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THE PAIR SPASON.

The time for holding fairs has come and nearly every county in the hil ition of its products, Many of these you than La Grande, go there, counties will also hold race meetings at the same time in order to attract the people to the grounds to see the products of the soil.

The officers of most fair associations are strongly in favor of holding races at the same time as the fair, as they claim that the people will not 1728-Gen. John Stark, a distinguishturn out merely to see the grains, cattle, horses and other things raised on the farms. Most people enjoy a little excitement and the races give them the pleasure they crave.

But the real object of the fair should not be forgotten and the farm products should be given their full share of attention.

The finest grains, bay, horses, cattle and all products of the farm, as well as all the manufactures of the county, should be displayed at the county fair. This county has the opportunity to achieve much publicity by having the finest fair in Eastern Oregon. The products are here and the only thing necessary to do is to 1864-A trial trip of the railroad posthave them brought to La Grande at the proper time. Many of the exhibits could be used for displays at land 1868-Francis Granger, postmaster shows and other places where they would attract the attention of the investing and home seeking public.

But a fair cannot be made a success unless the people of the county take an interest in it. The farmers 1910should take pride in saving the best of their crops for the displays, and in getting their fine stock in the best possible shape for exhibition. Then they should bring them to the fair where they can be seen. There may not be any large herds that would take all the blue ribbons at the state fair, but there is fine stock in the county corologist, was born in Concord, Mass. and it should be brought to the fair August 28, 1851, and received his eduso that others will he encouraged to do cation at Harvard university. After their best. It is an excellent oppor- his graduation in 1873 he went to the tunity for the farmers to get together Argentine republic and for three years and talk over their affairs and discuss was astronomer at the famous Cordothe best methods of raising stock and ba observatory. While in South Am-

A GOOD TOWN.

country, thinking that there he could find great wealth. But us the story enough to pick them up and break be able to make his fortune.

There are many people in La Grande

nd the Grande Ronde valley who think that every other place that achieves much publicity is better than their home community. But let them go to the place that is advertised so highly and investigate conditions thoroughly, and then they will be satisfied to come back and remain in a

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

August 28. 1609-Henry Hudson, in the "Half Moon," discovered and entered Delaware bay.

ed soldier of the American revolution, born in Londonderry N. H. Died in Manchester, N. H., May 2, 1822.

1798-James Wilson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence died in Edenton, N. C. Born in Scotland Sept. 14, 1742.

1828-County Leo Tolstoy, famous Russian philosopher, social reformer and novelist, born, Died Nov. 19, 1910.

1833-Act for the abolition of slavery throughout the British colonfes mecived the royal assent. 1857-Telegraphic despatches were received in New York from Lon-

don by cable. office was made between Chicago and Clinton, Iowa.

general of the United States dled. Born Dec. 1, 1792.

nese statesman, arrived in New reversible.

"THIS IS MY 60TH BIRTHDAY."

Frank H. Bigelow.

Frank H. Bigelow, noted as a met erica, he took part in Dr. B.-A. Gould's

exploration of the southern heaven Upon his return from Argentina Dr. The great mass of people are simi- Bigelow took a course in theology at lar to the man who was looking for the Cambridge theological aeminary. diamonds and took a trip into a far From 1884 to 1888 he was professor of mathematics at Racine college, which position he resigned to join the United is told the diamonds were all about States Eclipse expedition to western him in the rough and he did not know Africa. Since 1891 Dr. Bigelow has been professor of meteorology in the off the covering that concealed the United States weather bureau at sparkling beauties. He only needed Washington and at the same time has the proper amount of information to been professor of solar physics in Columbian university in that city.

FADS AND FASHIONS.

New York, Aug. 26 .- (Special) -The summer season has passed its climax. as the best of them and better than and, although it is still warm and the the average. There is not another lightest summer toilettes are still seatown in this part of the state that sonable, the thoughts of women begin looks as good at the present time as to turn toward autumn and the surdoes this city. La Grande is going prises in fashions which it may bring. steadily ahead. The streets are be- The regular fall fashions will not be ing improved, houses are being erect- divulged until later, when the leading ed, business is good and the whole houses have their autumn openings, Look around you and then compare of hints of things to come and new what you see with what there is at materials and trimmings are already home. Be a booster for La Grande displayed in the wholesale houses and first, last and all the time, and if even in some of the most progressive northwestern states will hold an ex- any other community looks better to retail shops. Only a few of these new things, however, are allowed to reach the counters. The others are guarded from the public eye until the actual opening of the fall season and new importations are coming in daily.

