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PRAYER AND FORGIVENESS—"Harken Thou to the supplication of Thy servant, and of Thy people, when they shall pray: . . . and when Thou hearest, forgive." 1 Kings 8:30.

The big cotton surplus doesn't do so much harm as the big sugar surplus. People don't eat cheap cotton and make themselves sick.

Speaking of a current Pittsburg scandal—when a "shovel king" is sued for breach of promise, it's to be expected that a spade will be called a spade.

Having done her best and failed, at that murder trial, there's nothing for the "Pig Woman" to do but get well, go west and win the hog-calling championship of Kansas.

Life in the United States senate has lost much of its old charm since some of the members lost their clubby spirit and began asking mean questions about how other members got in.

THIS IS THE DAY.

La Grande and Union county today have the pleasure of entertaining the members of the Board of Normal School Regents and the State Board of Control on whose shoulders rests the responsibility of choosing a location for the new Eastern Oregon normal school and the tuberculosis hospital. We do not envy them the job. Wherever these coveted state institutions are placed, there is certain to be a feeling on the part of one or two less fortunate localities that justice has not been done. The Observer refuses to feel that way, now or later. These state officials are working for the people of the whole state. They are seeking to pick locations that will serve Oregon's best interests. Their choice will be based on merit. It will not be determined by any amount of high powered salesmanship that may be attempted in some communities. Whatever the outcome, we are glad to have had them here, glad to have them see the metropolis of Eastern Oregon, glad to have them view again the beauties of the Grande Ronde valley—even though the site-seeing and sight-seeing must be handicapped by zero temperatures. We hope they'll return again and even though there'll be no state institutions to locate—so we can show them that Eastern Oregon's disagreeable weather, like that of the Willamette and of Los Angeles, is always "unusual."

MONEY FOR INSTRUCTION

Yale's call for a large sum of money to be employed entirely in improving her instruction is greeted as a startling innovation in college fund campaigns. New buildings, stadiums, physical equipment of all sorts, are the usual allurements offered by institutions of higher learning in asking people to donate money to endowment funds.

The quality of instruction in Yale and elsewhere probably needs and deserves more attention and more money spent on it. As colleges and universities have felt the rush of increasing numbers of students, classes have grown large. Personal contact between pupils and teachers has almost vanished. Youthful instructors with little experience, fresh from their own college days, have stepped into collegiate teaching positions.

More teachers, better equipped teachers, teachers with a special gift for research and others with a special gift for developing and inspiring their young pupils, are needed on the faculties of most colleges and universities. That one of the better and larger universities should recognize and act upon this need so frankly is a hopeful educational sign. That is exactly what President Hall, of University of Oregon, wants for our own institution.

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Retired Railman Receives Letter From Carl Gray

William T. Short, who served his last day in the service of the O.-W. R. and N. company here Nov. 17, after 35 years in the employ of the company, received a letter this week from Carl R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific system, expressing the appreciation of the company and the management for the faithful service rendered by him.

The contents of the letter follow: "I note in the last report of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company board of pensions, record of your retirement on pension, Dec. 1, on reaching the age of 70 years, and after more than 35 years continuous service with the company.

"It is a privilege which I take great pleasure in exercising to express on behalf of the company and the management our appreciation to you for the faithful, loyal and efficient service you have rendered during this long period of years. Your record of service to the railroad, but more particularly to the public, is one of which you may justly feel very proud.

"I trust that this finds you in good health and hope that you will have the enjoyment of your well earned pension for many years. Please remember that at all times you will be a welcome and honored member of the Union Pacific family. With my cordial personal regards, am, always, very truly yours, C. R. Gray."

Mr. and Mrs. Short make their home at 1220 11 avenue here, where they have lived during most of the 35 years that he has been in the service of the railroad company.

Mt. Fannie Grange Elects Officers

COVE, Ore., Dec. 14 (Special).—Mt. Fannie grange had an all-day meeting last Saturday with a large attendance. Dinner was served at noon. Five new members were taken into the organization.

Officers were elected as follows: Ralph Hunt, worthy master; Mrs. Lydia M. Lantz, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Ralph Hunt, worthy lecturer.

Perry P.-T. Body Hears E. D. Towler

PERRY, Ore., Dec. 14 (Special).—The Perry Parent-Teacher association held its regular meeting at the community hall last week. E. D. Towler, principal of the La Grande high school, gave an interesting talk, after which there was community singing. Sadie Stecher and Norma Larson gave a dance number.

