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SMILE AND BOOST.

In one of the popular publications of the country is published a picture of a doughnut, on the body of the doughnut is printed, "Crops and Resources." On the small round space in the center of the doughnut are the words, "Financial Depression," and the legend under the picture is, "Keep your eye on the doughnut."

That strikes us as being a good policy, says Truth, the western weekly, of Salt Lake. It is a human attribute to always enlarge on our own individual troubles when people have difficulties or troubles they are inclined to let their minds dwell on their own depressing affairs to such an extent that they begin to think their lot is harder than anyone else's. But after all any kind of trouble or difficulty is good; it develops and makes us better and stronger if we overcome it and surmount the difficulty. But the danger is that we allow our minds to be convinced that our injury is irremediable, when we reach that conclusion then our first real trouble begins.

We met some people the other day who were passing through a certain difficulty and unpleasant experience, and they, expressing the idea that the fates seemed to be against them and their lot was harder than anyone else's. It was suggested by someone that they get assistance from certain quarters, and these people said, "Why, my goodness, we thought of doing that, but we discovered that these people were in a much more serious condition than we." So you see it is no trick when you think your lot is the hardest to find someone else who is much worse off than you.

It is a good idea when we get discouraged and think our portion is a hard one to look around among our friends and neighbors and it is almost a certainty that when we then think back on our own conditions that we will have ample room for rejoicing that we are not in someone else's place.

The trouble with many of us is that we keep our eyes on the hole in the doughnut and forget the real doughnut. To smile is a wonderful thing, there is nothing so inspiring when you feel discouraged as to meet somebody who smiles, really smiles.

Let us boost and smile.

STANDING BY HOME INDUSTRY.

No city can prosper as it should unless there is a well defined spirit of standing by home institutions. In making purchases it is a duty every one owes to his community to spend his money with the firm that is owned by home people; people who have investments here, who have confidence enough in Baker to take part of the responsibility of building the town.

Over in Walla Walla there has recently been organized a society for contemplating and fostering the home industry patronage idea, and the same thing would hold good in Baker. Just listen to a little argument.

Does it stand to reason that the firm who is doing business here today and gone tomorrow should be deserving your trade, as compared with a substantial institution that spends its efforts right back into the city? Does it stand to reason that the profit from your business will do as much good to the community when turned over to people who have little interest in the community as it will if placed in the hands of those who have their all invested in this home patronage matter?

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over. It can't do any harm and there is a chance that it may be a great, big benefit to this city.—Baker City Herald.

The figures given out by the crop-reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture giving the comparative condition of the winter-wheat crop of the various states on April 1, are quite complimentary to the Pacific coast country. Oregon leads with 97 per cent of a normal crop, followed by Kansas, Texas, Tennessee and Kentucky with a 95 per cent crop, and Washington 94, while the general average of all the states is 91.3 per cent normal. Oregon also leads in the average for the past 10 years with 92 per cent, Washington, California, Kansas, and Nebraska following with 90 per cent average each. In rye, Washington leads with a 98 per cent crop, and Oregon is second with 97 per cent, while for the past 10 years Oregon leads again with 92 per cent while the general average in all the states on the rye crop for the past 10 years is 89.6 per cent.

The shearing plant near Echo employs 50 men. Many of the shearers take the fleece from a sheep in two minutes and do a good neat job, and there is not a man but what can shear a sheep in three minutes. The engines run 25 pairs of clippers; two men grind shears for the 25 shearers; 10 men keep the pens and chutes filled with sheep, two tie the fleeces and two sack and sew the wool.

BEST BOOSTING.

To the Editor:

First Impressions, like smallpox, are hard to get rid of. If they are good they enter, and mightily influence all subsequent impressions. If bad, they, like some deadly contagion, spread odium and disfavor through all later convictions. The western traveler, looking from the eminence south of Union upon the Grande Ronde valley, beholds a sight that thrills him through and through. Our beautiful valley spreads like an Eden before him. And after the desert wastes over which he has passed so unenchanting, have left their depressing influences, he says: "Truly, here is the place where, till called to celestial lands, I shall strike my tent and make my home."

Descending, he passes Union and Hot Lake and sweeps into La Grande, the metropolis of this far-famed valley, where a divine Providence has bestowed his most precious gifts with a lavish hand.

At our depot the stranger steps off the train wondering what this valley, so richly endowed, has produced in her best city. He casts his eye to the right, and takes in Chinatown; then the scarlet light district, the brewery, the saloons and dives.

But, on the corner of Depot street and Jefferson avenue he stops and laments. What a delusion; what a snare! The well watered plains are, after all, only a modern Sodom. Have I struck hell's dumping ground? Oh, why should the fairest of earth be thus despoiled!

Has not the time come when we should clean up this fair city? And give to the moral and more desirable class of emigrants a new and better first impression? Such a sentiment is now well nigh national. Let it sweep from the White House to the less, but no more sacred precincts of our own "fair" city. Would it not be well to hear the visiting gentleman in the rink tonight, as he shall discuss this matter?

W. H. GIBSON.

Birth Record.

Born, April 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Merton Kiddle, of Island City, a daughter.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. William Turnbull, April 27, a daughter.

BALL GAME TOMORROW.

A thorough canvass of the business houses in this city was made this afternoon and without exception every business house in the city has agreed to close between the hours of 2:30 and 4:30 in the afternoon. This will be the official opening of the baseball park and the town is going to see that the affair will have the proper send-off. The Pendleton team will cross bats with the La Grande team and a good, fast game will result. Come out and help La Grande win.

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THE DEMAND FOR PROPERTY IN

RIVERSIDE ADDITION

NEAR THE BIG SAW MILL

has become so great, that it has been decided to advance the price on lots in the addition.

By comparing the prices at which lots in Riverside Addition have been selling, with the prices of similar property in other sections of the city, it will be found that lots in Riverside Addition have been selling at too low a figure.

Before advancing the price, however, it has been deemed only fair to give due warning to those who have been contemplating buying, but who have been delaying from time to time, therefore

TAKE NOTICE

that during the remainder of this month (April), prices will remain the same as heretofore, but on the first day of May there will be a general advance of 10 per cent in prices, therefore all those who wish to take advantage of this advance must buy this month.

Special inducements will be given those who build this season houses costing \$1000.00 or more.

FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS CALL ON

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NO. 1107 ADAMS AVENUE, LA GRANDE, OREGON

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1875. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Ore., March 30, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1875, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892,

ROBERT DEAL, of La Grande, county of Union, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5974, for the purchase of the E 1/2 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section No. 33, in Township No. 3 South, Range No. 37, E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 17th day of June, 1908. He names as witnesses: George W. Bartness, of La Grande, Ore.; George Gekeler, of La Grande, Ore.; William Hughes, of La Grande, Ore.; William H. Deal, of Hilgard, Ore.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 17th day of June, 1908.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

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ACHILLES S. ESSON, of The Dalles, county of Wasco, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5971, for the purchase of the E 1/2 NE 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section No. 10, in Township No. 2 South, Range No. 37, E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 16th day of June, 1908.

He names as witnesses: Henry F. Sturdevant, of The Dalles, Ore.; David C. Brichoux, of La Grande, Ore.; Earl Lyons, of La Grande, Ore.; Hugh B. Esson, of Hood River, Ore.

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F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at La Grande, Ore., March 30, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Frederick L. Clark of Kamela, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No. 11,692, made April 8, 1903, for the E 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 3; E 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 10, Township 2 S., Range 35, E., and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver of the United States land office at La Grande, Oregon, on May 15th, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz: W. D. Adams, William Dye, June Sanford, Frank Wright, all of Kamela, Oregon.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

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