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## WILL REMEMBER THE GRANDE RONDE VALLEY

President Mitchell and his crowd of fourteen stockholders, who passed through La Grande yesterday in a special car to look after their holdings in Portland and other coast points, were in no way backward in stating that the Grande Ronde valley was on their list of important points for development and that it was well toward the head of the list.

That does not mean that men from the east contemplate dumping a lot of money into this valley on a guess. Such days have passed. It is now up to any community to produce evidence of dividends, if Eastern capital is to be interested. The Grande Ronde valley can do this and Mr. Mitchell is in a position to interest the capital.

His personal knowledge of the valley is encouraging for he realizes what can be done here. Mr. Mitchell has had experience both here and at Baker City with electric light plants and will doubtless before long be promoting a railroad from Walla Walla across the Summerville pass to La Grande. This is not given as authentic, but there is good reason for believing that intentions are directed in that way.

With an electric line, and that is what will be built, first, across the divide La Grande will be the division and all the land in the valley around Summerville will at once be cut up into smaller tracts for fruit. The same will hold in other sections of the valley and the increased valuation of real estate will be marvelous.

The Grande Ronde valley welcomes Mr. Mitchell in any undertaking he may see fit to start.

## "HOME INDUSTRY."

The editor of the Walla Walla Union sometime ago put a short squib in his columns which has been widely copied by papers throughout the country. It is short but it makes a point which is applicable to a great many cities besides Walla Walla. Here it is:

"The average Walla Walla farmer buys canned and dried California fruit and canned eastern vegetables; he gets up at the alarm of a Connecticut clock, fastens his Chicago suspenders to his Detroit overalls; washes his face with Eastern soap in a Pennsylvania wash pan; sits down at a Grand Rapids table and eats Indiana hominy

fried in Eastern lard on a St. Louis stove. Then he puts a St. Louis bride on a Missouri mule and plows with an Illinois plow. When bedtime comes he reads a chapter from a Bible printed in Philadelphia, says a prayer written in Jerusalem, and crawls under a blanket made in New Jersey, only to be kept awake by a Walla Walla dog which is about the only home-raised product on the place. 'Hurrah for home industry.'"

A man from Boston said yesterday as he waited for a train at the La Grande depot: "There is something about this little city that impresses me with its stability. Unlike many western towns the boom feature is not here, and everyone seems to be doing business on a solid foundation." And with the remark the man from the East told the story of a truth that should be emblazoned in all La Grande literature. In fact we are so solid that we are almost too conservative. We do not talk about the interests here enough. Modesty is a fine thing when it does not act harmfully to business. But possibly it is better to be modest than to continually make assertions that could not be proven.

Today Bob Withycombe is entertaining his farmer friends at the experimental station in the valley and to say that all are being well-cared for would be needless repetition of a fact that is already well understood. And better yet, he has something of importance to tell each of them. He is one state official who is working with hands, head and heart, and rejoices at obtaining results that are of value to the farmers.

For excellence in preparing and serving a chicken pie dinner the Observer will place La Grande ladies against the world. Not only do they understand the culinary art but they are also thoroughly familiar with the importance of dainty serving. These features were forcefully brought out at the Neighborhood club dinner Wednesday afternoon.

What has become of Colonel Hofer and his gubernatorial boom? Perhaps the Colonel is confining it to the Willamette valley. That is a good place, for if it ever got up into the broad Eastern Oregon country, it might get lost.

Judge Lowell of Pendleton is said to be a candidate for governor. But the judge has made no speech announcing the fact, and therefore it is not authentic.

Since Baker City has little water and the dust is three inches deep in the residence section, no one will deny that it is a "dry" town.

The forest fires in Southern Oregon threaten to reduce the town of Ashland to ashes.

## A Correction.

La Grande Ore. Aug. 25.—To the Editor.—In Wednesday's Observer, in an article under title of "Motion for New Trial Denied," I notice several inaccurate statements, and as there was no reporter of the paper present at that proceeding, which was in the matter of Amos E. Stanley vs. O. R. & N. R. R. Co., growing out of injuries received by the plaintiff.

I do not believe in attempting to try out law cases in the newspapers.

