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New Town Grows Fast.
North Plains, Ore., April 20.—(Special)—Sixty days ago North Plains, Oregon's newest town, had a population of less than a dozen persons and on the townsite stood a frame building a tent and the framework for the water tower. Sunday, April 16, North Plains safely claimed a permanent population of 200 with 40 buildings complete or nearly so. Streets are graded sidewalks laid, water and lighting systems available to all town property and portions of the acreage and several brick buildings contemplated.

North Plains is a necessity. Portland business men realized this when they formed an excursion party to the new town two weeks ago and assisted the citizens in the organization of the North Plains Commercial club, the latest addition to the Oregon Development league. In sixty days North Plains has added two lumber yards, a creamery, brick plant, fruit cannery, meat packing plant, coal and wood yards with several new industries contemplated.

The town of North Plains is the metropolis of the Tualatin valley, one of the richest sections of the state, but which has been without transportation until the building of the United Railways. A tunnel 4,100 feet was built through solid rock to maintain a uniform grade and permit the fast running trains from Portland. Within a radius of a few miles of North Plains are 50,000 acres of fertile soil, 3,000,000,000 feet of fine timber and several thousand acres that can be devoted to fruit culture. Large farms are being subdivided into tracts of from one to ten acres with a view of settling up the valley.

North Plains is already getting ready for an agricultural fair and celebration July 4.

Soldiers March As in '61.

New York, April 20.—Four old-fashioned brass cannon which rumbled over the Broadway cobblestone in '61 rumbled again over the pavement of Fifth avenue yesterday amid cheers of thousands of spectators. The occasion was the 50th anniversary of the departure of New York's Seventh regiment for the front, by way of Jersey City, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington at the outbreak of the civil war. The brass cannon were the regiment's howitzer equipment of 12-pounder which on "The March Down Broadway" were cheered by thousands of flag-bearing citizens all the way from the Seventh regiment armory to the foot of Cortlandt street. With the cannon there was a reproduction of an old-time baggage wagon bearing the legend, "Our Seventh knows no north, nor south, nor east, nor west, but only one whole union." It was under this banner that the regiment marched down Broadway fifty years ago.

Father's Day Inaugurated.
Spokane, Wash., April 19.—(Special)—Mrs. John B. Dodd of Spokane, originator of "Father's Day," is making arrangements through clubs in various parts of the United States for a national celebration on Sunday, June 18, when those who desire to show their respect for "dad" will wear a rose, a colored flower for the living and white for the dead. Mrs. Dodd succeeded in interesting several thousand men, women and children in the northwestern country in observing the day last year, when some of the local ministers preached special sermons, extolling the worth and virtues of the "old man." Since then the Spokane woman has received sheaves of letters from prominent men and women in various parts of the country, including governors of 38 states and executive officials at Washington, D. C., commending the plan and urging her to continue the campaign with a view to making the celebration a national event. So far more than 100 cities have decided to join in the celebration and Mrs. Dodd expects there will be more than 3,000 in line this year.

Southern Educational Conference.
Jacksonville, Fla., April 20.—The redirection of education for rural communities was the general subject of discussion yesterday at the opening session of the 14th annual Conference for Education in the south. Governor Gilchrist, Mayor Jordan and others welcomed the visitors, among whom were noted educators and public men from many sections of the country.

The papers and addresses presented at the initial session included the following: "The Adaptation of Education to Rural Life in Denmark," by Maurice F. Egan, United States minister to Denmark; "The Adaptation of Education to Life in Switzerland," Dr. Paul Ritter, Swiss minister to the United States; "The Reconstruction of the One-Room Rural School," Miss Jessie Fields superintendent of the schools of Page county, Ia.

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