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**CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.**

## THE OFFICE CAT

—BY JUNIUS—



Many are called but few get up. The burglar motto seems to be "where there's a will there's a way."

When money talks no one stops to criticize its grammar.

If a bee can sting like the devil on a diet of honey what would he do on a diet of lemon juice?

One good thing about those small mutches anyway is that they don't droop.

"Is your son a contractor? What kind?"  
"Debb."

It is not for us to criticize those birds who insist that their ancestors were monkeys.

The great American amateur appears to have discarded flame brewing for the radio.

John D. says he wants to live until he is 100 years old because "life is so filled with interest." Most men want to die for the same reason—they get tired of paying it.

Mother—"Now, Victor, what does a clever, nice little boy do when he is in a traincar and sees an old lady who has stand up?"  
"Son—"He pretends he is asleep."

K. O.—"I went up the Hudson for a rest during the vacation and met a most beautiful girl."  
"O. K.—"Then what?"  
"K. O.—"You can imagine the rest."

Jack—"You should have seen Helen run that quarter-mile."  
"Debert—"What did she run it in?"  
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**THE PEOPLE'S GUARDIAN.**  
At the American Bar Association convention in San Francisco, there was a demand for a better understanding of the law as the guardian and defender of the people and the champion of equal rights for all. There is need of such understanding to replace distrust and contempt for law, but it can only be arrived at through cooperation to make the law trustworthy.

Only as statutes are well devised and promptly and honestly executed will they be a defense to any people or protect the rights of all of them equally. Those having these matters in charge must adhere to the highest standards of integrity and intelligence.

In turn, those who need the law's protection must not only be encouraged and justified in seeking it, they must be taught their share of responsibility in making it worth seeking. They must understand more fully that the choosing of the men who make and administer the statutes rests with them, and that as they choose good men or bad men, these will be a protection or the reverse. Respect for and obedience to the laws of the land must be the rule, too, or the best of laws will fail to protect. Any citizen can easily find plenty of illustration by looking around for them.

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## Pre-Convention Sidelights

Rev. Ross of the Presbyterian church has hit upon a happy idea in connection with the entertainment of the Dokies. The shady lawn about the church will be provided with seats, chairs and tables and the like in an effort to make the lawn a rest park for the visitors.

Next Tuesday morning a sub-committee from the Ad club will round up the necessary cars which will be used in providing transportation from headquarters to room assignments and in the valley side of Friday. Mr. Earl Stoddard is in charge of the listings.

W. A. Richardson is building palm trees and sketching desert scenes night and day in his shop on Jefferson avenue. He has everything so arranged that the street decorations which will make Oriental thoroughfares out of the city's main streets, can be put together over night and a day.

Local window decorators are scheming a whole lot these days in anticipating of winning the honors and the cash prizes that have been put up for the best window displays. A dozen very tempting windows, any of which is liable to win first money, are now in the making. These must be up by Wednesday of next week and be judged before Saturday night. Cordial welcome to visitors must be the predominating note.

Meetings every other night are now in order among those directing the big convention. Another meeting will be held at the Ad club headquarters tonight.

J. H. Keeney, O.W. agent, heads the reception committee, and with the assistance of several days committees, will be the big chief greeter at the depot and direct the visitors from trains into waiting committee cars provided by the Ad club and be hurried to headquarters and from there to their headquarters. Guests will enter at the main Y. M. C. A. door, register, get their instructions, souvenirs, etc., and be assigned to Boy Scout guides who will usher them to their quarters.

Boy Scouts are going to play an important part in the parade. They are the ones to whom is entrusted the maintenance of red flares. Nearly 500 flares will be used in the line of march and the Boy Scouts will keep them burning.

Another little bit of courtesy to the visitors will be a messenger service from the Western Union under direction of Roy Seaton. This service will be free to Dokies only.

Tests will be features October 5 and 6 during the Oregon Interstate fair here.

The derriek pole raising contest will be held at the fair grounds on the morning of October 5. The person raising the pole single handed in the best time will be awarded a cash prize of \$20.

Horseshoe pitchers will vie in a contest Friday morning to determine the champion horseshoe pitcher of Oregon. The contest will be open to any one living in the state. The champion will be awarded a prize of \$25. It is rumored that Walter M. Pierce, democratic candidate for governor, who will speak at the fair that day, will enter in this contest.

Dr. Estella Ford Warner, member of the hygienic board, will be in charge of the eugenics scoring contest Friday. All babies at the fair on that day will be scored free of charge. The contest will be held under the auspices of the Prineville Civic Improvement club.

