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THE GRANDE RONDE HORSE.

It has been some time since I have seen so many good horses raised in one locality, remarked W. C. Hobcock to the Observer today.

In speaking of the general horse returns he was inclined to view it more or less darkly for as he claims the automobile is coming in so rapidly, the heavy trucks propelled by power are becoming so common in the cities and in fact on every hand the vehicles with self-contained motors are in use making the horse lose out by thousands.

But continued Mr. Hobcock, while all of this is true there is yet a fair demand for good horses such as are raised in this valley and I believe there always will be a demand for the good horse. Maybe not strong, but we as Americans, can never let the horse go entirely. It would be a queer, cold world without man's best friend, the horse, wouldn't it? There are some of us who have been brought up with

horses as our companions; who have never lived a day without owning from one to one hundred faithful animals who would feel that the time had come for us to move on if we were compelled to live without the horse.

The compliment paid to the horses of this valley must not be passed lightly, for with the many other good things it is pleasant to know that Grande Ronde horses are among the top. It is an incentive to continue raising the good ones.

PROTECTING THE FRIENDS OF MAN.

In nature's wise balance of forces birds were set against insects. Man in his selfishness and ignorance has disturbed the balance and sacrificed millions in crops for a penny. But man is learning, in this respect as in most others, and the bird has more friends now than it had a decade ago. It is in fact gaining friends daily. Nature's balance may in time be re-established.

The virtual extinction of many of America's native songbirds is an economic blunder comparable to war. It is costing the food producers of this country millions.

Usually in destroyed crops and certainly has its effect in raising the cost of living to all classes. If one-tenth of a farmer's crop is sacrificed to insect pests because he and his neighbors have killed the birds which should have destroyed the pests, it means irreparable loss to the farmer. Multiply the one farmer by several millions and the aggregate loss to the nation assumes a staggering aspect.

And the aspect is staggering. Man's busy little friends, the birds, have been slaughtered so ruthlessly that the situation in some section of the country has become desperate. The only adequate remedy for the condition is in a re-establishment of the bird life, and that is an extremely slow, laboring process.

But even that is not impossible. Some species of birds have become extinct or so nearly so that their revivification is impracticable, but in respect to most species, properly restrictive laws rigidly enforced will accomplish the desired result. It behooves the citizens of the United States to take an interest in the matter, and to urge upon their legislators and upon congress such wise action as will restore as far as possible their native bird life.

There exists an organization, well established and strongly entrenched financially, ready to direct public sentiment for the accomplishment of this purpose. It has already accomplished much and its usefulness is still comparatively little known. It is the National association of Audubon societies, whose merits were evidenced when Mrs. Russell Sage gave it \$5,000 a year for three years.

An example of what this national organization has accomplished is furnished from New York state. Two laws were recently enacted at Albany for the protection of bird life which found their chief support in the Audubon societies and the public sentiment which the societies fostered. These acts are known as the Bayne law and the Shea law, the one limiting the sale of native birds on the markets of New York state and the other prohibiting

the sale of certain kinds of plumage popular among society women and the milliners who supply their goods.

In ever state these societies, organized for the conservation of bird life, are alert to detect any furtive attack upon their wards and ready to defend these friendless friends of mankind. They have work to do, but the outlook is encouraging rather than otherwise.

For people are making up to the seriousness of the situation touching bird life. They see the waste and cruelty involved in the senseless sacrifice that went on so many years practically without protest. This is the age of conservatism and birds are coming in for their share of intelligent attention.

The battle is turning, but not yet won. There is opportunity for all to take a hand. How are the laws of your state? If not adequate for the protection of the birds, it is time to act.

DRY FARMING IS STUDIED.

It's the difference of opinion that makes horse races, says old David Harum. By the same token, things are always made interesting when a few dry farmers get together for a comparison of systems. At the recent International Dry Farming congress at Colorado Springs half the discussions concerned the relative merits of various varieties of wheat for the dry farm. Now comes Prof. E. H. Webster, dean of the Kansas Agricultural college, and announces himself as "ferminal" them all.

"The wheat farmer has no place in the development of the dry-farming area," he says. "The general failure to recognize this fact has caused untold suffering and loss to settlers who were enticed by misleading statements to occupy this country with the hope of growing wheat for profit. Wheat farming has certain requirements of moisture and temperature which are imperative, or the crop fails. The region between the 100th meridian and the Rocky mountains has proved its entire unreliability in this respect. It is destined, however, to become one of the greatest producing centers for live stock in America.

