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WHEN THE BLOCK SIGNALS DO GOOD.

It must be admitted that great advancement marks railroading of today. And this can very cheerfully be done without endorsing everything that the railroads do, or pandering to their wishes. La Grande is brought face to face with many improvements railroads make, which other cities not so close in touch with railroads scarcely realize. This fact is easily demonstrated by calling on Jack Watson and asking him to take you through the yards and shops.

The appliances to safeguard the public are among the most-satisfactory improvements known in railroad circles. Just the other night a few freight cars got loose in the yards and went onto the main line without the knowledge of any human. They traveled toward Hot Lake for some distance, when along came a fast freight with what the crew supposed to be a clear track to La Grande. Suddenly the block showed up indicating there was something ahead. Of course the freight train slowed down and soon the crew discovered what was the

matter. A few years ago this would have meant a fearful wreck with probably a loss of human life and much property. Today the disaster was saved by an appliance used in railroading. All of these things count for much, and the public must be mindful of the good things done by railroads. By this we do not mean there should be any cessation in the demand of the people for a square deal from transportation lines, but there are many good things the railroads do which they get no credit for doing.

ALREADY BEING RECOGNIZED.

Indicating the pronounced benefits of organization there are already large fruit dealers writing for information relative to the Fruitgrowers' union just formed in the Grandé Ronde valley, and some concerns are even sending men here to ascertain whether the union is to be permanent and what good they can expect of it.

This should give that encouragement necessary for a go-ahead spirit to prevail throughout Union and Wallowa counties and in no instance permit the market of fruit that has not gone through the tests and inspection according to union rules.

To make a great fruit belt possible it only needed organization. Now that has been begun with good results already and there is every reason why it should be perpetuated.

Mongrel fruit, like mongrel horses, receives little consideration. Where an owner trots out a horse and guarantees his breeding everyone takes notice, but when a fair looking horse is displayed with no pride of ancestry he is passed by with little comment or attention. It is the same with fruit. The time has come when buyers must know what they are getting, how the fruit is to be packed and whether the reputation of the community stakes itself on playing fairly with the market.

The fruit market is one instance where you cannot job the consumer. It is possible to do it once, but never again, for one crooked transaction in fruit puts black marks enough against a district to keep it in the background for years to come.

THE NATION'S RESERVE.

It is the theory in a republican form

of government that every citizen must become a soldier in time of war. In our country it is generally thought that volunteers would come forward in time of need in sufficient numbers to carry on any war. But to be of value as a soldier, the man must be trained and disciplined, and this training requires a large amount of time and the discipline of repeated practice. After war has been declared it is too late, declares Captain Fred L. Lammon in the March Number of The National Guard Magazine.

Hence, it is necessary that drills, encampments, and other instruction be given to the citizen soldiery during times of peace. They then learn how to live properly in camp.

There is now a vast difference between the old militiaman and the present National Guardsman. Previous to the passage of the Dick law the organized militia was not a national guard but a state force. The position of the national guard at the present time is little understood by the public generally. The Dick bill was chiefly concerned with the organization of the militia to make it conform to the regular army as a condition to its sharing in the appropriations of congress. However, the law with its amendments, has made every soldier in the organized militia a true national guardsman.

By the passage of the act of May 27, 1908, the state forces became a part of the first line of defense with the regular army. When the national guard is called out in the future, it will mean a strict realization of military duty, and the citizen soldier must be prepared to go wherever required. When the call comes he immediately goes into the national service without a new enlistment, and he must stay till the expiration of his original enlistment.

"THIS IS MY 65TH BIRTHDAY."

George E. Reed.

Dr. George E. Reed, president of Dickinson college, Carlisle, Pa., and one of the foremost scholars in the Methodist church, was born in Brownville, Me., March 28, 1846, the son of a Methodist minister. He received his preparatory education in the public schools of Lowell, Mass., and at Wil-

braham academy. Thence he entered Wesleyan university at Middletown, Conn., graduating in 1869. He continued his studies at Boston University Theological school, but did not remain for graduation. After being ordained to the ministry he officiated as pastor of Methodist churches in a number of cities of New England and New York. He became president of Dickinson college in 1889 and during his service of more than 20 years he has developed the college into one of the foremost schools of its kind in the country. As state librarian of Pennsylvania from 1889 to 1903, he developed and compiled the Pennsylvania archives. Dr. Reed has taken a deep interest in public affairs and numbers among his personal friends the greatest Americans of the last few decades.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

March 28.

- 1818—Gen. Wade Hampton, of the confederate states army, born in Columbia, S. C. Died there, April 11, 1902.
- 1846—American army, under Gen. Scott, invaded Mexico.
- 1854—Rupture between Greece and Turkey.
- 1858—Nicaragua placed herself under the protection of the United States.
- 1860—President Buchanan protected against a proposed inquiry into his acts.
- 1867—The British North American act received the royal assent.
- 1870—Gen. George H. Thomas, hero of Chickamauga died in San Francisco. Born in Virginia, July 31, 1816.
- 1871—Commune proclaimed in Paris.
- 1891—Canadian Pacific railway completed from ocean to ocean.
- 1898—Port Arthur "leased" to Russia.
- 1901—Canadian troops departed from Halifax for South Africa.
- 1910—Representative government, with universal suffrage, was proclaimed in Monaco by Prince Charles.

Lyle Tuesday Musical program next Friday night. Hill orchestra in addition. Many excellent numbers. Arrangement to be present.

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS.

Maine and Kansas are the two oldest prohibition states in the union. California has adopted the initiative, referendum and recall for all municipalities.

Mrs. Leona Brown, a Seattle suffragette, is a candidate for appointment as judge of the Washington supreme court.

According to report Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) would like to be one of the first United States senators from Arizona.

Cambridge, Mass., the seat of Harvard university, is in complete control of the democrats for the first time in its history.

It is said Senator Bourne of Oregon, head of the Progressive Republican league, will launch a boom for Senator La Follette for president at a banquet to be given in Boston on March 30th.

Kansas now has a law prohibiting the publication of unsigned political articles in newspapers and also prohibiting the insertion of articles which tend to injure any candidate for public office.

The New Hampshire legislature, already the largest representative body of its kind in the world, will be increased by seven members as a result of the recent census, making a total of over 400.

Notice to I. C. S. Students.
 All I. C. S. students, old and new, are cordially invited to a smoker to be held on Saturday, April 1st, at 8 p. m. in I. O. O. F. banquet hall.
 E. H. LEWIS,
 Special Representative.

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