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A RAILROAD HAS GOOD JUDGMENT.

When the O. R. & N. Railroad company announced it would expend \$250,000 on the La Grande division headquarters and the Portland terminus, it had the usual good judgment in a business way characteristic of railroad companies.

The money would not be spent in this city if the company did not have need of extensive improvements and also have faith in La Grande as a city. There has been on many occasions stories afloat regarding the moving of division headquarters, but no one ever gave the report much thought and now that the company has issued a statement regarding the improvements to be made no fear need ever be entertained regarding the removal of shops.

On the other hand it means that La Grande's railroad shops will be enlarged and much of the work now being done at Portland will be done right here in the mountains, thus saving the transportation on heavy machinery all of which costs the company money. This will require an additional force of skilled labor that means an augmented pay roll and La Grande will again be the beneficiary.

Don't you think things look pretty good here?

In fact, can you put your finger on a town that has license to make a city any quicker than La Grande has?

And it is coming rapidly. In three years the man who returns after being absent that long will scarcely know the place. Values will be much higher and the general map of the community will have been changed.

Such institutions as the Palmer Lumber company, the Grande Ronde Lumber company, the O. R. & N., the Sugar company and numerous smaller enterprises are helping to make La Grande a great municipality. The citizens must in no wise shirk their duty and keep alive to the situation, for the big payrolls furnish the foundation and it is up to the people to accomplish results in the way of bringing more people here and making improvements.

It is amusing to think the Sunset Telephone company, which is a branch of the Bell, is arranging to give the "hello" girls instruction in voice culture. Most "hello" girls now

on the board can make the average voice teacher ashamed of himself.

Portland is now slumbering on a bed of roses.

La Grande people will spend \$5,000 to see the Portland show, at the least calculation. If every city within a radius of 300 miles of Portland does as well the metropolis will have little to complain of.

HOW MANY STOPPED HERE.

Accurate estimate of the number of colonists who this spring changed their homes from the east and middle states and located in the great northwest country places the number at 50,000. This is hearsay but is based on the number of tickets sold by each railroad and must be correct.

That is a large number of people. Where did they all go? La Grande is located on the main line of the Union Pacific. This city has a great deal to offer in commercial lines to people wanting to embark in business. The valley of the Grande Ronde and the Wallowa country each offers abundant homes for thousands, yet how many homeseekers have visited this section the last few months?

The answer will be: Oh, they are carried to either Portland and Seattle and then the coast gets them. But why does the coast get them?

Is it not true that La Grande has the first show to interest the man coming westward? He travels for two days over a desert extending from Cheyenne, Wyoming to Baker City, and the Grande Ronde is positively the first garden spot where nature provides vegetation that is found after leaving Cheyenne. This is in itself a great thing, for where is there a man or woman, who after looking for forty-eight hours on sage brush and sand will not rejoice at letting the eye behold the green fields of the Grande Ronde?

The new movement should be to get literature of some nature before these people before they get down as far as The Dalles. By so doing an impression would be made. They would not stop here when they have tickets to coast points, but they would remember this valley as they continue their journey and in many instances they would compare every place they visited with what was offered in the Grande Ronde.

The time is now passed for this year's heavy rush and a splendid opportunity has passed with it. Surely this part of Oregon will never sleep on its oars again when so much is at stake.

No one will deny that we need people in this part of the country. If you don't believe we do, just ride across from La Grande to Union on the foothill road and notice how many farm houses you pass.

Cove is planning a cherry festival. And where is there a community that has a better right to hold a festival? Cove is one of the choice spots on the face of the earth where the best of fruit is raised. If that were not true Judd Geer would never stay there. And when the cherry festival comes off be on hand and see how Cove does things. She will have the help of La Grande, Union and Elgin and a big section of Wallowa.

POSSIBLY.

The price of flour has declined 40 cents per barrel since last week, making a drop of nearly \$1 since wheat first struck the toboggan a few weeks ago. It does not require a very great amount of knowledge of either mathematics or economics to locate at least a portion of the blame for the higher cost of living. Now that a start has been made on the staff of life, there may be a chance in other directions. It is still too early to expect much of a decline in the cost of automobiles, but that also may occur when the present brisk demand is satisfied.—Oregonian.

BENSONS NOT CANDIDATES.

Acting Governor Denies that His Brother is Candidate for Office.

Governor Frank W. Benson's friends in La Grande will be interested to know that he is not to run for governor to succeed himself and that his brother is not going after the gubernatorial honors either. A special from San Francisco says:

"Absolutely nothing in the political story," said Governor Benson, of Oregon, when he was asked tonight as to the truth of a story that he is to retire from the fight for the office of secretary of state and that his brother H. L. Benson, is to seek the nomination for governor. "I haven't even heard of the story before, and usually those yarns travel very fast. No, I can say that the story is utterly without foundation."

Governor Benson added that if all goes well with him he may be able to leave for Oregon in two weeks. He has just completed an X-ray treatment, and if his nose continues to improve he will not have to take further treatment at the hands of the local specialists. It is possible, however, that he will have to take another X-ray treatment, in which case he would be detained in San Francisco for five or six weeks.

Dr. Steiner, who is visiting the governor, but not participating in the treatment of the case, says that he came to San Francisco on state business in connection with a heating plant, and that he intends returning to Salem in two or three days.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that, Elizabeth Donnelly has been appointed by the County Court of Union County, Oregon, Administratrix of the estate of John P. Donnelly, deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are required to present them with the proper vouchers within six months from the date here to the Administratrix, at 1208 Adams avenue, La Grande, Oregon, or to Arthur C. Williams at his law office in La Grande, Oregon, for her.

ELIZABETH DONNELLY,
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