was adopted. He was older than the United States of America. He lived the full span of his country's history since it became a governing nation. It may be the only single old man in the world who has lived through the entire history of the United States. He has seen the nation grow from a small settlement to a great republic. He has seen the nation go through the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the Spanish-American War. He has seen the nation grow from a small settlement to a great republic. He has seen the nation go through the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the Spanish-American War. He has seen the nation grow from a small settlement to a great republic. He has seen the nation go through the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the Spanish-American War.

Self-Ruin in Germany

Whether Germany gets the respite she seeks from payment of her war indemnities or not, she deserves little sympathy. If she does get the delay she asks, it should be accompanied by such benefits as will make her see promptness as a virtue from now on. Neither should any postponement be so planned that it puts an extra burden upon France, for in that case France and not Germany will be paying for the war, and that should be a motive to other nations as it is to the French. The condition of Germany's finances is less a pity than a disgrace. When the war which she precipitated closed, Germany was prosperous, undevastated, sound in credit and in condition to go ahead. The chief reason why she cannot now pay her just obligations without collapse is that she has systematically avoided the financial measures which would enable her to pay them. There is less excuse for Germany than for Russia. She is headed by able men, and they have not the excuse of a crazy economic experiment to palliate their reduction of German credit to ruin.

Maybe the outlanders are better because there is more business being done and then again, maybe it is just because people are working harder to get business.

Now that Chili and Peru have agreed to arbitrate, it may be determined whether the Peruvian bark is worse than the Chile bits.

Now, ladies, don't laugh at John J. Rockefeller for going to church in his vesting an evening, muffer and leather vest. Remember "summer suits."

"Down in Georgia," remarks an epigrammatist, "an ordinary is a judge." Over in England it's a dining room. And in either case it simply must not be pronounced "ordinary."

"Some of the 'biggest musical hits,' says a critic, 'are written with a pair of scissors.' So are some of the best paragraphs—if you judge by those who take the credit for them.

THE OFFICE CAT



EXPLICIT. Chief Justice Day, a great reader was circulating books at a dinner party in Washington. "This highbrow talk about 'style,'" he said, "amuses me. 'Style' usually means affectation. The best writers have no style. We do it they were talking to you. 'Style' is always looking for trouble. One of them entered a dog from the other day and asked for a man's comb. 'Do you want a narrow man's comb?' said the attendant. 'No,' he said, 'I want a comb for a stout man with rubber teeth.' Now they are going to follow such a woman. What? Another skin game?"

MOVIE HEATING.

"What's that mean?" "What?" "Did one of the men heat?" "Goodnight, goodnight, goodnight."

There's No Man in the Medical Department of the United States Army.

If you ever get you will understand. As a precaution take your meals in an exclusive restaurant.

Young Man—Please come out to the garage with me.

I've got a car I want to go out with on a champagne. Young Man—That we don't need one. The Coach—Then I don't want to go.

A Chicago professor says the world has been ruled by women for 10,000 years. We had thought the world was older than that.

Bill, the nurse with neighbor Henry, who is positive that his "savage" car employs only one mechanic and gets backlogs.

ROMANCE OF THE FIELDS.

Small Mallet used to take the hay, she was a thing of beauty. Now she's just a thing of hay today. She'll buy a new one, a tractor. (NOTE: Some of these will be in series for proper consideration.)

As the La Grande boy who hears his father shouting a letter to a stranger, he was a letter to a stranger.

HIS IDEA OF GETTING ON.

As an analyst character, the coach was asking the class one after another what they would most like to do. And when a young girl asked, "I think it is to wash my mother's ears."

One of the public house suggests that social war be fitted with such a to add in real-time the waves. He probably remembers the suits of climbing from white washing watermelon.

THREE GAMES TO END THE SEASON

Championship of Intermountain League May Not Be Decided Until Last Game.