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KREIGER DIES AT  
MIDNIGHTDEATH FOLLOWS LONG STRUGGLE  
WITH BRIGHT'S DISEASEProminent Concellman, Brick Maker  
and Lodge Man of Prominence

After an illness of more or less seriousness lasting through a year, and throughout a very painful one, Concellman George Kreiger passed away this morning at 1 o'clock of Bright's disease, and funeral services will be held next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. Kreiger has been at death's door for more than a week, failing rapidly however, from last Sunday on.

The remains were brought to La Grande this morning and placed in the Henry & Carr Undertaking parlors. Local Elks are looking after the funeral arrangements and the services Sunday will be under their jurisdiction. Mr. Kreiger was a prominent member of the Elks' lodge here, and was also a prominent Mason.

Mr. Kreiger was born in Germany, March 19, 1866, and came to La Grande at the age of twenty-one years. In 1889 he was married here and is survived by his wife and a daughter, Anna. He is also survived by his father, who lives in Hattmatt, Elsass, Germany, at the present time.

At the time of his death he was a prominent member of the council, sitting on several important committees. He was elected in a close race two terms ago, and again at the last election, without opposition.

He was owner and manager of the La Grande brickyard, building the establishment up to a place of prominence in Oregon, from a small beginning.

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for such business in infra dig., whatever the motive may be, yet I do not like for misstatements of facts to pass unchallenged, especially when they relate to litigation still unsettled, and possibly may come before a jury again.

In the above proceeding there was no stipulation of any kind entered into, neither was there any evidence, affidavits or admissions to, explained to or attempted to explain to the jury what defendant claimed in the case, the jury being merely ordered to view the premises, and the attorneys and court not being present.

The question before the court, if it is important to know, was a motion for a new trial based on affidavits of the jurymen setting out the fact of the defendant taking them in hand, in the absence of the officers of the court, and explaining to them matters about the case they were trying, (which is strictly prohibited by law), and on the further ground of certain instructions given the jury, the chief of which related to the court instructing the jury that a release obtained by defendant from plaintiff for \$1.00 unintentionally settling all his claims for injuries was binding, were erroneous.

Whether the plaintiff shall get a new trial is for the Supreme court to say. I do not think it proper to discuss details of evidence, or express opinions in such matters to the injury of any one, for every man is entitled to fair and impartial treatment before the law, be he a poor, disabled employee suffering with pain, or a railroad corporation. While equal facilities for obtaining justice to poor and rich alike, in practice, are never realized, and are only phantoms of a dreamer, yet the right, at least should be respected and the law of humanity intend it should be respected and have nothing "done in a corner."

## Attention Elks.

All members of La Grande Lodge No. 433, B. P. O. E. are requested to meet at the Elks Hall on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our deceased brother, Geo. Kreiger.

A. B. ROGERS, E. L. K.

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The window of the Golden Rule Co. is filled with a clean-up of odd ends in ladies' men's and boys' shoes. They are bargains that any one needing footwear should not overlook. Shoes that sold at \$3.00 to \$4.00 for .... \$1.38

A McCaskey account register for sale, reasonable. C. E. Suydam.

## 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.

DR. C. T. BACON, La Grande, Oregon.—The Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of Dr. C. T. Bacon for coroner of Union county, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primary election

DR. CLYDE T. HOCKETT, Enterprise, Oregon—I wish to announce my candidacy for joint representative for the 24th representative district subject to the voters of the republican party at the primary nominating election to be held in said representative district, September 24, 1910. CLYDE T. HOCKETT.

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BAN ON DANCING  
REMOVEDMETHODISTS AT VICTORIA AGREE  
TO PERMIT PASTIMESTheatres and Dancing No Longer  
Strictly Forbidden by Iron clads

Victoria, Aug. 26.—The Methodist general conference in session here has

removed the ban on dancing and other amusements, after a bitter controversy. The committee of 35 prominent church members of the discipline committee, after the meeting, decided that the long taboo will be removed, and this carried by vote of the conference. Hereafter it will only be an admonition to members not engaged in anything not consistent with Christian life, but no rule prohibiting dancing, theatres, etc., will be insisted upon.

The price is on the boxes that these shoes sold for all season, and to clean them up, \$3.00 to \$4.00 shoes are closed out at \$1.38. The Golden Rule Co.