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CANNOT PRINT IT.

This paper is in receipt of a communication from a former La Grande man who is now in old Mexico. The communication tells of great possibilities in that country and in a way urges people here to go to Mexico, if in search of health and money. We cannot print such matter for we cannot conscientiously agree with the brother who is so far away from home, friends and God's country. We believe Mexico may be a good place to invest if one knows what he is doing, but we further believe that Union and Wallawa counties can beat Mexico as a place for investment, can beat it on climate; we know better people live here than reside in Mexico, and we therefore can see no reason why anyone should want to leave this best of all sections of God's country to associate with the Greasers and live under a foreign flag.

If any person in La Grande is thinking of going to Mexico to reside, we ask that the person first take an extended trip through that country. Eat at the Mexican joints, sleep in a Mexican bed and associate with the slow-going inhabitants. We will be dollars to doughnuts he will return to La Grande and hunt up some of the real estate dealers with a request to find him a home where he can enjoy life. Mexico might be all right for the extremely adventuresome, and it is always all right for the man who feels better when he is out of the United States. The per cent of Americans who feel that way is very small, we are glad to say.

OBSERVER ADVERTISING DOES PAY

The person who thinks advertising is only a matter of form and not an essential business proposition is invited to listen to the following, which you can easily prove by consulting Mr. Currey.

Several days ago George H. Currey placed an advertisement in the Evening Observer in which he told of some lands that he had for sale. A man entered his office carrying the advertisement in his hand, and asked Mr. Currey if he could make good his assertions. He was assured that he could and the prospective purchaser was taken to the land in an automobile. Ten minutes later the deal was closed involving \$6500 in money.

There was no other agency used in this transaction except the columns of the Observer. This paper only asks one thing of those who advertise in

its columns—make good with the people and fulfill every promise made. This is done by practically every advertiser in La Grande.

We submit the experience of Mr. Currey as evidence to those who are skeptical regarding advertising in a live, wide-awake newspaper.

Baker City is to vote on the commission form of city government, and it is not a bad thing to do. Under the commission form men are paid for looking after the city's business and report to the people at intervals. There never was a man who served on a city council and made good, who did not earn a good salary, but according to precedent the positions are purely honorary and frequently that in name only.

Plenty of water on the Grande Ronde Valley will not only increase land values but it will double the population of La Grande in less than three years. Gospel truth. Now, would it not be wise for everyone who has friends in the irrigated district to plead with them for the greatest thing the valley has ever attempted?

Every citizen of La Grande should take a trip into Wallawa county and see what great work is being done in that section of the country. Wallawa county is a producer of wealth and she is people by as fine a grade of humanity as ever came across the mountains.

Every one should drop their local differences, if they have any, and line up for larger things. There are plenty of huge gigantic undertakings on the calendar for this valley, but they will never be accomplished if we sit around and make faces at each other.

Camp Perry's Tournament For Marksmen

MARKSMEN the country over are now turning their attention to the big contests of the year, the national rifle and revolver matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, Aug. 8 to 25, inclusive, which promise to be the most interesting ever held, many new features having been added and the competitors being greater in number than ever before. These tournaments are held annually at Camp Perry or at some point where the range is as large and well equipped, the object being to encourage good marksmanship. All the money the nation puts into forts, military equipment and naval armament is entirely thrown away unless the men behind the guns know how to shoot, and the military authorities, both state and federal, are devoting ever increasing attention to this matter.

These matches were established by congress, which provided the trophy, and are shot under the auspices of the national board for promotion of rifle practice and under the direction of the war department. They draw together the 1,000 best marksmen in the United States; they require the services of 1,000 regular troops and 100 army officers; they set the high water mark in military rifle shooting. Therefore they are of considerable importance to the

country, and some facts in regard to them will be of interest even to the citizens who never expect to shoot. This is the fourth year that Camp Perry has been selected for the nation-



MARKSMEN COMPETING AT CAMP PERRY

al shoot, where there are 236 rifle and revolver targets, all arranged to the north so that they can be shot upon from a common firing line. The war department and the state of Ohio furnish tents, cots, mattresses, tables, chairs and other camp furniture free to all competitors, while subsistence may be obtained from the various messes or at the large mess hall at reasonable rates. The spot is delightfully located and has over a mile of the finest bathing beach in the world. A new and interesting feature of this meet will be the revolver matches for the police of the country. The national police team match will be shot for the first time on Aug. 11. Each team is to consist of five police officers from the force of a single city, and no officers may shoot on more than one team. They must have been in the same police force for at least three months prior to the date of the match and will wear the authorized uniform of their force. At fifteen yards each man will fire two scores of five shots each, rapid fire, eight seconds to each score. At twenty-five yards each man will fire two strings of five shots each, timed fire, fifteen seconds to each score, and at fifty yards each man will fire five shots, slow fire, twenty seconds for each shot. For this match there has been given a handsome silver trophy, which will remain in the custody of the police force winning it from year to year.

