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WILLIAMS SEES THINGS COMING.

W. A. Williams, of Portland, who was in La Grande a few days ago, has a keen business foresight. Last year he entered Wallowa county and purchased a good ranch. He admits that he did not have money enough to pay for it at the time but he calls that ranch his Wallowa bank and his spare change is being put there for future benefit.

Wise man is Williams. The way he happened to know of the values in Wallowa county was because his business takes him into all parts of the state and he stumbled over the Wallowa proposition. He never heard of the resources of that section through literature and never heard a man in his home city of Portland praise Wallowa county. Happening in there one day he saw what he thought was a bargain and investigated with the result that he now owns a good piece of land. He was in company with two men who wanted land and Mr. Williams was taking them into the new country to look around. His land is not for sale, but he thought perhaps his friends might find some farms that are.

This true story is a sample of the way things have been going in the Grande Ronde valley and Wallowa county. Everybody making money and no effort is being made to reach the people in the outside world.

Portland and Seattle have plenty of people who would gladly take a chance in either of these valleys if things were put up to them as they really exist. Many Seattle people are going into Harney valley for homes simply because they do not know of what can be had here where nature does so much for humanity.

NO TIME FOR ANY ONE TO REFUSE.

The Chautauqua dates are drawing near and a great deal of work remains to be done. Like every other enterprise that is not making a profit for the individual there is not that individual interest experienced by anyone, hence it resolves itself into a collective proposition backed by the entire community as a body.

Most everyone knows what that means—a few must do the greater part of the work. At least that has been the history of past events, and we judge the Chautauqua will prove no exception to the rule.

But there is no time to lose and a negative reply on the part of any citizen when called upon to exert himself means to retard the Chautauqua's success. That it will be a good thing for the Grande Ronde valley and a good thing for Eastern Oregon there is not the least doubt, and it is worth working hard to make a complete success.

La Grande has taken the initiative in this matter and stepped ahead of any other city in this part of the state to give the people several days entertainment that is both high grade and elevating. It means that the ability of this city and her people is on trial as entertainers. The hospitality of La Grande is at stake and we must all see that hospitality is as safely guarded as a maiden guards her good name.

When you are asked to get in and drill, do it. There must be a head to everything and the one who acts in that capacity is necessarily a boss. Do whatever he asks of you and then let the burden of the event rest on his ability as a general.

Walla Walla has had the nerve to come out flat and brand the State

Highway Commissioner as a foolish and useless individual. Whenever Oregon begins to do some branding of the same kind she will have a list as long as the moral law containing names of men drawing salaries from the state for little petty jobs of which half the people do not know exist. The day for branding in Oregon has not yet arrived, but it will come, and the sooner the better.

Well, Rex Oregonus has visited Portland once more and is now ready to slumber for another year. But where will Portland store her decorations for that long a time?

The Portland papers are raising a big row over a Council Crest resort, but they must admit that anything that goes on at Council Crest is elevated.

Among other indications that Vale is becoming quite a city information has leaked out that a bank cashier has gone wrong.

California Cherry Festival.

San Leandro, Cal., June 10.—All preparations were completed today for San Leandro's famous annual cherry festival, which begins this evening with an open air dance on the sidewalks about the plaza. Tomorrow's program will begin with a salute from the old Spanish cannon on the plaza, followed by a parade and a Mardi Gras carnival at night. Cherries will be distributed free during the day, large quantities of the delicious fruit having been secured for the occasion.

Plenty of Brazil Nuts.

New York, June 10.—Early estimates of the shortness of the Brazil nut crop this year are not borne out by reports from Manaus and Para, Brazil, the principal shipping centers. More than 3,000 tons of the nuts have already reached this country and the season has little more than commenced, the heaviest shipments always being marketed in the latter part of June and early in July.

Strong Card at Isis.

