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THE FAMILY REUNION.

In the news columns of the Observer has appeared a story telling of a family reunion to be held by the Woodell family. This is one of the old and highly respected families of the valley and there will be more than a hundred people who are blood relations gathered at this event, according to those who are well acquainted here.

What a splendid thing it is for one family to reside in a community until the offspring reaches it again. The offspring reaches that number. Honorable lives reflect the pure blood that courses through the veins for humanity responds to strains of good blood without a doubt.

Union county has several old families who hold reunions and it is a fine thing that they should. The genealogy of a family is worth a great deal and to trace ancestors back to service for their country at the time of need is gratifying.

County Commissioner Selder of Cove, is a descendant from the old stock that threw over the tea in Boston harbor during colonial days, and he would not only be ungrateful but he would also lack manly principle if he did not cherish that act of his great grandfathers.

In this cosmopolitan western country men come from all states and all nations to settle. Some came early. They had more grit than those who are coming now, according to our way of thinking, but be that as it may there is a satisfaction in tracing good blood back for several generations.

LA GRANDE AND UNION.

The move made on the part of business men here to attend the Union horse show and arrange matters at home so that everyone else from La Grande can attend is one of the most enterprising and most commendable pieces of public spirit that has come under our observation in many days.

Naturally the interests of La Grande and Union are the same. What benefits one benefits the other. But aside from the business and commercial phase, it is refreshing to know that such a friendly feeling exists between the two communities.

Life is short at best and what is the use of holding any other than pleasant feelings for our neighbors? If ever you get to feeling rather up-pish and imagine that you are the

whole thing, just stop for a moment and think, if Halley's comet had switched its tail hard enough where would we all be today?

Mere spots of the smallest size are individuals. One man amounts to little no matter how hard he tries. He may think he is important; that the community could scarcely exist without him, but wait until he is called to the great beyond and notice how everything moves on as before.

With these things in mind, is it not well for us to drop everything for a day occasionally and make merry with friends? Is it not well to cease chasing the dollar long enough to take a long breath and view a good horse, such as will be seen at Union?

And after all, what is nicer than a good horse? Senator Vest, the bright man of Missouri, once paid a glowing tribute to the dog, claiming it was man's greatest friend, but in this he surely was mistaken, for there is no animal so close to man as the noble horse.

In Grande Ronde valley, like Kentucky, people raise good horses.

Yes, and they have pretty women here, too, just as Kentucky does, but we are speaking of horses now. At Union the Grande Ronde horses will be on display. A man must indeed be dull who cannot visit that celebration and not feel gratified at seeing the blooded stock, thinking at the same time how only a few years ago in this valley there was nothing but the cayuse.

Appreciating Union's efforts to give the county an event of importance La Grande's business men have shown the right spirit in expressing a desire to attend in a body. Whether they will be able to accomplish results as outlined is another matter, but they will try and that alone is worth something.

New County Division Fight.

If the people of Oregon are to be called upon to vote upon dividing Umatilla county next fall then they will be able to take their choice between "Hudson" county and "Orchard" county, says the Pendleton E. O.

As a result of the widespread dissatisfaction over the "Orchard" county scheme a move is now under way to create "Hudson" county. That county will have the town of Freewater for the county seat and it will include within its boundaries the Milton-Freewater country and the Hudson Bay country, but will leave the section south of Dry creek in Umatilla county. It is the belief of the men behind the proposed county of "Hudson" that if the two county division bills are passed upon by the voters next fall the "Hudson" county bill will carry. This because under the bill just drafted the east end proper will be allowed to secede from Umatilla county but the Weston and Athena regions will still be left in Umatilla county.

Ever since the "Orchard" county scheme was sprung several weeks ago business men of this city and of Athena and Weston have considered the proposition of drafting a counter bill providing for a county north of Dry creek. However, no definite steps towards this end were taken until a few days ago.

Last evening a conference was held at the Commercial club rooms between representative business men of this

city and representatives from Athena. W. L. Thompson, president of the Commercial club presided. Weston people had also been invited to attend the gathering but were unable to get down for the conference last evening. However, they have agreed to co-operate in the move and the proposed boundaries of "Hudson" county are being submitted to the Westonians today.

