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THE MAN WHO WILL STAY.

It has been proven beyond question that the man who will stay in a new country is the man who comes here intent upon following about the same occupation for a livelihood that he followed in the country from whence he came.

The point in question is the disposition on the part of many to offer a new occupation to the homeseeker. He may grasp at the proposition but statistics show he does not stay with the new occupation and he very often becomes a dissatisfied citizen.

It is then very important for the Grande Ronde valley in issuing its literature to be sure and cover that which exists here the most extensive, namely, the diversified farming. For this is the ideal spot for the middle west farmer who expects to farm much the same way as he farmed in the section.

There is no particular need of attempting to hold this valley up as an exclusive crop region for such is not the case. This is the logical place for the actual farmer who knows how to farm and who is unafraid of work.

A WORD ABOUT PAVING COST.

It may be a trifle late to bring the subject of paving assessments, for the paving in La Grande is nearly all done for several years to come. Little of it has been paid for, however, and now that each citizen affected is getting his statement he begins to figure out the cost and see wherein there has been a gross injustice to every property owner who had property

abutting on a paved street. That injustice is in the matter of intersections. The entire city should pay for these intersections. It is but right and fair. The entire community uses the highways and the least that could be done would have been to let the entire city pay for the intersections which really belong to no particular piece of real estate but are owned in fact by the city as a whole.

The people bearing the paving expense would appreciate it very much if they were relieved from individual by paying for the intersections and the city in paying for them would be only doing what is absolutely right and just.

SHALL WE ENTER THE LAND SHOWS?

At present the best place for a community to get advertising that is beneficial is at the different land shows being held. Chicago has a large one in October, Omaha has one later and Pittsburg, Pa., has one in the winter. Each of these is the center for hundreds of thousands of people who will see and examine any exhibit that is placed there.

Anyone who has seen a land show always praises it and agrees that it is the greatest show window possible for a community to place its wares. And that is all there is to this community advertising—getting the most people to understand what is raised in your locality.

The way of doing this at the least expense has long been a serious question and it would seem that the land show has solved it in the best manner yet known.

THE STATE TAX COMMISSION.

The Oregon Tax Commission is now in session and it has a big job before it. No question is so important today as equitable taxation. This country has never had it and probably never will.

If the present commission can evolve some plan that will cause all property to be listed, that will make money come from its hiding place, that will insist on correct valuations being placed upon property then it will have done a great kindness to Oregon as a whole.

THIS IS MY 68TH BIRTHDAY.

Col. James Mason. Colonel James Mason, well known as a military man and financier, was born in Toronto, August 25, 1843. Af-

ter leaving school he entered the service of a Toronto bank, of which he later became general manager and a director. As a young man he was actively interested in military affairs and served for three years in the Queen's Own Rifles during the Fenian Raid troubles. During the Northwest rebellion of 1885, Col. Mason was in command of a service company, which was the first company to cross the Saskatchewan at the Fish Creek fight. After crossing the stream he volunteered to rush with his company the final position held by the rebels, but General Middleton, the commanding officer, refused to allow the charge by the company.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- August 25.
1758—Prussians defeated the Russians at battle of Zorndorff.
1776—David Hume, Scotch historian, died. Born April 26, 1731.
1818—Bank of Canada commenced operation in Montreal.
1824—Reception in honor of the Marquis Lafayette in Boston.
1830—Revolution which resulted in the independence of Belgium commenced in Brussels.
1835—The Baltimore and Washington railroad was opened.
1867—Michael Faraday, celebrated English scientist, died. Born Sept. 22, 1791.
1910—The Asiatic cholera, spreading from Italy, appeared in Vienna.

Battleship Utah Complete

Philadelphia, Pa., AUG. 25.—The giant battleship Utah will be turned over to the government at the League Island Navy Yard tomorrow by her builders, the New York Shipbuilding Company, of Camden. The Utah and her sister ship, the Florida, now nearing completion at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, at the latest and mightiest fighting units in the United States navy and one or the other will supersede the Connecticut as the flagship of the Atlantic fleet.

