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ASSOCIATION MEETING A GOOD ONE.

As the development of the program each day shows the talent chosen to address the teachers during this association meeting, the fact becomes prominent that few meetings have ever been held in Eastern Oregon that surpass or equal the La Grande meeting. This is a tribute to the ones having the affair in hand and cannot but have the effect of continuing advancement in the standard of the association gatherings.

And the teachers, along with the citizens who have taken sufficient interest to attend the lectures, are the present, insure information from different sources that is indeed hard to obtain even by the closest application to books.

Then there is the social feature of such meetings. La Grande has been unfortunate from the standpoint of weather, for it was the intention to gather the teachers in automobiles and show them this valley and its many industries. The ride would have extended to Hot Lake where the modern sanatorium would have been viewed and then to Union and Cove. But rain prevented this and the city has been forced to be content with the entertainment provided within doors.

However, La Grande is delighted that the teachers came. She is proud of her visitors and when it is possible for the association to choose this city as a meeting place every citizen will be pleased to hear of the coming of the teachers.

UNION'S ACTIVITY.

For a community that only late claims to being a good town the city of Union surely deserves considerable credit for the earnestness shown for the unity of action and for the ability displayed in making a plan and successful contest for the location of the branch hospital for the insane.

The town of Union has always been in a state of affairs of Oregon in a larger way than any other city of her size in Oregon. The reason for this is very plain. It is because with

in Union resides a number of citizens who are capable of doing things as promptly accurate matters of importance when entrusted to them. The little city has furnished some of the best state officials Oregon has ever had. She has been in the lime light often in state affairs, and this time she is merely asking for something that she is entitled to in every way because she has the best to offer the state.

La Grande joins her support to Union's cause with a clear conscience and La Grande is in this fight to win just as much as if the hospital were to be located here and we were making the fight for ourselves. What benefits Union benefits La Grande in a way. Make Union a city of 10,000 people and La Grande will grow in proportion.

"It happened just right," said one little urchin. "The school ma'ams came and attracted all the attention letting us have a whole week to enjoy ourselves. Wonder if we can't get them here every Thanksgiving?"

The war with Mexico looks apparent. Let it come. Uncle Sam will soon have more possessions and capital invested in Mexico will then be safe.

Even the paving companies have their troubles, for they have no jurisdiction over the weather problem.

PLANNING FOR APPLE SHOW

Good, Central Location Selected for Portland Show.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 23 (Special)—Portland will decorate in honor of the Oregon Apple show to be held here Nov. 29 and Dec. 1 and 2. Red and green, the colors of the State Horticultural Society will be shown in the windows throughout the city, on the streets and in the button-holes of pedestrians' coats about town.

The change in the location of the show to the building at the southwest corner of Fifth and Washington streets is meeting with the approval of everyone. The show will be held right down town where it will be easy of access to all and much larger crowds will attend than would be the case if the original plan had adhered to and the apples displayed at the Armory, which is farther out.

Chews of workmen are busy preparing the quarters for the show and the new lighting arrangements are being made to give the exhibits the most attractive setting possible. It is expected to transform the three floors of the big building into a profitable fruit palace, with apples selling everywhere.

Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, is expected to attend the apple show and speak to the people attending. His position as the head of a great railway system and president of the Spokane National Apple Show, give his remarks a special significance for he is a leading authority on apple raising.

Solentists who have made the business of apple growing at its best study are on the program for illustrating addresses on the problems of orchardists has to face. Such experts horticulturist as Prof. C. I. Lewis, J. Thorber, C. E. Bradley and H. Jackson are on the program. Maxwell Smith, editor of Fruit Magazine and manager of the Canadian National Apple Show, will speak.

Evening programs will vie with those of the day for the attractive fighting effect will show off the ruddy hued fruit to fine advantage as some of the most important addresses will be delivered at night.

Athletics Versus Learning
Story of a Twirler and Tackler
By HUDSON C. EASTON
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"Johnny," said Peter Weatherbee to his son when his boy left him in the mountains of Colorado to go east to college. "I want you to study your learnin' hard and don't give too much of your time to those games the boys play at college. Out here when an eddicated young man onct gets a start he can top those who haven't the eddication. Now study hard and let the other things go."

When Johnny returned four years later his father was very much disappointed in his record. He had taken no honors, stood near the foot of his class, but was the athletic hero of the season. As a twirler he could send a ball that few could hit; as a tackler no man could get past him. Johnny's father was owner and editor of the Rocky Mountain Globe. But the paper during Johnny's sojourn at college had been running down. A rough element had come into the town, which had started with fine prospects, and so disturbed the condition of things that the better people were leaving, while no new respectable settlers were coming in.

"Father," said Johnny, "it seems to me that it's the duty of an editor to make it hot for evil wherever his paper is located."

"And get shot for doing it," "Better be shot than let the other fellow take the bread and butter away from you. If the town dies our paper dies."

Peter Weatherbee consented that his son should write articles against the evil disposed, thus awakening the better class of citizens against them. Johnny began by investigating the indiscriminate carrying of weapons. Then he attacked certain men who ran gambling houses, with others who made oaths of the said resorts.

"Johnny," said his father, "seems to me you're weakened yourself. You can't carry a revolver since you've come down on the practice, and these men you've been terrifyin' 'll shoot you down like a dog."

"They won't do for me father. I'm only an editor-carryer. They'll go for you at least till they find out that I'm the man that's after them."