The national police individual match will be open to any police officer in the country, and the prizes will be money and a number of beautiful prizes. In addition, the police will be eligible to compete in a number of other revolver matches at the tournament. Besides these contests, the program includes the regular matches of



IN THE TARGET PITS

the Ohio State Rifle association, the National Rifle association and the national board for promotion of rifle practice. Among leading events of the meet are the famous Herrick cup match, Catrow cup match, adjutant general's cup match, governor's match, marine corps match and president's match. The first prize for the latter is a gold medal, an autograph letter from the president of the United States and cash.

Some People In the Public Eye



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He doesn't know how. He held the long, short and middle distance records as a worker when he was in congress and when he was secretary of the navy and attorney general and later on when he joined the supreme

bench. It may seem out of place to relate a funny story in writing of a sick man, but then it cannot hurt his case, which is the writer's excuse for telling it.

In his constant industry Mr. Moody reminds one of that young man whose relatives took him to Peoria, Ill., one night and led him to the heights overlooking the city.

"Jim," they said, "you might as well quit drinking. You can't drink all they make each day. The task is hopeless."

Jim looked at the myriad lights of Peoria's distilleries and was pensive for a time. Then he brightened up. "Not so blame hopeless at that," said he courageously. "Haven't I got 'em working nights?"

The sudden illness that struck Queen Elizabeth of Roumania came as



CARMEN SYLVA.

a great shock to the world, her work for her people having made her universally known and beloved. She was born in Neuwied, Germany, on Dec. 29, 1843, and in 1869 married Prince Charles of Roumania. At the outset she won the hearts of the Roumanians, entering with characteristic energy into the life of the people, studying their customs and endeavoring to understand their thoughts and aspirations. During the war of 1877 the princess worked day and night in the hospitals, setting an example which was emulated by Roumanian women. In 1881 Roumania was declared a kingdom, and on the 22d of May of the same year the princess was crowned queen.

It was subsequently that she became known as a writer of poems, novelettes, dramatic sketches and fairy stories and adopted the pen name of "Carmen Sylva." Her romantic nom de plume signifies "songs of the woods." Many of her majesty's literary productions have been translated

Political Announcements

This column is open to any candidate regardless of Faction or Party and is paid advertising

S. F. WILSON, Athena, Oregon, candidate for joint senator for Umatilla, Union and Morrow counties subject to decision of republican primaries. "I firmly believe in the direct primary law, economy in the use of public funds, good roads, better schools, strict and prompt enforcement of law, the square deal and eternal progress of man and his institutions."

C. A. BARRETT, Athena, Oregon.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for joint

senator for the district embracing Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, subject to the choice of republican voters at the primary nominating election to be held on September 24th, 1910. If nominated and elected I will work for the interest of all the people of my district to the best of my ability, favor the maintenance of the direct primary law and people's choice for senator and believe the people are as competent to nominate as they are to elect their officers. Very respectfully yours, C. A. BARRETT.

Into English. Sir Edwin Arnold having rendered some of her verses into our language

Governor Jared Young Sanders of Louisiana, who was recently elected to the United States senate, will be the youngest member, excepting Senator Gore. Sanders is forty-one. He has taken a leading part in state politics and has been much in the limelight. He is a lawyer, has been speaker of the lower house, a state senator and lieutenant governor and was elected governor two years ago.

While in that office Mr. Sanders signed the Locke bill, which prohibited betting on race tracks and other gambling. Racing promptly ceased at the City park and fair grounds tracks, but certain horsemen, whose management of races had really caused the bill's passage, kept on racing at Suburban park, in Jefferson parish, across the Mississippi from New Orleans. Governor Sanders, however, threatened to call out the militia, and that settled the matter. He was elected to the senate to fill out the unexpired term of the late Samuel D. McEnery, which will expire in 1915.



J. Y. SANDERS.

His Limitations. He tamed the tawny tiger. And trilled him to his lair, He ran down the rhinoceros And slew the polar bear, The elephant before his wrath In terror wild would fly, But when the bill collector called He couldn't meet his eye.

The Similarity. "Lucky at cards, unlucky at love," quoted the wise guy. "Well, either is simply a case of holding hands," said the simple mug. —Philadelphia Record.

To encourage talent is to create it.—Lessing.

FARMERS' BUSINESS

WE GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE BUSINESS OF FARMERS. WE CORDIALLY INVITE THEM TO MAKE THIS THEIR BANKING HOME.

The United States National Bank, LA GRANDE, OREGON.

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