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POULTRY-FRUIT-DOG SHOW.

A movement was inaugurated on the return trip from Wallowa yesterday, that will result in a poultry, fruit and dog show being held in this city some time in January. The details will be decided upon at a meeting to be called in the near future, at which time those interested in fruit, poultry and fine dogs will be invited to attend. Poultry and fruit shows are becoming quite popular in this state and surely there is not another county in the state that can make any better showing than Union county. One or two cities also hold annual dog shows and when this show is over, those who attend will be surprised to see how many fine blooded dogs there are in Union county, if the owners will place them on exhibition. Several times it has been suggested to have a poultry show in this county, but for some reason, possibly through the lack of interested leadership, it has always been postponed. This time, however, it will become a reality, and those interested in the movement feel confident that when once inaugurated, these shows will become permanent annual features that will be anticipated with pleasure and profit.

WHAT A CHANGE.

Thirty-two years ago the territory embraced within the limits of the present county of Wallowa, Oregon, was in undisputed possession of the Indians. It was the home of that tribe of Nez Perce Indians of which Joseph was the chief, and for it they waged a war, which, though a losing one, gave to them a never-dying fame and established for Joseph the reputation of being the ablest of all Indian generals.

As the result of that war the Indians were located by the government on the Colville Indian reservation, in Washington, and the land that had been theirs was opened to settlement by the white men. The few pioneers who had come in prior to the war, and whose presence had prompted it, were soon joined by others. Population increased, until by 1888 there were 1500 people within its limits, and the legislature created the county of Wallowa out of Union county. The population continued to grow. By 1900 it had reached 6000, and it is now estimated to be approximately 9000.—Wallowa County Booklet.

Superintendent Hockenberry's report of the first month of our public school shows a total enrollment of 331, against 321 last year, an increase of 30. The enrollment of the high school is 131, as against 121 last year, which shows where the increase comes from. In other words, it means that the La Grande high school is becoming recognized as one of the best high schools in eastern Oregon. If our citizens would visit our public schools, they would appreciate what is being accomplished and the necessity of enlarged accommodations.

Diversified farming pays. Always something to sell is the reason. This is the reason why Union county is prosperous. We always have a harvest. In the midst of winter we give employment to a good many people in the logging camps and ice establishments. When it comes to large diversified industries, Union county is second to none in Oregon, naturally outside of Multnomah, which includes the metropolis of our state.

There are few cities in the state that can show more improvements and general activity than La Grande does

at present. Did you ever notice it? We generally wait until the fall to begin our building season. Our winters are so mild that if the building gets roofed, the finishing can be continued with little if any delay.

The Union county apple harvest commences Monday and during the next few weeks the largest crop ever grown in Union county will be gathered. While the yield is not particularly beyond normal, the increase in bearing acreage each year adds greatly to the volume.

Those who attended the excursion to Wallowa, enjoyed a pleasant day, and were royally entertained in the brief period of their stay, and to many this was their first view of Wallowa river and after its confluence with Grande Ronde presents quite a stream in its onward rush to the sea.

Who will be the first to operate an alfalfa mill in this valley. It is coming. Just a matter of time, and that not far distant. If we understand it the investment is not great and the return profitable.

The Real "Labor Vote."

While the Republican party was brought into being by the tolling masses and has achieved all its successes through their unflinching support. It has vigorously opposed every attempt to require American wage earners to vote collectively, either in obedience to political bosses or as directed by self styled "labor leaders" who sometimes lead, but rarely labor. The Republican doctrine is that every citizen with a legitimate vocation who does his best day by day is a laboring man in the truest sense of the term and that the so called "labor question" as related to party action is one which must be settled by every individual for himself through such political agencies and organizations as he may consider most trustworthy.

The Democratic party, however, has sedulously sought and is still seeking to establish an antagonism of interest between grades of labor whose interests are identical. It would have the worker in the mill believe that the mill owner is his enemy. It would have employer and employee constantly at war, though each knows that neither can prosper unless both are content.

Wherever or whenever a difference arises between one group of laborers, who may be the immediate producers of a given commodity, and another group, charged with the equally important task of finding markets and consumers for the product, the Democratic party uses the event as the pretext for a further appeal to the spirit of prejudice and passion, always attempting to excite hostility between employer and employee.

In all such cases the principle and practice of the Republican party are exactly the reverse. It holds that controversies between employer and employee are almost invariably due to a misunderstanding of their mutual interests and that a frank appeal to the reason and fair mindedness of those concerned is all that is needed to effect an agreement honorable to both sides.

The Democratic party rejoices in discord among the makers of national greatness. It fattens on public misfortune. It finds in every misunderstanding between employer and employee an excuse for the sinister hint that those who are in the market to buy labor are the natural enemies of those who have labor to sell.

On the other hand, the Republican party recognizes any serious disagreement between the sellers and the buyers of labor—between the employee and the employer—as a matter of grave concern to the general welfare, requiring careful nonpartisan scrutiny and wise legislation to protect the common interests of the people. The Republican party has never rejoiced in hard times. It has never applauded a panic or an era of business depression. It is the party of prosperity, not of calamity. It is strongest when the people are happiest. It glories in their successes, grieves for their misfortunes and disdains to seek political advantages in public disaster.

The real "labor vote" in this country is the American people. They make and mar the destinies of parties and candidates. Nothing is so hateful to them as the assumption that they can be delivered like sheep in the shambles to any nominee of any party. This year's campaign is a frank appeal to the intelligence and patriotism of the American "labor vote," and the party which gave three martyrs—Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley—to the cause of the common people will accept the November verdict as one of those judgments which are "true and righteous altogether."

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Not a few who attended the Wallowa excursion were surprised to note the substantial character of the state fish hatchery on Wallowa river. It is quite a plant.

Public Sale.

I will offer for sale at my place one mile west of Summerville, Thursday, October 22, 1908, seven horses, two of these are good single drivers; 13 head cattle; one 2-year-old registered Polled Durham bull; 1-year-old bull; two bull calves; 1 seven-months-old, one five; four polled Durham cows, 3 years old; three polled Durham heifers, 1 year old

two Jersey cows; one Poland China boar; one-year-old. A few young Poland China sows and boars. These hogs are pedigreed. One McCormick binder, almost as good as new; one new press drill; one mower; one new gang plow; four new wagons; two sets of heavy work harness; one set nearly new. Sale commences at 10 o'clock. Free lunch at noon. Terms of sale: A credit of 12 months will be given on approved notes, at 8 per cent from date.

A. J. STORY.

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