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FOR THE LORD IS A SUN AND A SHIELD; the Lord
will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold
from them that walk uprightly.—Psalm 84:11.

Are You Patriotic? Then Vote!

On November 4th a National Presidential
Election will be held in the United States. The
only right way to select a President (and other
executives) is for everyone to signify his or
her choice. Consider it a sacred duty to your
country to go to the polls and cast your vote.

Municipal Economy

All will agree that economy in municipal administra-
tion is to be admired, but is there not such a thing as
going too strong on economy, making it false economy?

Especially is this true in a growing city. Take La
Grande for the last ten years, for instance. We have held
a high place in economy of administration in the state,
but like the industrial plant that makes no allowance for
wearing out of its plant, this city is now confronted with
a good many things that must be done.

The new city administration, whoever may be elected,
will confront the rebuilding of a water system. The same
administration will be met face to face with building new
septic tanks and revising the sewer system of the city.
It will also meet the dire necessity of better street light-
ing. There are many more miles of pavement which will
necessitate increased expense in the street cleaning de-
partment. If La Grande is to have a municipal auto park
worthy of the name, the new administration will find a
place there where considerable money must be spent.

There are other things. We have but enumerated the
largest undertakings which must be met. We say must,
because in this day no city can grow and attract people
unless all of the things mentioned are modern and worth
while.

It would seem a better plan for a municipality to work
year in and year out with proper repairs made to the city
plant, with proper extensions as the year demands, and
not wait, as La Grande has waited, until the whole struc-
ture is honeycombed, needing almost entire rebuilding.

Bear in mind, city officials are not wholly to blame
for this condition. We are working under a charter which
makes of the commissioners mere agents as they have no
power whatsoever to secure revenue for any project with-
out a vote of the people.

Pennies

J. B. Fisher stood at the grocer counter in La Grande
the other day waiting for his change after making a pur-
chase. He got it and it was a lone one-cent piece. The
old chap, who has been a resident of Eastern Oregon since
Jake Gulling pulled the first locomotive into this valley,
and many years before, began to laugh. Finally, he said:
"How things have changed. To think that I would ever
stand and wait for a penny in change amuses me."

Then he told about the first pennies that ever came
to La Grande. Some eastern fellow brought in five hun-
dred pennies in the days when it was almost an insult to
ask a man to change anything that was not divisible by
two-bit pieces. Mr. Fisher said if the smallpox had broken
out there would have been no sterner criticism of the man
with the pennies. He was the talk of the settlement. After
much discussion the pennies were rounded up and pre-
sented to some old lady to hoard away, just to get them
out of the community and prevent circulation.

It's different now, however, for buyers of merchandise
watch the prices in the advertising and wherever a penny
can be saved they do not overlook it.

The day of investigations will soon be over, for after
election none of the three parties will care much about
probing. The result will not be announced for four years
and interest will cease.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



A SPY FROM THE HOOTSTOWN POLITICAL GANG
HEAD QUARTERS WAS BAGGED UP WHILE
TRYING TO GET INTO A SECRET MEETING OF THE PARTY LEAGUE
AT AUNT SARAH PEABODY'S HOME LAST EVENING.



The barbers will have to learn
a new story now that they are hold-
ing so many feminine heads.

GONE UP IN SMOKE
Hunny: "That sky-writer finally
met his Waterloo."
Dory: "How was that?"
Hunny: "He tried to show his
stuff over Pittsburg."

In the past three years we have
learned more about the silk stock-
ing than during the preceding 300
years.

How can you realize on what you
don't advertise?

Senators Johnson and Reed have
one advantage. They know they are
through.

A man is as old as the time he
whistles.

Clerk: "Boss, I'm taking a cor-
respondence course on how to get
more money."
Boss: "It won't do you any good,
I'm taking a course on how to
keep down expenses."

The uncertainties regarding the
election results have been increased
since the prince of Wales came
over and captured the flapper vote.

He: "Dearest, no one will ever
know how I love you."
Vince: "From under sofa." "Huh!
Dad'll know unless I get about a
quarter."

"What a charming baby! And
how it does resemble your hus-
band!"
"Gracious, I hope not! We adopt-
ed it."

Our idea of money thrown away
is that being spent in full-page ad-
vertisements by the Washington
Post announcing the return to its
editorial staff of George Harvey.

THE EAGLE
The bird of freedom, with clipped
claws,
Has come to soar or shriek;
Entrapped within a mesh of laws,
He looks mightily mock.

He: "Would you say 'Yes' if I
asked you to marry me?"
She: (still more cautiously)—
"Would you ask me to marry you
if I would say 'Yes' if you asked
me to marry you?"

One reason for the prince of
Wales' popularity among Ameri-
cans is that he has never been
known to deliver a lecture.

It is said that among the pres-
ents received by a flapper bride in
Brooklyn the other night were a
hip flask, a humidor and nine cig-
aret cases.

Bodily Identified by Husband.
OXFORD, N. J. (AP)—The
body of a bodied haired woman
found in an abandoned iron mine
hole near here was identified Tues-
day as that of Mrs. Grace Thomas
of Rocky Hill near Glen Gardner.
The body was identified by Frank
Thomas, her husband.

Still many normal and sensible
people don't understand words
that begin "pay."

