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THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES.

"Oh, we had such a fine time. There was not a dull moment on the trip, and everything was carefully arranged to insure our comfort and happiness."

These were the words of the Evening Observer's contest girls who returned to La Grande last night from several days' stay at the Rose Show and trips to Seaside and other important coast points.

The young ladies left Hot Lake a week ago Monday night and according to their statements, have had nothing but fun and a general good time ever since.

This newspaper is very proud of its girls. No better can be found in all the world. They are ladies in every sense of the term and during their [illegible] reflected credit and dignity on the womanhood of Eastern Oregon.

But they have seen the big Rose Show; have seen Portland at her best, visited the famous Gearhart by the sea, where they were royally entertained and now return to their different homes with broader views and better knowledge of their home state and what it contains.

It might not be out of place for the writer to here inject a pet idea of his own regarding all young people. We have always contended that one of the greatest things possible to do for the young folks would be to prepare excursion parties so that the young might see and understand more of their country. If it were in our power we would make it a part of the public school system to run an annual excursion taking the pupils to localities of interest, where, with a good guide, they would be told the country's history and the history of each individual locality. Impressions thus gained are lasting and never can be obliterated, whereas the mere reading of history and events fails to create the lasting impression.

We feel that the contest just closed has resulted in great good to all who took part in it. Those who preferred music were given that choice, and those who took the trips have returned safe and sound without accident and full of new ideas and thoughts that will be with them forever.

The Evening Observer welcomes the girls. We are glad you took the trip; we are glad to have you back, and in the future we want each of the young ladies to feel that the Observer is her personal friend under any and all circumstances, for such is a fact.

BRINGING THE MATTER HOME.

The George Palmer Lumber company has adopted a little slogan which is used on checks paid out by that concern, which strikes the Evening Observer as being the proper thing.

In colored ink this is printed on every check, "You get this money because Oregon has timber. Promote forest protection and share the gain."

The first sentence is a sermon within itself, calling to mind the stern fact that if Oregon did not have timber there would be no Palmer mill in La Grande, there would be no Grande Ronde Lumber company mill at Perry and there would be none of the 60 smaller mills in the county. Without this resource the circulating medium of this county would be impaired seriously. La Grande would without the lumber manufactories' pay rolls, feel deeply the deficit.

After settling this point in your mind, and it must be settled the way we have put it if sane judgment is used, then the important feature to all lumbering concerns is presented—"Promote forest protection and share the gain." This is a thing that should follow without mention, but in order to have every citizen a protector of the forests it is well to repeat often the slogan used on the George Palmer Lumber company's checks.

In other words we have the greatest resource known as a money producer, then take care of it.

The crop situation in both Union and Wallowa counties was never better. To all appearance there is bound to be an enormous yield with everything favorable for a good price for products, as the middle states crops are very uncertain and in fact, almost hopeless. With such an outlook before us, is it not reasonable to expect a remarkable business year? As the American Lumberman says, "this talk about general depression means little if men are loyal to their respective localities." Union and Wallowa counties should never know or care what Wall street is doing if a combined effort were made to keep the money at home, and people would give up the fancy of chasing foreign investments.

Baker had a hail storm the other night of some consequence, while the Grande Ronde valley was content to take hers in thunder and lightning. The latter does not injure the fruit.

With three steam rollers at work on La Grande's streets improvements come as quicly as the "ham and" over the short order lunch counter.

Another season of baseball like the present one and Eastern regon will develop some real professional fans.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

June 14.

1662—Sir Harry Vane, who had been governor of Massachusetts colony, beheaded in London for high treason.

1665—British rule began in New York City.

1748—Henry Allen, founder of the "Allenites" born. Died Feb. 2, 1784.

1777—American congress adopted the flag of Stars and Stripes.

1800—Battle of Marengo, in which Napoleon defeated the Austrians and became master of Italy.

1807—French under Napoleon defeated the allied Prussians and Russians at Friedland.

1811—Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of Uncle Tom's Cabin, born in Litchfield, Conn. Died in Hartford, July 11, 1896.

1854—The Merrimac, of civil war fame, launched at the Charleston navy yard.

1863—Confederate army under Gen. Lee began its invasion of Maryland and Pennsylvania.

1908—Earl of Derby, who as Lord Stanley, was governor-general of Canada in 1888-93, died in London. Born Jan. 15, 1841.

"THIS IS MY 40TH BIRTHDAY."

Simon J. McLean.

Simon J. McLean, a noted expert on the economics of transportation, was born in Quebec, June 14, 1841, and received his education principally at the university of Toronto and the university of Chicago. For five years, from 1897 to 1902, he was professor of economics at the university of Arkansas, which position he resigned to become head of the department of economics and social science at Leland Stanford university. Dr. McLean acted as special agent of the United States census bureau and the interstate commerce commission in charge of the valuation of the Pacific coast railways. He also conducted the investigation of railway rate grievances in Canada, the report of which led to the organization of the Canadian board of railway commissioners, of which he has been a member since 1908.

A Great Relief.

"Gee, ain't it a great relief when you've been suffering from a toothache to summon up your courage and go to a dentist and have it over with?"

"I guess so. Did the dentist relieve you?"

"You bet! He wasn't in!"—Toledo Blade.

Too Low Down.

"Why don't you name your mule, Uncle Jackson?"

"Ain't no name ornery 'nough to fit dis mewl, suh."—Buffalo Express.

Dangerous Moonlight.

Moonlight most intense sometimes causes sore eyes in Cuba, and the natives navigate and perambulate with umbrella and paraluna.

FEES FOR ITS FLASHES.

San Salvador Uses a Live Volcano as a Lighthouse.

The republic of San Salvador is the only government on earth that collects lighthouse fees on account of a volcano that it owns and without the slightest cost of upkeep.

The volcanic beacon is about eight miles inland from the port of Acajutla, and its pillar of cloud by day and its fire sky by night are visible for many miles out at sea. It bursts forth every seven minutes and is just as accurate as any revolving light that warns mariners of danger in any part of the world

This volcano has been keeping up this seven minute series of eruptions even since any one can remember. It is a favorite amusement of visitors to sit by the hour during the lazy afternoons and, watch in hand, to time the eruptions till they tire of the occupation and fall asleep. No one has ever caught the volcano napping, however

Every vessel that puts in at Acajutla has to pay its lighthouse fee. There is no other lighthouse than the volcano, but that is a sufficient excuse for the government of Salvador to make a charge for its services. The explosions that accompany the eruptions sound like detonations of heavy charge of dynamite, but fortunately they are not sufficient to shake the ground perceptibly more than about a mile or two from the summit of the crater.—Pearson's Weekly.

The Fountain at the Corner.

Beranger is best known for his bacchanalian songs. One night he was at supper with Dumas the elder. The younger Dumas, who was present, was passing through his college course and at that period was exhibiting those characteristics which unfortunately developed in later life. Noticing that Beranger had drunk only water, he somewhat indiscreetly asked, "Where do you obtain, M. Beranger, all the wine which we find in your songs?"

The poet's reply was, "From the fountain at the corner, my boy, and you would do well to make that the source of your inspiration."

A Cheerful Liar.

One time the late ameer of Afghanistan asked the English diplomatic agent at his court to give a description amid a circle of Afghan boys of the largest gun in England. The Englishman described the 100 ton gun, and when he had finished the ameer observed to his admiring subjects, "I have seen a gun the cartridge of which was as large as the gun which has just been described to you." It would never do for an ameer to be astonished, much less to confess himself beaten.