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NOT SO BAD AS REPRESENTED

It is human nature to look on the dark side of things, says a Walla Walla paper. The calamity-howler would have us believe that sections of the middle west face the greatest catastrophe to their wheat that they have experienced in 25 years, and many people in our own region have been persistently bemoaning the fact that there was to be a shortage of wheat this year. The unfortunate thing is that there are always, many to believe the worst, but the Good Book has promised us that there always will be seed time and harvest, and since it has never yet failed, we are encouraged to believe that the promise is true.

The market editor of a Portland paper has just visited Walla Walla on his annual trip of inspection and he reports the outlook good. Of course it will not equal last year's bumper crop, but he states that winter wheat will run from 35 to 50 bushels and spring wheat from 20 to 30 bushels. The grain inspector of this state declares that "the indications are for a crop of 80 per cent of last year's bumper yield and that this wheat, with the wheat held over, will bring the total available next winter, nearly to the usual figure." President Ripley of the Santa Fe railroad states that "the crops in all territory south of South Dakota are in good condition."

This being the case, there is no use to borrow trouble. Careful investigation will prove the assertion that much of this shortage could have been diminished by improved methods and better care of the crop. The Jim Hill mustard that is rendering many wheat fields unfit to cut is the fault of the farmer himself. By following the improved and approved methods of farming it is reasonably certain that there will be abundant reward.

MORE PUBLIC GATHERINGS ARE NEEDED

At this season of the year the public should have some place to congregate at least once a week and let the people enjoy themselves. Nothing serves as a means of summer entertainment better than a band concert and that should be held right in the business section of the city.

By raising a purse it is possible to have two band concerts a week and La Grande people could do nothing better than start this enterprise even though it is growing late in the season. A movable band stand is best adapted to this purpose and then each block of business houses can share the benefit of a crowd of from two to four thousand people twice a week during the summer season.

It is a good thing for the commercial club to take and push and if successful the praise for bringing about these events will be heard on every side.

When there is no place for the public to meet there is little chance of getting people enthused over their city and surrounding country, but with a good meeting place twice a week the difference will be quite noticeable.

Wallowa county, that had not a railroad until last year, is feeling the stimulating effect of the locomotive. All her mills are busy and this year's lumber shipments will total twenty million feet. In other lines the effect is also far-reaching, for Wallowa is a great field for livestock and fruit—Oregonian.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack.

The Terrapin.
The terrapin lives largely upon crabs. He never eats his food, but bolts it. His favorite tidbit is the crab's claw, which he swallows whole with the greatest relish.

Dismal Swamp.
The Dismal swamp is a birds' paradise. It houses every conceivable kind, and they all sing, pipe or whistle all the time at the top of their lungs. In most places you are only occasionally aware of the multitudinous life going on in the trees. In the swamp you never forget it.

Breton and Welsh.
Armorican, the old language of Brittany, the ancient Cornish and Welsh—and, for that matter, Erse and Gaelic—are all closely allied languages, members of the Celtic group. Breton and Welsh are very much alike.

The Art of Dyeing.
Dyeing was practiced in Egypt as far back as 3000 B. C., and it may be assumed that it was practiced in still more remote times among the Indians, the Persians and probably the Chinese.

A Fearful Poison.
A single drop of hydrocyanic acid placed on the tongue of a big dog caused instant death. A half teaspoonful taken by a man will cause him to drop as if struck by lightning. There is no antidote.

The Chinese King.
The king is the favorite musical instrument in Chinese temples. In its most perfect form it consists of a number of large flat stones of different shapes and tones. The sound is that of a chime of bells and is singularly clear and musical. The stones are said to be a peculiar variety of basalt found in the mountains to the north of China.

Formosa.
The productiveness of Formosa is so great that it is believed that the present population of 2,500,000 could be raised to 10,000,000 without exhausting the fertility of the soil.

Infant Marriages.
Turkey perhaps offers more facilities for the marriage of infants than any other European country. Ottoman requirements are met if bride and bridegroom are old enough to toddle from the cradle to the altar and to understand the meaning of the ceremony of marriage.

The Coffee Plant.
Abyssinia is the original home of coffee, and the plant is still grown there in its native luxuriance and primitive abundance.

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Below you may see a sample of the many listings which I hold. If you want to buy or sell I will be pleased to have you call. MANY BARGAINS IN CITY PROPERTY

Insure Your Grain

Many farms are insuring their grain now in the field during the period of harvest and storing. If interested call or phone me.

Why Pay Rent?

I have a seven-room plastered house, slightly view of city and valley. City water in house, stone foundation. Terms \$100 down, balance on easy terms, either \$15 per month or \$100 every six months.

Now in Course of Contraction

Fine modern house in every respect, plumbed, flue built for furnace, large basement cellar. Everything first class. Situated on east Adams avenue, \$3,500 on easy terms.

Grazing Land

240 acres, large spring on place. Good wagon road to tract; considerable can be cultivated. Price \$7 per acre.

Fruit Farms

I have several choice buys in improved fruit farms, where the orchards are all the way from 7 years to 13 years of age. The crops are now on the trees and speak for themselves. To illustrate, we have one 20 acre tract with 14 acres of bearing orchard, 6 acres on which the trees are 13 years old, 8 acres seven years old, water right; every acre first class land and crop goes with place. If taken very soon. Price only \$6,500.

Other Bargains

We have other bargains in fruit land, several close to La Grande, and several tracts on the Sandridge, including some extra fine property adjoining Imbler. If you want anything in fruit bearing orchards call.

Sand Ridge Farm

eighty-four acres, splendid land, for either grain or fruit, \$8,500; one mile from Imbler. At least one-half cash required.

Farm in Lower Cove

160 acres splendid timothy land, owner has been farming it in grain for seven years. River runs through a portion of it, \$60 per acre.

Farm near Talocaset

160 acres of land near Telocaset. This land was farmed for many years. Price if taken in near future \$5 per acre.

Farm near Summerville

80 acres fine fruit land, \$60 per acre. If interested call and learn particulars.

Opportunity for Speculation

80 acres adjoining the city. Crop growing on no less than 20 acres, fine large spring. This place is all well fenced, county road running along entire side of place, making it suitable for subdivision into small

tracts. The price is only \$37.50 per acre. This land if cut up would easily bring \$100 per acre. Land on two sides of it cannot be bought today for \$100 per acre.

A Real Home

80 acre farm one quarter of a mile from city limits. Good modern house with furnace, bath, toilet, cement cellar with living spring. Commercial orchard of seven acres, ideal dairy, and poultry farm, \$5,000 on easy terms.

City Property

House and three lots on Pennsylvania avenue, two story, in splendid repair. Just repainted and papered throughout, \$2,500, reasonable terms.

Nice little home in North La Grande, easy terms on this place, \$1100.

Two-story house and three lots on North Fir street desirable property, for only \$1,400.

Twelve acres and nice two-story house in South La Grande, \$4,000; 100 fruit trees and an ideal place for a few cows and poultry. This site is a commanding view of beautiful Grande Ronde.

A new seven-room house on East Adams avenue, roomy basement, plastered, well finished throughout, \$2,500.

Three lots on Main avenue, facing north for \$350.

Three lots on the beautiful slightly hill side, west of La Grande for \$1,000.

Desirable lot and houses in nearly every portion of the city.

Geo. H. Currey,

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