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ARE CONDITIONS CHANGING?

Just at present in and about La Grande there is more or less alarm among the old-timers who came here in the early days and who have been reasonably safe weather prophets for the last quarter century.

Electrical storms, unheard of in this section until a few years ago, have become so numerous this year that the

old fellows are looking around for the cause. They assert that something has gone wrong, a cog has become loosened, or some similar thing has happened. It is the subject of earnest argument among the "boys" who crossed the plains in the sixties and settled the Grande Ronde valley. Some lay it to increased cultivation of the soil, but this is denied for has not this valley been under the plow for many, many moons? Others say it is the influx of Yankies who have not only brought their pennies and nickel ideas but have also brought their kind of weather to this valley.

And those who like to joke assure one that the thunder storms never would have visited this community had not La Grande broken loose from her village ways and paved a number of city blocks.

Be the cause what it may, it is a fact that a number of people view with alarm this encroachment of electrical storms and humid atmosphere. They say if things keep on going this way it will not be long until hot nights

will prevail and then the wheat fields and orchards will be turned into corn fields and there you are—all the same as the middle west.

But why worry over weather conditions? Humanity fits itself to its surroundings. If you lived in the Gulf coast country of Texas you would wear your mosquito bar headgear and say it was the greatest country in the world. If you lived in Minnesota you would shiver with the cold in winter and suffer from heat in summer, all the time assuring the stranger there was not such another glorious state in the union.

The time will never come when weather conditions in the Grande Ronde valley will be the cause for alarm. So cheer up, and figure how much more profit you are going to make this year than you did last.

RETURN OF THE CARAVAN.

To have seen the expression on the expression on the face of Joe Wood and his party of chivalrous companions last evening as the coach and four pulled into La Grande from the Grande Ronde lakes, was but to understand that a wilderness had been invaded, that deer had been startled at the sound of the rifle or the popping of a soda bottle cork; that trout in the lakes had been given a surprise and that several business men of La Grande had for a number of days breathed the fresh ozone of the mountains and partaken of "health-giving food prepared by their own hands.

Every member of the party carried that satisfied look which rugged nature alone can implant upon the brow of humanity. Every member had concealed in a corner of mind a good story to tell on the party; perhaps, a true one, perhaps, only imaginary.

Rusticating in the mountains is one of the finest things known to the human race. It takes away the crust formed by continued business activity, breaks down the little animosities held for fellow men. If such exist, brightens the pathway and removes what some call age.

HAY CROP GOOD.

The hay crop promises to surpass that of 1910, both in quantity and qual-

ity. Latest reports from various points in Eastern Oregon indicate an exceptionally good growth of both timothy and alfalfa, and in some localities the cutting of the first crop of alfalfa is already under way says the Portland Telegram. In the Willamette valley generally the outlook is for a full crop of timothy, clover and rain hay.

As yet opening values on the new crop are a matter of some uncertainty, and will not be definitely established until the movement of the product starts. On the present crop showing dealers look for slightly lower than present prices on timothy and grain hay, while the belief prevails that alfalfa will hold at or near the prices now prevailing. New alfalfa will be in the market to some extent in the near future.

The week opened with a slightly easier feeling in the wheat market, with values about a cent under those quoted at the close of last week. Holders in the country still maintain a bullish attitude, on the strength of the general meagerness of the supply, but buyers today seemed to be a little less willing to take hold at the high prices recently quoted. Outside of the requirements of coast millers there is no demand, and the wants of millmen are limited.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

June 21.

- 1623—United Netherland company organized.
- 1675—First stone laid for St. Paul's cathedral in London.
- 1681—William Penn arrived in New York.
- 1749—The city of Halifax was founded by Lord Halifax.
- 1813—Lord Wellington defeated King Joseph of Spain at Vittoria.
- 1854—Old Watch abolished and police force established in Boston.
- 1856—Henry Guy Carlton, noted playwright, born in Fort Union, N. M. Died in Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 10, 1910.
- 1867—The republic re-established in Mexico, with Juarez as provisional president.
- 1898—American force took possession of the Ladrone islands.

"THIS IS MY 59TH BIRTHDAY."
A. H. F. Lefroy.

A. H. F. Lefroy, professor of Roman

law and jurisprudence in the University of Toronto, was born in Toronto, June 21, 1852, the son of the late General Sir J. H. Lefroy, and a grandson of the late Sir John Beverley Robinson who was chief justice of upper Canada. Professor Lefroy was educated in England, graduating with high honors at Oxford in 1873. He was called to the English bar in 1877, but the following year returned to Canada and began the practice of his profession in Toronto, where he soon attained prominence as a barrister and solicitor. He has been a member of the faculty of the University of Toronto since 1900. In 1898 he published a notable work on legislative power in Canada and he has also written numerous articles for law journals and other publications.

IMBLER TAXPAYERS VOTE.

Heavy Voting for Election of New School Directors at Imbler. Imbler, June 21.—(Special)—A large vote was polled here Monday at the

annual election of officers for the Imbler school district, suddenly becoming very important because of the contemplated construction of a new high school building.

H. McGoldrick retires as chairman of the directors and J. A. Johnson was elected in his stead by a big majority. John Mills is the retiring school clerk and Will Westonsnow takes his place. Jeff Gaskill and I. A. Bingaman are the holdover directors.

There has developed some opposition to the new high school proposed for this place, but it is not believed to be assuming very extensive proportions.

A convention of the International Boot and Shoe workers' union will be held in St. Paul this month.

Arcade THEATRE

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Aida Edison
Drama. Staging, acting and costuming are very fine.

Romance of a Valet... Gaumont
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Lucia's Broken Romance... Pathe
Drama. An excellent photograph.

Old Folks..... Gaumont
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