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MY FATHER'S BUSINESS—And Jesus said unto them: How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spoke unto them.—Luke 2:49, 50.

AN INVITATION, CORDIAL AND SINCERE

A letter from Mr. Kail, published in the Open Court column, brings up additional questions in the matter of city boundary extensions that deserve attention both by the "ins" and the "outs." Only by a general discussion of all these considerations can a proper understanding result and a proper decision come from the election.

In the first place the Observer cannot state with absolute assurance whether or not the election petition will be filed. We can state, however, that we earnestly hope the petition will be presented and the election held, not because we are in any way confident of the extension being given a majority by voters in the outside districts but because we think a majority possible and because we sincerely believe the enlarged city would, individually and collectively, receive many worthwhile benefits from a favorable decision.

Let us consider for a moment what this petition for an election by voters now residing inside the city limits really means. It means simply this: That the people of La Grande, an incorporated city, request the opportunity to extend an invitation to their neighbors residing just outside to come in and join them in actual citizenship of this city.

Signers of the petition ask that the people inside be allowed to go to the polls and officially make that invitation or refuse to make it. They also ask at the same time that the people outside be allowed to go to the polls and officially accept or refuse that invitation. It is as if some one proposed your name for membership in a club and the club voted to extend you and invitation to become a member. Then you decide the advantages and disadvantages of such membership and accept or decline the invitation as you wish.

Quite naturally the membership in any club, lodge or church organization as well as the citizenship in any city carries with it certain obligations. You are asked to enjoy its privileges and advantages and in exchange to meet your share of the obligations. There is no such thing as something for nothing in this world and citizenship is no exception.

La Grande's bonded indebtedness is one of the obligations of its citizenship. It represents payment for certain comforts and conveniences that its citizens enjoy. It has been materially reduced in recent years and some general improvement bonds issued many years ago have been paid off entirely and new citizens enjoy the benefit of those improvements without having paid one particle of their cost.

People moving to La Grande or coming into its corporate limits at the present time, if they own property, must help pay for the remaining portion of the improvement debt. They do not have to help pay for all of it because much of the debt has been retired. They, by their citizenship, need pay only their share of the remaining portion and yet enjoy all the benefits of those who have helped pay for it all.

Nothing could be more fair nor more attractive to the man who appreciates the value of these municipal improvements and conveniences. From a tax standpoint it would require twenty or more years of taxes to equal the amount that the city will have to expend to provide water and sewer service alone to the proposed new districts. Police and fire protection and other services not taken into consideration.

To say that La Grande must be out of debt and have money in the treasury to pay for water and sewer improvements before the district comes in is like saying to a landlord that his building must be free of debt, that it must be remodeled to suit your particular needs at his expense, and that you are to have rent free from now on, paying only what is necessary for upkeep and future improvements.

The Observer does not believe a majority of people in the proposed district desire any such consideration in exchange for their citizenship in the city. We believe most of them are thoroughly fair, that they will consider the invitation of the people on the inside on its merits, that they will be perfectly willing to accept their share of the small obligation of membership in this city in return for its large advantages of the future that can come from a growing, working, united community.

WIRE WALKING

BEAR IS SHOT BY YOUNGSTER

TORONTO, Ont., Nov. 2 (AP)—A 14-year-old lad named Bollenau, who was walking bear, was shot. The story of Bad Face was told today by George Phillips, superintendent of Eastern flying operations for the Provincial air force. Bollenau, who was walking bear, was shot. The story of Bad Face was told today by George Phillips, superintendent of Eastern flying operations for the Provincial air force. Bollenau, who was walking bear, was shot. The story of Bad Face was told today by George Phillips, superintendent of Eastern flying operations for the Provincial air force.

miss. Bollenau attempted to enter the Bollenau home. Mrs. Bollenau screamed and Bad Face leaped at her. The lad followed, armed with his father's rifle.

Up the pole went the bear. He reached the copper strands. He didn't hesitate. One broad foot came down on a strand of wire. A second came down on another strand.