> If one may judge by the imported stuffs up to date the two-faced materials are to be much in evidence both in silks and woollens. One can find these effects in all weights from soft. heavy, reversible cloths for motor or polo coats to the lightest of serges and the supplest of satins. Just how these materials will be used remains to be seen, though in connection with the cover-all coats the riddle is easy to read, for already stunning coats fashloned from the double faced stuffs are on view, and for that matter models in such materials were launched last

Soft neutral tones often have reverse sides in brilliant color and the bright green or blue or cerise or orange shows in collars, cuffs, etc. Smar coats are made up, too, in one tone polo cloth or similar material backed with white, a huge white collar being chic and becoming if not as serviceable as one of a darker hue Checked effects are much used for the reverse sid of plain tone woollens 1896-Li Hung Chang the famous Chi- In some cases the whole coat is really

What has been said of the heavier -Montenegro became a kingdom, coat material applies as well to the front. with former Prince Nicholas as lighter weight double-faced cloths designed for suit purposes. .The color combinations in these double-faced materials are extremely varied and often strong of contrast.

> Just what the autumn season will have to offer in colors cannot be stated now. It hardly seems possible that there are variations still to be run upon the primal lines, but there may be slightly different nuances of well known lines and when the season is well along one or two shades will, of course, become enormously popular. The yellows and the various tones of beige, champagne, sand, etc., have been gradually claiming a place high on the color list this summer, and a correspondent well informed on the famous Paris dressmakers are taking up these colors with enthusiasm for fall uses.

Just what will be done with the taffetas which have come into emphatic favor during the summer no one seems card the peasant sleeve with its ford the minimum of weight and to know. The material has not run clinging shoulder line for a close fit- warmth and yet are correct for all oc-Its course, not not even reached the highest point of its popularity. It will many of the new sleeves bell out to- well dressed when wearing a figured undoubtedly be much worn through- ward the lower edge. Long shoulder foulard gown trimmed with plain colout the fall, but whether it will con- lines, however, will undoubtedly con- ored satin, with touches of white or tinue in vogue during the winter is a tinue for some time to come and some ecru lace. question impossible to answer at the present time.

The use of chiffon for blouses has increased tremendously since last year. Women have learned how becoming and graceful the chiffon blouse it material have long sleeves edged. The willow plume seems to have is and how easily such a blouse may be slipped over different slips to make pleasing changes with the one coat and skirt costume. This year some of the chiffon blouses are used over foundations of metallic brocade, which is wonderfully soft and supple. The glistening brocade of the lining is so rich in itself that such blouses need no further trimming than a line of gilt or dull silver cord around the

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neck opening and at the edge of the hands, a picturesque, but rather un-, its final exit with the summer. sleeves. Sometimes a double row of tidy fashion which never finds enthutiny metal buttons is set down the sizstic favor with women who have

The craze for stenciling has now invaded the realm of dress, and it is tailored suits the silk blouses with impossible to foresee where it will nannish cut and long sleeves are end. Many of the new chiffon and thin immensely chic. These blouses are silk waists for fall show is really made of washable silk and mercerized very charming and, of course, is much pangee fabric which is very silky and more quickly applied than the same itz trous. They are perfectly plain, amount of embroidery would be. with a few tucks in front to lend suf-

ters with colored chiffon or dyed lace. hand tie of silk.

Most of the chiffon and silk blouses have shallow lace yokes set in the ways show flannel shirt waists and rounded or V-shaped decolletage and attractive flannels by the yard for more and more high, boned stock col. making up these waists for winter lars are noted at the top of these wear; but flannel waists are really too subject writes that at least two of the yokes. Dutch necks will doubtless be warm in our heated houses and under worn in the house, but with the trig, fur and heavy cloth coats. Also, they good looking autumn street suit, a are too informal to be really smart high collar around the throat is by with tailored suits. far the smarter choice.

ting sleeve set into an arm's eye, and casions. A woman generally looks walsts show shoulders extending sev- . Fashion insistently demands that eral inches down over the arm, with the collar and jabot shall correspond. the sleeve set in between shoulder and If the collar is Irish lace the jabot elbow in quaint, old-fashioned style. must not be Cluny, or vice versa. Many of the French blouses of linger- Whatever one is the other must be. with pleated frills which fall over the had its day and probably will make

For trot-about wear with morning In new embroideries in fall waists ficient fullness over the bust, and very pretty effects have been achieved mannish sleeves finished with turnedby working big, conventional flowers sack cuffs. The high turnover collar with silk floss and filling in the cen- is pinned trimly beneath a four-in-

In the early fall days the shops al-

Women find the foulards of this There is a growing tendency to dis- season especially charming; they af-

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