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BE CAREFUL OF THEM.

The Grande Ronde valley and Walla Walla county is enjoying a wonderful prosperity and most of the people have a surplus of money. When money begins to pile up its owner naturally seeks investment. There has been no great effort made to induce home money to engage in local projects and make home investments, hence there has been a number of agents for corporations and outside real estate working this part of Oregon.

In every instance these outside men pronounce this the best field in the state for them. They boastfully tell of the money that is being taken out of La Grande and surrounding country for Portland and Seattle real estate, and even shady corporations have invaded this section and mulcted the people out of thousands of dollars. And when we say shady corporations we mean exactly what we say. A corporation capitalized for twenty millions of dollars and never having paid a dividend cannot be a wide-open daylight business concern when it boosts its stock above par and sells it to the people.

It is to be regretted that more attention is not paid to investments by men who have accumulated some money, and it is more to be regretted that home people should let this magnificent valley call to the outside world for capital to assist in development when thousands of dollars were being invested in stocks that are worthless.

But that is a matter for every individual to deal with—his pocket-

book is his own and no one has a right to say a word regarding it unless it is in a friendly way. In the spirit of sincere friendliness the Observer wishes to admonish the people of the Grande Ronde valley to leave these get-rich-quick schemes alone.

Did you ever play the wheel? If you have you know now that the wheel is the other fellow's game or he would not be standing behind it. That is just what these outside schemes are—they are the other fellow's game. He is playing it in the basement and you are on the top floor. He is getting good Grande Ronde and Walla Walla money, while you are becoming possessor of some highly colored lithographed stock, or buying a residence lot in some addition that you will likely own twenty years from now.

This part of Oregon needs your money and it will pay you good returns. True, you cannot get an opportunity here to outdo Edison and become a railroad magnate or an oil king, but you can get honest returns for your money, and now, honestly can you get that in any of these get-rich-quick concerns?

THE POWER OF CUMMINS.

At the republican primaries in Iowa Senator Cummins proved his strength over the regular party members and Iowa is now claimed by the insurgents without question.

While this may be the proper thing there are many of us who do not agree wholly with Senator Cummins' methods of doing things, nor do we agree with his ideas of running national affairs.

For years the state of Iowa had one of the strongest and cleanest delegations in congress. If Iowa stood for anything it meant that the national convention was almost sure to adopt it, and it also meant that her delegation would be found as a unit supporting what the state wanted.

Then came Cummins. Not an extraordinary man, by any means, but he had the powers of oratory and was free in using language that was a little strong in speaking of oldtime party members. Iowa fell in love with Cummins, that is the rank and file of the people did. The situation there with Cummins is very much the same as Chamberlain in Oregon. The regulars tried to beat Cummins and they failed. He got office without hindrance, for Cummins is normally a selfish man. He started what was known as the "Iowa idea" which had about such a run as Oregon's initiative and referendum and is more than any other one thing responsible for the

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tariff agitation in republicans ranks today.

This much is true, however, the business element of Iowa—the men who are making heavy investments and developments—were not for Senator Cummins. That amounts to little at the present time so long as Cummins' crowd had the votes, but in the future it will have an important bearing.

WHITMAN GRADUATION SOON.

College Customs Will be Carried Out at Whitman Commencement.

Walla Walla, June 9.—Special Graduation at Whitman this year will be carried out somewhat similarly to

other years, the program for the week having been announced as follows:

Friday, June 10, 8 p. m.—The Graduation Exercises of the Conservatory of Music.

Saturday, June 11, starting at 9 a. m. from the station of the O. R. & N.—The Annual Pilgrimage to Wallatpu, and the College Picnic.

8 p. m.—The Forty-fourth annual Graduation Exercises of Pearsons Academy.

Sunday, June 12, 11 a. m.—The Baccalaureate Service. Sermon by President Penrose.

5 p. m., on the lawn of Pearson's Academy—Alumni Prayer Meeting.

8 p. m., on the East lawn of Memorial Hall—Sermon to the Christian Associations by Reverend M. H. Mar-

vin.

Monday, June 13, 1 p. m., on the lawns of Green Cottage and the President's House—Reunions and Luncheons of the Libethrean and Philolthian Societies.

4 p. m., at the President's House—Reception by President and Mrs. Penrose.

8 p. m.—Address by Thomas Nixon Carver, Ph. D., Professor of Economics, Harvard University.

Tuesday, June 14, 10 a. m., in Room 19, Memorial Hall—Commencement Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

10 a. m., in Room 17, Memorial Hall—Meeting of the Board of Overseers

4 p. m.—Class Day Exercises.

6:30 p. m., in Reynolds Hall—The Annual College Dinner.

Wednesday, June 15, 10 a. m., in Room 17, Memorial Hall—Meeting of the Board of Overseers.

10:30 a. m.—Organ Recital by Professor Robert LeRoy Schofield.

4 p. m., on the East lawn of Memorial Hall—The Exercises of the Twenty-eighth Annual Commencement.

6:30 p. m., at a place to be announced—The Annual Alumni Dinner.

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