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SELF-PRAISE:—Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger and not thine own lips.—Proverbs 27:2.

January bills argue strongly for a savings account to be available next Christmas.

The award of the Harriman medal to the Union Pacific system for its record as the safest railroad in the country in 1924 is a very creditable thing, and the fact that the second division of the O. W. R. & N., which is the La Grande division, ranked fifth among the five thousand or more divisions in the United States is worth more than passing notice. La Grande should take particular pride in this record because it reflects credit on the large number of citizens who had an active part in making it and because it means that the system serving this territory is of the highest rank.

### THE DEAD PAST.

William Allen White in his Emporia (Kan.) Gazette discusses the possible revival of the progressive idea of 1912 and expresses doubt that the past will rise again with any change of the future in our political horizon. He says: "When the change does come, when life begins to move again, it will be toward some new objective—not toward the old. The day of Bryan, Roosevelt, La Follette and Wilson, the day of statesmen interested in the equitable distribution of wealth, has closed. The new day will have other battles to fight. As for the old cause and the old slogans—they are museum pieces, interesting as historic emblems of a proud and glorious epoch, a successful struggle, as success goes in politics; but, alas! now only brightly memorable."

There is much truth in the prediction. Try as young Bob La Follette may to secure a return to the enthusiasm of his father's time, he will fall short of the mark. He may think that he holds closely to the principles of his predecessor, he may think that the old ideals are being retained, but the progressive thought of tomorrow will bear little resemblance to that of yesterday on close analysis. It will take on new angles, will shoot off at strange tangents, and will gradually become a crusade foreign to the conception of the old war horses who stumped the country fighting the bosses and "moneyed interests."

In Roosevelt's day it would have been impossible to conceive of a president recommending to congress that our railroad systems be consolidated under four or five big organizations. Yet we are gradually coming to believe that much waste could be stopped by such a plan, that duplication of service could be eliminated, that overhead expenses would be reduced, that rates could be modified, that labor and common people would be benefited far more than the present method permits. People are becoming more and more "sold" on the idea that large capital, properly supervised, can serve more efficiently than the same amount split up into many small units handicapped by small volume and excessive overhead. We may eventually go to the other extreme and a crusade will spring anew from the generation of the future. But today the radical, the progressive, and the idealist must seek a new angle and a new appeal if he is to create a following that will have influence and power.



### FUNERAL DIRECTORS

La Grande's Leading Firm

Established 1896

W. H. BOHNENKAMP CO.

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### OUT OUR WAY

By WILLIAMS



ENTERS THE MAN.

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## OFFICE CAT

By Jenius

During the last eclipse of the sun a Scotchman was seen running to the Western Union office in hopes of sending a night-letter.

A group of students at George Washington university have successfully undergone an experiment of sixty hours without sleep, thus almost equalling the record of a Kansas City girl who attended five slumber parties in one week.

IT'S A YOUNG MAN'S GAME (From Elmira, N. Y. Star-Gazette.)

M—G. G.—19, veteran newspaper and advertising executive, died at his home at Flushing, L. I.

We are told that interviewing Vice-President Dawes for the

press is easy. If he wants to be interviewed, he lives three long puffs and one short one on his pipe; if he doesn't, it's two shorts and one long.

Women are just like flowers, when they fade they die.

And you never saw one of the "lower animals" killing another for being unorthodox.

A gent in Idaho shot a bear with a bow and arrow, much to the surprise of both.

The worst man we know of got married, because he heard a wife was cheaper than a janitor.

Irnie La Grande Father—Young lady, those flesh-colored stockings you have on are positively indecent. How many times do I have to tell you not to wear them?  
Daughter—I'm not, father.

CHARLESTON BLUES  
Oh, I can't learn the Charleston! My girl has left me flat! For a prancing fool

From a dancing school.  
Now, what'dya thinka that?

I got them Charleston blues, Them strutting, bending, Muscledrinking, Charleston blues.

For I may be a fish but I'm no el!  
And I can't get that Charleston eye!

So I got them Charleston blues, Them whirling, twirling, Lost-my-girling Charleston blues.

They say that it's reducing;

D. B. Ruckman  
Accountant

Income Tax Reports

Office with  
Fred Hamilton  
Holmes Bldg.  
La Grande, Ore.

They may be right at that, For my money goes To the studios. And my girl has left me flat.

I got them Charleston blues, Them strutting, bending, Muscledrinking, Charleston blues. For I won a prize in a turnverein. But that Charleston glide won't fit my apine. So I got them Charleston blues, Them whirling, twirling, Lost-my-girling Charleston blues.

The young live on hopes, the old on memories.

### Radio Set Installed At Lower Valley Farm

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Roy Gustin, recently installed a radio set for H. C. Biggs, of Lower Valley.

George Cousins hauled wood from Meek's place the first of the week.

Mack Roberts of Gooding, Ida., has been visiting the Meeks the past week. He lived in this county for a time more than three decades ago, this being his first visit into the county in 24 years. John Couch, of Leap, delivered some fat hogs here the first of the week.

