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The development of hydro-electric power is growing rapidly in Oregon. The automatic telephone has been introduced in Japan.

## The Livestock Exposition.

Springing up when money was plentiful and everyone had the spending and investing fever, the Pacific International Live Stock Exposition experienced the most marvelous growth of any similar in the nation. It was due to the above mentioned cause and the further reason that the coast had nothing big in that line up to that time, and also to western spirit which does it, or does not do it, at once.

But the exposition cannot keep up the stride it has taken unless the live stock business returns to normal, or something near normal. It can't be a horse show exclusively and expect the taxpayers of the state to support it, for the state fair attends to that function.

Adroitly was the appropriation obtained for the present exposition buildings from the legislature. It was under a provision that the exposition was to always be held regularly each year that the state very unwisely made large appropriations to erect the present buildings on ground owned by Swift & Co. Of course this was done to tie the state to the exposition, and all will agree that a strictly live stock show is a good thing. But, when it drifts into a society horse show, as is too often the case with such ventures, then the state as a whole cannot continue appropriations with any feeling of satisfaction. But the show must be held on the buildings which the state built will revert to the ownership of Swift & Co., who own the land.

They close it all up today—last speech at midnight.

## The Last Few Moments.

Only a few hours away is the state election in Oregon; only a few hours remain for the final wedges to be driven in, for the last words of praise or condemnation to be uttered relative to candidates.

But the die is already cast unless the election is very close, for last minute changes do not occur often in such campaigns as we are having this year.

To all appearances the school bill, which is the measure designed to give trouble in its worst form, will be defeated. At least, that is the way it looks. But to make the matter a certainty it is well that everyone should turn out and cast his vote against the passage of the bill. Take no chances for Oregon cannot afford to let this measure become a statute, regardless of its constitutionality, which has already been questioned by many attorneys of the state.

There has been a suggestion that possibly the state was upset without good cause, that the silent vote which is positively silent, has no intention of voting for the bill. But this is something not to bet on, and the safe way to make Oregon continue as a harmonious and peaceful state in which to live is to vote down the school bill tomorrow.

## Live a Little Longer.

Slogans are very effective, but probably one of the very latest that hits the spot is that of the Oregon health crowd which is meeting in Portland. It is, "Live a little longer," and at once commands the attention of every man, for the desire to live is universal. There is no argument on that important question, and there should not be.

The slogan will do good. It will open the eyes of many as to how to live. The fat man may heed the admonition that if he continues to eat heavily and exercise less he will die, the lean man may heed the warning that he must eat more fats and build up. Observe, we are speaking of men, for women never have any thought of fat and lean. Nothing worries the ladies as to whether they are growing fat, fair and forty, or whether they are so slender that in order to appear well in their clothes they need more flesh. No, not at all. Women will not take interest in the health slogan, will they? Ask any gathering of ladies if this is not correct.

Washington state finds that it has not enough public money raised by taxation to educate its children and therefore a few million dollars more must be added at this election. If Washington will teach her kids to work a little more instead of thinking they are being educated because they go to expensive schools, that state will find the parents will get along better and the children will come nearer to being able to make their own meal tickets in this old world.

The University at Eugene is to have a home-coming week, a football game and start a drive for ten million dollars. It looks like President Campbell was taking on a lot of work for his years.

If the order to cut telephone rates was a campaign move, and if that had appearance, it adds conclusive evidence to the need of having one public service commissioner and having him appointed, not elected.

Whichever is elected, let's have some of the promises of this campaign kept.

## Editorials From Over the Nation

### HYPOCRITICAL HOKUM

Philadelphia Bulletin: A rich West Virginian, C. Fred Edwards, who had an ambition to represent the state in the United States senate, has been indicted for exceeding the limit set by the state corrupt practice act for state-wide primary expenditure. He admits spending \$25,000, whereas the limit is \$4,125.

Edwards is the first candidate for high office to be indicted in West Virginia for violation of the corrupt practice law, but his friends also assert that he is the first candidate in the state who has ever made a truthful return of his campaign expense. In view of the ridiculous limit the cause of political purity would probably be advanced more by awarding the candidate a distinguished services medal for his virtue in truth-telling than by punishing him for his fault.

The West Virginia law is an example of political "hokum" as applied to reform legislation. The public conscience and the public interest demand that some limit be placed on primary and election expenditures, but the maximum must be fixed to permit a reasonable outlay for legitimate publicity. Over half a million persons voted at the last presidential election in West Virginia, yet the law forbids a candidate to spend even the price of a ten-cent stamp on each elector in a state-wide appeal. Such laws are bound to be evaded and only foster hypocrisy in dealing with an issue which requires honest thinking and sensible legislation for its solution.

### WOMEN AND MURDER

Los Angeles Post: When a woman was put on trial for murder in New Jersey recently four women were drawn in a jury panel of forty-eight, and all of the women were promptly challenged by the counsel for the defense. The lawyers for the accused woman wanted her to be tried by men and men alone. Somewhere or later we will be able to solve the question of punishing women who "find it necessary to shoot and kill" by having the offenders tried by women.

