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ACCURATE WORK FOR THE CITY.

Responding to the tone and spirit of an editorial printed in last evening's issue of the Observer in which was mentioned the necessity of doing public work strictly according to contract and specification, a number of citizens have expressed their hearty accord and asked that the matter be kept before the people.

Too often in a community where everyone is personally acquainted the disposition to let out a city official who does not make good is entirely too strong. The measuring stick should be placed on every city employe and if there is a discrepancy let him explain or be dismissed from the service. La Grande, as a municipality, is the largest business in the city to handle. Economy in its handling means much to the property. And

there is never any chance for economy with employes that are inaccurate or careless.

Inspectors of public work are the last ones between the city and loss, making their position so heavily laden with responsibility that nothing but the most stubborn stand for the right can be considered if the city is to benefit. The inspector who does not stay on the job is failing to make good. If he does stay on the job and is not the kind of a man who will demand that specifications be followed then again the city is loser, and in a way that cannot be known until it is too late.

Everyone connection with the city administration should thoroughly understand and take responsibility, including all employes.

The real trouble with Mexico today, according to Edwin Emerson who writes in "Success Magazine," is that everybody of any consequence in that country is wondering about tomorrow. President Diaz, having reached his 80th year, may die any day without the help even of an assassin. Still, assassins are not unheard of in Mexico. Only a few years ago one of Porfirio Diaz's would-be assassins cost the life of the chief of police of Mexico City.

Now all Mexico is speculating, should Don Porfirio die, who is to be his successor? Not his successor de jure—the vice president of the republic—but his successor de facto—the man who will heat down all opposition, exterminate his rivals for power, to rule a cowed country with a hand of iron, as Diaz has ever done.

Will it be Ramon Corral, the vice president, or General Ramirez, the commander in chief of the redoubtable rurales? Or Enrique Creel, the friend of the foreigners and of Uncle Sam? Or General Bernardo Reyes, the friend of the church and idol of the army? Or Senor Limantour, the capitalist and financier? Or Don Francisco Madero, the martyr and outlaw leader of Coahuila?

All but this last man are out and out government men who, strictly speaking, have but one party behind them: the party of established order. Madero alone is the leader of the opposition, the party of disappointment, of revolt and professed reform. The former malcontents of northern Mexico having been cheated of their hopes in Bernardo Reyes, have now fixed their allegiance on Madero.

After Madero, last summer, showed that he had the stuff in him to run against Diaz as a presidential candidate and to go to prison, and into temporary exile for his ambitions, it was enough for him to recross the border with arms in his hands to be received by his friends and old peons as their chosen leader.

A COMMUNICATION.

La Grande, April 28.—(To Editor Observer)—I notice, in your editorial columns, a few words about "Community effort to promote the Grande Ronde valley and Wallowa county industries."

I believe that the only way in which a real live, successful campaign for the interest of the country at large can be carried on, is for the town and country people to work together as a whole, as a solid body politic, in a spirit of friendship, each for the benefit of the other.

It is impossible for a town or city

to flourish without the aid of a live and industrious surrounding community and it is long past the time when the country can get along without the aid of city and town. With the dawn of civilization the welfare of town and country became one and inseparable, and it is only by working together that both may be beneficial to the greatest degree.

Somewhere, somehow, back in the dim pages of history, a feeling of animosity seems to have sprung up between the city and country and, from time to time, this spirit has shown through, but it is fast becoming a thing of the forgotten order, a thing for right thinking people to laugh at and wonder how it could have existed.

Friends in the city, if our collars are so high (as they have been accused of being) that we cannot lower our heads to speak and associate with our fellows from the country, better bend down the corners, or better still, wear lower collars. We cannot succeed as a city by ourselves.

Friends in the country, let us come out of our shells, "sorta stir around some," and get wise to the fact that we can no more succeed without our cities today, than they can without us.

These are the days of progress in every line of business and all are coming to realize that proper advertising is the means of showing a country's good points to the public, and those who wish to find better places to locate, in both country and city business.

The best and most prosperous community, I have seen in this Golden Northwest, is one where farmers and city business men alike belong to the Commercial club. The farmers attend the meetings regularly and hold many offices. Together they make of the

Commercial club, what it should be, a representative and a means of advertising for the community at large. They pull and work together, the country and city as one. The result is visible in the prosperity that exists on every hand.

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J. L. ROBERTSON.

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