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REWARDED AT LAST.

The slow process of rewarding those who did service when a state or a nation in time of need is regrettable indeed, but it is better that compensation come late than never. This is true of J. Q. A. Richardson of Aliceel who last Friday received a check from the state of Washington for services Mr. Richardson performed in the Indian wars of 1856 at Walla Walla.

This transaction becomes doubly interesting after one has talked with the old gray haired veteran who experienced tortures and hardships in the early days that the northwest might be a place for the white men to peacefully live. He not only helped fight the Indians but later on he developed land and made a home in the Grande Ronde valley, which place he loves with a fondness that is admirable.

In speaking of the claim recently paid him he said to the Observer: "Yes I was glad to get the money. I was entitled to it, but at the same time I did nothing more than my duty. Any loyal American would have joined in fighting for home and country against the redskins in those days. It was a case of the survival of the fittest and to tell the truth there was nothing much to do but fight or seek a hiding place and some way I never was built on the hiding plan. One thing I would like to impress on the people of today and that is the importance of flying the American flag once in a while. As a nation we are losing our patriotism; we are failing to teach it to the rising generation as we should and this lethargy, too, is appearing before we old fellows have shuffled off the stage of action. Too bad, too bad. Don't you know right here in the Grande Ronde valley opposite Mt. Emily a battle was fought on July 17, 1856. I was not in that battle but I want to say to you there was some fighting done. I was in the Walla Walla country at that time, but for the sake of the boys who did fight in the Grande Ronde and for the sake of our country every school house and public building in the valley should fly the American flag on the 16th day of July every year. Walla Walla should also fly the

flag on the anniversary of their Indian battles. I would show the right spirit." There is little doubt that Mr. Richardson is right in his claim that patriotism is being permitted to drift in this country. Too little attention is paid the old men who fought when this country needed fighters and had to have them. If things continue as they are at present the next generation will know little and care less about the wars which meant so much to this nation.

READY TO DO ITS PART.

The two county publicity campaign that is fast taking shape in Union and Wallawa counties will be materially assisted by Hot Lake. This has been assured by Senator Pierce and the assurance is sufficient to make everyone know the fact. Hot Lake is a great big magnificent institution located almost in the suburbs of La Grande. Its pay roll should be included in La Grande's resources for the people who are working there know no other city but this. The institution is closely interwoven and allied with La Grande that the feeling of loyalty to the sanatorium can easily be accounted for. There will be benefits derived from the publicity given the two counties and Hot Lake will reap her share of the business, but so will many other institutions, and this certainly is not to be dwelt upon at length. The fact that Senator Pierce, without the least hesitation, came to the center and said, "You bet, boys, I am in on anything that will tend to benefit Union or Wallawa county and you can depend upon the Lake doing its share" carried a meaning which all can understand amounts to loyal personal support as well as financial support to the movement.

MUSICAL MOUNTAINS.

Singing Cliffs in the Pyrenees and Roaring Sands in Hawaii.

In certain parts of the world are mountains and hills which are said by the natives to sing. In the Pyrenees certain cliffs emit plaintive sounds resembling the strains of a harp. Two other cliffs in the same chain are called the "snores." When the wind is in the southwest they send forth a peculiar sound not altogether musical. The faces of these cliffs are marked by deep gullies, open in front, which may be compared to the pipes of an organ. At certain times a stratum of air, held between the cliffs and bordering trees, closes the openings while the wind blows freely between through the gullies or organ pipes behind; hence the music that is heard.

At the confluence of the Orinoco and the Rio Meta are granite cliffs which sing at sunrise. Humboldt refers to the phenomenon as the musical stones of the Orinoco. The music is caused by the rush of the expanding air through fissures partly closed by mica.

Many more examples might be cited to show that nature makes use of principles which have been adopted by man in the creation of musical sounds. Nor are the musical sounds of nature confined to rocks, mountains and hills. For in Hawaii is a sand bank fifty feet high which, when the hand is moved about in the loose sand, produces a sound like that of a melodeon. It is said that if the observer slides down the bank on his back, dragging both hands in the sand, the sound becomes as loud as faint thunder—Harper's Weekly.

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Not Golden.

The power of speech is a gift vouchsafed to man alone, and the effect of it is to render silence, perhaps the grandest thing in all the world, a bore to him.—Puck.