Then away went Bad Face, without balancing pole or paws. He did not progress 20 or 30 feet of the tricky travelling. Then Bollenau cut loose. His first shot struck Bad's neck. The mushroom bullet spread. Bad Face slumped. He fell across the wires. He kicked a couple of times. He died.

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

To the editor of the open court column, La Grande Observer.

Oct. 20, 1929.
The question of greatest concern to the people just east of La Grande is the proposed annexation of a large territory into the city of La Grande sponsored by that body. I am a resident of the proposed territory. I attended the meeting of the city council Oct. 20, 1929, with a delegation of my neighbors. We learned from conversation with the members of the city commission that they are not the cause of this question, being pained and that they were trying to put it down, that an election only meant defeat, and more taxes thrown upon the people of the city for such election. Now honorable readers and voters is it not a fact that several signatures were put onto the petition without the signer even reading the petition? Did the petition give a full description of the proposed extension boundary line?

As I never saw the petition I am only asking this question for the benefit of myself and my friends in this territory to be annexed. At a meeting held at the Willow school Oct. 22 to discuss the question of annexation. In opening the meeting the chairman put the question before the house, (the question was) how many present are in favor of being annexed to the city of La Grande. One vote was in favor of annexation and 78 votes were counted against such annexation.

We as a body, attended Wednesday evening's city commission meeting expecting to see the petition presented but it didn't appear. Now it can't be possible that those responsible have given up. Now we, the said voters of the territory to be annexed, want them to come on and finish the fight and take their whipping, so that they will keep still and let us be for another ten years.

When we, the people living in this territory, want to be annexed, when the city of La Grande has paid off her bonded indebtedness and can come to us, with a "clean slate" and enough funds in the treasury to provide water and sewer and street and sidewalk improvements etc., to better our present circumstances, we are all ready to come in.

I have always fought high tariff and high taxation. You may call me a democrat, God bless you if you do.

Yours for the best interests of all.

HURT KAIL,
La Grande, Ore.

ACTRESS SECURES DIVORCE
LOS ANGELES, Nov. 2 (AP)—Edna Fairo, screen actress, was granted a divorce from William Boyd, her film actor husband, stating he called her names and refused to explain frequent overnight absences from home. They were married in Santa Ana, Cal., Jan. 3, 1926.

Love Letters Get Girl in Bad



Her amorous and prolific style in love letters fooled 15 suitors for a long time, and netted her various sums of money—until one complained to federal authorities. Now Miss Dorothy Simpson, alias Dorothy Blaine, attractive blond and Zanesville, Ohio, high school girl, faces a possible prison term for using the mails to defraud. She's shown above, in custody of Deputy Marshal Emil Pich, as she left the federal court building at Toledo after pleading guilty, and also in the inset. Federal Judge John M. Kilgus deferred sentence for 30 days. The girl contends she asked only for loans and the men assured her she would not have to repay the money. She admitted "keeping company" with some of the men, but declared she gave them up when she learned their intentions were not honorable.

Overnight News Briefs

By The Associated Press
KLAMATH FALLS — The third annual potato show probably will not be held this year because growers are not enthusiastic about it.

BEND — Indian summer returned to the Bend country and this city experienced one of the warmest November days ever recorded when the mercury rose to 71.

PORTLAND — A news brief from the Washington correspondent received by the Oregonian said the name of the village in Jefferson county, Oregon, is Warm Springs and not Warm Spring, even though the United States geographic board had to reverse itself in so deciding.

CANY — An automobile operated by Lawrence Rick was reduced to splinters when it was struck by the Shasta United train, although Rick escaped injuries.

EUGENE — A man who gave his name as George C. Conroy, held in the Lane county jail, after being arrested at Roseburg, Ore., is said to be wanted by federal authorities for forgery of a treasury check.

PORTLAND — Rita Coleman and Majorie Stubbs, waitresses, were sentenced to 30 days in jail after they had been adjudged guilty of horsewhipping Mrs. Lenora Jack here several months ago.

The Town Doctor (The Doctor of Towns) Says

COMMUNITY FAMILIARITY BREEDS CIVIC CONTEMPT

A lady wrote me a letter recently in which she asked, "What do you mean when you say one of the monkey wrenches in community machinery is 'contemptuous familiarity'?" I understand," she continued, "what you mean by 'monkey wrenches,' but I don't get this 'contemptuous familiarity'."