The transition from the open range to the abandoned wheat farm has taught that forage crops are, to a workable degree, sure; that kafir, milo and sorghum will produce sufficient grain for the needs of the stock farmer; that the capacity of this region to carry live stock can be greatly increased over that of the range days by raising forage and by winter feeding, and that the climate is admirably adapted to the live stock industry."

To insure success even under these conditions, however, Prof. Webster advised the farmers to produce feeders rather than finished stock, to raise forage crops for winter feeding, to care for those crops by siloing, to practice approved dry-farming methods, and to keeping a better grade of stock than now.

THE PRINTER'S DREAM

I'm going back to the land! If you don't know the land I mean I'll state it's the prosperous fertile land

In the back of the magazine, Where pullets thrive in a stinky plot, No bigger in fact than a city lot, Where succulent mushrooms grow galore

In a cellar corner or bureau drawer; Where squabs bring more than their weight in gold

And ginseng furnishes wealth untold, Where seeds spring up in a single night

And fruit trees never know bugs of blight

Where frost and drought is a thing unknown

And cattle grow fat upon grass alone, I've read the ads, and they say it's so, And you'll have to admit that they ought to know.

I'm tired of the printing game, And I've offered the plant for sale, I've taken an agricultural course That I saw advertised by mail.

I'll buy a farm with a bungalow, A hundred acres of land or so All plowed, with a cow and a house to boot,

For nothing down and with terms to suit, I'll worry no more over short-count reams, No coat sheet nightmare shall haunt

Make Your Home More Attractive, with The Pendleton Line

Indian Blankets, Couch Covers, Steamer Robes, Go-Cart Robes, Etc.

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SEE THEM ON DISPLAY IN OUR WINDOWS AND IN THE STORE.

N. K. West The Quality Store

my dreams. I'll struggle no more with the estimates That are wanted at once while the buyer waits; But sit on my porch and smoke my pipe, And watch my alfalfa and corn get ripe. I've read the ads, and they say it's so, And you'll have to admit that they ought to know. —Robert Seaver, in American Printer

Worse Still. They tell me Simpkins' wife is a perfect tyrant. The poor fellow actually goes around, they say, without a nickel in his pockets. "Worse than that—she's cut off his supply of pockets."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Sure Thing. Teacher—Suppose your father gave your mother \$6 and then took \$3 back. What would that make? Willie—Trouble.—London Answers.

Classified Advertising

FOUND—Fur collar, between Cherry laundry and Penn avenue. Inquire at Observer office. 10-30-11

LOST—A gold star pin. Leave at 1204 Penn. avenue, and receive reward.

FOR RENT—Two front rooms furnished for light housekeeping or sleeping. Three blocks north of railroad shops. 1014 Y avenue. 10-31-11

FOR RENT—One suit of light house-keeping rooms. Modern. 1311 O. Avenue, Mrs. Swarts' rooming house or call Red 821. 10-27-11

FOR RENT—Two front downstairs rooms furnished. Call at 1407 Ninth street, or phone Red 332 10-26-11

MODERN HOUSE for rent. Six rooms and bath. Inquire at Dutil's bakery. 10-27-11

LOST—A pair of eye glasses between La Grande and Perry. Leave at Perry store or Silverthorn's. 10-21-11

WANTED—\$1250 cash will give city realty valued at \$3000. P. O. Box 207 9-30-11

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FOR RENT—House and two acres of ground. Good barn room for four head of stock and six or eight ton of hay. North St. and V avenue. Two block east of new school house. Inquire at Observer office or phone Farmer 205 10-14-11

WANTED—Two Ironers at Hot Lake Telephone.

WILL TRADE—Good five room house and 4 lots. Will trade for horses

Savoy Hotel

EUROPEAN PLAN

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D. C. Brichoux, Prop.

or cattle. 10-11-11 LA GRANDE INVESTMENT CO., La Grande, Oregon.

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Arcade Theatre

"The Grand Chartreuse" — A beautiful outdoor picture showing the scenery along one of the marvelous French roads. "Daughter of the South" — A love story of the sunny south, during the stirring war times. "A Jealous Wife" — Urdin. Lively little comedy. "A Sailors Love Letter" — Urdin. A deep and pathetic situation is pictured in this film. The mystery of human life, the sea for a background. "Extra and the Fortune Teller" — Eclipse. A trick film of merit. You must see this. Song: "Just a Wearin' For You," In spotlight by Mr. Grice.

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La Grande National Bank

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