But three games now rest between La Grande and the championship pennant of the Intermountain Baseball League for this season—Union, Baker and Haines. If La Grande wins all three games the percentage column will touch .567. When the Pirates heard the news that the Union-La Grande game would be forfeited to them, thus tying them with Baker for the league leadership, they decided that if a team could win from those three teams, then La Grande would do it.

Union is strengthened for the engagement at Union with the Pirates Sunday. Red Alexander, of Cove, will catch for the Federals as the La Grande team waived a refusal to let him play. Outside of Red the Federals expect to play the same team with White on the mound. White is a mighty fine pitcher but for some reason or other he generally has the hard time to pitch with a losing team. Like Red Alexander and Fosbury, he is a fast ball and strike out artist, although he has not quite as much stuff on the ball as do the other two. La Grande knocked Red for a row twice and batted Fosbury for a win once and the local sluggers are expecting to be able to count many times that Union next Sunday.

The Pirates will be crippled Sunday and they are expecting a hard game. Bill Workman, the stellar second baseman who is now leading the league in batting with a percentage of .545, broke two of his ribs last Sunday and will be out of the game until the Baker-La Grande game when he expects to play. Buddy Tholson, the "swell" in left field, who hits .423, is out of town on his vacation.

McGee expects to start McGee in the box and to play in the field himself. Hickey will handle second and the other fielder will be either Natto or Meserve. The infield will not suffer so much as will the outfield by this shift but Mc expects to have them both in good condition when they play Union.

La Grande is now closer to winning a pennant than at any time within the last twelve years. Cove has produced a bunch of heavy hitting ball players that has managed to consistently win pennant after pennant year and year out. Last year Union gave them a hard tossle for the race but things are different this year. Both Baker and La Grande developed a better team than the Farmers and both won two games out of the three from them, placing Cove back into a sure third place, which is a new feeling to them.

The Intermountain League this year has had the first division teams since the first games were played—Baker, Cove and La Grande. All three teams have had no difficulty in winning from Elgin, Union and Haines and they have split their games with Baker and La Grande showing equal progress in the percentage column. Elgin is practically sure of leading the second division when the race is over and the fifth berth rests between Union and Haines. Union has succeeded in winning two games, both from Haines, while the Cowboys have won but one from Elgin. They still have a postponed game to play which will either boost Haines should he fail or give the Cowboys the edge without a bit of argument, one thing may be said for Haines, however, he has a good bunch of hall players and a bunch of true sports that are second to none.

Both Baker and La Grande are victorious Sunday the pennant will be decided on July 30, when the Cove game is to be played because both teams will close the season against the two weakest teams in the league.

La Grande is still hitting at a hard pace with the team standing at .565 and five men hitting above .400. Workman and Rosenblatt are fighting for the leadership with McGee, Tholson and Knight all in the column. The official figures are as follows: Workman .545; Rosenblatt .529; McGee .521; Tholson .423; Knight .413; Meserve .289; Cross .278; Gladly .223; Johnson .232; Meserve .212; Hickey .229.

DEVELOPMENT WORK STARTED

RAISED July 21.—Walter A. Fellows, one of the owners and managers of the Ben Harrison mine at Grande Ronde, is in the city accompanying his wife, to attend the general meeting of the Ben Harrison Mining Association. Pending the maturing of extensive plans of operation at the Ben Harrison mine, Mr. Fellows, under bond and lease, has started development operations at the mine and is close proximity to the old Monumental mine. The Morning Glory is a property that has so long remained untouched that it has almost been forgotten to the mining community but at one time it was very rich in gold and silver. It had its ups and downs and under stress of the latter was almost abandoned save by ownership. Mr. Fellows has got a working lease on the property. He is un-

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Mr. Fellows says there is considerable activity in the Granite and Greenhorn districts on many small properties and if the Summit smelter is ever revived they will be substantial contributors of ore.

The plant of the Eugene Excelsior company resumed operations this week after an idleness of several weeks. Extensive repairs have been made.

Take A Look at This

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