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THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE MAN WHO HAD THE STATIONERY DEALER, WAS GATHERING OVER HIS SUCCESSFUL SALE OF STATIONERY. AND A LADY FRIEND WHO DISCOVERED HIS HATED COMPETITOR ACROSS THE STREET HAD OUTSMARTED HIM AT THE LAST MINUTE.

ROAD CONDITIONS IN EASTERN OREGON

Condition of the state highways in Eastern Oregon according to the weekly report of the state highway commission through their division headquarters in La Grande follows: La Grande - Wallowa Lake Highway La Grande - Island City; Pavid, Island City - Riein - Minam - Wallowa - Lostine - Enterprise - Joseph - Wallowa Lake; Macadamized and in good condition. Baker - Halfway; 12 miles macadam; 21 miles graded roadbed. Balance fair county road. Old Oregon Trail-East of The Dalles Ontario - Huntington - Baker - Union - La Grande - Pendleton - Elmville - Arlington - The Dalles; Macadamized entire distance and in good condition. Blue Mountains between Pendleton and La Grande kept free of snow by snow plows. To make trip without difficulty on morning following heavy snows machines should not leave Pendleton or La Grande until about noon. Details can be secured from Highway Division Office at La Grande. Chains required in Blue Mountain Section. Old Oregon Trail-West of The Dalles The Dalles - Hood River - Portland - Rainier - Clatskanie - Astoria - Seaside; Paved entire distance. Oregon - Washington Highway Pendleton - Washington State line; Paved. Pendleton - Pilot Rock - Vinson - Heppner - Heppner Junction; Macadamized except between Vinson and Jones Hill where going is very rough. Traffic between Jones Hill and Vinson may be handicapped by snow or mud at this time of the year and local industry should be made before attempting trip.

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He's Right. Back in Missouri a judge ruled that a "sheik" hasn't time to beautify himself and attend to any business matters, therefore the judge gave him for vagrancy (the Vaseline imitator) a fine of \$500. He couldn't pay the fine. It is significant that the hard working man is never found among the "sheiks." He doesn't wear a see-more shirt nor an invisible waist and he doesn't paint his face—but, nevertheless, Chick Henn drives an expensive wagon in Latonia, Kentucky. A LA GRANDE MAN SAVES ME SUPPOSES EVEN IN HAVEN A PLUMBER WILL STOP THE ROLL, CALL LONG ENOUGH TO GO BACK TO HIS OFFICE AND GET HIS TOOLS. Another La Grander to youngsters (sort of a fellow) says he knows that the girls have no intentions of quitting powdering but that it makes him "bitch" had to find his coat covered with flour every time he leaves after calling on a certain girl. THE MODERN LOVER Oh, dearest maiden, at your feet, I lay my loving liver; Believe me! It is running sweet And active as a flyver. I offer you my lungs as well, And five inch chest expansion; Their functions are exceedingly sweet. Within those honey mansion, My stomach shall be true! In fact (Which marks my disposition) You'll find my whole digestive tract In excellent condition. My kidneys are attested by My honest life insurance; I add them to the vitals I Forwear to your assurance. Each vital, dear, I set apart, I yield it and all it; What's that? You ask about my heavy? Dear me! I quite forgot it! "So your name is McCarthy," said Hogan. "Are ye related in any way to Dinis McCarthy?" "Dinis is my distant relative," replied McCarthy. "Distant?" "Yes, Dinis was me mother's first child. I was the fifteenth."

