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OUR SOUTHERN HOME—You, in the way of the publisher, of La Grande, have we started for that, the whole world is in the name, and to the representatives of the... (text is partially obscured)

There are still lots of people who go to a circus without the excuse of a small boy.

Distribution of tomorrow's Observer will be delayed until four o'clock to permit publication of Mr. Hoover's acceptance speech to be delivered in the Stanford stadium at Palo Alto. The message, first official utterance of the campaign, will be worthy of closest attention by every voter.

CLEANING UP A CITY

The proposal of several leading Chicago citizens to call Charles G. Dawes to head the revitalized Chicago Crime Commission has brought new attention to the crime problem of that city, and to the very definite and determined effort to cleanse Chicago of its gang filth. Whether or not Dawes can be secured is not yet known but some of the records of Chicago crime, as presented in a recent article in the New York Times, indicate how big a job he and the new crime commission would have. Part of the facts are reprinted here:

"In 1926 and 1927, there were 760 murders committed in Chicago and Cook County, in which the city is situated. More than a third of them were set down on the police records as unsolved mysteries. Convictions were obtained in about 22 per cent of the other cases, but mostly on accepted pleas of guilty to crimes less than murder. For the 760 murders there were only ten hangings.

"The record of murders is only half the story of violent deaths in Chicago and Cook County. A total of 1,438 persons lost their lives through manslaughter, 'auto manslaughter,' abortions, 'undetermined violence,' and 'justified homicide.' Among the 'justifiable homicides' were 89 killings by policemen. Justification for all of the killings by policemen was assumed.

"Included in the total of violent deaths were 130 gang murders. Not a man has been punished for one of them; not one man is now in jail or out on bond or under official suspicion in connection with any of the gang murder cases. There has not been one conviction."

A murder a day. That's Chicago's two-year record. Is it any wonder that the better interests of the city, the church, civic, business, and corporation interests should be aroused at last to realize what damage has been done to the country's second city? It's a wonder that they haven't been aroused sooner. Chicago crime has become a national byword. The remarkable thing is that the better element in the city hasn't revolted long ago and effected the cleanup which is now under way.

For some reason or other, cities are like that. They will tolerate crime and law violation which they know exists within their borders just so long as it doesn't become too obvious, doesn't cause too bad a reputation among neighboring cities. A city is always as clean and as respectable as its people really want it to be. Citizens very frequently know directly of violations, express regret in private conversations that such conditions exist, and then proceed to do nothing whatever about it. It takes something unusual, something that goes beyond the breaking point, to get them aroused. In Chicago it seems to have been the murder of a gang leader opposed to Thompson-Crowley, the bombing of Senator Deneen and Judge Swanson, and the primary election murder and kidnapping last spring.

You hear much discussion of prohibition enforcement, bootlegging, etc. Violation of the liquor law goes on in nearly every community, large or small. The reason it goes on is because the people of the community don't disapprove of it enough to see that it's stopped. There's lots of violation here in Oregon, here in Union county. Both the county and the state could be made as dry as a desert bone if the people really wanted it that way. But they don't. At least they don't want it badly enough to see that it is accomplished.

Some people do want strict prohibition but very few of them will enter a complaint against a violator when they have just crime. Very few of them will go before the grand jury and make charges and present evidence. Bootleggers exist only because there are people to buy their wares. With no business they would be out of business. But many otherwise respectable and excellent citizens buy their stuff, drink it, and perpetuate the business.

Perhaps something will happen tomorrow to arouse the public to the extent that enforcement will become a fact. But it will happen only when a majority of the people are willing and anxious, for the good of the community, to have the enforcement apply to them as well as to others.

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ABE MARTIN



Gang wars are spreading so that Ted Hinkley has sold out his plate glass insurance business and opened a florist's shop. Miss Fawn Lippincott tried to get her picture in the paper yesterday, but she had a dress on.

