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THAT HOME PATRONIZING RULE.

We have often thought of the problem of patronizing home in everything, and individually we have followed the rule very religiously. But there is a certain amount of consistency which should mark the actions of everyone living in a community. Now, we are not going to howl about the man who sends away from La

Grande for job-printing for we have grown calloused and gotten used to such things. But the point that presents itself at present is the fuel problem. Fuel is something every person in La Grande must use. It is an admitted fact that the prices of wood and coal can be placed on a black-board, and there is a shade difference to the consumer by using wood. But here is the big item: Every stick of wood consumed here means money spent in this community. No wood-chopper or wood hauler gets away with money—they spend it right here in La Grande. How is it when you buy coal? Quite different, for the money goes to the Wyoming mines whether they be owned by the railroad, rich eastern capitalists or Europeans. The money leaves La Grande, except a small commission kept by the local dealer.

This, then, is very plain. The thousands of dollars spent each fall here for fuel must either go to the woodmen or to the coal mine owners. In the former case it all stays in La Grande, and in the latter it practically all leaves the community.

Is not this very plain? Which do you burn—wood or coal?

WATER AND APPLES.

J. B. Stoddard says: "Water in corporation stock is not always the best thing, but I have found that water is essential in the growth of good fruit in this valley." And with that remark he displayed forty-eight boxes of good apples which he brought up to market.

"The apple business," continued Mr. Stoddard, "is a business. That describes it perfectly. Nature demands seed from an apple and that is all. It is up to man to cultivate it and bring out the size and color. Any apple orchard, no matter how good it is, if let go will finally get back to the small apple as nature first intended. But, on the other hand, if proper care and study and work be given apples in this valley there is no place in the whole world that will produce better fruit. I repeat that you must use water on the orchards in the valley. Without there is a lack of moisture and hence a lack of development. To anyone entering the orchard business I would say, go into it as a business and not as a side line. It is too important and too worthy to be considered or treated as a side line."

Mr. Stoddard is one of the successful fruit raisers of this valley. He has an irrigation system of his own and he works.

THE TIMBER DEAL.

Announcement in the news columns today of a gigantic timber deal near La Grande in which over 30,000 acres of virgin timber changes hands means considerable to this city and surrounding country. While there is a bare possibility of this large holding for speculation purposes such is not believed to be the case, for in fact, the whole situation seems to mean another lumber manufacturing plant for La Grande or a nearby city. This means more labor and more labor means more people and a greater expenditure of money for the necessities and luxuries of life, all of which combine to increase the resources of this valley.

John T. Williamson, who was the

principal factor in bringing about this deal, has done this community a favor that will in time almost be spoken of as a blessing, for he who brings in enterprise of such size is entitled to the most respectful consideration.

This city is bound to be the manufacturing center for all of the Grande Ronde basin timber and also the Walla-walla timber, although the present deal does not even intimate that a mill will be located here. That, however, follows from common sense reasoning.

What kind of a reception have you given the foreign man who seeks to sell stock to you? Did you set the dogs on him? If not, why not? He is a dangerous gentleman to deal with, no matter what he is selling, for where there is one really good proposition there are a hundred worthless wild cat schemes. Moral: Leave them all alone. Keep your money and invest later on where you can look after it.

Baker City and the O.-W. R. & N. company are squaring themselves for a pretty little row. The railroad seeks to prevent the crossing of tracks and the city along with a number of industries demands the privilege. It is developing into a pretty scrap which will be watched with interest.

Walla-walla county had a right to feel proud over her recent fair, from all reports. The people over on the branch line take a deep interest in fairs, and it is right that they should. And besides they have a remarkably fine country which produces good showy stuff every year.

La Grande demonstrated last evening what she is as a show town when Florence Roberts packed the Steward theatre. And by the way when a town is a good show town she is usually very good in all other lines.

The many friends of John Spain congratulate him for having gone through the ordeal of accusation and come forth unscathed and unscarred.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

October 11.

- 1689—Frontenac succeeded Denonville as governor of Canada.
- 1698—England, France and Holland concluded a treaty for the partition of Spain.
- 1776—Americans under Gen. Arnold defeated on Lake Champlain by the British under Captain Prince.
- 1791—The Bank of Providence, the first bank in Rhode Island, began to discount.
- 1797—English defeated the Dutch in the naval battle of Camperdown.
- 1811—First steam ferry in the world established between New York City and Hoboken.
- 1841—Failure of the United States bank in Philadelphia.
- 1884—Parliament buildings in Quebec wrecked by dynamite.
- 1898—Turkey consented to the evacuation of Crete by its troops.
- 1904—United States battleship Georgia launched at Bath, Me.
- 1910—Emperor William delivered the principal address at the centenary of the University of Berlin.

"THIS IS MY 64TH BIRTHDAY."

Francis L. Carter-Cotton. Francis L. Carter-Cotton, who has been prominent in public affairs in British Columbia for many years, was born in Yorkshire, England, October 11, 1847. As a young man he emigrated to Canada and settled in Vancouver where he has been editor of one of the leading newspapers for more than a quarter of a century. His first public office of importance was that of member of the British Columbia legislature, to which he was elected in 1890. After being twice re-elected he was defeated in 1900, but again was a successful candidate at the general election three years later. Among the high executive offices which have been held by Mr. Carter-Cotton have been those of provincial minister of finance, chief commissioner of lands and works and president of the executive council of British Columbia.

To Probe Rates on Explosives.

Washington, Oct. 11.—The investigation into the reasonableness of the rules and regulations of express companies for the transportation of explosives, inflammables, and other dangerous articles, which was ordered by the Interstate Commerce commission

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"She Came, She Saw, She Conquered"—Vitagraph. It takes us back again to our boyhood days and we live them over again with the boys and girls we all knew.

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about two months ago, was begun here today. Complaint has been made to the commission that the regulations are unreasonable and unduly burdensome upon shippers. The railway regulations were prescribed by the commission itself, but it is alleged that they not only work a hardship upon shippers, but that, in certain instances they are practically prohibitive of shipments. The hearing opened today will include an inquiry into the regulations of railway lines in handling similar commodities.

DELEGATES GO TO PORTLAND.

Presbyterian Church Presbytery Adjourns Session Here.

After a short session here, delegates to the local presbytery of the Presbyterian church, including all of three Eastern Oregon counties, adjourned their session here last night and went to Portland today on No. 17 to attend the state synod which convenes tomorrow.

Iowa Police Chiefs Talk Shop.

Waterloo, Ia., Oct. 11.—The chiefs of police of nearly every city in this state are gathered here today to attend the annual convention of the Police Chiefs of Iowa, which opened today for a session of two days. Many matters of professional interest to the heads of municipal police departments are to be discussed during the meetings and the rest of the time will be devoted to social pleasures provided by the citizens of Waterloo.

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Lv. Portland	10:00 a.m.	Lv. Metolius	8:43 a.m.
Lv. The Dalles	12:40 p.m.	Lv. Madras	9:00 a.m.
Lv. Deschutes Jc.	1:30 p.m.	Ar. Deschutes Jc.	1:15 p.m.
Ar. Madras	5:45 p.m.	Ar. The Dalles	1:35 p.m.
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