The Utah was built and equipped in record time and when turned over to the government tomorrow will have taken only a little over 18 months to be made ready for active service. It is expected a speed of 22 knots will be made by the vessel, propelled by the enormous turbine engines of the Parsons type. She is the first of the large battleships to use these turbines.

When completely manned the Utah will carry 1,000 officers and men, and will have the largest steaming radius of any vessel at present in commission because of the unique feature of the oiltanks constructed along the bottom of the ship, which will carry a large quantity of fuel oil to be used under the specially arranged boilers.

The Saving Clause.

Little Girl—Mamma, if I should die and go to heaven would I have wings?
"Yes, my pet, and a crown and a harp."
"And candy?"
"No, my dear; no candy."
"Well, then, I'm glad we've got a good doctor."—Ram's Horn.

The Modern Farmer.

This farmer direct we see
In print is mostly hoax.
A cultivated man is he.
He never says "E'gosh!"
—Washington Herald.
He never chews a piece of hay.
He is no "rubberneck."
The English that he speaks is pure
He never says "By heck!"
—Allentown Democrat.
And when a gold brick you would sell
Before his money's blown
He says, "I'm from Missouri, son;
I really must be shown."
—Yonkers Statesman.
He always pays his bills with cash.
He never beats his wife.
He doesn't feed his boarders hash
Or with neighbors live in strife.
—Judge.
His trousers don't bag at the knees.
He lives a happy life
And never tries when eating peas
To lift them on his knife.
—Chicago Record-Herald.

WHY IT SUCCEEDS.

Because It's for One Thing Only, and La Grande People Appreciate This.
Nothing can be good for everything.



FIRST AUTUMN DISPLAY OF AUTHORITATIVE NEW YORK STYLES IN BENJAMIN CLOTHES

FABRICS AND FASHIONS OF UNUSUAL IMPORTANCE TO CRITICAL DRESSERS
We have but recently received the last of our shipments of Benjamin Clothes, those unique made in New York Garments for Men and Young Men, and we take pleasure in announcing the first Autumn display

These clothes reach the topmost notch in quality and distinctiveness. They combine the tailoring and smartness ordinarily found only in custom tailor garments.

Your early inspection of these cleverly made New York garments is respectfully suggested.

\$20.00 and upward.
ALSO EXCLUSIVE AGENTS FOR
Society Brand Young Men's Clothing, Sincerity Suits and Eiderheimer Stein & Company's Boys' and Young Men's Suits.

N. K. WEST, The Quality Store

A Strong Modern Bank

Efficiently conducted, not only in the interests of its stock holders, but of its depositors and patrons as well;
With officials well known and trusted in the community.
With capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$210,000.00 and total resources of \$1,000,000.00.

The La Grande National Bank offers to firms, corporations and individuals the best banking service, and its officers ask a personal interview with those contemplating changing accounts or opening new ones.

La Grande National Bank

LA GRANDE, OREGON.
CAPITAL \$ 100,000.00
SURPLUS 105,000.00
RESOURCES 1,000,000.00

Fred J. Holmes, Pres. W. J. Church, Vice Pres.
F. L. Meyers, Cashier Earl Zundel, Ass't. Cashier

Doing one thing will bring success.
Doan's Kidney Pills do one thing only.
They help sick kidneys.
They relieve backache, kidney and bladder trouble.
Here is reliable evidence to prove it.
C. E. Fosterling, 1725 B St., Baker

City, Oregon, says: "I gave a statement for publication in 1895, endorsing Doan's Kidney Pills after they had effected a complete cure in my case. I can only state now that the cure has proven permanent. When I first used Doan's Kidney Pills, I suffered severely from pains through my back. There was also soreness through my loins and kidneys and in stooping the misery was intense. I

finally procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and they rid me of the trouble. I have not had a recurrence since then and always speak a good word in their praise whenever I have the opportunity."
For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.
Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Mint Marshmallows in 10c tins
Barallona Filberts A Cream Nut
Fillippi Almonds
Toasted Rolls Peanut Butter Flavor

THEY ARE DELICIOUS AT SELDER'S