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"STUNG AGAIN."

This is the expression of a man on the train this morning who was on his way home from the Jovita Heights real estate exhibition at Seattle. He said the Jovita Heights proposition was a gigantic swindle in which a few men grabbed a couple of hundred thousand dollars from the wage-earners who imagine the pastures are green far away and seek investments away from their home community.

The editor of the Observer never saw Jovita Heights but from the manner in which the deal was handled we were suspicious. And, too, if it had

been such a money maker for the small investors we never could understand why heavy commissions were paid to agents to come into the mountains and sell the property. The cities are the money centers and if there are such handsome profits to be derived there is always plenty of money nearby to invest in them.

Keep this in mind, for future reference. Whenever an agent tells you of the sure thing he is offering—the money you are sure to make on an investment, call his attention to the bank deposits in the cities and the money lying idle waiting for snags.

The real estate game in the northwest has been handled by many in an unscrupulous swindling manner. Realizing that people had grown tired of the three shell game, the wireless graft, and many others that were so flagrantly raw that anyone could see through them the easy-money sharks hit upon land as the theme of their swindling brains. They have succeeded in a remarkable way.

Ask any reliable banker in Portland how much money is being made by the members of syndicates who float additions to the city and you will be astonished at the statement. Who is paying those profits?

Why, the boys in La Grande, Baker, Ashland, Walla Walla and other places who buy town lots from blue prints and photographs. There is the greatest chance in the world for the post-office authorities to grab the real estate shark in the northwest for many of them make their money on misrepresentation and upon fraud.

If Jovita Heights is as stated by this man who was on his way home, an army of small investors have been faked and ruthlessly swindled right here on the coast. It is a burning outrage, but it may teach us all a lesson that home investments where we can watch them and take care of them are the only ones that count, after all.

Moneyed men from Boise have been in La Grande the last few days looking at some of the good things. How does this sound? Men from Boise—one of the best towns in the west—coming to La Grande. It looks as though some of the home money that has been going abroad could take a lesson from the Boise men who have one of the best communities in the northwest at their very door, yet come into the Grande Ronde valley for better investments.

Here's to King George, and may he live long and prosper.

NOTES OF SCIENCE.

If placed end to end the cards used to record the recent census of the United States would make a line more than 12,000 miles long.

The United Kingdom launched 1,143,169 tons of new merchant shipping last year. Germany 159,306 tons and the United States 331,318 tons.

The United States exported 2,475,957 barrels of cement last year as compared with 1,417,534 barrels in 1909 and 846,785 barrels in 1908.

A pneumatic couch has been invented for the comfort and convenience of motorists who must lie on

their backs beneath cars to make repairs.

The population of the Russian empire has increased 33,000,000 in the last 13 years, or 3,000,000 more than the United States grew in the last 20.

A new town near Galveston, Texas, is to be built entirely of concrete houses, molded on the spot by the use of steel forms, constructed in sections.

Tests in Dublin have shown that the wind will carry disease bacteria 200 feet and as high as 60 feet into the air, even when there is a heavy rainfall.

A simple truck, supported by a wide roller, instead of small wheels, with which one man can pick up and move a piano, is the invention of a Wisconsin man.

The Russian government has contracted for a kerosene engine propelled boat for the transportation of the cholera patients from infected districts to hospitals.

The navy department has erected a wireless telegraph station at Fort Myer, Va., powerful enough to communicate with warship 2,000 miles from the nation's capital.

By subsidizing companies that will bore for it, the Italian government is fostering a search for the petroleum deposits that are believed to exist in that country.

A wave-power motor that a Californian recently patented utilizes the horizontal motion of the water instead of the vertical, as usually is the case in such machines.

Russia has 57,612 miles of navigable inland waterways. Germany 11,293. France 7,862. Austria-Hungary about 4,000. England 3,906. Holland 3,250. Sweden 3,187 and Belgium 1,440.

Recent experiments have indicated that the muddy taste in some fish, attributed to the water in which they live, in reality is due to certain aquatic plants which they eat.

A novelty in the way of room heaters that comes from France is an electric carpet, fine wires woven through death rate.

its texture carrying the heating current and distributing it evenly.

In the interest of a "sane" Fourth of July a Chicagoan has invented an instrument to produce noise by bursting paper between the mouth of a rubber bulb and perforated handle.

A big California electric power company with several plants maintains a wireless telegraph equipment at each to supplement telephones or to supplement them altogether in case they fail.

The French government has hedged the practice of dentistry about with rigid regulations which hereafter will make it much more difficult for American dentists to succeed in that country.

To facilitate the return of lost keys an Indiana man has patented a key ring tag bearing the owner's name and address and a postage stamp, protected by an easily removed celluloid disk.

Operated by a small motor driven by a dry battery is a machine invented in Germany to resuscitate persons overcome by gases which automatically pumps out the lungs and fills them with oxygen.

The mouse problem seems to have been solved by the invention of a trap containing two copper plates, which, when connected with a lighting circuit, electrocutes a rodent as soon as it enters.

Radium now costs \$900,000 less an ounce than it did a year ago, the latest quotation from London being \$2,100,000 while radium banks are loaning it to physicians at \$200 a hundred milligrammes.

To keep an electric wire away from a tree limb there has been invented a glass insulator which can be applied without cutting the wire and which permits the limb to move without straining the wire.

A recent census gave Prussia 32 cities of more than 100,000 inhabitants each and 61 of more than 50,000 residents, every city showing a birth rate for the past five years in excess of its

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