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UNION AS A MEETING PLACE.

In establishing the live stock show at Union the originators of the movement little realized how far-reaching and in what directions the project would develop.

This year proved two important things on top of the already well established certainty that the best live stock is exhibited at Union. The most important of these two developments was "Union as a meeting place."

Wallowa, Baker and Union counties met at Union. Men who have lived in Wallowa half a century meet others who have lived a like time in Baker county. Perhaps they had heard of each other but never had met. The stock show provided the place of meeting.

Another important thing the stock show did this year was to teach the O. W. R. & N. company that Eastern Oregon has a population consisting of live, active men, women and children, who, if given the chance to travel and will visit back and forth the same as people of other sections.

The special train from Wallowa county carrying one hundred and fifty

people proved this, as did the large number of tickets sold from La Grande and Baker to Union.

This little lesson to railroad officials should be of benefit and make it plainly understood that while Eastern Oregon people are willing to pay the railroad "all the traffic will stand" these same people are beginning to feel inclined to want service without having to "bow the head on the bent knee" too much.

Labor Notes.

A state federation of labor has been organized in Louisiana with a membership of 27 unions. Action was taken applying for a charter from the American Federation of Labor.

The Iowa State Federation of labor, who charter was revoked in 1909 because of its refusal to comply with the constitution of the American Federation of Labor, has applied for re-affiliation.

The women membership of trade unions in England increased from 265,000 at the end of 1907 to 221,000 at the end of 1910. More than four-fifths of the women members are employed in the textile trades.

More than \$2,000,000 has been expended by the International Molders' union in aiding sick and disabled members during the last ten years, according to figures contained in a report issued by the officers of the international.

It is the plan of the leading New England cotton mill treasurers, in the near future, to make a further adjustment of cotton mill wages in an effort to bring all operatives engaged in the same class of work a uniform wage.

The natives at work in the fields along the Nile received 2 1/2 cents a day and are able to save a part of their earnings. Their food costs them nothing as they eat little besides onions and sugar cane, and these they take from the fields, without paying for them.

For the three years, 1908-1910, the amount of dispute benefit paid by the one hundred principal unions of Great Britain was \$5,500,000 and the amount of unemployed benefits was \$13,250,000. The dispute benefits cost more than twice as much as in the three years 1905-07.

Co-ed Tag.

This game is played with an equal number of boys and girls. The players form in couples, each boy taking a girl for a partner. One boy is selected to be "it," and a girl is chosen for the runner. To save herself from being caught she may lock arms with any boy, thus compelling his partner to become a runner. When the girl is caught she must try to tag the boy who caught her or any other who is crowded off. In every case there are always a girl and a boy as runner and chaser.

Three Hardest Words.

A learned man has said that the three hardest words to pronounce in the English language are "I was mistaken." When Frederick the Great wrote to the senate, "I have just lost a battle, and it's entirely my own fault." Goldsmith says, "His confession showed more greatness than all his victories."

Bird Eating Spiders.

In the East Indies there are some spiders so large that they devour small

English Suet Pudding

One pound flour, a half pound suet chopped fine, a half pound sugar, a half teaspoon salt, one pound raisins, a half teaspoon baking powder. Mix together with sufficient water to make a dough about the same consistency as for bread. Have a cloth wrung in hot water, in which place your mixture. Boil two hours or longer. Be sure to tie your pudding bag carefully and give pudding a chance to swell.

Homemade Soap.

Pour three pints of cold water over one can of potash. Melt five pounds of grease. When lukewarm add one tablespoonful of borax and one tablespoonful of ammonia. Pour in the dissolved potash until the mixture is as thick as honey. Stir it until it is of an even consistency and turn it into shallow pans to harden. Mark it off into squares before it "sets." This makes a good soap.

Sour Milk Dark Cake.

One cupful sugar, one cupful sour milk, one-half cupful (scant) of shortening, either sour cream or butter, a cupful of raisins, a small teaspoonful soda, cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg. Use your judgment in adding flour, two cupfuls or more according to thickness of milk. Use little salt if butter is not used.

Care of Brushes.

Scrubbing brushes when not in use should be put in an airy place, bristles downward. Thus the water will drain out of them and they will quickly dry. If they are laid on their backs the water will soak into the wood, loosening the bristles, whether they are glued or wired.

Only Made it Worse.

Harry was taken out to dinner for the first time in his life. His mother kept him at her side because his mother is a wise woman. But he acted like a perfect little gentleman until the dessert course. Then his mother found occasion to reprove him.

"Harry," she exclaimed in such a loud whisper that everybody at the table could hear it, "what do you mean by wiping your spoon on your napkin? You never do that at home."

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Shut.

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