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We read a whole lot during the last presidential campaign about the educational campaign that was then popularly supposed to be in progress. An educational campaign regarding the west, its soil, climate, and the habits of its people, is just now being quite fulfilled, its mission is very apparent when letters such as are mentioned in yesterday's paper regarding a fabulous valley, are written in sober earnest, by persons of intelligence who are seeking a more enjoyable place in which to make their home than they have so far found. We refer to the letter from a resident of Kansas, who evidently had been informed that there is a valley in this part of the Northwest where there are, but a few hundreds of families, with room for 1000 homesteads, to be had from the government for the asking; where the surrounding mountains are covered with the finest of timber, also free to the settler. Vulgarly speaking, the letter writer has been given a wrong hunch. Some gazabo has had a pipe dream, or manufactured one and passed it on to his neighbor. The man who wrote the letter is not to blame. Very vague ideas of our country, climate, resources and people exist in certain sections west of the Mississippi, and it is up to such organizations as our Commercial Club to institute the campaign of education, which shall result in the dissemination of authoritative information regarding ourselves and our habits.

Almost any homeseeker would ask about such a locality as this man believes to exist; and yet, if he is the kind of a settler the west needs and desires, he would much rather learn of a valley, such as ours, where he may buy improved farms at reasonable prices; where there are towns and villages, farms and orchards; where there are markets for produce and labor. It is much better that prospective settlers know just what to expect when they start toward our country than to let them believe fairy tales, with the consequent and certain disillusionment.

It requires the same enthusiasm to make a county fair a success as it does to make a successful Fourth of July celebration. La Grande has a reputation for holding great celebrations, this year will be no exception. In fact preparations are made earlier this season than last.

The time has passed when it becomes necessary to go abroad to finish profitable investments in real estate. There is no surer road to wealth anywhere than the possession of

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If we had a few more juries like the one that convicted Hains there would be fewer murders. The insanity dodge has been over worked in this country.

Noted Lady Coming.
 Mrs. Clara Esson, Bible School evangelist, will have charge of the church services at the Central Church next Sunday morning. Mrs. Esson is making a tour of the Church of Christ in Eastern Oregon, in the interest of the Sunday school. She has a wide reputation as an enthusiastic speaker.

Crane Ready For Service.
 The locomotive crane used last winter for unloading coal in the yards, has been given a thorough overhauling and is again ready for use.

Will Rebuild Cars.
 The steel bottoms and trucks of the two box cars burned at Nodine spur a few days ago will be sent to Albina for rebuilding.

STORE FOR RENT.
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