TWO OFFICERS OF GUARD DISCHARGED

Federal Efficiency Board Finds Astoria and Portland Captains Unfit

FALEH, Ore., Aug. 10 (AP)—A federal efficiency board's findings that Captain Joseph N. Helgeson, of Portland, and Captain Thomas E. Williksen, of Astoria, were unfit for further service as officers of the Oregon national guard were followed yesterday by an order from Adjutant General White discharging the two officers from the service.

In the case of Helgeson the charges were neglect of duty and willful disobedience of orders. Williksen was charged with shortage in his official financial accounts. The discharge of both officers was recommended by the board.

The official record shows that during the last year Helgeson has been warned repeatedly against neglecting his military duty. It is further shown in the record that during the recent annual encampment of the national guard at Camp Clatsop, Helgeson spent considerable time away from camp with a Portland woman when he was supposed to be on duty. Another official finding is that when he was assigned as officer of a troop train leaving the camp, he did not appear for duty and did not return to Portland with the troops although he had been ordered by his commanding officer to do so.

Former District Attorney Helgeson is well known in the state, particularly in legal and military circles. He formerly was district attorney for Polk county, and later was assistant United States attorney in Portland. He recently entered private practice.

Williksen was really relieved of command several months ago. His case concerns the shortage of considerable money from the official account of the guard company at Astoria of which he was a commanding officer. Williksen, it is stated, was unable to account for the shortage. Inspectors testified the official checks had been cashed at various places and the money apparently put in personal use. The Williksen case has been referred to the district attorney for Clatsop county and a grand jury investigation is expected. He was constable at Astoria when the shortage was discovered.

At national guard headquarters it was stated that a bonding company will make good the Williksen shortage, and that the state will lose nothing.

The Helgeson investigation by the members of the efficiency board were Lieutenant Colonel Alvin C. Baker, Major Edward W. Vanhorn and Captain George L. Totten, all of Portland. The judge advocate was Major P. H. Burke, among the witnesses were Major Fred Wiesend, Lieutenant Colonel E. C. Lumbrough, Major J. V. Schur, Lieutenant Robert Smith and state and federal prohibition officers.

American Hospital Association Elects

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 10 (AP)—The American Hospital Association convention here prepared today to install officers elected last

night after a 24 hour battle for a close threatened to end in the courts.

The election was won by the "Independent" faction, which nominated Dr. Christopher O. Barnall, of Rochester, N. Y., for the presidency after the nominations committee had named Frank K. Chapman, of Cleveland, Ohio as the "regular" candidate. The bidding was so close that the "regular" telegraphed to Cleveland, asking 32 supporters of Chapman to telegraph their votes. The votes were cast.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10 (AP)—A charge that Evanston police bungled their investigation into the slaying of Miss Jenny Constance, school teacher, has been made by Detective Frederick Bennett, (M) sergeant expert.

All articles connected with the crime including the ironpills used to slay Miss Constance to death were so handled before he was called as to eliminate possibilities of working out fingerprints clues.



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Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the improvement of Improvement District No. 172, within the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, is now in my hands for collection and that same may be paid at any time within ten days from the 10th day of August, 1928, without penalty, interest or costs, and each owner is hereby notified that on application to the undersigned, within ten days from the 10th day of August, 1928, which is the date of the first publication of this notice, they will be allowed to pay such assessment in ten annual installments, the first installment thereof to be due and payable the 10th day of August, 1929. If application is not made as above specified, the whole amount is due, payable and will become delinquent, on the 21st day of August, 1928.

The assessment roll follows:

