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QUIT IT, QUIT IT, QUIT IT.

At the railroad station a passenger alighted from a through train asking the usual questions about the city and valley. A man who has lived here for a long time answered the questions, closing his remarks by saying this is a very good valley except for—

And with this he enumerated a lot of foolish things that do not happen here once in a generation. He dated his line of talk back to the Indian massacre and came down the line telling of every disaster he could think of. But he failed at the close of the talk to tell the man how long between happenings had elapsed.

This sort of a citizen is a Benedict Arnold to the Grande Ronde valley. He is a viper in a garden; he is too lazy to do things himself and prefers that others do not become active around him.

If any reader of this paper has an inclination to point what defects might be imagined existed in this valley, for pity's sake reorganize yourselves.

Quit this habit of croaking. Quit it. Ella Wheeler Wilcox says where there is one lifter there are twenty leaners. She is right and she may have gained this knowledge by traveling in Eastern Oregon. Surely there are too many leaners around La Grande.

Brace up and turn a business deal. Make a few dollars on a trade and you will feel better. Don't think you must trade with your neighbor all of the time, for there are plenty of traders passing through and if you cannot hold your own with them, then admit that you are a dead one. Every time you trade them land in this valley you are doing them a kindness if that land is priced at \$300 an acre and has not even a fence around it.

This croaking, such as was heard at the depot, would ruin the land of Paradise. Had Los Angeles possessed that kind of people there would be nothing there today but a desert. If Meaford had not put down the croaker she would never have taken a start. And it is said that Corvallis has made it so warm for the Old Man Well enough that they have either been converted into live ones or removed from the country.

That is exactly what will happen in this valley. Most of the people are all right and willing to get in and

raise prices, inject more life in transactions and do things, but there is a small per cent. of the laggards who if their mouths are permitted to run, will do more harm than Ella Wheeler's lifters can repair. The first thing to do is to revive the ones who are talking, if possible, and if not possible, well you know what is then best to do.

You must first believe what you say about this valley. If you can't believe it is a great place, move out. The valley does not need you. A garden spot like this is entitled to energetic citizens. Don't be afraid to say land is worth a good price and then show people why that is true. Don't be afraid to say La Grande is the best town in Eastern Oregon, then go about to proving it.

But quit the croaking, quit it, quit it.

La Grande people should lay aside any petty differences that may exist among them. The calendar is chock full of big things for this city and they require all of the energy our people can muster. So do not spend your time in getting even with some neighbor; do not take notice of some citizen's eccentricities, but join the big army of pushers to put this city where it belongs—at the front.

THE LABOR PROBLEM.

Spokane is awakening to the fact that the season is slipping by and she is behind with her paving. This is due to scarcity of labor. Railroad building in Oregon is progressing with slowness. This also is due to lack of labor. Of the number of men sent into the Deschutes country to work on the two railroads building that way only forty per cent. stay to do any work. Free transportation is given to all who will agree to work and they are sent out by the companies, but many of them have no intention of working when they leave Portland. As a result everything is moving very slowly considering the amount of money that is being spent. Expense is enormous in any undertaking. Business men in Portland are getting their concerns to avoid the labor problem. This seems untrue but investigation will prove that it is correct.

Where it will all end is a mere guess. Certainly there will be little change until something happens. The laborer is always worthy of his hire, but so frequently he does not give returns for the wage paid him.

This is the sole reason for importing foreigners, and that importation is bound to increase unless Americans see fit to work more. The country is moving along at a tremendous pace. Instead of slackening the momentum is increasing. The cost of living is even higher than increase in wages but no one can get results on contracts and public works that they should. The tradesmen, skilled laborers and men who are a part of big concerns do not come in the class mentioned, but it is the army of men needed in construction work that is hard to obtain and much harder to keep.

ANOTHER SLOGAN OFFERED.

That there is an interest in having a slogan for La Grande is plainly shown by the following letter which explains itself:

"Allee, May 6.—Editor Observer:—

I offer the enclosed phrase as a 'war cry' for La Grande. Teach it to the school children and I would suggest that it be printed on the front page margin of the Observer: 'Watch the Growing City of La Grande,' or, if preferable, you might use this verse: Look out for La Grande.

View her from the depot when you load; Then investigate the town. Tour the country all around. And in future you'll be found— At La Grande.

Respectfully,
M. L. CARTEER.

Mr. Carter's idea is a good one. He not only covers the city but he also calls attention to the surrounding country, which is the foundation of the city and a necessary adjunct to La Grande.

Let others come forward with their offering before this matter is submitted to the commercial club.

Michigan Musical Festival.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 18. — This evening the University of Michigan Musical Society will give the first of a series of five performances constituting the program for the seventeenth annual May Music Festival. The Theodore Thomas orchestra, the University Choral Union of 300 voices and some of the most famous opera singers of Europe, will take part.

Adapted for Goldmark.

Budapest, May 13.—Carl Goldmark, the internationally famous Hungarian composer, today celebrated his eightieth birthday, and all music-loving Hungary joined in observing the anniversary. Tonight and during the week following performances will be given of all his best known operas and orchestral works.

MAN'S THREE DUTIES.

A Good Husband, a Good Father and a Good Neighbor.

I have made a code for my own guidance which may interest you. I hold that a man's first duty is to be a good husband, which implies, of course, that he ought to marry and then make his wife believe, if he can, that she has been the most fortunate of women.

It isn't easy—but, my, how it pays! He must be lover, husband, son and even father by turns and occasionally just nobody—he must get clear off the earth. But when he comes back—

A man's second duty is to be a good father, which implies, of course, that he ought to have children—adopted, if necessary. He ought to be to them the standard by which all other men are measured and found wanting, because he is their daddy and they love him.

A man's third duty is to be a good neighbor, to carry his share, no matter how small or how great it may be, of the community's worthy enterprises, to share the sorrows and the joys of those around him, to make his home a real asset to his community.

After a man has done these three things, if he has time and means and strength, he can and should think in wider circles. But the man who does these three well is doing more than if he contributed millions and neglected these three. The man who neglects his wife or his children or his neighbors, no matter what other apparently great things he may have done, will hear Gabriel's trumpet very faintly if at all on the morning of the great day. —Erman J. Ridgway in Dellneator.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION—ISOLATED TRACT Public Land Sale. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, April 26th, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906 (34 Stat., 517), we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 2d day of June, 1910, at this office, the following described land: The S 1-2, SE 1-4 Sec. 32; SW 1-4 SW 1-4 Sec. 33, T. 2 S. and the NW 1-4 NW 1-4 Sec. 4, T. 3 S. R. 37 E. W. M., Serial No. 06729. Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register. COLON R. EBERHARD, Receiver.

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