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THAT BEEF STEER AND HIS SISTER

It is the order to place a flag in the hat of J. B. McKennon and another in that of George Chandler. Not because these men are made of superior clay, nor because they have achieved victories in a military way—but because they have taken to the big stock show of the west cattle from the Grande Ronde alley which took prizes over all competitors. Such a victory means something, for cattle from California, Montana, Washington, Idaho and Nevada were shown at this exhibition. The McKennon-Chandler cattle were up against the hardest competition to obtain. It was a case of no favoritism. It was a case of cold blooded grading for the Portland stock show must make its record for the future and therefore could not in any way afford to be biased.

And yet the Grande Ronde cattle won the prizes. The beef steer and his sister sent the name of the Grande Ronde valley into the mouths of all stock men from Denver to Frisco and from the Canadian line to southern California. In the future when this valley is mentioned every stockman will remember that McKennon and Chandler's cattle took the highest grades over all. They will remember that excellent bunch of beef producers and it will be quite natural for them also to have a desire to visit the valley and get better acquainted.

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and victory. It takes off its hat to the stockmen of the Grande Ronde and bids them to keep the laurels so ably won for them by McKennon and Chandler. Grade up your stock and are for it better than you have ever done before. See that the strictest attention is paid to breeding. If this is done, this valley will continue each year to land the first place in all stock exhibits of the valley.

NOT A SELFISH MOVE.

What exploiting may be done by the La Grande Commercial club and what it may be able to do will not be reserved to this city alone, for La Grande people realize that it is impossible to get proper results unless the whole valley and Wallawa county also are pushed to the front. Development is to be assisted and promoted wherever it is possible—whether it be out at Imnaha or in the business districts of this city.

For this reason La Grande invites all other communities to join in the effort to accomplish results. Send in representatives from your respective localities; offer any suggestion that may occur to you and in return this city will endeavor to assist in bringing about what is desired.

Always remember this is purely a community proposition, and if you possess any jealousies or hatreds, for the love of goodness keep them sealed up in your heart, for the Commercial club of La Grande has no time to listen to petty quarrels or old time grudges. Furthermore it will not entertain such minor things. The field here is open for wide development and big work. The club wants the co-operation of everyone, but in no instance will it permit narrowness and past history to influence its acts.

Union has let contracts for her new school building and now everything is settled and all the inhabitants of that rich little city are pulling together for the annual horse show. Don't worry about Union's little home scraps. They do not get outside of the city limits.

Soon the road machinery will be at work in La Grande. Not only will the paved streets be put down, but the street department will likely begin the long and tedious task of grading the streets of the residence sections, and above all else, provide for drainage.

Somehow with all the arms of the law at work Portland fails to catch the murderer of the little five-year-old girl. Can it be possible that with our boasted criminal catching plant there is still a weak spot? It would seem so.

Now if that had been a chicken house instead of an apartment house that Booker T. Washington was caught prowling around there would have been no mystery about it.

One thing is certain, McKennon and Chandler did not give the Portland stock show a "bum steer."

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS.

The Michian Anti-Saloon league is formulating plans for submitting state-wide prohibition in Michigan in 1914.

Congressman Joseph T. Robinson, who is serving his fifth term as representative of the Sixth Arkansas district, has announced his candidacy

for the democratic nomination for governor of Arkansas.

Usher L. Burdick, lieutenant governor of North Dakota, is mentioned as a likely candidate for the republican nomination for governor next year.

A special election will be held in Winston-Salem, N. C., next month to decide whether the city shall adopt the commission form of government. Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, who will assume his duties as a member of the house on April 4, will have the distinction of being the first socialist in congress.

Charles Crisp, who succeeds Asher Hinds as parliamentarian of the house, is a son of the late Charles F. Crisp, who was speaker of the house from 1891 to 1895.

Duncan U. Fletcher, United States senator from Florida, was elected the president of the Southern Commercial congress at the recent meeting of that organization in Atlanta.

Representative Choice B. Randall of the Fourth district of Texas has announced his candidacy for the nomination for United States senator in opposition to Joseph W. Bailey, whose term will expire in 1913.

Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, who is being boomed in the south for the democratic presidential nomination in 1912, will address the South Carolina Press association at its meeting in Columbia next May.

The extra session of congress will mean a loss of nearly \$10,000 to Representative Champ Clark of Missouri. Mr. Clark had signed contracts for ten weeks on the Chautauqua lecture circuit at \$900 a week and expenses. The extra session forced him to cancel his agreement.

Representative Robert L. Henry of Texas, who is slated for the chairmanship of the important rules committee of the house, was sent to congress from the Seventh; now the Eleventh, Texas district in 1897 and has served continuously since. Mr. Henry is a native of Texas and a graduate of the university of Texas.

Hugh L. Nichols, the new lieutenant governor of Ohio, was formerly chairman of the democratic state executive committee and in that position directed the campaign which resulted in the election of Judson Harmon as gover-

nor. He is prominent as a lawyer and served one term in the Ohio legislature. Mr. Nichols is an expert tennis player and an enthusiastic baseball fan.

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