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particularly when absentee ownership prevails. Men who never see the city, and possibly have never heard of it, cannot be expected to catch step with the city's wishes and its needs.

The one, thorough remedy for the situation here is a municipal plant. Other cities large and small, have tried that plan with good results. Seattle, Tacoma and San Francisco have done so. Likewise Baker, Eugene, Milton and various other small municipalities. In every instance the story is one of success—of reduced rates, better service, and the elimination of the electric company from the political affairs of the city.

Some day Pendleton will take this step and it may come soon. The people will grow tired of dark streets, bad looking business thoroughfares, out-of-date and dangerous equipment and excessive rates. They will grow tired of excuses, subterfuge and hard luck stories whenever betterments are asked for. They will conclude that if private ownership is unwilling or unable to meet its just obligations it will be logical to establish a municipal plant.

The electric company is digging its own grave. Let the work proceed.

PROSPERITY "COMING HOME"

THE republican party claimed to be the exclusive party of prosperity so long and so vociferously that a good many of the people of the United States came to believe it. The prosperity slogan was pretty nearly always a valuable one for vote-getting. But now, as the Chicago Tribune puts it, the old republican "trick" about prosperity is "coming home."

We are prosperous, tremendously so. The G. O. P. papers and orators cannot deny that, because even a blind man could see it. So they fall back upon the only argument they have along those lines and sadly announce that all this splendid condition of things is only temporary, when neither they nor anyone else really knows whether it is temporary or not. Even Mr. Hughes ventures this opinion on a matter of which he can know nothing.

But you cannot preach calamity to men with full dinner pails and better stuffed purses. As the same Chicago Tribune sagely observes—and it is not a democratic paper, either:

"People who have more money than they used to have will be very little interested, we suspect, in arguments telling them that by all the regular rules they ought not to have this money. The answer is that they have it."

And that answer has not yet been refuted by anything the republican party has been able to say or do. Nor can it be.—Boston Post.

THE AMERICAN VS. THE EUROPEAN SOLDIER

A story from San Antonio is to the effect complaint is made that American soldiers are not as well treated as are the European fighters.

Such stuff is rot. No American with relatives dependent upon his is obliged to stay at the front. By official action of congress he is excused from service if he desires to be excused. Therefore the married man who remains in the service and neglects his family has no one but himself to blame.

But that is not the only difference between the American system and the European system. The Europeans are fighting, by the millions. They are killing men with as little compunction as though they were flies. The American government is avoiding war and securing results with extremely little bloodshed when the situation is considered.

The difference between Europe and America is that the European soldiers come home in coffins or rot upon the ground; the American soldiers, if Wilson has his way, will come home a trifle tanned but alive and happy.

Those who cannot see the superiority of the American system are too thick headed for

life in a republic. They should go to Europe.

The normal school campaign reveals the fact Pendleton has a host of powerful boosters all over the state.

With harvest at hand the advancing price of wheat will make a hit with all of us.

"Peace, prosperity and preparedness" still holds good.

On to La Grande and "Speed 'em Up."



Today and Tomorrow at Alta, SWEET CAPORALS STILL CIGARETTE FAVORITE.

Demonstrators in the City Show Why This Brand Has Retained Its Popularity.

Few men, as they grip their favorite cigar or cigarette and puff enjoyingly, remember their first flirtation with Lady Nicotine. If they could they would undoubtedly recall how, as a boy, and possessed in some mysterious way of a package of cigarettes, they sneaked back of the barn and initiated themselves into what they believed to be the rudiments of a man-of-the-world's knowledge. If their acquaintances with the weed came about in this fashion it is reasonable to believe that the cigarette they so closely guarded and smuggled were Sweet Caporals. And although perhaps forty years have passed, Lady Nicotine never smiles so sweetly as she did not that long-ago day. Demonstrators are now in the city and are explaining how Sweet Caporals, first made in 1873, have stood the test of time by reason of the high grade tobacco and paper used. The sanitary conditions under which the cigarettes are manufactured are also explained.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Prosecuting Attorney Frederick Stover will leave for La Grande tonight on legal business. He will remain there until after the motorcycle races Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Epple and daughter, Miss Rosine Epple, both former local residents of Pendleton, are visiting here from Portland as guests of Mrs. C. F. Colesworthy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lieullen of American Falls, Idaho were registered at the Hotel Bowman yesterday. H. E. Stites of La Grande, was in town over night.

James H. Sturgis of the E. L. Smith Co., has been transacting business in La Grande.



A WISH

- I'd like to be the sort of man the flag could boast about.
 - I'd like to be the sort of man it cannot live without.
 - I'd like to be the type of man that really is American.
 - The head erect and shoulders square.
 - Clean-minded fellow, just and fair.
 - That all men picture when they see me.
 - The glorious banner of the free.
 - I'd like to be the sort of man the flag now typifies.
 - The kind of man we really want the flag to symbolize.
 - The loyal brother of a trust.
 - The big unselfish soul and just.
 - The friend of every man oppressed.
 - The strong support of all that's best.
 - The sturdy chap the banner's meant.
 - Where'er it flies to represent.
- Derrolt Free Press.

DIGGING ITS OWN GRAVE

WITHOUT intending such results the electric company and its local supporters, are doing effective work toward the establishment of a municipal electric plant for Pendleton.

The attitude of obstruction taken by the company with reference to the overhead wires on Main street shows the futility of relying on a private plant for electric service. The company is interested in dividends, not in proper service or in the progress or the appearance of Pendleton.

This will always be the case.



Royal Hawaiian serenaders at Temple Saturday and Sunday.

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- R. H. Ellis is an Echo visitor in the city.
- W. F. Thompson of Nehalem, is in the city.
- J. T. Matthews of Salem, passed yesterday in town.
- E. A. Corder of Castle Rock passed yesterday in the city.
- J. H. Kelly, well known tobacco salesman, is in town this week.
- Pat Connell came in from Hilgard yesterday to pass a few days in town.
- Mrs. J. C. Baddeley of Walla Walla visited friends in the city yesterday.
- R. H. Oliver is a Walla Walla visitor in the city.
- Manuel Friedly, well known insurance man, went to Felix this morning.
- Mrs. Lester Boyd is leaving for Portland today on a month's vacation.
- G. E. Hanson of Kennewick was registered at the Hotel Pendleton yesterday.
- Mrs. James Aiken and two daughters of Youngstown, Ohio, are guests of Mrs. Robert Simpson, 506 Water street.
- C. W. Beagle of Hilgard, is in the city today on business.
- J. J. Crump of Athena, was an out of town visitor in the city yesterday.

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