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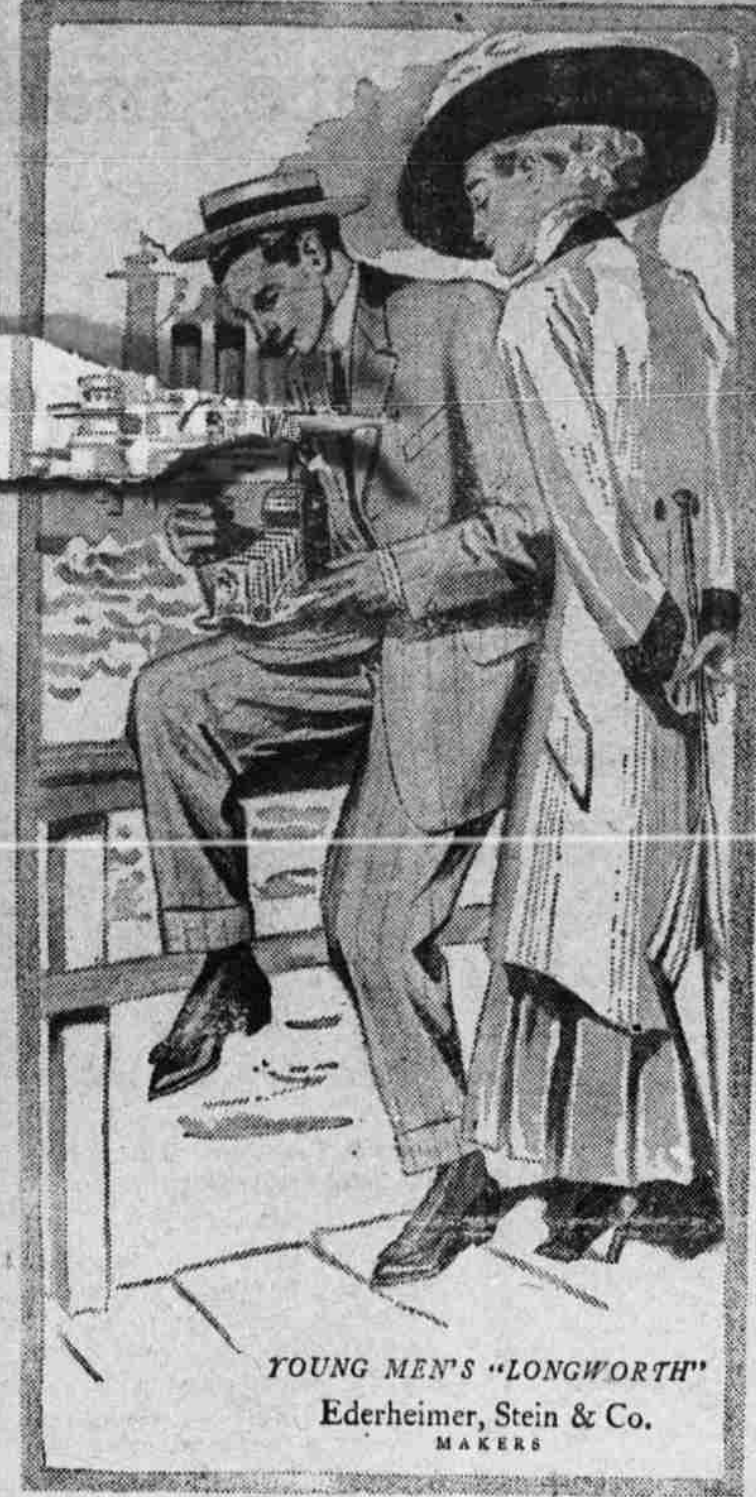
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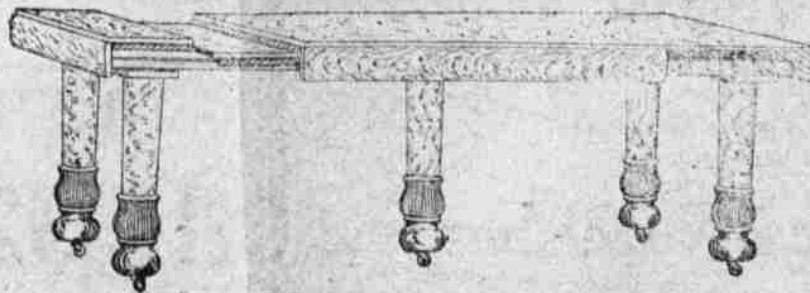
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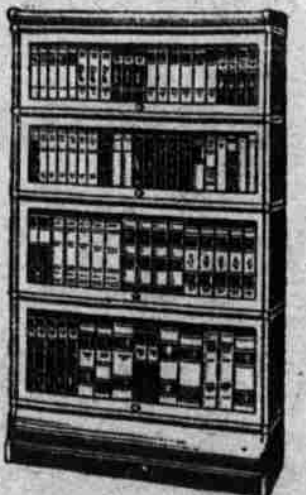
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