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**A WELL KNOWN CITIZEN  
FAVORS HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Calls Attention to the Necessity of Preparing Our Young  
People for Satisfactory Life Work.**

Editors of the Evening Observer:

In a recent issue of your daily you made a slight hint, that we should, or the city of La Grande should, have better school facilities for higher education. I as one of the citizens of Union county indorse such a move.

Our people have been too busy in a financial way to give any thought to the education of the rising generation. We have been building sugar factories, mills, electric power lines, telephone lines, electric railroads (on paper), steam railroads, fine houses, barns, setting new orchards, in fact improving in everything to a wonderful degree, to the sacrifice of educating our rising girls and boys.

The time was, from the settling of the New England states until the present, our great ancestors were, or could go forth upon the broad prairie, and into the dense forests, cut with the scythe, slay with their guns, and gather in the harvest that was sown and nurtured by the hand of nature. They were happy, they were contented. They did not need so much enlightenment and education as we do. This is not the case with the countless generations that have followed. We are beginning to cease sowing with such a lavish hand; our meadows whose green carpet covered such vast domains have disappeared, the last bellow of the American buffalo is dying away upon the breezes; the flutter of a few prairie hens is seldom heard where I have heard their wings produce a noise like distant thunder. The antelope, the deer, the elk, the moose, and all of the denizens of the forest are passing away as the pictures of a kinoscope pass before the audience and when the end comes, darkness reigns.

It is just so with our future boys and girls. They will have to face a new age. Nature has become exhausted, thus leaving our boys and girls to face an age of science from which and through which they must draw their support. The divine law is now being fulfilled that "old things must pass away and all things must become new" and the new now is science, in all things. Now that we are entering upon a scientific age it is absolutely necessary that they may better be able to fight the battles of life. How can this be brought about, so as to accommodate all classes at as small a cost as possible. Our present school system is very good, but like all good things it has its faults. To correct these faults the parents of this generation must endeavor to accomplish. The large cities and towns are, from the population, enabled to secure enough money to sustain a higher course of study than what is allowed in rural districts, thus enabling the city boys and girls to enter our colleges in advance of the ruralists. This should not be. From this I do not want you to understand that I wish to retard the city, not by any means, but I desire that the same facilities be brought about for the farmer boys and girls, for who needs a more scientific education in all its branches, than the tiller of the soil? for from the soil comes the wealth of nations and their sustenance.

The city of La Grande has splendid schools. Under the guidance of Prof. Höckenberry and his able corps of assistants, any one could see the minds of our children were tending upward at a rapid rate. The present principal, Prof. Martin

should be highly commended for his work. Those articles of his, that were published in your paper are only too true, and I trust that parents should take heed and help him correct these evils. As evidence of good training and thorough instruction, our boys and girls are permitted to enter the colleges of our and other states, when they pass even the eighth grade, and without an examination. I consider that a very high compliment to our school.

With all of these laurels, I am ashamed to say that we are blind to our surroundings, why is this sending our boys and girls four hundred miles toward the setting sun, for the purpose of attaining higher knowledge? Compulsory, yes compulsory, but should it be so? I emphatically say no, and the shame should rest upon our own heads and the head of every citizen of the surrounding country, and for that matter every loyal citizen of Eastern Oregon. I suppose you are getting some light, as to the why of this article. I will now plainly say that, as a citizen of Eastern Oregon, it is for the up-building, first the minds of our children, second, our city and third the whole of Eastern Oregon. There are thousands of boys and girls who are deprived the privilege of attending higher schools and colleges, on the account of finances and the remoteness of such institutions, and those who are so unfortunate as to be numbered among this class, will surely have a hard time in buffeting the cold waves of business life. These children must be reached, and it must be done by establishing higher schools and colleges—if you please. Can it be done? Yes, and in several ways. First the state should establish one in this part of the state, and be conducted upon the same lines, as the one now at Corvallis. If this event could not be accomplished the county court should be granted the power, to levy a special tax for its support and maintenance, and by tuition and donation of the city and surrounding country.

With the present high school and perhaps eight more professors, at a salary not to exceed \$1200 per year a very good college could be maintained here. So it can be readily seen, that for eight to ten thousand dollars, with rooms furnished the object could be assured. Of course a set of grafters could not be kept upon the list.

You would be astonished when I tell you that there were 35 boys and girls went from this county alone to Corvallis last year and it cost upon an average of three hundred dollars per student showing the nice sum of \$9900 that left this county never to return, enough in itself to maintain this school. If these students could be induced to remain at home the starting is easy and the future success would be amply assured.

La Grande is the ideal place for such a school, it is some two hundred miles to Pullman, Wash. and Moscow, Ida. on the north, and four hundred miles from Corvallis to the west. The altitude and scenic surroundings of La Grande are just suited for the highest attainments of the life of the student, the crisp mountain air clears away the cobwebs of the brain, that a low warm altitude creates.

Now Mr. Editor I am quite lengthy, but as you started me keep knocking. "Knock and it shall be opened unto you." If not, why not?  
A. P. DAVIS

**MILTON SCHOOLS CLOSE**

Milton, Or., Dec. 20.—The public schools of Milton were closed yesterday on account of new cases of diphtheria, which have developed in the last few days. The Freewater schools are closed also, as it is in the same school district. Two new cases broke out yesterday in the home of Editor Carl Brown, and the entire family of nine has been exposed as well as many of the neighbors. There are about nine cases, widely scattered. All necessary quarantine regulations are observed.

**STOCKHOLDERS MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the La Grande National bank at the La Grande National bank building in the city of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of nine directors, and any other business the transaction of which shall legally come before the meeting.

F. L. MEYERS, Cashier.  
Dated this 11 day of December, 1905

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**M'NALLY ARRESTED**

Baker City Dec. 20.—Henry McNally, local weather observer for Baker City, who replaced Mr. McGuinness, was taken into custody this afternoon by the sheriff at the request of State Weather Observer Beals of Portland, who came down here to find out what was the matter with the office. It is believed McNally is a little out of his head.

**BIG POULTRY FARM**

Kiona, Wash., Dec. 20.—A poultry farm on an extensive scale is being established near this place by W. A. McCausland. Three incubators of a capacity of 500 dozen each are being installed. Mr. Causland proposes to sell his fowls at the age of nine weeks. He has expended over two thousand dollars in buildings, wall, heating apparatus, etc.

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**To Whom it May Concern**

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