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WELL, UNION LOST THE ASYLUM.

We suppose the proper thing to say right now is that an insane asylum is an undesirable thing to have in a county; that it repels rather than attracts settlers in its vicinity; that it discourages the young who get jobs as attendants, etc. etc.

Yes, we might say all those things at this time of defeat but we are not going to do it. It is enough to know that the little city of Union made a most gallant fight for what she believed she was entitled to and lost. Her methods were fair, honest and upright because Tom Wright, W. J. Townley and a half hundred more Union citizens have done their fighting that way for two score years and it is the only way they know. They put forth every merit Union possessed, and we want to say they had a galaxy of facts which seemed to us impossible to overcome. These men did not enter the contest making it a life or death proposition, but they put up a campaign that is a credit to their city, even in defeat.

And to be a good loser is better than to be a winner, for as N. K. West used to remark, "Anybody can win occasionally." Union is a good loser. There are no sore spots on her. She feels that she made good in everything asked of her by the board, and with that she is willing to dismiss the matter and take up something else that may be of much more importance.

To Pendleton, the winner of the bughouse, Union county offers congratulations. May the state erect a granite structure, illuminated with light from radium bulbs, may the water in the Umatilla river at once

become sparkling and bright, and may the Indians rejoice with a war dance at the reservation over the signal victory of Pendleton over her sister cities in Eastern Oregon.

WESTERN GROWTH

Referring to the Pacific Coast states' progress during the year about to close, "The Westerner" says:

It is as interesting as any tale of romance to consider the many products which come out of the ground of the Pacific Coast states, and how many million dollars' worth of them are sold in all parts of the world.

The 1910-1911 orange season has just opened and competent experts among the growers and railroad traffic people estimate the crop will be worth \$50,000,000, or ten millions in excess of any previous season.

Green fruits of California this year yielded \$12,000,000, and the dried fruits will produce fully \$15,000,000.

While orange is still king in California, the tremendous development of the oil districts of that state is probably destined to push oil to the throne within a few years. The most conservative estimates for oil for 1910 show about 75,000,000 barrels with a value of \$36,000,000. And at that, a number of the great gushers which are known to have a capacity of 25,000,000 barrels a day or more, are capped down to a flow of 2,000 to 5,000 barrels a day. With the opening of the Panama canal within the next three years, the completion of pipeline facilities now building, the production of California oil will make a phenomenal spurt to an output which it would be almost staggering at this time to estimate in barrels. Although fabulous fortunes have already been created out of California oil, they are as nothing to those which are yet to be made from it. Investors really little realize the "opportunities" which are literally going "begging" daily in the shape of "oil stocks" of modest, but perfectly legitimate oil companies of such districts as the Midway-Maricopa, Kern River, Coalinga, and other well-known districts of southern California.

The year 1911 bids fair to be one of marked activities for the state of Oregon. But in part to the unusual railroad activities the past year has been one of remarkable progress. With the construction work now afoot in Central Oregon, and the development of the Oregon Coast, adjacent to the Willamette valley, 1911 seems destined to be Oregon's banner year.

The most notable development in the western part of the state is the government work at the mouth of the Suislaw river, the completion of the harbor at Florence, and the arrival of the railroads. According to the Eugene (Ore.) "Register," the government jetty has already been completed twenty-seven hundred feet. Sixty thousand dollars have already been expended on this work. As showing the universal drift of sentiment toward Florence, Oregon, the following editorial from the "West," a Florence newspaper is apropos. The "West" says:

Among those who have recently purchased lots in Florence are Chas. W. Howard and C. O. Samalin, two young business men of Portland, who have invested here for speculation. Florence is rapidly coming to the front on account of the harbor improvements and railroad prospects. Property here is certain to advance in value rapidly during the next few years. The surrounding country is rich in natural resources so the fu-

ture prosperity of the town is assured.

The "boosted" tourist travel of California is said, in a money sense, to be worth \$14,000,000 annually. It is a common error with many to think the tourist travel the greatest single producer of money for California. For a fact it is not now outstripping, and there is no reason to believe it will ever outstrip in a financial sense, the value to California of the orange or of the oil. It may in time outrun the gold, as it has done the money value of deciduous fruits. It has almost caught up with the financial importance of dried fruits. But the green and dried fruit production is constantly on the increase, the same as the tourist travel. So there may be a change in their present relative positions within a year or two.

Regarding this location of a bughouse and Pendleton's success in the matter, the Evening Observer moves that hats be removed in recognition of the extraordinary ability shown by Bill Furnish, E. W. McComas, Bill Thompson and the rest of those Umatillas who never buckle their belts in the last hole without bringing in some game. But, somehow, they are a likeable set of Indians even though they did grab the 'possum this time.

The next legislature will be called upon to do a few things, the principal one being the disbursement of state money. Legislatures in the past have not been slow about expenditures and Oregon is anxious to see what this one will do.

Baker City admits now that she never was in real earnest about being a candidate for the asylum location. "Put on the old gray bonnet."

This holiday epoch cannot last forever, so you had better begin to figure on the straight old grind once more.

Extension is Postponed.

The proposed extension of the Umatilla project in the west end of Umatilla county is not apt to be made at this time, according to the press reports from Washington relates the Pendleton East Oregonian. The morning papers of the northwest publish a dispatch from Washington, saying President Taft has approved of the recommendations of the board of army engineers which spent several weeks last summer in viewing the western projects. These recommendations merely included the expenditure of \$325,000 for the Umatilla project.

H. G. Hobson, in charge of reclamation work in the northwest with headquarters in Portland, in talking to the East Oregonian over the telephone, stated this morning that according to the press report which was the only thing he had before him, the proposed extension could not be made with funds from the \$20,000,000 appropriated at the last session of congress for the completion of the reclamation projects under way. He said the \$325,000 appropriation was merely for the completion of the Umatilla project on the east side of the Umatilla river.

Hopson said it was possible that the proposed extension could be made from the regular reclamation service funds but he did not think that it would be done.

The general belief here is that the proposed extension was turned down by the board of army engineers for the reason that they probably regarded it as practically a new project, whereas the \$20,000,000 appropriation was made for the completion of projects now under way.

At The Star.

Slide, you lobster slide! yelled one small urchin as he watched the world's series base ball game between the Cubs and Athletics as portrayed by the picture machine at the Star last night. The picture is clear and distinct and portrays the exciting game in such an interesting manner that the urchin was justified in his exclamation. Besides the different innings of this great American game the audience gets a good view of all the great players in characteristic poses and visiting players, from the presentation of the automobile to Ty Cobb down to Brownie Burke, the Cincinnati Reds' mascot. It is a great picture and every devotee of the great sport should see this picture.

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