**THREE NEW
BUNGALOWS
FOR SALE**

One is a strictly modern 2-room
bungalow, large corner lot, good
location, immediate possession,
\$2,500.00; \$300.00 cash will han-
dle it.

One 4-room strictly modern
bungalow, half block off paved
street, cement sidewalks and
curbing, immediate possession,
\$2,600.00; \$300.00 cash.

New 2-room modern bungalow
on North Fourth street. This is
an extraordinary good buy. Im-
mediate possession; \$2,620. Good
terms.

PYRAMID LAND CO.
Main 753
F. N. Ford, C. L. Berry,
W. H. Berry
Boarded Realtors

Editorials From Over the Nation

NORTH COUNTRY SCENERY

Enterprise Record—Chickamauga
Residents of Wallowa valley are
so accustomed to hearing praise
of the scenic attractions of the
high mountains, with their lakes
and creeks, that they are apt to
forget one of the most beautiful
landscapes in the northwest,
which is reached easily by rail.
This is the view of Lost Prairie,
the canyon of the Grande Ronde
river and the benches and tim-
bered heights beyond. It is as
different from the majestic can-
yon of Snake river at Buckhorn,
but it is equally grand.

In the autumn when the val-
leys and hills have turned brown,
the north drive is especially gor-
geous, as it takes you through
miles of green forests and under-
growth, past the brink of Joseph
creek canyon, across the level
farms and timbered stretches of
the Flora neighborhood, and on
to the Arka ridge where is seen
the full expanse of the benches
with their rich farms, and the
great ridges and deep valleys of
the Grande Ronde region. It is
a picture of fertility and produc-
tion as well as grandeur. Take it
and get better acquainted with
the wonderful north end of Wal-
lowa county.

THREE MEN DIE IN BLAZE

DETROIT (AP)—Bodies of
Howard Hurdin of Windsor, Ont.,
and two unidentified men were
taken from the ruins of the five-
story building occupied by the Cot-
ton and Krotz Show Case company
which was destroyed by fire late
Monday with a loss estimated at
\$125,000. Three workers, one a
young woman, who were trapped
by the flames, clinging to the sides
of the flaming structure until re-
scued.

You'll find it in the Want Ads.

MARKET JOEL'S GROCERIES

PHONE MAIN 759

FRESH CRABS, SALMON AND HALIBUT

Our business increases every day.
There is a reason.

Fine Solid Head Lettuce—home-grown

Try a pound of Butter Flakes—Delicious Candy
50c a pound.

Put in your order for Cider for Hallowe'en,
40c per Gallon

West & Co

THE QUALITY STORE



New Sweaters

These new Slip-on and Coat models are creating a
great sensation among the college men and the golf
enthusiasts. We have a great assortment of pleas-
ing patterns and latest colors. Prices range from

\$4.50 to \$9.50

The Sign
of
Good
Quality



Makers
of
High Grade
Merchandise

Oil Heating Stoves

WE HAVE SEVERAL STYLES

Priced from \$6.50 to \$15.00

Oregon Hardware & Imp. Co.

MOTHERS---

Protect your children by buying clothing that
are warm and well made, and colors that
don't fade.

We have most anything you want in line of
Children's Shoes, Hats, Coats, Stockings,
Dresses and Underwear.

Remember, we sell high grade goods at
POPULAR PRICES

NORTON'S KIDDY SHOP

Button Holes Stamping Buttons Covered
HEMSTITCHING PLEATING

READ THE OBSERVER CLASSIFIED ADS

Watch for the "bumps"
in "The Path of Life."
THE DAY OF PROPHECY

The Day of Prophecy
Has Passed

"No man knoweth what
a day may bring forth."
Therefore, the wise man
will prepare for emer-
gencies.

The most reliable
emergency measure ever
devised by man is the
systematic setting aside
of savings.

For such purposes the
bank account is the most
helpful medium possible.
"There is No Substitute
For Safety"



Why you should help them

DEFEAT

The Workmen's Compulsory
Compensation Amendment.

Unless this reactionary amendment is defeated
Oregon's working people will lose the sure protection
of the present good compensation law. In its place
they will be compelled to submit to a three-man political
commission, whose powers will be FINAL. No
matter how unfairly it may treat injured working
people or their dependents, our workers will NOT
have the right to appeal to an AMERICAN JURY
for a square deal, as they now have.

Forces our Farmers In

Under the present compensation act, farmers can
come under it if they desire. Under the proposed
amendment they could BE FORCED IN and would
be COMPELLED to pay money into the state fund
IN ADDITION TO THEIR PRESENT TAXES.

Dictation with No Appeal

The commission would be ABOVE THE LAW. It
could make its own law; be its own judge and jury.
Industry, our farmers and our working people would
be helpless because the commission's decisions would
be FINAL and non-appealable.

Medical Trust Created

The amendment specifically forbids medical or sur-
gical treatment for: crippled workmen, except by
doctors selected by the commission and under its
monopolistic control.

Wrecks a Good Law

The amendment was initiated by professional agi-
tators of Portland. If enacted it will mark the return
of the old system of bitter lawsuits and ambulance
chasing lawyers. It will wreck the present good law,
which extends certain protection to industry and our
working people.

Vote It Down!

Paid advertisement, Oregon Industrial Accident Committee, Portland

Vote 311-X NO