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O God, give us help against the adversary for vain is the help of man.—Psalm 60: 10, 11.

## RESOURCES

The recent reorganization of La Grande's banking facilities has been a lesson to our citizens in several ways. In the first place, it was demonstrated that this community has much greater resources—both in money and in human character—than even the optimists would have believed.

In the flood of rumors which overspread the city Saturday night many people were led to believe that both banks had failed and that depositors would lose all they had; but surprisingly few were those who became panicky, and surprisingly numerous were those who took the jolt philosophically, realizing that there is much more to life than money.

An when depositors of the United States National bank were asked to sign waivers on thirty or fifty per cent of their deposits in order to take care of the charged off assets until they are collected, some men with large accounts voluntarily waived the entire amounts.

The way the business men rallied at the critical moment and brought the cash rolling out in sufficient volume to provide the necessary capital for the new bank—that was reassuring evidence of the stability of our city and the citizens who are behind it.

Another surprise was the fact that such a large number of people had money in the banks (in spite of the prevalence of hoarding in many parts of the country) and that so many of their accounts were of fairly large size. The city of La Grande may be "down" but it is certainly far from being "out."

Now that we have been forced to realize our resources, it only remains for us to get down to work and use them to the best of our ability. And, judging from the conversations among various business men during the past three days, that is just what we are doing.

People are beginning to get their old debts paid off, and are no longer fearful of incurring new ones. They are beginning to realize the wonderful opportunities that present low prices make available to consumers and investors. Those who have money on hand are buying goods at the lowest prices in many years, knowing that such prices will not last much longer.

The experiences of the past few days have renewed our faith in each other and in the integrity of human character. They have shown what men can do when the occasion demands. They have demonstrated the unselfishness, the resourcefulness, and the level-headedness of the people of the Grande Ronde Valley.

## Other Papers Say:

### AND AFTER THAT WHAT?

Members of the house of representatives at Washington are going to be compelled to stand up and be registered as voting "dry" or "wet." The persistent pressure for prohibition reform has brought the house to this crisis despite the efforts of many leaders in both parties to keep it down, for this year, at least.

A petition signed by 145 members of the house compels a vote on a substitute for the 18th amendment which has been safely held till now in the judiciary committee. The new amendment would compromise between federal and state control. It would provide for federal manufacture and sale in all states except those which have laws to the contrary. Beyond this little is detailed in the press reports.

It will be refreshing to have a vote on any prohibition reform measure in congress, although it is going to be pretty tough on some astute gentlemen who have been voting dry and thinking and drinking wet. It ought to be a grand party in the house when the measure comes to vote.

This action, however, will be merely one more skirmish in the great prohibition battle or siege of whatever you wish to call it. The wet have been claiming a stampede of public sentiment in favor of modification of some sort. There undoubtedly has been a big swing in that direction, but its extent remains to be measured. Congressmen are excellent political weather vane. Their voting on this preliminary measure the Columbia undertaken by either

## OUT OUR WAY



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State spends an additional \$150 on adopted proposals. Every Oregon dollar diverted beyond the Oregon capacity for matching, diverts \$1.50 federal.

Scott explained that there is now pending in congress an appropriation bill for highways "which, if enacted, will release Oregon's stringency with an appropriation of more than \$2,000,000. Without this new supply of funds the uncertainty of Oregon's highway building revenue forbids, in my opinion, the beginning of new projects this year."

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is the legal chief executive following yesterday's election on the grounds Harlin was named mayor by the city

president. They set up the economy committee for this purpose.

"The president has been glad that this committee should undertake this great task. He at once instructed all officials of the government to cooperate in full with the committee, freely submitting their individual views and every possible suggestion to the committee for its consideration. Just as they would have been called upon by the president to do had his proposal been accepted by the house.

"Some of these reports or suggestions by departmental heads have already been completed and laid before the committee. Others are in progress. Each administrative officer has his own personal views in these matters.

"The president has confidence that every avenue of saving will be laid before the committee and that the committee will exhaustively examine the advisability of any such suggestion.

"The president's desire is for action at this session of congress and he will give most sympathetic consideration to any legislation which is sent to him which brings about real economy and is consonant with the preservation of the efficiency and necessary functions of the government. What the country wants and needs is real results."

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