"Contemptuous familiarity" is the opposite of "wide-awakefulness." It is the blindfold that keeps you from seeing the ear muffs that keep you from hearing opportunity that is to the right, to the left, above and below you, right in La Grande.

Whenever the civic clubs of your community perform a task for the good of all, it causes you to say, "well, they are supposed to do it, therefore they deserve no thanks for it."

And when your newspaper edi-



THIS FRENCH nightgown of georgette which comes down over one shoulder and attach it a belt. Three pleats balance the left side.

Paul Bunyan Re-Created by U. of O. Sculptor



Immortalized in hero tales of the lumberjacks, Paul Bunyan and Babe, his big blue ox, were made the subject of a statue by Oliver L. Barrett, talented young sculptor of the University of Oregon. He hopes sometime in the future that it can be erected heroic size as a memorial of the lumberman.

for takes up an issue vital to your welfare and the welfare of your neighbors you are moved to say, "he is paid to do it — he has an axe to grind."

When local business men say, "all we ask is a chance to serve

you," it causes you to say, "why should we do them any favors; what have they ever done for us?"

It is that which puts the idea in your head that there is nothing for you in La Grande, and to be something or do something you

have to go elsewhere; that which causes you to feel that La Grande is not big enough for you, when the truth of the matter is that La Grande is just as big as you make it.

To be "contemptuously familiar," keeps you down, belittles you and belittles La Grande, and causes all wide-awake people who know of you, and with whom you come in contact, to feel sorry for and pity you. "Contemptuous familiarity" is worse than a monkey wrench in the machinery—it is a disease, playing havoc with communities everywhere.

You know the story of the man who moved away because it was such a nuisance to pick up the stones full of little black lumps that littered his field and hindered his plowing each spring. Today that field is the largest diamond mine in the world. Also the man who sold his farm because there was so much oily scum on the creek the stock could not drink—today one of the country's finest oil fields. Both of these men were infected with "contemptuous familiarity."

For years a pretty little stream of clear, pure water trickled from the side of a rock-walled hillside, within four blocks of the center of a community of some 5000 people. Hundreds of local citizens saw it every day, many passed it by, some stopping to drink of it. A stranger came one day, saw and drank, but he did not pass. He is a millionaire today, through the sale of that water in bottles.

Several hundred acres of swamp land overgrown with "worthless" willows were joyfully unloaded by local people onto a "sucker" who now is worth his weight in gold, through resale of the selsame timber to a reed furniture manufacturer.

Look around you. See, hear and recognize the advantages of La Grande. They are there if you will but take advantage of them. Copyright, 1929, A. D. Stone. Reproduction prohibited in whole or in part.

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Ancient Bazaars Could Display Goods Only in the Daytime

The merchants of 2000 years ago proved that the display of their merchandise was the best form of advertising in the world. It still is. Having people SEE what you have to offer is the greatest possible aid to sales. This was interestingly brought out by Mr. Jenkins in his talk to La Grande business men Monday night.

But the unique bazaars of the ancients were conducted only in the daytime. When night came and the cross-legged merchant could no longer show his wares, he was forced to wait for another day.

Modern merchandising has taken full advantage of the lesson learned by the old bazaar traders. The efficient merchant offers his merchandise to the view of every possible prospective customer. County displays—cabinet displays—window displays.

And now he can show that merchandise by night as well as by day because of the advantage of electricity. He arrests the passerby with an electric sign, holds his or her attention with a flood of light thrown on an attractive display of merchandise in his windows, in his store.

Display of merchandise, as Mr. Jenkins said, is fundamental advertising. Displaying it in daylight and in dark—letting prospective customers SEE it under the best possible LIGHT—is the modern contribution to this fundamental.

Look at the lighting of your store, your windows, your merchandise. Other people do. Can it be improved to the advantage of your merchandise display? We will be glad to discuss this question and aid you in solving it properly.

Eastern Oregon Light & Power Co.