L. Couch and sons visited Tuesday evening at the John Couch home in Leap.

Sam Meek was busy butchering hogs the first of the week. George Cousins and Irvin Gustin helped him.

James Weaver and wife, of Enterprise, are visiting at F. A. Downing's of Leap.

Mrs. F. R. Hockett and son Gerald spent Christmas at the T. L. Sherod home in Middle valley.

J. C. Phipps, who has been a patient at the hospital here for

the past ten days is reported to be considerably improved at this time.

DOHENY LOSSES APPEAL SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—A decision which if upheld by the United States supreme court, will strip Edward L. Doheny interest in naval oil reserve No. 1 in California and deny the many relief for work performed in such reserves and at the Pearl Harbor oil station at Honolulu was handed down here Monday by the United States court of appeals.

Some men stay around home so much when they come down to the office they have forgotten how to talk.



### Hand Us Your Films

Kodak Film in your camera plus our careful developing and printing means prints you'll like in your album. Hand us your films.

Kodaks \$5 Up  
Brownies \$2 Up

### Red Cross Drug Store

### "In They Come"

To WEST'S 28TH ANNUAL JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE.

Every Article Reduced

N. K. West & Co.  
La Grande's Leading Store For 25 Years

### TO PROTECT YOU

Cod-liver oil promotes growth of body and bone in children and is a strength-protecting food for grown people.

### Scott's Emulsion

cod-liver oil made into a rich cream. It builds up vigor and strength. Take it for its health-protecting benefits.

Scott & Bowne, Bluefield, N. J.

### The Start Isn't Hard

BUT KEEPING AT YOUR SAVINGS ACCOUNT IS WHAT COUNTS. IS YOURS GROWING REGULARLY EVERY WEEK?

### La Grande National Bank

Sound - Reliable - Progressive

### REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK

At La Grande, in the State of Oregon, at the Close of Business on December 31st, 1925.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, including redcounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank.....	\$1,231,261.83
Overdrafts, unsecured.....	28.21
U. S. Government securities owned: Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value).....	200,000.00
All other United States Government securities (including premiums, if any).....	27,500.00
257,500.00	257,500.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.: Banking house, \$60,251.18; furniture and fixtures, \$16,000.00.....	76,251.18
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank Cash in vault and amount due from National banks.....	90,275.45
Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9 and 10).....	27,458.22
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12).....	5,615.96
Total of Items 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13.....	205,941.79
Miscellaneous cash items.....	2,754.47
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$2,112,256.41</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 200,000.00
Surplus fund.....	50,000.00
Undivided profits.....	4,000.04
Circulating notes outstanding.....	197,800.00
Amount due to National banks.....	2,256.11
Amount due to State banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in Items 22 or 23).....	1,265.41
Certified checks outstanding Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25.....	4,755.27
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days).....	592,599.01
Individual deposits subject to check.....	3,628.52
Provision of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed).....	101,713.25
State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank or surety bond.....	2,000.00
Other demand deposits.....	2,000.00
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31.....	505,470.52
Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings: Contributions of deposit (other than for money borrowed).....	161,354.51
Other time deposits.....	231,681.14
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve Items 32, 33, 34 and 35.....	743,515.65
United States deposits (other than postal savings), including War Loan deposit account and deposits of United States disbursing officers.....	3,000.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$2,112,256.41</b>

State of Oregon, County of Union, ss J. H. E. Coolidge, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of January, 1926.

J. F. FHY, Notary Public for Oregon, My

H. E. COOLIDGE, Cashier.  
CORRECT—Attest:  
F. L. MEYERS,  
A. T. HILL,  
ROBERT S. EAKIN, Directors



## All Stamped Goods In Discontinued Patterns At Half Price

- BOYS' SUITS—Age 2 to 8 at less than wholesale prices.
- SHOES—In small sizes at 10 per cent off.
- GIRLS' WOOL DRESSES—Age 2 to 16, at less than wholesale prices.
- SHOES—In large sizes at 30 per cent off.
- GIRLS' SILK DRESSES—Age 7 to 16, at 35 per cent off.
- BOYS' OR GIRLS' UNDERWEAR—in discontinued styles, at half price.
- GIRLS' COATS—Age 2 to 6, at 35 per cent off.
- CRIB BLANKETS—Size 30x40, 75c.
- GIRLS' COATS—Age 9 to 16, at half price.
- 95c DIAPER BAGS—For 50c.
- ALL-WOOL SWEATERS—In discontinued styles, at 35 per cent off.

Prices talk for themselves at this sale as we have cut prices on merchandise so low that we know it will move out to make room for our new stock of goods to come in after February 1st. Get your choice now before the best are picked over. Remember, prices will be cut until every piece is sold. We do not carry any old stock. No refunds or exchanges allowed at these sales prices. But we sell you only our regular high grade merchandise.

## Norton's Kiddy Shop