No.	DESCRIPTION	Reputed Owner	AMT.
1	Lot 1	Mary T. Foley	284.27
2	Lot 2	Mary T. Foley	248.57
3	Lot 3	Mary T. Foley	248.56
4	Lot 4	Mary T. Foley	251.19
5	Lot 5	Mary T. Foley	276.24
6	Lot 6	Mary T. Foley	223.70
7	Lot 7	Mary T. Foley	223.70
8	Lot 8	Mary T. Foley	223.70
9	Lot 9	Mary T. Foley	223.70
10	Lot 10	Mary T. Foley	223.70
11	Beginning at the northeast corner of Tract "C", Romig's Addition to La Grande, Oregon; thence in a westerly direction along the north line of said Tract "C", Romig's Addition to La Grande, Oregon, one hundred fifty (150) feet; thence ninety (90) degrees left, one hundred (100) feet; thence 50 (50) degrees left one hundred fifty (150) feet; thence ninety (90) degrees left one hundred (100) feet to point of beginning, John Daniels		259.91
12	Beginning at a point on the south line and two hundred twenty-five (225) feet east of the southeast corner of Tract "A", Romig's Addition to La Grande, Oregon; thence north along a line two hundred twenty-five (225) feet from and parallel to the west line of Tract "A", Romig's Addition to La Grande, Oregon, to a distance of ninety-three (93) feet; thence in an easterly direction along the south line of Tract "A", Romig's Addition to La Grande, Oregon, one hundred thirty-five (135) feet; thence ninety (90) degrees right two (2) feet; thence in an easterly direction along a line forty (40) feet from and parallel to the center line of Spring Avenue forty-four and fifty-two one hundred (100) feet; thence in a southerly direction along the west line of Alder Street ninety-one (91) feet; thence in a westerly direction along the north line of Bavaria Addition to La Grande, Oregon, to the point of beginning. A. E. Hendrickson.		37.49
TOTAL			\$7,542.55
J. E. STEARNS			
Recorder of City of La Grande, Ore.			

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the improvement of Improvement District No. 182, within the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, is now in my hands for collection and that same may be paid at any time within ten days from the 10th day of August, 1928, without penalty, interest or costs, and each owner is hereby notified that on application to the undersigned, within ten days from the 10th day of August, 1928, which is the date of the first publication of this notice, they will be allowed to pay such assessment in ten annual installments, the first installment thereof to be due and payable the 10th day of August, 1929. If application is not made as above specified, the whole amount is due, payable and will become delinquent, on the 21st day of August, 1928.

The assessment roll follows:

No.	Lot	Reputed Owner	AMT.
1	W 1/2	G. R. Claycomb	122.67
2	E 1/2	Luther Dunn	78.53
3	W 1/2	G. R. Claycomb	119.41
4	E 1/2	Luther Dunn	89.21
5	W 1/2	Thomas Guiley	178.62
6	E 1/2	Thomas Guiley	219.88
7	W 1/2	Thomas Guiley	276.60
8	E 1/2	A. J. Stange	278.63
9	W 1/2	A. J. Stange	219.88
10	E 1/2	A. J. Stange	189.62
11	W 1/2	A. J. Stange	159.28
12	E 1/2	A. J. Stange	159.28
13	W 1/2	A. J. Stange	182.44
14	E 1/2	A. J. Stange	182.44
WIDOWER ADDITION			
15	1	Howard K. O'Brien	201.83
16	2	Howard K. O'Brien	94.51
17	3	Mary E. Hinchard	42.95
18	4	Chas. DeForest	42.95
19	5	Fred Gelbel, Estate	125.59
20	6	Fred Gelbel, Estate	125.68
21	7	Fred Gelbel, Estate	120.88
22	8	Frank Robinson	170.24
23	9	Howard K. O'Brien	53.28
24	10	Frank Robinson	224.26
25	11	Howard K. O'Brien	54.27
26	12	Frank Robinson	864.31
27	13	Howard K. O'Brien	78.40
28	14	Ralph Winsor	47.27
29	15	Roy O. Baker	54.51
30	16	C. L. Lynch	201.83
31	17	H. E. Kuhn	172.40
32	18	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
33	19	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
34	20	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
35	21	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
36	22	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
37	23	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
38	24	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
39	25	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
40	26	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
41	27	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
42	28	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
43	29	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
44	30	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
45	31	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
46	32	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
47	33	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
48	34	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
49	35	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
50	36	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
51	37	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
52	38	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
53	39	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
54	40	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
55	41	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
56	42	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
57	43	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
58	44	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
59	45	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
60	46	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
61	47	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
62	48	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
63	49	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
64	50	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
65	51	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
66	52	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
67	53	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
68	54	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
69	55	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
70	56	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
71	57	H. E. Kuhn	200.02
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