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WHEN THOU PASSEST through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flames kindle upon thee.—Isaiah 43:2.

The American people are capable of self-government if they had the time and the inclination to bother with it.

Two things, at least, thieves will not steal: your character and the ancient car you have insured for more than it's worth.

If, as a movie star says, the wedding ring is obsolete, it must be a case of the circle being supplanted by the triangle.

Portland is extremely enthusiastic about the sixteen convention to be held within her gates during the coming season but her subscription to the support of the Old Oregon Trail association activities does not indicate that the city is very keenly concerned as to how her convention delegates who may be motoring are to reach her hospitable portals.

PAVING THE OLD OREGON TRAIL.

The "Pave-the-Old-Oregon-Trail Committee" which is being formed with representative members from cities and towns along the line is one way to bring Eastern Oregon highway needs before the state Highway Commission. Certainly some organization is needed to do that very thing. The expenditure of \$100,000 to resurface part of the trail this year will improve present conditions but it is not going to solve the problem. The trail carries more traffic now than any other macadam highway in the state and the number of cars passing over it this season will be a tremendous increase over previous years, according to reliable estimates. Traffic, and the resultant wear and tear, is going to increase each season, not diminish, and it is in preparation for that condition that the Committee seeks to have the entire trail paved.

No one questions the fact that the center of population in Oregon is in Portland and that paved roads were first required for that vicinity. But the Highway Commission seems to have lost sight of the fact that Portland is now served with adequate paved roads and that the greatest unpaved feeder highway in the state is the Old Oregon Trail. To side-track the trail paving project is not only a serious injustice to Eastern Oregon but it is also detrimental to the entire Oregon country. The original law passed by the legislature provided for the pavement of the Old Oregon Trail to the Idaho state line as soon as major projects leading into Portland were completed. When we consider that the paving of the lower Columbia Highway was not a part of the original needs of the state as outlined by the legislature, we can appreciate how far the various Commissions have deviated from the plan—leaving the Oregon Trail to become the last major project in state road improvement. The Committee can do much to bring the Commission to realize the importance of planning for this as soon as funds can possibly be made available. The aid and support of all Eastern Oregon citizens is needed to make the Committee's effort most effective.

OUT OUR WAY

By WILLIAMS



Editorials From Over the Nation

LA GRANDE'S LAKE RESORT
The Portland Telegram—Our state, rich in mountains, forests and waterfalls, is not so rich in lake resources. Abounding in summer resorts, it lacks something in the way of winter resorts. La Grande has a good thing to offer in both these respects in the Walla Walla lake region, near enough to that city to become a suburban resort.

La Grande is now connected by good automobile road with this lake, and already there has sprung up a village of summer homes at the lake, a group that will grow rapidly. How boats are being put upon the lake, and a power launch as well. Fishing and boating in the summer, and skating in the winter with skating on the surrounding hills and snowshoeing on the neighboring trails are to be on the recreational program for the Walla Walla region.

People who have become enamored of lake life miss the boats, the still fishing and the quiet waterside life on the Pacific coast. La Grande will make tempting offers to tourists or summer visitors in search of these forms of recreation.

LEAVES A FINE RECORD
The Grand Junction (Colo.) Sentinel—George Garrett, the retiring city manager, did not come to this city as a politician nor as a diplomat, but for the sole purpose of managing the city's business as a man managing a large industrial concern. He has strictly played with his work; he has been an energetic and an absorbed in his work as a bank teller during the busy hour. He has selected his aides and kept them as they had or developed, the same characteristics, playing no favorites because of politics, religion or other personal privileges. He has been a real manager in fact as well as name; he has been subservient to no political boss, nor has he sought to boss others in particulars that did not belong to his office.

He has given studied attention to the finances of the city, and his monthly reports have been giving the taxpayers a knowledge of the disposition of the money rarely offered; his inauguration of payments on the water bonds alone has saved the city a year of his salary or more.

His technical knowledge of construction work, his personal touch with every phase of city operation and activity have been invaluable. Upon the whole this city has gained immeasurably more by his three years' work than it has paid him from the financial standpoint alone, to say nothing of the united forward impulses he has given to improvement generally.

Upon a whole, without disparagement to his successor, the city regrets to see Mr. Garrett leave, and the Sentinel joins with hundreds of other citizens, INCLUDING THE THROUGHOUT THE CITY, IN WELCOMING HIM TO ANY CITY NEEDING A HEAD MANAGER.

Editor's Note—Mr. Garrett was formerly city manager of La Grande.

FIRST ATTITUDE
"What do you think your boy is going to be when he grows up?"
"Well, he has the makings of a poet—he's always complaining that he's hungry."

Tipping can be absolutely stopped when everybody is perfectly satisfied to be treated no better than anybody else.

What does a cheer leader do with his arms in the winter time?
Now they're calling it the "X-word puzzle." Do they think it is going to be as permanent as Xmas.

OLD MONTICELLO TONIC
Taken regularly keeps you well. Agrees with the constitution.

Moon Drug Co.
Everything for the Sick Room
Phone M-68

Yesterday In Washington

(By the Associated Press)
The state department confirmed reports that informal debt conversations were in progress with French.

War department officials turned attention to the need for strengthening Hawaiian air defenses.

Plans for "mummy day" to be held on the anniversary of the armistice were laid before President Coolidge.

