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ENCOURAGE EVERY GATHERING.

It is the policy of this paper, as all readers know, to encourage everything that will legitimately and honestly bring people to this city even for one day. The idea is to keep something doing of interest and La Grande will have it. If there is a celebration due let La Grande hold it; if a county fair, let La Grande get in and urge it to completion, for that is what makes a live city.

This season's slate is very well made. We start with a grand old 4th of July celebration, followed ten days with a Chautauqua gathering which

produces some of the best talent in the world for our people. An aviation meet is also slated, if the guarantee is raised today, and then will come the county fair, which is to be a fair of the highest order and best attainments.

Honesty of purpose has marked every event. La Grande is not advertising anything she will not have. If the aviation meet goes through it means every admission will be refunded at the gate provided there is no flight, thus giving no chance for swindling the people. The Commercial Club will be behind this venture, and every purchaser of a ticket can rest in the full assurance that the honor of that body is at stake and no money will be kept unless Mr. Walsh actually flies. That he will there is no doubt, for if the first day is stormy he will fly on the second and stay over a third day to make good.

The airship is something new and it will be worth coming miles to see a man flying around the city as he will do. Under no consideration will there be any chance for a swindle. This is impressed upon the mind because of the number of fakes that have been pulled off in Eastern Oregon regarding airships.

The Four of July celebration is now arranged. It will be pulled off according to schedule and there will be nothing but a square deal all the way through. As for the chautauqua there is little need of assuring the people that it will be as advertised, for all talent is under contract and will appear. And right here it is well to state that the chautauqua board has contracted the best that is obtainable. No chautauqua in the west will have more elaborate entertainment, and it will be worth coming a long ways to hear.

Governor West has seen fit to leave the state house and join in a hunt for criminals who escaped from the penitentiary. There are many ways to accomplish things, and too, perhaps the governor felt rather conscious stricken because of his free use of the parole of late.

Criminals of the worst type are developing in the west, but probably the meanest of them all is the real estate shark who works the confidence game on the public. If there is no statute to punish such men let a special dispensation be granted and one enacted for immediate use.

North Powder reports a heavy straw berry crop this year and people there are scouring the country for pickers. North Powder cans ice in the winter and strawberries in the summer.

PARK HAS FRIENDS.

Editor Observer: I see in your paper that La Grande is to have a celebration in the city. I would like to know why you do not hold the celebration in your park. You have a beautiful park with grand old trees, plenty of shade, green grass and city water and the added beauty of cool, running stream winding dreamily along the bank. Would not this be better than the hot blistering pavement and narrow cement walks with the hot, sweltering sun beating down on the heads of the unlucky crowd. In our sister town of Pendleton the business men would not agree to have a celebration in the city but unani-

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Roberts—Piano.

Greenaway—Drums.

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mously voted to have it at their park which is about the same distance from town as your Riverside park is. Which plan is the most sensible?
Yours truly,
A FARMER'S WIFE.

The Shakespearean Sonnets.

There are many excellent reasons for thinking that Shakespeare did not write all of the sonnets that have come down to us associated with his name. It is a fact that he never published them, never claimed their authorship, never acknowledged them, and never, so far as can be ascertained, gave his consent or authority to have them published in his name. Some of the sonnets imply in their author certain physical defects, pecuniary embarrassments and other things which could not have applied to Shakespeare, but which might very well have fitted Marlowe, or William Herbert, or Henry Wriothestley, or any one of a half dozen other young men in Shakespeare's circle. It is as good as settled that several, if not many, of the sonnets were written by other hands than those of the author of "Hamlet" and "King Lear," though, of course, the task of naming the real authors is an impossible one.—New York American

Smoky Achill.

One of the smokiest places on earth is undoubtedly Achill, off the coast of Mayo, Ireland. A smoky atmosphere is not an unknown thing in any Irish cabin, but in Achill the greater the smoke the higher the satisfaction of the natives, for there smoke means potatoes, and potatoes mean food. It is to one of the methods of procuring soot that the island owes the smoky condition of his cabin. Soot he must have or the potatoes will not grow. In the tilled fields he erects little huts, called "scrawhagues," formed by "scraws," or sods, of heather from the mountains. Within these huts he keeps a fire of peat burning for six weeks or two months, at the end of which period the scraws are, from their continual impregnation with smoke, transformed into soot. Turf or peat is abundant on the island, and the large fires cost nothing.—Harper's Weekly.

A Paradise For "Old Women."

Talk of growing old at sixty and one results a society in which to acquire age was to acquire recognition and social happiness. Lady Mary Montagu discovered this haven for the elderly among the Chinese nobility of the early eighteenth century. "I can assure you," she wrote home to Lady Rich in 1716, "that wrinkles or a small stoop in the shoulders—my gray hair itself—is no objection to making new conquests. * * * A woman till five and thirty is only looked upon as a raw girl and can possibly make no noise in the world till about forty. I don't know what your ladyship may think about the matter, but 'tis a considerable comfort to me to know there is upon earth such a paradise for old women, and I am content to be in significant at present in the design of returning when I am fit to appear no where else."

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