FUTURE SPORT EVENTS

Syracuse crews will go to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 9.

The annual New York shoot will be held in Syracuse, N. Y., June 7 to 10.

An agreement has been entered into between the Amateur Rowing association of England and the Russian Rowing association.

Cincinnati will have a regatta, including motorboat races, on the Ohio river this summer. Prizes of \$2,000 will be given for the motor races.

Nat Butler, the old bicycle racer, will make his first appearance as a professional aviator at the big meet to be held at Atlantic City from June 30 to July 10.

The Harlem regatta committee of New York city has appointed a committee to arrange the handicaps for a senior single sculls handicap event over a one and one-quarter mile course for the 20th regatta. The sculler will be given a time handicap.

WONDERS OF A WATCH.

Its Marvellous Mechanism and the Power That Moves It.

We hear much from time to time of the wonders of this or that complicated and intricate machine, but there are few pieces of machinery more marvelous than that of the common watch.

A watch, it may be stated as a general proposition, is the smallest, most delicate instrument of the same number of parts that has ever been devised. About 175 different pieces of material enter into its construction, and upward of 2,400 separate operations are comprised in its manufacture.

Certain of the facts connected with its performance are well high incredible when considered as a whole. A blacksmith strikes several hundred blows on his anvil in a day and, as a matter of course, is glad when Sunday comes, but the roller jewel of a watch makes every day—and day after day—432,000 impacts against the fork, or 157,680,000 blows during the course of a year, without stop or rest—some 3,153,600,000 blows during the space of twenty years, the period for which a watch is usually guaranteed to keep good time.

But the wonder of it does not cease here. It has been calculated that the power that moves the watch is equivalent to only four times the force used in a flea's jump. The watch power is therefore what might be termed the equivalent of a four flea-power. One horsepower would suffice to operate 270,000,000 watches.

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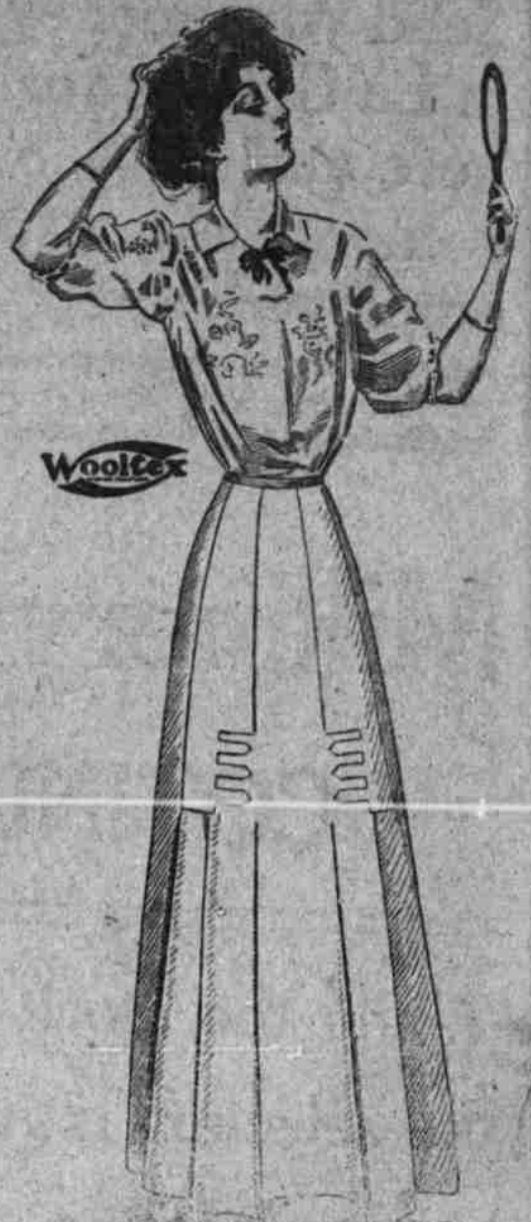
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION—180-LATED TRACT

Public Land Sale. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, April 16th, 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 Stats., 517), we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 24 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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