John T. Cahn, 111, of Logan, Utah, was appointed head of the bankers and stock exchange administration of the department of agriculture.

The international council of women completed action on its disarmament resolution by adopting the action urging study of the so-called "Geneva draft" protocol.

The supreme court decided that proceeds from life insurance policies invented before enactment of the revenue act of 1918 were not subject to its federal estate tax.

There being no law against it, Ford made 1924 cars in one day.

27 YEARS AGO

Daily Morning Observer, May 11, 1898—The large tanks which arrived for the Oregon Sugar factory are known to sugar men as mixers and will be placed in the second story of the factory, little and down. The beet pulp and juice will be placed in this and stirred up and then run from there to the various separating machines in the lower story.

J. Marshall went to Haines, Baker county, yesterday on a train buying expedition.

Attorney F. R. Ivanhoe has returned from Pendleton.

Judge Eakin and Roy Stowell, county stenographer, are en route to Roseburg on judicial business.

J. T. Wright has his soda fountain all in trim, and those whose taste is educated to ice cream sodas will soon have an opportunity to gratify their longings.

The ladies' bowling teams captained by Mrs. Snow and Mrs. Mollitor, finished their series of thirty games, resulting in only a difference of 13 in favor of Mrs. Mollitor's team.

The regular meeting of the La Grande Commercial club was held last evening in the club parlors. The attendance was better than the average, showing that the members are taking an active interest in the management of the club. Several matters of more than ordinary importance were discussed, one of which was the establishing of a city park for La Grande. It was determined by the club that La Grande should have a park. They often run at breakneck speed to be on hand at the place of danger.

OFFICE CAT

By Junius

The girl who can be had for the asking usually spends all of her life waiting to be asked.

Firefighters had a hard life. Kid McCoy was sent to the pen, and Jack Dempsey got married.

Mary has a cheesecloth suit. Her skin was wondrous fair. And when it came to Venus form Our Mary sure was there.

She wore it down the street one day. The sight was awful shocking. For all who dared to look could see That Mary rolled her stockings.

Those who live in spring suits should not open milk bottles with their thumbs.

MUSICAL COMEDY
She—"Are they putting that poor man out for laughing?"
He—"No. The manager has sent for him to find out what he was laughing at."

One sign I'd like to see on every mail box
Throughout these vaies and hills,
A sign reading something like this:
"Kindly post no bills."

The Nearest Service IS Ford Service

Perkins Motor Co.
4th and Adams

A Reliable Bank
Reliability that means helpfulness as well as safety—no matter what the emergency.

La Grande National Bank
Sound, Reliable, Progressive



Hall's Catarrh Medicine will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh.

Sold by druggists for over 40 years
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio

Formerly senator says he never has been in jail. Police forces don't claim to be 100 per cent efficient.

A man shot himself in Logansport, Ind., because nobody loved him, but that didn't help any.

Experts Give Attention To Rubber from Haiti

WASHINGTON (AP)—It may not be forever that Americans will have to depend chiefly upon far-off Java for rubber tires. The Bureau of Standards has just received 25 pounds of smoked sheet rubber from an experimental plantation which the agricultural department has been operating in Haiti. The shipment is to be tested in a variety of ways, over a long period of time, to determine whether the gum from the Haitian trees will do the work which now is performed by the products of the islands of the Indian Ocean and the Amazon basin.

The island of Haiti is 15 degrees further north of the equator than any other spot upon which rubber cultivation has been attempted previously and the rubber trees are of a different species from those in the East Indian tropical gardens.

The long dollar

THEY say a tight man squeezes his dollar until he makes "the eagle scream."

A wise man makes his dollar stretch. He buys—but he buys wisely, making every dollar go a long way.

He knows that the purchasing power of a dollar has shrunk considerably in the last ten years. He also knows there has never been a time when wise buying paid bigger dividends.

Every day, this newspaper contains information that you should have to increase your buying power. The advertisements are intimate little lessons in every-day economy. They teach you how, when and for what your dollar will go farthest.

Manufacturers and merchants tell of their products through the advertisements. Almost every new opportunity is offered through an advertisement. Practically every unusual buy is advertised.

You can stretch your dollar to its elastic limit by keeping abreast of the opportunities to get full value.

THE ADVERTISEMENTS WILL HELP YOU MAKE YOUR MONEY GO FAR

MARKET JOEL'S GROCERIES

CLOSING-OUT PRICES ON SALAD DRESSING
40c Jars for 25c

HAZELWOOD COTTAGE CHEESE

Buy your Vegetables from us and be assured of the very best—Fresh Every Morning.

If You Want the Best

Bread - Cakes - Pies - Cookies

Be Sure It Is Made by Gwilliam's Electric Bakers—Eastern Oregon's Leading Bread and Pastry Bakers

Gwilliam's Electric Bakery
Home of the Golden Crust

BABY'S DIAPERS
Birdseye or Flannel, Cut and Hemmed.

Per Dozen
\$2.70

VANTA or M BRAND INFANTS' SHIRTS
The best made garments, and will not shrink.
\$1.00 and \$1.25

GIRLS' SHIRTS
Age 2 to 12
25c and 30c

BOYS' AND GIRLS' SUMMER UNIONSUITS
80c

Norton's Kiddy Shop
Where Quality Is Higher Than Price.