The next morning Johnny put his desk in a room through which all must go to his father's office. He had hardly got settled when word of the parties attacked in that day's issue of the paper came up the stairs.

"When's old Weatherbee?" he asked. "In 'mornin' to kill 'em."

"In there," interrupted Johnny. The man was coming the door when Johnny pulled him from behind, pushed him to the landing and threw him down to the first floor, two flights below. He was not killed outright, but died in a hospital the next day.

"So much for my football training father," said Johnny. "By and by I'll try some other athletic features I learned at college."

Johnny sat down to write some more articles attacking other rascals. Over his desk was a rosewood baseball inlaid with gold which Johnny had won in college as a trophy. When he was ralled on his defenselessness he said he could use that far better than a revolver. During the morning he heard a quick footstep at the other end of the hall. There's lots in a step. Johnny knew at once what this one meant. Seizing his wooden ball, he went to the door. Some fifty feet away a man he recognized as a pal of the one he had thrown downstairs was coming with blood in his eyes as well as his step. Johnny twirled his trophy ball, landing it in the right eye of the comer and relieving it of all the blood there was in it.

The man didn't come any farther. Indeed, he was taken to his home, where a doctor pronounced his case a fracture of the frontal bone. He died in a few days.

These two novel encounters encouraged the good citizens and somewhat shamed the bad ones. An athletic gambler vowed he would take Johnny on his own ground. Meeting Johnny on the street, he suddenly tackled him with his right arm and began to rain blows on his face with his left fist. But Johnny had been thus held often before. He wriggled out like an eel and landed a blow on his opponent's mug that capsize him. The man

started to run. Johnny followed him, every now and then getting in a kick. At last, after having several times served as Johnny's football, the man gave out and could go no farther.

Those who saw the last kick the gambler received differed as to the distance Johnny sent him. Some said it was ten feet, some fifteen, and one man, who claimed to have measured the distance with a tape line, declared that it was just nineteen feet and four inches.

The man suffered from a broken coccyx, which is the end of the backbone.

This being the third man that Johnny had put "out of the fight," a number of citizens called on him and told him that they would see him through what else might be in store for him. Johnny said to them:

"While at college I prepared myself for my beginning here. But I reckon that, having got rid of the three worst men in the town, the others will be cowed."

And so it proved. Johnny, having paved the way for his usefulness, rose rapidly in the esteem of his fellow citizens and is now one of the prominent men of the state.

BAKER CITY NEXT CONVENTION TOWN

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which proved itself to be perhaps one of the best of the entire series. "In the social seas wherein we live, every tramp, every criminal, every thief is a derelict—a living danger to every honest man and woman, a sinister menace to every child, a crippling burden to every form of human industry. There are today 3,000,000 of these derelicts floating about in this fair land of ours," said the speaker as the climax to a series of personal incidents of life in which he had seen men "educated to their work."

"When a derelict is found on the sea a sack of dynamite or a keg of powder booms its funeral note, but on land it is different. The training derelict we permit to drift about at will—on weary feet, or jolting the brakebeam. The pauper-derelict we feed on half-baked alms and clothe him in mottled charity, while the criminal derelict we exhibit for weeks before a crowd of curious people and a jury of 12 good men and true, and then hang him up by the neck until he is dead, or send him to prison for a term of years until he is worse than dead and all this enormous expense to you and me.

"We are opening wide the doors of science and art to all who like to enter there. We are giving rights of the wealth of the world's great learning to those who crave the cup and crown the pulpit, the press and the professions. Now let us give as freely in the hour whose thoughts run along other lines; who cannot reach us as these or does not want to, but whose heart nevertheless leaps up after the better things. In the schools we must fix his feet on the upward slope. We must train his hand to do the world's common work. If we would follow that high doctrine for which God has here given us so splendid an opportunity." Noted Lecture This Evening.

The highly successful series of lectures came to a close tonight with a widely-known address "Burbank the Wizard" by Prof. Adrian, the California Chautauque lecturer. The address has been delivered in the mid-west and this winter will be delivered to eastern audiences by Mr. Adrian. This lecture is considered to be one of the best discussions of the industrial question on the lecture platform today, and a large audience of people from without the ranks of school teaching is expected.

Doctor Cook's address last evening was largely attended and eloquently delivered. The Illinois educator has won a warm place in the hearts of Eastern Oregon teachers. He shows profound knowledge of his subjects whenever he lectures.

Following is today's program:
9:00 Opening Exercises
9:10 Sectional Work, Primary, Grammar and High School.
10:00 Music
10:10 "How Can the Teacher Increase His Efficiency?"—John W. Cook.
11:00 Music
11:10 "The Idealist"—P. L. Campbell.
12:00 Intermission.

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- 1:00 Music
1:15 "A Square Deal"
2:00 Music
2:05 Address—J. H. Ackerman, Wednesday Evening.
2:00 Lecture—H. A. Adrian, Primary Section.
9:10 Phonics and Spelling—Catherine Montgomery, Grammar Section.
9:10 Round Table Talks—Lect. J. H. Ackerman and P. L. Campbell.
High School Section.
9:10 Problems of the Play Group—H. A. Adrian.

Valuable Necklace Lost.
A valuable gold bead necklace, the property of Mrs. J. T. Richardson, was lost last evening either at the Elk's hall or between the building and the Richardson home on Sixth street. The finder will kindly leave it at the home and receive a suitable reward.



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