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A copy of The Press will be mailed to all advertisers in which their ad appears.

The council order a report? Not on your life; they don't dare to do it.

It looks hardly fair to allow all the city pap to be absorbed by any one individual.

Will the citizens select their own candidates and ask them to make a public written report of how they find conditions, or will we allow the old conditions to exist?

Isn't it funny, when you come to think of it, the ring rule line-up for city officers and the purposes for which the different men have been selected. Is not the handwriting on the wall?

During the month of May, Oregon will name its choice for president, by primary nomination. The electors chosen will be expected to cast the Oregon vote for the choice as named by the majority of the votes cast. This is the first time we have had this privilege. North Dakota, Wisconsin, Nebraska and New Jersey have already adopted Oregon's example and more states will probably follow.

So as to make it durable we are printing the Press on as good paper as the price charged will justify. If your neighbor does not take the paper, loan it to him that he may know what he can get for a dollar and see the bargains offered by our advertisers.

Marion Markham, who is favorably mentioned for the office of city treasurer, has been with the Pacific Home Insurance Company for the past two years, and has shown himself to be an efficient and obliging person. Four years ago he lost a leg, and has since applied himself to office work.

Several men have been mentioned as possible candidates for mayor and members of the council, outside of those selected by the ring. Among those who have been mentioned are A. G. Hoffman, O. M. Gardner, C. A. Littler, E. W. Haines, Chas. Mertz, Dan Bump and Mr. Underwood. M. Markham has a good following for the office of treasurer. No doubt any of these men with the proper pressure would be willing to serve, but none so far as we can learn are seeking the office—well, better let the office seek the man.

An article in the News-Times of last week, headed "Quite Complimentary to Our People" and winds up with "there is not a kicker in the town—yes, maybe one," certainly pays a high and deserving compliment to our citizens and city council—but for the "black sheep that is in every flock." Well, to prevent stagnation it is found to have some activity. Too much tranquility might breed disastrous results, even in a city where their obligations are met so promptly. We need that kicker and more men who will take the trouble to make themselves acquainted with the realities as they exist.

THE MAN FOR CITY MAYOR

A man of energy and push, thoroughly honest and who has the courage of his conviction.

A man who will stand for a clean city with all that it implies.

A man who will not allow his own personal interest to stand in the way of public good.

A man who will use his influence to extend the corporate limits, giving those people who live outside of the city and have city conveniences, an opportunity to assist in paying the expenses of these improvements.

A man who will see that the provision of the charter demanding that all purchases by the council amounting to one hundred dollars or more shall be submitted for bids.

A man who will insist that every voter shall have an opportunity and have a voice in the nomination as well as the election of city officers.

A man who will insist on giving to the public each month a complete statement of all moneys received and paid out during the month in the several separate funds so the taxpayers may judge for themselves whether they are receiving full value.

A man who will see that all taxes levied for a specific purpose shall be used for that purpose only.

A man who will not under any circumstances permit money raised by the sale of bonds to be used for any other purpose than that for which they were voted by the people.

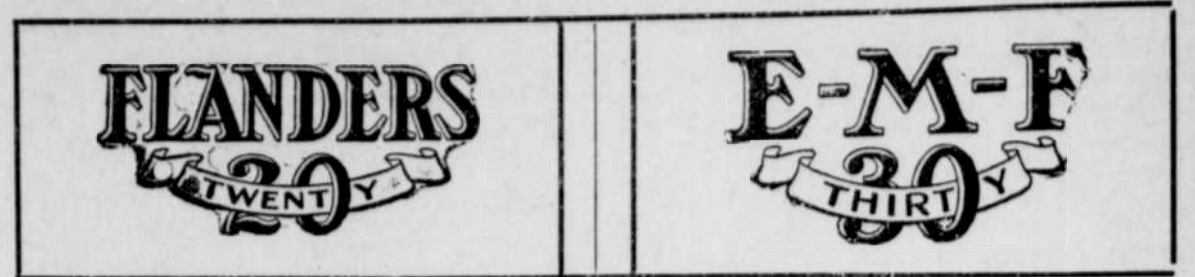
A mayor should do all in his power to see that every man, woman and child shall have a fair deal, and work for a larger, better and cleaner city.

Can such a man be induced to accept the nomination for mayor?

In the early hours of the evening on Monday the political slate was made up and the ring rule asserted itself in selecting the few to carry out its prearranged plans. These few were individually chosen after being sounded as to their feeling and was confronted by such a number as to carry out the wish of the ring. According to the arrangement of last year: G. S. Allen was slated for mayor, he having served his year on the council, W. F. Schultz, Rev. Barber, Geo. G. Paterson, and H. Johnson were slated for councilmen, Robt. Wirtz for treas. and W. P. Dyke for city recorder. This is the slate that will be sprung on the voters, who will be asked to assemble in mass convention with only a few hours of warning for deliberation, and there asked to indorse this the ring selection. Does it not occur to you, voter, that you have rights in the selection of your city officers, that should be respected. Will we all go again and assent to just the thing handed to us by the ring? We do not question the integrity of the men by the ring selected. But we do feel that your rights have not been observed. Let us for once rise to the call of honor and right and stamp out ring rule once and forever.