Refreshments were served after the program.

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Woolen Shirts, two pocket, brown flannel for.....\$1.39

Wool Six in grey and white, 3 for.....\$1.00

All-Wool Overcoats, regular \$33. Christmas sale price (see them).....\$24.85

All-Wool Stag Shirts for.....\$4.95

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YOU'VE heard many a man after Christmas say "Six neckties and couldn't wear a one of them." A man's just as critical of style in a necktie, or a shirt or a pair of gloves at Christmas as he would be if he were buying them himself. You'll find plenty of dependable style at this store—merchandise bearing the name look for when they buy. Now's a good time to shop, too, ahead of the rush.

THIS is the season of reunions; family gatherings; the getting together of good fellows. Nothing like a rich looking overcoat to tell the folks how you are getting on in the world.

Hart-Schaffner Overcoats \$45, \$55 Other makes \$19.50 up



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MACKINAWS of heavy all-wool materials in plaids and colors that men like. These are ideal for outdoor wear of all kinds and afford real protection. To \$12.50

RIDING breeches with either button or lace knee in white, worsted, corduroy and fleece lined khaki. These breeches are cut and made to fit—\$2.75 to \$7.50 in all sizes

See These Fine Wool Shirts

OREGON CITY pure virgin wool shirts in colors and patterns that appeal to men. The full cut and roominess of these fine shirts will make them a coveted gift to any man \$4.50 to \$6.85

STAG SHIRTS made with double shoulders, chest and sleeves giving them almost wind and water proof qualities. This shirt in plaids of red green will appeal to the sportsman \$7.75

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For men and boys in this popular style. The numbers in flannel are made by the famous Oregon City Mills of pure wool. The knit numbers are in bright colors in jacquard and plaid patterns \$5.75 to \$10

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PROMISE PERSONALS

PROMISE (Special).—WILL Swearingen, who moved here from Pierce, Ida., has purchased the J. K. Carper place and has moved his family there. Three of his children are attending the Promise school.

Mrs. Alice Chenevorth came in last Wednesday and is staying with her parents here, Mrs. and Mrs. Vesper Henderson. She had her tonsils removed, and was just recovering from that when she had the measles. Her condition is better now.

The Promise literary society meets every two weeks at the Promise school house.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gorbett has been quite ill, but is improving now. Miss Elvies Courtney and Thor Carper visited Sunday with Mrs. Elva Poulson.

Clay Poulson and Clay Wood went to Walla Walla and Enterprise Saturday on business. They returned Tuesday, reporting that the roads are in very bad condition.

P. Carper, who is cutting timber on Posawatha for the Roseman-Hicks Lumber company, spent the week-end with his family.

John Doud went to Walla Walla Friday.

Mr. Reed has put a new box in the spring at the Riverside school house and has piped the water into the school house.

Howard and Harold Carper went to Walla Walla and Enterprise Tuesday.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The annual meeting of the shareholders of La Grande National Bank will be held at their banking house, on Tuesday, January 11th, 1927, at 10 o'clock A. M.

At this meeting a Board of directors will be elected to serve for the ensuing year and until their successors are elected and qualified. Such other business will be transacted as may properly offer at said meeting.

H. E. COOLIDGE, Cashier.

Dec. 9 to Jan. 10.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Union County, administrator of the estate of Eleonora Zweifel, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of his attorney, Green & Hershey, at La Grande, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 13th day of December, 1926.

GREEN & HERSEY, Attorneys for Administrator, Dec. 7-14-21-25—Jan. 1.

CALL FOR BIDS

Sewer Improvement

Sealed bids will be received by the Commission of the City of La Grande, Oregon, for the construction of the sewer in Sewer Improvement District Nos. 2-4, within the City of La Grande, Oregon, according to the plans and specifications of the said improvement now on file in the office of the City Recorder of said city.

A deposit of \$5.00 is required for set of plans and specifications, which amount will be refunded if bidder is unsuccessful March 1, 1927, and returns same to this office.

Bids will be received to the hour of seven-thirty p. m. Wednesday, December 15th, 1926, at the commission room in the city building at La Grande, Oregon, and must be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of ten per cent of the amount bid as a guarantee of the acceptance and completion of contract if awarded. Checks will be returned to unsuccessful bidders.

The commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Commission December 1st, 1926.

J. E. STEARNS, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.