Crow Quills Make the Best Pens.

A quill penmaker says that no pen will do as fine writing as the crow quill. It requires the assistance of a microscope to make a proper pen out of such a quill, but when made it is of wonderful delicacy. The microscopic writing told of in books of literary curiosities was all done with a crow quill. The steel pens of the present have very fine points, but somehow a finer point can be given to a quill than has ever been put on a steel pen, and for delicacy nothing can equal it.

Mutual Forbearance.

"You and your wife seem to get along nicely."

"Fairly well. We had an understanding from the start. I wasn't to expect a dollar to buy more than a dollar's worth of goods, and she wasn't to tell me about the fine men she might have married."—Washington Herald.

No Spooning.

"Tell me that I may hope," he pleaded.

"All right," she replied, "hope on, but don't ask me to feed your hope with a spoon."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Considerate Revolutionists.

The wildest and most ferocious revolutionaries I have known have often been in private life merciful, tender, unselfish, considerate.—T. P. O'Connor in London T. P.'s Weekly.

Warned.

He—Darling, I don't know what to say to your father. She—Just say, "Mr. Munn, I wish to marry your daughter," then dodge

HIS ASHES TO SWITZERLAND.

Restaurant Keeper's Wife Obeys Dying Request of a Customer.

Mme. Gabrielle Girard, wife of a New York Bohemian restaurant proprietor, sailed recently for Switzerland carrying an urn containing the ashes of Pere Du Bois, who was the oldest member of the Swiss colony in this country.

Du Bois was for many years a leading patron of Girard's restaurant. Re-



MME. GABRIELLE GIRARD.

sently he fell ill, and the Girards called upon him. He realized that he was mortally stricken and asked his friends to have his body cremated and the ashes taken to his old home in Neuchatel.

Mme. Girard gave her word, and her present trip is in fulfillment of the dying request.

DOROTHY ARNOLD FOUND (I)

Body Found Floating in East River Is Said to Be That of Helress.

New York, May 15.—Partial identi-

fication of a body found floating in the East river was made today by two brothers of Dorothy Arnold, the helress who has been missing for months.

D. H. Arnold said he believed it was her body; another brother was not so sure, but both declared they were unable to positively identify.

Grand Jury Still at It.

Columbus, May 15.—The grand jury investigation of the legislative grafting was resumed today and it is believed three more indictments will be found

before the Wednesday recess, and will probably be the cause of further concessions.

Killing of Negro Costly.

Montgomery, Ala., May 15.—Two negroes are dead, one negro and one deputy sheriff will die, and three other deputy sheriffs are seriously wounded as a result of a negro killing 20 miles south of this city. Tom Benson, the killer, fought off the deputies when they attempted to arrest them. He barricaded his cabin and they fired it and then shot him as he staggered through the door. He shot the deputies.

Directory of the Fraternal Orders of La Grande, Oregon

- A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons. L. M. HOYT, W. M. A. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.
- B. P. O. E.—La Grande Lodge No. 433 meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Elk's club, corner of Depot street and Washington avenue. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend. H. J. RITTER, Ex. R. H. E. COOLIDGE, Rec. Sec.
- WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—La Grande Lodge No. 169 W. O. W. meets every second and fourth Saturdays at K. P. hall. All visiting members welcome. D. FITZGERALD, C. C. J. H. KEENEY, Clerk.
- M. W. A.—La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets every Monday in the month at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting neighbors are cordially invited to attend. E. E. DANIELS, ED. HEATH, Clerk.
- REBEKAHS—Crystal Lodge No. 56 meets every Tuesday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are invited to attend. MRS. KATIE ARBUCKLE, N. G. MISS ANNA ALEXANDER, Sec.
- KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Red Cross Lodge No. 27 meets every Monday night in Castle hall, (old Elk's hall.) A Pythian welcome to all visiting Knights. JESS PAUL, C. C. R. L. LINCOLN, M. of R. & S.
- O. E. S.—Hope Chapter No. 12, O. E. S. holds stated communications the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invited. CARRIE B. HUNTER, W. M. MARY A. WARNICK, Sec.
- WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT—Grande Ronde Circle No. 47 meets first and third Thursday evenings in the month at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are invited. CARRIE ROBBES, G. M. LIZZIE ELLSWORTH, Sec.