### Today's Events.

Festival of St. Leonard, the special patron of prisoners.

Annual observance of Thanksgiving day throughout Canada.

Fiftieth anniversary of the death of Gen. George Gordon Meade.

Today will mark the close of the political campaigns throughout the United States.

Political activities that have reached into all corners of the nation will come to a head on the eve of election day.

Chairman in charge of senatorial, congressional, state and local campaigns will complete final preparations for "getting out the vote" tomorrow.

"Wets" and "drys" in Massachusetts, California, Ohio and other states where prohibition is to come before the voters in one phase or another will close their campaigns tonight with rallies in hundreds of cities and towns.

### In the Day's News.

William C. Porter, who has been invited by the German government to join in a conference at Berlin on measures for the stabilization of the mark, is a native of Chicago, who prepared for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at the Chicago Manual Training School. He finished a mining engineering course in 1897, struck out for the Rocky mountain region as a prospector, and before long found himself serving as an expert adviser for mining companies. In 1901 he transferred his skill as expert to the Michigan, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, later he entered the employment of the Guttenheim and worked there in Mexico. Then he gradually worked into mastery of the financial as well as the technical problems of mining and mineral property exploitation and, in the time settled down in New York City administrative head of large corporate and financial interests.

## FORUM

### CHARTER AMENDMENTS

To the Editor of the Observer—Like the abuse of the initiative under the state law, each election of the city shows a multitude of proposed amendments to the charter, a change of some kind is wanted, whether it is needed or not. The people have in the past almost blind judgment in voting down these proposed measures. Nine times out of ten, "no" is a poor vote, for nine times out of ten such proposed changes are not best.

When it comes to changing a charter that has been laboriously worked out, and revised so as to conform to the laws of this state and the holdings of the highest court, every voter should seriously consider what the effect and intent of such changes are or will lead to.

At the time of the adoption of the Managerial system of government, the guiding star was the elimination of the chance of waste and graft, and to fix the responsibility for management or extravagance, and for law and order. The commission was given the power to go anywhere and everywhere and select a competent and experienced man to be the manager, as in the case of a railroad or other corporation, and let him select his subordinates and be responsible for the welfare of the city. I was never intended that the management should be a football between discordant elements in the commission, men of only one qualification. A five million dollar corporation, plus the additional titles of a public welfare corporation, should have a unipersonal man, and the commission should keep their hands off meddling in his duties.

The other guiding principle was that the people should hold the purse strings against the wild array of bond issues, which at the time of the adoption of this charter threatened the bankruptcy of the city. The proposed amendment of the charter to allow the commission, at their discretion, to raise money for the city, so as to suit some emergency, and to allow the city, the improvement funds of the city, that may be created is vicious in principle and a dangerous power to be dowered. It would allow paying companies to induce pecuniary districts where the property is not worth the improvements, to have districts created, and allow the commission, at their option, to throw the burden upon the taxpayers who have already paid their own assessments. If any bonding proposition for exceptional reasons are to be borne by the taxpayers of the city, the people who pay such taxes should have a say. That portion of the charter which requires the vote of people before they saddle bonds upon themselves should remain as it is. The citizens of La Grande are only capable of judging in this matter. Such a proposition should meet with an emphatic "No". The proposition to allow sidewalk districts to be created by ordinance of the commission is a dangerous experiment. The sidewalk provision was drafted and offered as simple as it could be made so as to comply with the holdings of the courts requiring the owners of property to receive the assessment, have their property assessed in a board of appraisers, be given a chance to be heard and remonstrated, and the work let to the lowest bidder, before a lien should be placed against their property. This city is out much money by reason of cases lost through defective provisions in the charter, and now when we have one that has stood the test, why not stay with it, and not change at the whim of every one who thinks he sees a remedy to government?

Since the adoption of the charter the state law has been changed and perhaps the proposed amendment at the time of election to the questions arising out of it need revision. As we all know, the state law requires all elections on the same day, and these amendments would make it conform to the law.

FURNISH YOUR VOTES TO THE WINNER.

JACK S. HODGINS.

### VISITORS PLEASED

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Nov. 5.—R. A. Pearson, president of Iowa State college, M. J. Riggs, president of the Iowa alumni association, and Mrs. Riggs, visitors on the campus, expressed themselves as being pleased with what they saw of the institution. The Iowa State college ranks first in registration among land grant colleges, while the Oregon Agricultural college comes second, having forced ahead of the Kansas State Agricultural college following the world war.

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## Important to La Grande's Future

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LA GRANDE would respectfully call the attention of the voters to the fact that Petitions are on the City Manager's Desk for improvements in the following districts, which petitions carry signatures given below.

The information given as an indication that Charter Amendment to be voted upon covering the manner of making assessments for local improvements should be carried. It is imperative if improvements are to be made that the vote on the same must carry for the affirmative.

