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## MANY INOVATIONS WILL REWARD THOUSANDS WHO ARE COMING TO MODERN COUNTY FAIR

The citizens of Union county are assured of a county fair this year which will be well worthy of their support. It is unnecessary to remind them of the unqualified success of the one held last year as every man, woman and child in this district is fully informed regarding the merit of the enterprise. Last year's effort demonstrated that a county fair, filling the requirements of an agricultural fair and a stock show combined, could be satisfactorily held in the streets and that the elements of graft and debauchery, so general at the usual county fair, are absolutely unnecessary, and that an exhibition of the county's resources could be made along honest, clean lines and still meet with the approval of the people. These facts, require demonstration and it fell upon the management of the Union County Exposition to make the effort to convert the people to the idea of a city location and graftless program.

The demonstration having been done, it is natural to expect that this year's exposition will be bigger and better than before. The management being the same, the mistakes of last year will be turned to profit and last year's successes materially increased. Therefore, it is but natural to expect that the 1910 exposition will establish a position in the annals of county fair history heretofore unattained. The necessary requisites, for a successful exhibition,

of a county's resources are very much in evidence in Union county. First the products of the soil and manufactures; second, the loyalty to home enterprises.

### Will Have Aviator Here.

The management have many surprises in store for the people this year. Special features have already been secured and efforts are being made to contract for others. An airship flight is one of the large attractions and, if the committee is successful in their efforts, the people of Union county will be given an opportunity of seeing a flying machine in the air. This attraction if secured will be a considerable expense but the management feels that it has the support of the entire county and that the exhibition will be appreciated.

Arrangements are being made for nearly double the number of exhibits provided for last year. Additional room has been secured. Requests for exhibit space in all departments have been so numerous and urgent, even at this early date, that it has been made evident that the building committee will be called upon to increase the exhibit space several blocks. The pavilion this year will be two times as large on the ground floor and the exhibit space nearly four times as great. In the stock department the arrangement has been changed to some extent and the accommodations there will be ample for twice as much stock. The same condition exists in all departments. The cry to the building committee is "for more

space." Exhibitors are now writing for allotments.

Last year was a sort of try-out affair—now, no questions are asked. It is taken for granted on all sides that Union County Exposition is a success and all are offering their assistance. A clean fair receives a hearty welcome in the hearts of the Union county public.

### Seed Contest Popular.

School children have entered into the spirit of the garden seed contest and reports, from the various districts, are to the effect that when the exposition opens its doors at 1 o'clock on Wednesday, October 5th, there will be a display of agricultural products such as has never before been seen in Eastern Oregon. The young people are taking a hand under the direction of County School Superintendent E. E. Bragg, and it is a known fact that he makes no request of school child or teacher which is not cheerfully and promptly complied with. He has asked them to raise pumpkins, corn, cabbage, carrots, sugar beets, etc. Come to the exposition at La Grande and note the results. You have not forgotten his parade of 2,300 school children of last year. Remember how that lump came up in your throat when you tried to cheer them and how something settled in your eyes when the band played "America" to the accompaniment of those 2,300 childish voices. You remember that sort of hurt but it felt good anyway. They will not only parade again this year but bring samples of their work, which compare

favorably with anything which "Uncle John or Aunt Kate" may have on display. Keep your eye on the children. They have been working and in this county where nature is always willing—even the effort of a child is never unrewarded.

Every exhibit of merit is assured a position. If you have a good horse, likely calf, or a box of apples, which you think is a little better than your neighbors, do not leave it at home and then blame yourself for not having it at the Exposition, but bring it along and let the entire community see what you have.

The premium lists will be out in a short time. If you want one write to W. J. Church, superintendent and general manager, La Grande, Oregon. When it comes gather the whole family around the sitting room light and read every page and see if you cannot contribute something to the list of exhibitors that will bring home a ribbon.

Every time you mention the Union County Exposition make it a personal matter and say "Our Fair which we are going to hold at La Grande from October 5th to October 11th inclusive." It is "Our Fair," so be sure to be on hand and see how the board of directors are tending to business. When you come through the gate remember that you have come to have a good time. Shake hands with the first man you meet and greet him as an old college chum. He came for the same purpose and we can all help each other. This is a small community, we are all neighbors and we should all feel acquainted without a formal introduction. All La Grande will be a committee to welcome you and make you feel glad that you attended the Union County Exposition.

### Talk to Meet Bonhag.

Toronto, Ont., June 4.—Jack Tait, the Canadian mile champion, and

George V. Bonhag, the crack New York runner, are matched to run in the Eaton meet here today. Admirers of the Canadian are confident he will repeat his indoor victory over the great Bonhag.

### Climb Dead Horse Hill.

Worcester, Mass., June 4.—Cars of all types and motive power will climb

Dead Horse Hill today in the only event of its kind to be held in New England this year under the sanction of the Manufacturers' Contest association and the American Automobile association.

Read the Observer for sports.



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# FAITH IN UNION COUNTY

Upon retiring from the Observer, which I founded 14 years ago, many friends asked me "Where are you going to move to?" and not a few were surprised when I told them I entertained no thought whatever of leaving grand old Union County. This was natural for the general rule has been for those selling out to move away.

For several years I have been impressed with the possibilities of a rapid growth of this city and county and that I would engage in the real estate business. The opportunity came and if you think I can be of any service to you in either selling or buying I will be pleased to do so.

## List your property with me

or if you have a business to dispose of, call and let us talk it over.

## Here are Two Exceptional Opportunities

### Number 1.

A well improved farm of 160 acres adjoining the city limits, containing a commercial orchard, two barns, house with furnace, hot and cold water, nice lawn; cellar with

cold running spring, free from winter storms, several large springs, beautiful view of the valley. Land abutting on three sides is held for twice the amount asked for this property. **THIS IS A BARGAIN—160 acres for \$8,000**, or the place can be divided nicely, 80 without improvements for \$3,000, all excellent fruit land. It will only take a few moments to show you this place and it will speak for itself.

### Number 2.

One of the best known restaurants in Union County for sale at less than invoice price. Reasonable rent. An opportunity to step into a well established business that seldom presents itself. Call and learn particulars.

240 acres in Lower Cove, mountain land, 150 of which can be cultivated. Easy of access and in a very few years will be worth many times the price now asked, \$7 per acre.

## Other Properties

320 acres of land east of Imbler; some timber and most of it good soil. \$10.00 per acre.

A large farm for sale near Ladd Creek.

A fine farm near Union.

A nice home in South La Grande.

Call and let me explain to you my method of doing business. I believe it will meet with your approval.

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