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LOST A GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITY.

At the recent land show in Chicago, which was conducted by the Tribune of that city, the Grande Ronde valley was not represented and it was a great mistake to let such a splendid opportunity pass without placing some of the products of this great section before the public. Every other district in Oregon that is bidding for emigration was there. Medford had two men and a large exhibit. Hood River had the same and even Ashland came to the front as did Grant's Pass and Pendleton.

But the Grande Ronde, which was raising good fruit long before these other sections thought about trying it, was not to be found on the ground and would have been "skunked" completely had not the two Stackland boys of Cove paid their own expenses and made the trip to Chicago to blow a trumpet or two and call attention to Cove, which happens to be in this valley.

Shall this lethargy continue? Shall we fold our tents and slyly steal away from the scene of action, or shall we buckle our belts one hole tighter and get in the midst of the fray?

Yes, the people can be attracted here. There is no use saying they cannot, for that does not hold good. The great east and west is anxiously waiting for every breath of description relating to Oregon as a whole. Then why not take advantage of this remarkable condition and plant a few seeds in the fertile minds for the Grande Ronde valley?

Who will be the first to come forward? Everyone is welcome to enter these columns with suggestions, no matter what they may be, but for the love of goodness do not remain silent. Say something.

READING DAILY PAPERS.

Professor Edward McMahon, of the Washington university, recently stated to his history class that a man could not be a good citizen and fail to read daily papers. Admitting that

newspapers contained much which occasionally might be termed sensational this eminent educator insisted that no man could be a well balanced citizen unless he read the daily happenings, which is only procurable through the newspapers. He does not believe that a man could be a good jurymen who did not take enough interest in affairs to read the papers, and in this the professor's opinion is largely shared by the public.

The dullest person on earth is one who cannot converse on matters of national and international importance. Only a day or so ago a man came to the surface in Portland who thought Roosevelt was still president. It is strange but true that such characters can exist.

A FITTING TRIBUTE.

Some of the most difficult cases are being handled at this term of the Union county circuit court, and in this connection it is but just to remark that Judge Knowles is making good as the presiding official. In addition to expediting business, Judge Knowles is prompt and clear in his rulings and has made friends with both bar and public.—Union Republican.

Wonder if Senator Bourne's friends started the story about a one hundred thousand dollar jackpot being made up by his enemies to defeat him. It would be an old time political maneuver for Bourne's friends to start the tale, as it means much water on his wheel.

According to a man who has spent many Christmas anniversaries in the Grande Ronde a goose is the proper fowl for the Christmas dinner. However, a Grande Ronde turkey, or even a Grande Ronde hen does not go bad on such occasions.

The stocking hanging period will soon be with us, and perhaps some newspaper will spring the old time story about the Missouri girl who hung up her hostery and had is completely filled with a brand new lead pencil.

It was not in the books for Santa Claus to deliver the commission of governor of Oregon to Jay Bowerman this year. But Jay can learn to labor and to wait, which after all has its virtues as well as success.

Do not bother about making those New Year's resolutions until after Christmas is over. Why load up too heavily on resolutions, or anything else for that matter?

For Christmas.

A few facts about shopping bags—we have them and only extra good values. Our prices are lower on them than ever before. Silverthorne's Family Drug Store.

Give Quick Action.

A. T. Hill, druggist, reports that A SINGLE DOSE of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as compounded in Adler-I-ka, the new German Appendicitis remedy, relieves any stomach or bowel trouble. Many La Grande people are being helped.

Vacation Next Week.

Next week will be "vacation days" at the schools. Many of the teachers and pupils will leave for their respective homes to spend the holidays. When school begins again, on January second, there will be but two weeks of study left before the mid-winter examinations, and as is usual the students will settle down to a short period of extra hard work.

FIGHTING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

State of Washington May Abolish the Practice Next Winter.

Seattle, Dec. 21—Mrs. Katherine Stirtan today began a campaign that aims at the abolition of capital punishment in the state of Washington. She is circulating petitions that will be offered to the next legislature. She says hundreds of voters expressed a willingness to sign it. The bill repealing capital punishment is to be introduced in the legislature by Representative Goss of Seattle, according to Mrs. Stirtan.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS ELECT.

R. L. Lincoln Is High Priest of Local Lodge For Coming Year.

Election and immediate installation of officers of La Grande Lodge No. 9, Royal Arch Masons, took place last evening. Past High Priest C. D. Huffman acted as installing officer. Those elected, and put in office at once were: High Priest, R. L. Lincoln; King, William Stein; Scribe, George T. Cochran; Captain of the hosts, C. T. Bacon; principal sojourner, W. J. Church; Royal Arch Captain Charles Noyes; Secretary L. H. Russell; treasurer M. K. Hall; Master of first veil, C. M. Humphreys; Master of second veil, L. M. Hoyt; Master of third veil, J. J. Carr; sentinel, J. M. Hilt.

BOB LYMAN COMING.

Nifty Little Scrapper to Appear in the Work out at Owl's Nest.

Bob Lyman, a local glove artist who has been appearing in several scraps in the Northwest will be seen before the Owl's lodge in public work out. The nifty little 115-pound boxer recently lost a match with a 125-pound boxer, "Jockey" Bennett at The Dalles. Although Lyman went out of his weight limit to meet this man he gave a good showing for himself up to the time of the accident, the fight was his. The fight fans will have a chance to see him in action next Tuesday night when he makes his first public appearance here since attaining his enviable reputation in the glove game.

Newspapers and Teachers.

Alert intelligence is the better part of competency and alertness and intelligence cannot be dissociated from up-to-dateness. The daily newspaper is the most up-to-date educational medium of instruction in many branches of knowledge which cannot be secured from the textbooks. The world is moving all the time and the

teachers must move with it. In order to keep within sight of the head of the line of progress they must keep in touch with the newspapers.

Intellectual "dry rot" has always been the menace of teachers as a class and the only "tones" which are ever called "musty" are those which embalm the events, the thoughts and the life of long-dead days. The "living present" is the day of the newspaper, and while the past must not be slighted, much less discarded, the present is always on the floor, loudly calling for recognition which cannot be refused by any teacher worthy of the name.—Kansas City Journal.

Expect Oil Gusher.

Oil indications are looking so bright at the present time at the Malheur well that the company has wired Chief Driller Morgan who is in California, to come at once to take charge of the final steps toward the striking of the gusher. President Benson of the Malheur company is also expected here this week. So confident are the Malheur people over the prospects that the work will be in the nature of balling out the water in the 2200 foot hole, when it is thought a commercial gusher will be struck.—Vale Enterprise.

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Glee Club Went on a Strike.

Eugene, Dec. 20—It has just leaked out that the members of the Oregon Glee club went on a strike just as they were ready to leave on the long vacation trip into Eastern Oregon, and it was only by complete concession on all points asked that the college songsters could be induced to go. The trouble seems to have been that the club did not like the treatment received on the trip to Astoria and

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