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| <p><b>Part of N. Ave.</b></p> <p>J. D. Hoidalrich<br/>Lola Buchanan<br/>Helen M. Giesler<br/>H. J. Kallman<br/>W. W. Gardner<br/>Mary C. Wade<br/>The L. D. S. Church, by W. D. Hanks</p> <p><b>Part of Walnut St.</b></p> <p>E. MacMarius<br/>Conrad Niederer<br/>John J. Stoddard<br/>Joe T. McArthur</p> <p><b>Part of First St.</b></p> <p>W. H. Goodrich<br/>D. A. Jark<br/>Sarah Bufford<br/>Ferry Blumhardt<br/>L. C. Davidson<br/>A. J. Green<br/>Don J. Scott<br/>A. F. Pitts<br/>C. E. Masbury<br/>Dave Beveridge<br/>H. H. Smith<br/>G. V. Perry<br/>Edna Fitzgerald<br/>J. T. Harvey<br/>H. Lindberg<br/>H. J. Geider</p> <p><b>Part of S. Ave. &amp; Spruce St.</b></p> <p>Mrs. E. May<br/>Edward E. Walker<br/>E. C. Rochester<br/>H. J. Bartlett<br/>Walter Bishop<br/>A. M. Berger<br/>D. J. Klumpf<br/>John McCreary<br/>B. A. Peterson<br/>Grove Hanson<br/>Mrs. Freda Rochester<br/>Wm. Orndick<br/>C. J. Black<br/>J. W. Finckman<br/>A. J. Clark<br/>J. S. W. Johnson<br/>Mrs. E. W. Williamson</p> <p><b>Part of Cedar St.</b></p> <p>Chas. Joel<br/>Eugene Nelson<br/>E. Hollister<br/>J. A. Aldrich<br/>Oscar Crossen<br/>Mabel Gate<br/>O. J. Jund</p> <p><b>Part of Cedar St.</b></p> <p>Myrtle Gjerman<br/>Susan Burnett<br/>Anna M. Stevens<br/>Florence Darnat<br/>John A. Rineberg<br/>Grace Howe<br/>Emma Harding</p> <p><b>Part of O. Ave.</b></p> <p>Chas. DeForest<br/>H. E. Murphy<br/>Lutra S. Green<br/>H. E. Bowman<br/>Walter S. Fryer<br/>Joseph M. Higgins</p> <p><b>Part of Y. Ave.</b></p> <p>Jessie A. Campbell<br/>Frank Settle<br/>W. L. Edwards<br/>W. E. Willison<br/>Wm. Haskins</p> | <p><b>Part of B. Ave.</b></p> <p>H. J. Hanna<br/>Estate of Sarah J. Williams<br/>Joe Clark<br/>S. M. Morgan<br/>Andrew Anderson<br/>Jas. H. Mulholland<br/>Wm. Siller<br/>Margaret M. Miller<br/>E. A. Edling</p> <p><b>Part of Greenwood St.</b></p> <p>J. L. Mars<br/>W. E. McClure<br/>Julius Roensch<br/>J. Melville<br/>W. G. Short<br/>A. V. Fisher<br/>F. M. Haskins<br/>J. E. Phipps<br/>J. M. Rosenbarger</p> <p><b>Part of Greenwood St.</b></p> <p>K. C. Davila<br/>C. W. Noyes<br/>C. J. Eaton<br/>H. M. Rogers</p> <p><b>La Grande Const. &amp; Supply Co.</b><br/>Mrs. Rose Harris<br/>Grande Lumber &amp; Co.</p> <p><b>Part of Second St.</b></p> <p>W. K. Lindsay<br/>Metha J. Lindsay<br/>W. S. Mullinger<br/>David Hutchinson<br/>John Rothwell<br/>J. L. Batcher<br/>E. L. Faulk<br/>C. H. Hinkson<br/>H. C. Baker<br/>L. J. Eber<br/>Martha Ackley<br/>D. C. Connor<br/>Mary E. Gooding<br/>H. E. Brown</p> <p><b>Part of Y. Ave.</b></p> <p>H. A. Haskins<br/>L. E. Higgs<br/>Geo. Bellin<br/>W. H. Brown<br/>Olive Stansfield<br/>Dewey Stansfield<br/>D. C. Fouch<br/>E. B. Keagle<br/>Wm. Hankins<br/>F. A. Leavitt<br/>Jessie Campbell<br/>A. L. Eaton<br/>Kate P. Smith<br/>Harry B. East<br/>E. Delle-Nanson<br/>W. E. Dixon<br/>Geo. Diddell<br/>Mrs. Oscar Humphreys<br/>H. E. Campbell<br/>H. E. Young<br/>Fred H. Gearing<br/>J. J. Sturgeson<br/>Stella Brown<br/>Grant Wilson<br/>J. W. DeWitt<br/>W. D. McAlister</p> |
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The improvements listed range from Hard Surface paving to the ordinary sidewalk improvement, but all are handled by the same process in the City affairs.

All of these petitioners, as well as any public-spirited citizen interested in the improvement of La Grande should vote 506 X YES.

(Paid Adv.) COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA GRANDE.

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