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JUST FOR TODAY

"With every rising of the sun
 Think of your life as just begun;
 The past has shrined and buried deep
 All yesterday's. There let them sleep,
 Nor seek to summon back one ghost
 Of that innumerable host.
 "Concern yourself with but TODAY;
 Woo it and teach it to obey
 Your will and wish. Since time began
 Today has been the friend of man.
 But in his darkness and his sorrow,
 He looks to yesterday and tomorrow.
 "You and TODAY, a soul sublime,
 And the great pregnant hour of time,
 With God Himself to bind the twin,
 Go forth, I say; Attain, ATTAIN!"

The year 1905 has much in store for La Grande and Union county, but in order for us to get all that is rightfully coming to us we must make an honest effort. This effort must be made as individuals and as a town and as a county. Each individual has that in his power which can be of benefit to the commonwealth, but our individual efforts need not in anyway disqualify us from acting with others. Individual effort should be the force which directs the machine or organization. La Grande has in the La Grande Commercial Club, a splendid machine, engine, or organization, which only requires a little fuel in the form of encouragement on the part of the citizens in general and a little ginger on the part of its members and officers to make it a power for good in the land. There is much that can be done by the club which will bear almost everlasting fruit. There is much that should and can be accomplished by the club if the members will only make the proper effort. The year 1905 should see a real awakening within the club and among those who are not members. The present members should arouse themselves and begin the grand crusade and those who are not members should send in their application to become such and make it a part of their duty to see that they not only put their own shoulder to the wheel but also see that the old members do their part of the lifting. Every citizen of this city should make it a part of his daily work to do something for the city and county and assist in making La Grande the leading town in all of eastern Oregon.

La Grande citizens should make it a New Year resolve to

stand by the local industries and enterprises firmer than ever. While making the effort to secure more industries for this city we should not lose sight of those which are already located here. If we all work to the common end we can make La Grande double its self within the next two years. We have the country surrounding the town and the right sort of people in the town to make a small city, and all we need to do is to pull together with a common end in view, and La Grande will grow at a rate which will cause us all to swell up with justifiable pride. Every body pull.

The La Grande Creamery Co. is now making on an average two thousand pounds of butter each week and is receiving cream from every point in this county and also from Wallowa county. This means that thousands of dollars are passed into circulation through the creamery each month. This is one of the enterprises which should receive the attention of every citizen in this city. The string of milk cans which pass through the creamery every day mean a constant flow of dollars into the hands of the dairy men, who in turn disburse it through the regular channels of trade. Stand by the creamery and help one of La Grande's enterprises to grow and thereby help the town to grow. It all counts.

Japan took Port Arthur from the Chinese a decade ago. Where upon Russia intervened and plundered the Japanese of the fruits of their victory. Now Japan has come into possession of her own. The rest of the war will be fought to decide whether she shall retain the historic and bloody fortress.

Music

E. P. Tait the pioneer music teacher of Grande Ronde Valley is still in the ring. During my vacation I made it my business as well as pleasure to attend concerts, operas, and in fact every thing in my line of business and I found that I as a teacher, and interpreter of music and still in the front rank. Pupils who do not wish the full conservatory course may take the popular piano course. This places the pupil in position to play the popular music of the day, Church and Sunday School music.

The Violin popular course places the pupil in position to play all kinds of dance music as well as light overtures. Quite a number of musicians who have been under my instruction are now making good money as teachers and soloists. Pupils who are under my care will be thoroughly instructed in music.

E. J. TAIT, teacher

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1/2 h. p.	\$ 37 75	5 h. p.	\$192 00
1 h. p.	44 50	10 h. p.	279 75
1 1/2 h. p.	95 50	15 h. p.	387 70
2 h. p.	104 15	20 h. p.	452 50
3 h. p.	128 85	30 h. p.	555 65

To this price must be added freight from San Francisco to La Grande.

Shipping weights			
1/2 hp 3 phase	120 lbs	1/2 hp single phase	225 lbs
1 hp "	155 lbs	1 hp "	270 lbs
1 1/2 hp "	242 lbs	1 1/2 hp "	275 lbs
2 hp "	345 lbs	2 hp "	380 lbs
3 hp "	425 lbs	3 hp "	465 lbs
		5 hp "	660 lbs
5 hp 132 form K	810 lbs	form L	670 lbs
7 1/2 hp " form K	950 lb	form L	820 lbs
10 hp " form K	1175 lbs	form L	1075 lbs
15 hp " form K	1430 lbs	form L	1350 lbs
20 hp " form K	2345 lbs	form L	2300 lb
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