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REDEMPTION—The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate. Psalm 34:22.

About \$300,000,000 in gold has been taken out of the Black Hills region in the vicinity of the president's summer home. And now they say there's political gold in "them hills."

A clever criminal lawyer saved the De Autremont brothers from hanging for one of the worst crimes in the history of the Pacific coast—an example of how our modern court system effects a compromise with justice. It wouldn't be so bad, perhaps, if there weren't danger of some future governor or parole board falling before the sentimental pleas of sob-sisters after the murder-horror has been erased from the public mind.

One of the amendments to be voted on next Tuesday prohibits the increase in salary of any state or elective county officers during their term of office. In other words, the amendment would prevent our rewarding a good public servant with any additional compensation, would allow an increase only for an official whose identity is unknown at the time. That's a poor way to encourage public service. It will not increase the attractiveness of office which is now badly needed. Such provisions should be kept out of the constitution. The legislature should continue to fix the pay. And if a man is worthy and the office deserving, let the public approval be shown by a reasonable increase. We do that in private business—why prohibit it in public affairs?

A BAD STEP FOR LA GRANDE

The question of adding two commissioners to the present city commission of three, thereby having a municipal body of five with one commissioner elected from each of four city wards or precincts and one elected by the city at large—that question, which is to be voted on next Tuesday, is arousing more and more public interest as the election draws near. And from apparent evidence the interest is almost entirely against the amendment.

The Observer's opinion on the five commissioner plan has been expressed before—we think it utterly wrong—but because there is a theoretical advantage in small group representation, we think the welfare of the city requires an additional statement of the probable disastrous working of the proposed system. The entire consideration should be with reference to what is good business for the city of La Grande and what is bad business for the city of La Grande.

Although additional commissioners, five instead of the present three, would cause division of responsibility, lack of community interest, and retarded decision and action, we have no serious objection to the number as such. The danger lies in the precinct representation. With that idea of municipal government again in vogue, four of the commissioners would cease to be city commissioners and would become ward commissioners. Their interests, ambitions, and plans would be selfish—devoted almost exclusively to the real or imaginary requirements of their particular precincts.

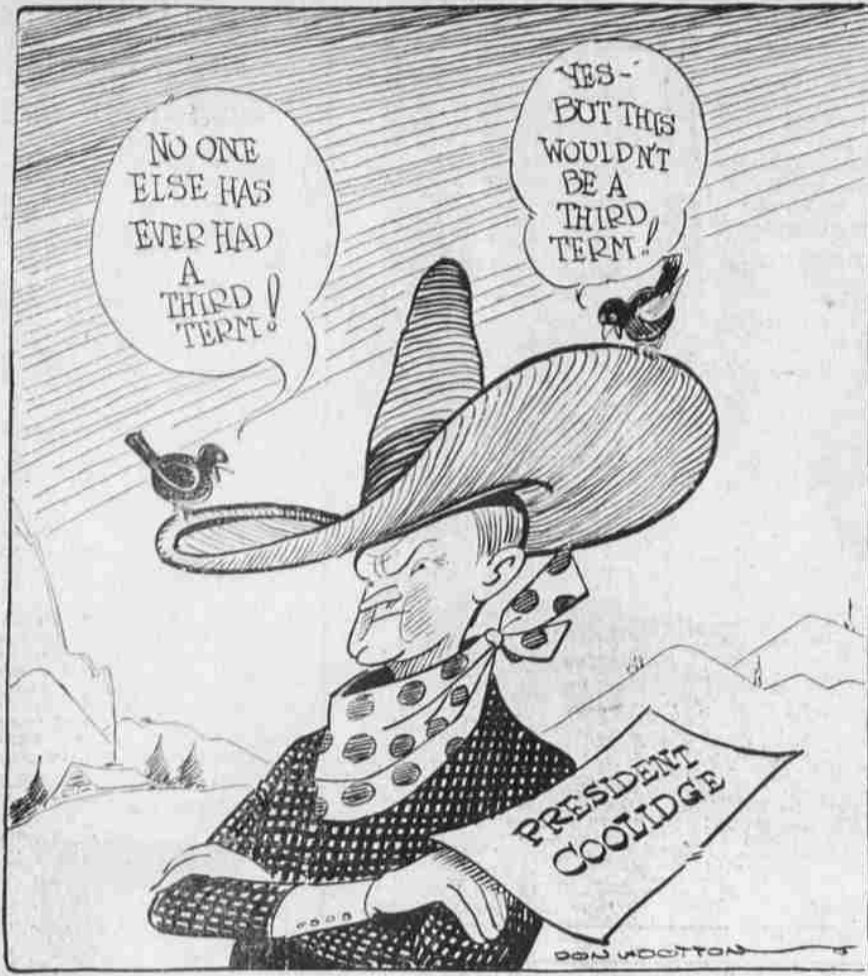
Instead of having three men interested in the city as a whole, we would have four interested only in four specific sections of the city and a fifth who could only serve vainly as peacemaker in controversies. Three projects from three separate sections of town might come up for consideration. One might have merit, the others not. But in order to secure the deserving thing, we would be forced to have the undeserving—constant trading of votes would not only become natural but necessary. "If you vote for this project in my end of town, I'll vote for that improvement in your end of town" would be the order of the day and the order of business.

