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We furnish the purchaser at the end of three years a thrifty growing apple orchard, one that has been cared for from setting, in the most approved manner, cultivating the land six to eight times a year, keeping the ground well pulverized, and at all times free from weeds, grass and other vegetation between May 1st and August 15th of each year; keeping the trees pruned in the most scientific manner; removing and burning all cuttings and suckers, and in short do any and all work which will be for the best interest of the land and trees. We replant all trees that may die in the first, second and third years, and pay all taxes on the land for three years. We furnish the land labor and material and trees and three years' care, at the price of \$120 per acre, giving three years in which to pay for it.

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in three yearly payments, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum.

The purchaser can remain where he is make no immediate change in his business or home interests making his present business pay for his investment. He is being brought into bearing condition and rest assured that skilled horticulturalists will do the work better than he can unless he has had horticultural experience under conditions existing in Oregon. After trees have had scientific care pruning and shaping for three years, the subsequent work is much more methodical and can be successfully done by these without horticultural skill.

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We have all our work done by contract and the contractors are under heavy bonds to us for the faithful performance of their work. We have executed a bond to the amount of \$10,000 and have appointed Hon. J. M. Church, cashier of the La Grande National Bank, trustee to indemnify any parties purchasing land on the Grande Ronde Valley Fruit Farm from who may suffer by our not fulfilling our obligations

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### THE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

There will assemble today in Portland, men from all parts of Oregon animated with a desire to organize an Oregon Development League. As the name implies the object is to unite energy and push for the development of the now latent wealth creating elements and forces in Oregon.

A glance at the United States census and a half hour spent in comparing the growth of Oregon in nearly every line of accretion of wealth, will convince the most indifferent that Oregon is falling behind her neighboring states.

This is a humiliating statement to make and one of bitter sadness when it is made plain by the figures gathered by the United States census takers and the later ones from those given out by the Bureau of statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor that the statement is true.

Regrets because of the figures or refusal to read the figures, that speak with an eloquence that no man can gainsay to the outside world, that Oregon is not keeping step to the music of the times but is allowing our sister states on the south, east and north, neither of which has superior natural elements of wealth to Oregon, to move along the pathway of progress with a more stately and swifter pace than Oregon is now treading, will not obliterate them or the fact.

Because of these things, and to change them, and induce our people to lay hold on the opportunities that abound in Oregon with a vigor equal to that displayed by our neighbors, the call was made for a gathering in Portland to organize a League for the seizing upon the opportunities that woo our people from every side to stretch forth their hands and lay hold and be enriched.

The Observer has not the power of forecasting future events and does not pretend to know along what lines the League will first attempt to walk, but this it does know that there is a great opportunity for them to inaugurate a mighty work, and if it rises to the level of the occasion it will accomplish a magnificent work.

But this great work must not be launched by the spirit of personal selfishness nor have its young blood poisoned with the virus of local ambition, that seeks, under the mask of general good, to hide a sinister purpose to levy tribute on weak communities for the enrichment of the strong.

The Observer by the love it bears to Oregon, the native state of the owners and editors; by the love it has for the right and honorable in all things implores the men who are now organizing an Oregon Development League to give us one that in its every purpose has an area of 98,030 square miles, co-extensive with the land and water surface of the whole state, extending its proffered hand of assistance with equal fervor and warmth to every locality in the broad state. Give us an organization that an industry or enterprise in the remote settlements will feel as great an assurance in its friendship and cooperation as those in the great cities and centers of population. If the League can start out with this confidence of the entire

state, and not forfeit that confidence, it can accomplish a great and good work.

As an exclusive Elevator. There is perhaps no elevator in the world more exclusive than that provided at the capitol for the supreme court of the United States. That elevator can be used by exactly eleven people, and no one else would for a moment consider entering it except as the guest of one of these eleven privileged gentlemen. The fortunate eleven are the nine justices of the United States supreme court, the clerk and the marshal of the court. The elevator goes from the ground floor of the capitol to the main floor, on which is located the supreme court of the United States. It is a small elevator, so that, with its conductor, three portly forms of justices of the supreme court of the United States would fill it. It is one of the very latest designs of electric elevators and is finished in magnificent style—Washington Star.

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"But it is no more of a national holiday than is the 22d of February and by no means so clearly defined as Memorial day. This fact was had enough, and it may be thought that it was overlooked, but there is not a line in the statute of any of the states of the United States giving the Fourth of July—the glorious Fourth, mind you—any mention or preference in the matter of honor. The glorious Fourth is a legal holiday all right enough and is pretty generally recognized, and is proclaimed to be more generally recognized this year than ever, particularly in the south, but it is not a national holiday and has never been so declared by statute.

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"The fact is, we have no national holiday, though there are several legal holidays during the year, Christmas, New Year's day, Washington's birthday, Labor day and Thanksgiving day, but congress only makes them legal holidays for this district. For instance, what we call Labor day in this district and, which it is, a legal holiday is not recognized on either side of the Potomac from us. The states have their Labor day, but there is no unanimity about the day selected, as they have labor days, founders' days and a lot of other days. Some of the states have state holiday day, but strange as it may appear there is no national holiday day. I don't mean to be understood as saying that the Fourth of July is not recognized as a holiday throughout the United States, but I do mean to say that except by common consent there is nothing about it that makes it a national holiday. Of course it is a legal holiday in the District, as it is in several states, but it is not a legal holiday in all of the states. For all of that, neither is Christmas nor Thanksgiving day in many states. Washington's birthday is a legal holiday in this district, but just over in Virginia it is not, though if there is one state where it should be a state holiday it is Virginia."—Washington Star.

### FIRE EVERY JULY 4.

The Parris Family of Maine Has a Musket With a Unique Record.

In the old home of ex-Governor Alton Keith Parris at Paris Hill, Me., are many curious relics by members of this representative family in all quarters of the globe. But the most highly prized relic is a flintlock musket that did service through the Revolution and is today in a good state of preservation. It has been in the possession of the Parris family for over 125 years and has been fired on every independence day. It was first notably discharged when the Declaration of Independence was signed. Every Fourth of July since that memorable day some member of the family has observed this patriotic custom and saluted the anniversary of the country's birth by loading the antique arms and firing it just at dawn.

On one occasion a few years ago all of the male members of the family happened to be away from home on the Fourth. A son in Philadelphia, however, remembered the custom and wired home, "Do not forget to fire gun." It was not forgotten.

Ex-Governor Parris received the musket from his father, Samuel Parris, who was an officer during the Revolution. The musket was used on the British at Bunker Hill and carried all through that unequal struggle.

Last year it was tied to a fence and discharged by means of a red-hot poker.

"Fourth of July Realism." "I suppose," said the first committeeman, "that as a feature of our Fourth of July celebration we should have some young lady read the Declaration of Independence."

"I don't know," mused the second committeeman. "In view of the usual results of the celebration, wouldn't it be better to have her read a paper on first aid to the injured?"—Baltimore American.

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### THE MARKETS

(July 30)

New York—Silver 58 5/8 Union Pacific 95 5-8, Pfd 93 1-2

Chicago—Sept wheat opened 89 3/8 a 89 5-8 and closed at 90 1-4 Barley 42 a 50, flax 1.17 1-2, northwest 21 1/4

San Francisco—ash wheat 81.57

Portland—Wheat Walla Walla 67; Bluestem 72; Valley 78.

Cattle—Best steers \$3 a \$3.25; medium \$3, cows \$2 a \$2.25.

### CONGRATULATIONS

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