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AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE VALUE.

All schools of higher education are valuable, but as things develop there is a decided importance attached to a well conducted agricultural college.

The practical things of life are taught in such schools, and certainly the practical things are what count. Elbert Hubbard, who says some very sharp things occasionally, claims one year in college is all right, but more than that is dangerous. We cannot agree with him but we do believe that even one year in some colleges is dangerous. Not so with an agricultural college where they teach the boys how to farm, or how to make a fence, or how to meet most any of the needful things in life.

The very atmosphere around a school of this kind urges upon one the importance of being a producer, rather than a consumer wholly. Had it ever occurred to you what a large army of people never produce anything for the world's markets or the world's storehouses? Think it over and note how many are living off other's labor—living by their wits as it were.

It is this condition that drives many men to seek relief in the anarchist's camp. Old John Smith in colonial days said, "he who does not work shall not eat," and it would be first rate if his doctrine held good today.

With agricultural colleges largely attended there will be more producers; there will be more men who handle the soil, which after all is the only source of wealth, and one of the most honorable vocations in the whole world.

Oregon has a good institution. We wish she had another just like the one at Corvallis located in Eastern Oregon. Yes, right here in the Grande Ronde valley would be an excellent place for it.

The tax payer's money that goes to keep up an agricultural college is well spent. It makes big, broad minded men and women who have the spirit and disposition to go forth in life and do something. If a boy is trained at such a school he will not be a loafer wearing colored "spats" He will not be found spending his entire life over a pool table, neither will he be a "sissy" chap who is waiting for all the ladies to smile upon him. On the other hand, he will be a part of the bone and sinew of the nation. He will make the soil pro-

duce two blades of grass where one grows now. He will add to the wheat yield, put more fat on the hogs and make the cow give more milk, all due to two blades of grass where one the agricultural college.

AMEN! BROTHER JONAS, AMEN!

The Wallowa Sun is getting down to brass tacks and pushing the truth into the people week after week. The following editorial is certainly along right lines and is worthy of consideration by everyone living in Wallowa county, the Grande Ronde valley or elsewhere.

"The time is past for petty jealousies between the towns of this valley. There is no longer a question as to which is the better town of the valley. Every resident of the valley knows that there are four good towns and resources back of each to make a fair sized city of each. The valley is so situated that no one town will greatly exceed the others in size. Wallowa has a large body of timber and a big lot of agricultural land back of it; Enterprise has the county seat, a good farming country, and various other resources; Joseph and Lostine have their mines and farming country; all the towns are surrounded with excellent range and an abundance of scenery. No man has yet enumerated enough of the resources of any one town but the next man who came saw another unnamed.

The time is ripe for a united effort for the upbuilding and settlement of the valley; for the development of its resources; for the improvement of its schools; for the building of better building and better roads and better homes in this county. What benefits Wallowa benefits the other towns in a measure. Every sawmill that markets lumber here helps to improve business in Joseph and Enterprise and Lostine. Every mine that is opened at Joseph or Lostine means a better market for Wallowa's lumber. Every settler who comes to Enterprise makes a better market for Wallowa county products and a more prosperous farmer to trade with the merchants of the several towns.

Let's work together for the upbuilding of the great valley; for more mills at Wallowa; more mines developed at Joseph and Lostine, more industries at Enterprise, more people in Wallowa county.

The time is now Railroads are helping Central Oregon, but not every man attracted there will like Central Oregon. Some will go elsewhere and they can be induced to come to Wallowa county. The time is now. Pardon some thing of your prejudices and work the harder for the growth all together. Wallowa county is your county, my county. Its growth is our growth; its prosperity our prosperity

THE KIND OF BALL THAT COUNTS

Believing that life would be dull indeed without some kind of sport a local baseball league has been organized with La Grande, Elgin, Enterprise and Joseph as members. No attempt will be made this year to play professional ball, but there is

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hope that this will develop with another season.

There was some agitation in favor of making a four team league with La Grande, Pendleton, Walla Walla and Baker, but those who favored the towns on the branch line won out, and we believe the decision was a good one. We are all interested in home folks and everyone who lives on the branch line towns are home folks. Community interests bind us together in a business way, then why not add the social side and make life worth living.

The baseball played will be clean. It will be played by men, not hoodlums, and the interest it will create all along the line is bound to increase. The first game is to be given to La Grande, which is a courtesy appreciated by this city, and when games are to be played in other towns we are in favor of loading the O. R. & N. branch train so heavily that two sections will need to be run to accommodate the rooters.

With the apple crop assured for this season, the Grande Ronde valley people can already begin to figure their profits. And the revenue from apples in this valley has hardly started. When once the fruit inspector gets organized and sees that all orchards are properly sprayed then the day of developing orchard lands will have begun in earnest. No one doubts the productiveness of this valley, but a drawback has been in the way orchards have been cared for. With that revised and on a sound basis the capitalist who is seeking to develop large fruit tracts will head this way. But don't sell your land too cheaply to him. If you have a desirable tract he will pay the price for in doing so he sees where he can more than double his money.

Down at Corvallis the people have not gotten over the old habit of burying money in the ground for fear the banks are not safe. But who would ever hear of Corvallis if it were not for that magnificent agricultural college which is supported by the state? A community that has people who bury their money in the ground is seldom heard of.

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TRUTH No. 1.

NOTE—From day to day you will read in these columns articles entitled "Truth." It is to you, dear reader these remarks are addressed. Weigh well every word contained in these stories. It may mean much to you to follow us as we go along. All that is asked is your time for just a few moments. We thank you.

Lest you take alarm at this invasion of your innocent seclusion, we will remind you of the anecdote of the man who tried to give away English gold sovereigns, and nobody would take them. On a wager, this gentleman, relying on his knowledge of human nature, stood at the busiest hour of the day at the corner of London Bridge, with a big pewter dish full of genuine gold sovereigns in his hand. Rattling the gold alluringly in the pewter, he besought all who passed to take one—no strings to it of any sort. But one and all either stared incredulously, frowned suspiciously, or smiled knowingly, and passed on unenriched. And at the end of the hour, the gentleman who knew human nature, had just as many sovereigns in his dish as when he started, and the other party to the wager had to pay up. We know that if you had been one of the English crowd you would have left with all the English sovereigns laid safely away in the folds of your garments. This is our reason for addressing you in person.

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