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HERE IS THE WAY MANY WRITE.

Here is a sample of many letters received by the Evening Observer regarding La Grande and the valley. This one is from E. U. Phillips of Portland, who made a short visit to La Grande recently. Listen to what he says:

"Just a word to the good people of the valley; wake up and look about and try and realize where you live, and what you have. Since my return to my home in Portland I have felt a kind of La Grande Sickness come over me, and I find mysteif talking Grande Ronde valley. How eager the people listen to me. They are all anxious to go somewhere to get a small tract. But it occured to me that I must not talk five and ten acre tracts on account of conditions there. I was not asleep while there. In pas sing I want to say that you have some wide awake real estate men there that would soon make the val ley worth a trip to see. And if you want to pass this letter up, all well. But I beg of you to listen to those men. I will say again you do not know what you have there; let these wide awake men show you. Will I be presumptious, when I try and tell you why you have not a city of 15 or 20 thousand people. I was more than pleased to talk to some of the best citizens in the valley. They agree with me when I tell them they must cut up their great holdings. You have the greatest resorts for the sick and well in the world and in splendid running condition with an expendi ture of half a million dollars. No other place on earth has such opportunities and advantages. Come, wake up and let the people here and abroad know what you have and cut your holdings into five and ten acre tracts and the valley will do the rest—improve what you have and grow large. You will have the garden spot of the world just what God intended it to be. Any business man can see this when he visits your valley."

THE NEW FAIR ASSOCIATION.

The new fair association is a certainty. La Grande will be in shape to entertain Eastern Oregon people as they never have been entertained before.

Some thought the day of county fairs and horse races was over. Not so. The horse is still the only race that gets the blood to sparkling and makes the old man think he is young, and causes women to shout and hurl their handkerchiefs skyward.

Most of the readers have witnessed automobile races. They are fine and furnish some amusement, but something is lacking. They are insipid and tasteless compared with a well contested horse race where everybody swears at the jockey for pulling a horse and others are certain their horse is going to win.

There is no tonic in all this world like a horse race.

And the only way to have horse races is to have a fair ground with a well built race cours,e just as La Grande is now having constructed.

All work done on the new association grounds will be permanent. Considerable money has already been raised and more is sure to follow for the construction of what without doubt is to become the permanent race course of all Oregon east of the Cascade mountains.

The exhibit feature of the fair will not be overlooked for some of the very best ranchers and fruit growers are stockholders and members of the association.

It is a crowd of unanimous people who want to install in La Grnade the horse racing and fair of this entire section, and success is sure to crown their efforts.

HAVE YOU VISITED THE SCHOOLS THIS YEAR?

How many patrons of the La Grande public schools have visited the high school and grades this season?

Come, be frank, admit it if you have not been there and there are very few who have been.

Then, answer the question of why did you not attend?

You know, La Grande as a community is spending a great deal of money to have a good school. You know there is quite a pay roll of teachers; that there are many new things being added to equipment. Yes, you read about all of those things, yet you do not take the time to see what is going on.

Is it better that the community should show such a disposition toward the public schools, or should it be as the small village was years ago when the hiring of the teacher was the chief topic of conversation for six months and the actions of the teacher was the topic for the other six months?

But, surely it is worth while to spend a half day with the youngsters and the people who are working hard to mould the mind of the young. Surely it is but right that a parent should become socially acquainted with the young man or young woman who is teaching that parent's child, and who has custody of the child as great a portion of the time as does the parent himself.

These are mere subbestions to La Grande people. Understand?

THEY LIKE THE MOUNTAIN COUNTRY.

Strange how the Eastern Oregon country appeals to everyone who has lived here and moved elsewhere. Like the waters of Caney Fork so well described by Opie Reed, the atmosphere of the Blue Mountains lingers long with those who have breathed it.

A few days ago the writer was on a train with Supreme Judge McBride. He was on his way to Pendleton to hold court and was in a very fine frame of mind.

"Do you know," said the justice, "I look forward with great pleasure to this trip to Eastern Oregon. To me it is an outing for the Eastern Oregon air has a distinction of its own. I was an early pioneer of the eastern part of the state. I mined gold at Auburn, ranched and did all kinds of work in the Blue Mountains and it has a fascination for me that never dies."

Undoubtedly the judge spoke the sentiment of every person who has lived here. The man who could not recall the bracing air of both summer and winter, who could not be mindful of the splendid appetite, the trout fishing and the hunting of this Eastern Oregon paradise would indeed be too dull to comprehend anything of value in this world.

That gentleman called Woodrow Wilson is getting one of those passive anaesthetics which Marse Watterson and few other stalwart democrats are so capable of giving.

The rubber trust has declared a dividend of 100 per cent, which shows for one thing, that the sale of hot water bottles and rubber collars is going bravely on.

Stripes have been abolished in the California penitentiary. Now that it is a suffragette state there may be frequent changes in styles there.

Madero says he will end the present revolution in two months. Perhaps, but there will be several more going on by that time.

Having nothing else to do now, those interpid polar explorers might set out and try to find ex-Vice president Fairbanks.

King George's initials are officially G., R. and I. He sounds almost like a railroad.

Nobody happens to be "a-kickin' W. J. Bryan's hat aroun'" these days. Had you noticed that?

Arcade Theatre

"A MAN WORTH WHILE" ..... Melies
This question troubled Ann for a long while, until she devised a plan to find a good one. See how she did it.

"WINTER ON THE BALTIC SEA" ..... G. C. P. C.
Very interesting views of the ice and snow which so greatly impedes navigation on the Baltic.

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