The very thing with which we as voters find such constant fault in our state and national legislative bodies—logrolling, organized vote trading—would be returned to the saddle in municipal affairs.

We don't want that in La Grande. We want direct, absolute responsibility. We want a united community interest, not a divided sectional interest. When something goes wrong, we want to know who is responsible for that wrong.

The only possible reason for favoring the five-commissioner plan, in our opinion, would be dissatisfaction with the present city administration. Changing from three to five commissioners will not effect any cure, practical or theoretical. Any change that may be desired must be effected by a change in men not by a change in number and a division of responsibility and interest. The five-commissioner amendment should be defeated. It is a backward step for La Grande. It is a step away from economy, away from efficient business management, away from community progress.

HE CAN'T GET AWAY FROM THE BIRDS OF BLACK HILLS



Discuss Passenger Transport System

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh announced today that he had been in conference here over the advisability of establishing a passenger transport system of nation-wide scope. Lindbergh's statement was made at Bolling field just before leaving for New York. He said: "I have been in conference this morning with Harry Knight, Willis H. Mayo, Harold Hixby, Casey Jones, Howard C. Cronin, William B. Robertson, Chester W. Cuthbert and Paul Henderson, for the purpose of discussing the establishment of an early date of a passenger carrying air transport line that will be national in its scope. "We made considerable progress in the discussion of certain general principles. Committees have been appointed to prepare the detailed plan of organization and the routes to be established. I hope to be able to make a further announcement concerning the plans some time during the next two weeks."

Forming of Union School Suggested

ENTERPRISE—What promises a new and highly important development of schools of the Enterprise community was broached at the annual school meeting held here. This is the co-operation of perhaps half a dozen districts in the maintenance of one central school at Enterprise with the complete merging of the districts on the ultimate goal. The suggestion was submitted by Chairman W. A. Murray, who said it had originated with the out-of-town district boards and taxpayers who felt the time was close at hand when they could utilize the new roads and gain greater school efficiency. Sam Litch was also familiar with the plan, as coming from outside districts, with which he is in touch from his property interests. Nothing definite was submitted or had been worked out, but everybody knew that centralization of schools was successful in many places and all were eager for further information.

Live committee.

More hopeful opinions were expressed unanimously by the delegates this afternoon, despite the fact that divergencies exist on many of the points which have been brought up by the three powers. The delegates have decided to endeavor to reach accord on the subjects where there is the least dispute, hoping by this method to reach the path to agreement on other matters.



Committee Members Attend Imbler Meet

Members of the good roads committee of the Union county chamber of commerce attended the good roads meeting at Imbler last night and gave explanatory talks concerning the road bond issue to taxpayers of Imbler who were in attendance. A round table discussion of the issue followed the address of the evening.

Proper ventilation of poultry houses is of primary importance. Here will do well in a cold house provided it is well ventilated. Freshness is necessary. The building should be light to keep out the cold, but the moisture from chickens within the house must be carried off by ventilation.



—NRA, San Francisco Bureau
A VETERAN Japanese soldier and statesman, Baron General Guelo Tanaka, formed the new cabinet ordered by the Emperor after the recent financial crisis.

"America" Still Waits on Weather

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y. June 24 (AP)—Commander Richard V. Byrd said today that it was improbable that the America would take off on its trans-Atlantic flight either today or tomorrow. He qualified his statement by adding: "But one never can tell about the weather and we will see off as soon as the weather observers say the word."

A signal light across the Atlantic's planned course in one of the causes for delaying the flight. "I'm not waiting for ideal weather," Byrd said.

BRITAIN WILL ACCEPT PARITY WITH AMERICA

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16,000 to 7,500 tons. The British proposal necessarily involves the question of the competency of the conference to receive questions directed at the Washington conference. The maximum tonnage for cruises was fixed at Washington at 10,000, which figure the American delegation is seeking to maintain.

The Associated Press was informed today that the Japanese delegation has officially notified the British group that the respectability of the Washington agreement would be preserved if the mandates of the present conference.

It was agreed today that any questions drawn up by the sub-committee of the conference will be subject to review by the executive committee.

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