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LA GRANDE'S VISITORS.

As predicted people came from far and near to enjoy themselves in La Grande yesterday, and they did enjoy themselves. They listened to one of the leading men of the nation, Gov. Hanly, and all agreed that in the city's history there never had been such a prominent character here on July 4th. There were three bands of music to make the day pleasant; there were various kinds of amusements, including races, contests and burlesque events. Ball games for those who enjoyed them, two dances for the young, rest tents, open lawns and a spirit of

hospitality that caused many out-of-town people to notice and brought forth many complimentary remarks.

Was everyone satisfied? No. La Grande finds that no matter what she does it can be depended upon that some of the home people will always be disgruntled. Usually they belong to the class that never attend a public meeting and refuse to work on committees, choosing to let "George do it," and then complain.

Fortunately, however, the percentage is very small while the other side of the question always has a tremendous number ready to work and donate that those who come may have as good a time as is possible. And that is just what happened yesterday. La Grande gave the people a good Fourth of July celebration. Those from a distance say so, and it is they this city was trying to please.

APPRECIATE YOUR CLIMATE

Each day the dispatches tell of deaths following extreme heat in the east; each day brings news of poor crops in the middle states and a poor business outlook for that section.

How about your home country? Do you appreciate this remarkable weather; the cool nights, the soft breeze throughout the day—the magnificent crop prospects?

Do you feel down deep in your heart a sincere thankfulness for being permitted to live in this excellent section of the world where real hard times are never known? Where nature brings each an offering that is hard to beat and where anyone who will work may prosper according to his labors.

But the present heat wave in the east impresses one with the special privilege of living in Eastern Oregon and if you have not thought it over do so at once and close by resolving a resolution of thanks to the Higher Power.

THE LESSON TAUGHT.

Rejection of the Continental congress last evening at the Chautauqua grounds was worth while, and it may be worth while to have it repeated annually for the lesson it teaches. Doubtless many grown people—older heads—had never until last night heard or read the speeches of the old patriot? It was refreshing to hear the patriotic utterances, instructive to note the good English that was used even in those early days, and patriotic in the extreme, causing a tingle of patriotism to pass over the entire audience.

Then, too, there were the prophecies of what would happen in the future—of wealth's predominance, of trusts and combines and financial troubles. There was also exhibited in those speeches a telling fact of human instinct and nature, of selfishness of man, of the lack of loyalty when individual gain is anticipated.

Not a sentence uttered in the entire program was without intense and sincere meaning and the whole community, especially every child of school age, should have heard it.

With this kind of a start the Chautauqua assembly has already proven what may be expected of the remainder of the program. There is not a number advertised which will not be of benefit to all to hear. But no matter what is displayed, no matter how cost-

ly a certain number may be, there will be none which will give more satisfaction to the loyal American than the Continental congress of last evening.

DUST THE WORKMAN'S FOE.

Science with her wizard appliances has done marvelous things for mankind in the matter of protection against disease. She has searched out the causes of the scourges that formerly played havoc with the human race. Smallpox, diphtheria, cholera and typhoid fever have been hunted down and made to reveal their death-dealing secrets. We have learned to be cautious as regards the character of our drinking water. We know the danger of the malaria-carrying mosquito. We appreciate the insidious menace of the common house-fly. We understand the importance of enforcing pure-food laws. Nevertheless, there is one broad avenue along which disease and death march arm in arm, right into the very heart of the citadel of life: It is the highway that leads from the Kingdom of Dust. The myriads of dust motes are the real executioners of mankind, especially in those occupations where the formation of dust is a necessary concomitant.

An average man breathes about 21 cubic feet of air per hour. Under the very best conditions possible, the air he breathes is never entirely free of dust. Under ordinary conditions, the average business man in his comparatively sanitary office breathes in thousands of dust particles every hour. The workman who earns his livelihood in shop, factory or mine, has his proportion of motes enormously increased, owing to the nature of his work; unfortunately, also, the character of this particles is too often changed from the innocuous kind to the death-dealing splinters due to certain occupations.

An artisan working with keen-edged tools must exercise extreme care in order to prevent harm to himself. If he is surrounded by circular saws revolving at lightning speed, or with vats of corrosive acids, or furnaces of molten steel, these perils are at least in open view, and may be guarded against. It is different, however, with the dangers lurking in dust. They are invisible, but none the less deadly. In a steel-grinding factory the air is charged with flying, jagged splinters of steel, infinitely sharper and dangerous than the razor-edged tools to which he is accustomed. Every breath sends bits of metal, keener right into the midst of his delicate than the far-famed Damascus blades, lung tissue.—From the "Kingdom of Dust," by J. Gordon Ogden in the July Popular Mechanics Magazine.

"THIS IS MY 51ST BIRTHDAY."

Benjamin F. Bush.

Benjamin F. Bush, president of the Missouri Pacific railroad system, was born at Wellsboro, Pa., July 5, 1860. After studying surveying in the state normal school at Mansfield, Pa., he went west and, at the age of 22, began his career with the Northern Pacific as a roadman. Within three years he was made locating and division engineer. In 1887 he became division engineer in Idaho and Oregon for the Union Pacific. Two years later he left that road to become chief engineer of the Oregon Improvement company, which owned extensive coal lands on the Pacific coast. He remained with the company seven years and then became general manager of the Northwestern Improvement company which held the coal properties of the Northern Pacific railroad. In 1903 Mr. Bush took charge of the Gould properties in the west and southwest and four years later he went to Baltimore as president of the Western Maryland, one of the Gould railroads. In a few years he succeeded in extricating the Western Maryland from its financial difficulties and continued to direct its affairs until his election some months ago to the presidency of the Missouri Pacific system.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

July 5.

1607—Hudson started upon an exploration of the coast of Greenland.

1758—Fifteen thousand New England troops embarked upon Lake Champlain for Canada.

1777—Americans abandoned Fort Mifflin.

1807—Admiral David G. Farragut was born near Knoxville, Tenn. Died at Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 14, 1870.

NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. Notice is hereby given that pursuant

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of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 17th day of August, 1910, creating improvement district No. 25, and designating Chestnut street, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 7th day of June, 1911, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Chestnut street, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by constructing cement walks 12 feet wide on both sides of the street, the council will, ten day after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefitted by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:

All that portion of Chestnut street, from the north line of alley between Adams and Jefferson avenue, to the south line of Jefferson avenue.

(*) And the property affected or benefitted by said improvement is as follows: Lot 13, block 115, Chaplin's addition and Lot 1, block 114, Chaplin's addition, all in La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected or benefitted by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$412.33. That the council will, on the 19th day of July, 1911, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock, p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, June 28th, 1911.
CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.

By C. M. HUMPHREYS,
Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

June 29-1911

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