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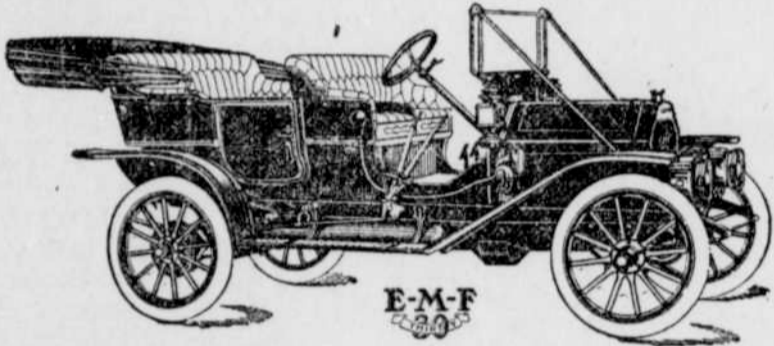
Read Look Listen



Saturday Dec. 23, '11

The E. M. & F. Co., of Detroit, Mich., will be in Forest Grove with 10,000 feet of film, showing all the details of making an up-to-date automobile. You will see the different stages of construction from the time they take the pig iron until the car is ready for shipment.

If there are enough who care to see these remarkable pictures so as to fill the K. of P. Hall for two shows we shall have one in the afternoon and another at night. 1:15 and 8:15 p.m.

FREE		FREE
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These shows are absolutely free. We would like you to call at our store and procure tickets immediately so we may know how many to provide for at the afternoon & evening shows.

FOREST GROVE. GOFF BROS. CORNELIUS

WATCH OUR SMOKE! **Bonbonniere**



IS READY FOR CHRISTMAS

FINE Line of Fancy Boxes of Candies specially made for the Christmas trade. All sizes and all prices. Also a fresh shipment of Fruits and Nuts. Special size boxes of the very best Cigars. Just the thing for the gentlemen friends. Cracker-jack line of pipes. Our fine quality pipes will sure please.

Prices Are Right and Our Goods Are Right

BOOKS GAMES

FINAL HOLIDAY PICTURE SALE
Special Bargains Saturday

on all strictly Christmas Stock. If you come to buy a picture, we guarantee you'll find other pretty things you'll want

THE BOOK STORE

PICTURES STATIONERY

Sometimes a man will, in his over zealous desire to see public or private improvement made, lose sight of the fact that not everybody is financially able to meet the expenditure. When his position is made public he sometimes shows it in his contempt for the informant. The corn asserts itself most where the shoe pinches.

"Overthrow (the So-called Ring Monopoly),"

If "the holding of a caucus in the back yard of a livery stable" will result in selection of men for public offices that will do as much for the improving, upbuilding and advancing of our little city, as the administrations of the last three years have done, let us hope the same meeting place will be used again this year.

To a casual observer it would appear that more had been done by the administrations of the last three years, for the betterment of conditions in Forest Grove, than has been done altogether, in the ten, or possibly fifteen years, previous, and that "ambition" used in stirring up strife and hard feeling, could be used to much better advantage for the betterment of conditions in our city.

ANOTHER TAXPAYER. WHY HE WAILED

He had worn all his father's cast-off clothing from coat to collars without a murmur, but now they found him sobbing. "What's the matter, dear," said his loving mother, "have you hurt yourself?" "No!" he wailed. "But father's had his beard shaved off, and now I suppose I've got to wear those old red whiskers."

Holiday Round Trips

Portland	\$1.00
Salem	\$2.50
Woodburn	\$1.95
Hillsboro	\$.35
Beaverton	\$.60



Tickets will be sold December 23, 24, 25, 30 and January 1, good returning until January 2, 1912.

Round trip tickets will be sold to other points at one and one-third fare, minimum round trip fare 50c.

Details, train schedules, etc., will be furnished on request.

W. E. COMAN,
G. F. & P. A.,
Portland, Ore.

N. L. ATKINS,
Agent,
Forest Grove, Ore.

O. A. C. SHORT COURSES

Begin Jan. 3, Continue Four Weeks

YOU ARE INVITED

Every citizen of Oregon is cordially invited to attend the short courses of the Oregon Agricultural College, beginning January 3. Eleven distinctive courses will be offered in Agriculture, Mechanic Arts, Domestic Science and Art, Commerce, Forestry and Music. Every course is designed to HELP the student in his daily work. Make this a pleasant and profitable winter outing. No tuition. Reasonable accommodations. For beautiful illustrated bulletin, address H. M. TENNANT, Registrar, Corvallis, Ore.

FARMER'S BUSINESS COURSE BY CORRESPONDENCE

C. W. MERTZ

MERTZ & LATTA

J. C. LATTA

Forest Grove Steam Laundry

Ice, Cold Storage, Wood and Coal

Both Phones.

Corner First Avenue and Second St

Forest Grove Press One Dollar Per Year.