Idaho's peach crop this year promises to break all records, it being estimated at 242,000 bushels.

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THE QUALITY STORE  
ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 1  
FOR BOYS

## High School Suits

Sizes 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 Year  
Long Trousers

# \$18.50 and \$22.50

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These suits range from size 16 or 16 years up to size 20 or 20 years.

They are guaranteed all wool suits, fine tailoring, lined throughout and finished perfectly. The styles are belted with plaits in the back like the men's styles for fall, patch pockets, etc.

**AND TWO PAIRS OF TROUSERS**

All the better suits at \$22.50 have two pairs of trousers—blues and browns mostly now. Other shipments will follow.

We want every mother and father who is outfitting the boy for school to see these suits—they're by far the finest values we've ever shown.

Come in and see them early. \$18.50 and \$22.50.

**BOYS' "KAYNEE" SHIRTS AND BLOUSES Will Not Fade**

Mother, who buy "KAYNEE" blouses or shirts for their boys are absolutely sure of the colors.

They can be rubbed, scrubbed and even boiled. The buttons are good and well sewn on, and they have no bothersome draw strings. "KAYNEE" garments are sold exclusively at this store. They cost but little more than others but they're guaranteed to be more.

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**Hart Schaffner & Marx**  
Suits For Men  
Arrive Daily  
Prices are Lower!  
Come in and See Them!

ty court and makes himself generally useful, the burden of blame for all the county business good or bad falling upon his shoulders. When a measure was on the ballot to increase the salary of this office the people by a vote of four to one refused the increase.

Now turn to the city administration. La Grande has a city manager and the office pays \$200 a month, or three times as much as is paid to the county manager. The city job carries the work of the city only. The city manager supervises the different departments just as the county judge does for the county; the city manager goes over the city's business just as the county judge goes over the county's business; the city manager answers

calls over the city and within the city limits, but the county judge drives the entire county for the similar purpose; the city manager passes everything up to an honorary commission who does the deciding on what move to make on important questions, while the county judge presides and votes on county questions often having to make an individual decision on matters when court is not in session. Thereby taking all responsibility which the manager's office of the city does not have to take in city affairs.

Now, what I would like to know is: Are we a just people? Are we playing fair? Are we paying one man too much or the other man too little?

The city commission, as I under-

stand it, sets the salary of the manager without referring that action to the people. Is that the cause of the difference in salaries for these two positions? And is it right?

Understand, I am not discussing the men who hold the offices, I am speaking of the positions as they exist.

County and City Taxpayer.

## The Promise of Tomorrow

The possibilities of the future are the incentive to work and strive for the attainment of something we think is in sight for tomorrow. It gives courage and strength to endure hardship and disappointment.

You may insure your future by opening a savings account with us from a small portion of your earnings of today and build upon it as a means of guarantee of the promise of tomorrow.

### LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK

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## The Modes Of The Moment

SHOULD BE REFLECTED BY THE MODERN SHOP

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So, the up-to-date dealer must be informed regarding the innovations which apply especially to his trade.

We study the lines which we handle and are familiar with features which are considered best. This applies to

**TOILET PREPARATIONS AND ARTICLES, BATHING CAPS, HAIR NETS, WALL DECORATIONS, ETC.**

This plan of keeping posted on new ideas applies to every department of our business. New and improved ingredients for prescriptions are always in stock.

The Shop that Features New Ideas and Innovations

# Newlin Drug Co.

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## SINGH WRESTLES SCOTT TONIGHT

The wrestling fans of La Grande will be privileged to witness a rare treat when Sasanta Singh makes the attempt to throw G. D. Scott, of La Grande, twice within a time limit of one hour at the Star Theatre this evening, under the auspices of the La Grande Boxing and Wrestling commission. An interesting preliminary will be staged before the main event.

Scott and Singh met once before in a contest which failed to throw Scott twice. After Singh had gained one fall on the local man in forty minutes, that, Singh stood up under a body of water and fell backwards, pinning Singh to the mat for a fall and winning the match. A fall such as this is rarely seen in the annals of wrestling. Singh and Scott contends that he will have revenge on Scott this evening.

Singh is Hindu, champion of Calcutta, India, and Scott is middleweight champion of Eastern Oregon. Much interest is shown in the match by the local fans and it is evident that a large crowd will be in attendance.

**Prineville Will Have Some Strictly New and Novel Features for Fair**