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ated in the county battle. Pete Theisen is in Portland on business connected with the O. W. R. & N. Co. Ed. Staples of Island City, was dining here at the County seat Wednesday. J. M. Church went to Union on business connected with the courts by court yesterday. The old system in the machine shops of four days a week is now in vogue. The machinists lay off Wednesday and Saturday of each week. Same as Today It would seem that some of our citizens and business men would take pride enough to keep their side walks clean. There are some portions of the side walks on our business streets that are almost dangerous to walk over as they are almost like an ice pond. Judges Install Monday evening, Red Cross Lodge No. 27, Knights of Pythias, of La Grande, installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Edwin Thomas, P. C.; Charles Moquist, V. C.; Garrett Tall, M. W.; Dr. A. G. Smith, Prelate; William Caviness, M. F.; W. B. Bray, M. E.; A. B. Cherry, R. H. S.; A. F. Lewis, M. A.; W. A. Houser, L. G.; Dr. C. T. Bacon, O. G. Degrees of Honor Mrs. Nora Stephen, P. C.; Mrs. H. Hanson, V. C.; Mrs. P. 1919, L. H.; Mrs. C. W. Green, L. G.; Miss Allie White, recorder; Mrs. Gardiner, secretary; Mrs. Quackenbush, financial; Miss Grace Green, usher; Mrs. Thomas Scott, inside watchman; E. P. Seligo, outside watchman; S. J. White, advisor; Mrs. G. W. Ellsworth, right hand supporter; Mrs. Denham, left hand supporter. A banquet was given at the Somner House after the installation of the above officers. La Grande Chapter, No. 9 Royal Arch Masons, held a meeting Monday evening and installed J. D. Matheson as high priest for the ensuing year; P. J. Holmes, king; H. Stephenson, scribe; N. Molitor, C. of H.; P. Stanley, P. S.; S. Shropshire, R. A. C.; A. Sommer, master; Fred Wolf, Grand Currier; master of second veil; M. J. Buckler, master of fourth veil; J. L. Curtis, sentinel. At the last meeting of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, J. W. Gray was installed as commander; vice commander, A. A. Hally; recording secretary, A. T. Prescott; treasurer, W. S. Houser; financial secretary, M. E. Crippen; assistant recording secretary, M. Snyder; conductor, W. E. Anderson; warden, H. C. Collier; inside sentinel, H. L. Jones; outside sentinel, C. E. Cougar; trustee, C. B. Goodenough. Wednesday evening the Daughters of Rebekah met and installed officers. Bessie Henry was installed as noble grand; vice Grand, Janette Clark; recording secretary, Mabel Williams; financial secretary, Labbie Kinsey; Treasurer, Rose A. Callison; conductor, Lillian Bates; warden, Lulu Hansen; right supporter noble grand, A. F. Prescott; left supporter noble grand, Mrs. E. S. McComas; right supporter vice grand, Ella Gray; left supporter vice grand, Allice White; chaplain, Hattie Kinsey; inside grand, Fannie Sommer; outside grand, J. C. Henry. Installing officer Mrs. J. C. Henry, D. G. M. The following officers were installed by Blue Mountain Tent, K. O. T. M., last Friday evening: P. F. Childers, commander; E. L. Finney, lieutenant commander; H. C. Weaver, sergeant; H. Merkins, record keeper; Dr. A. G. Smith, physician; L. A. Ross, master at arms; H. G. Onley, sentinel; J. Crowl, picket. Now Year's afternoon, an unmarried man, Kelsey Porter, by name, considered himself to Justice Compton, of Pine Valley, and stated that he had been the agent in killing old man Ben Macho, his wife and their son, the latter of whom had but recently returned from the penitentiary where he had served a term for cattle stealing. It appears had feeling had existed for some time between the Machos and Porter, and on the particular occasion the Machos were driving through Porter's field. Porter had forbidden them from doing this, claiming they let in the range stock by leaving down the fence. Upon his remonstrating with young Macho to break his revolver and fired three shots at Porter. Porter retired to the house, armed himself with a Winchester rifle, opened fire and killed father, mother and son. Kelsey Porter, the man who committed the Pine Valley tragedy arrived in Union Saturday evening in custody of Constable Turner Oliver, having been bound over to

wait the action of the grand jury at Union. One hundred dollars was raised by the inhabitants of Pine Valley for the defense of Porter, who seems to be held in good repute. The entire sympathy of the valley is with Porter.

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