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GRIEF ALMOST UNBEARABLE.
Fred Gaskill and family were called upon yesterday to suffer a grief that is almost unbearable. The loss of their young son through an accident which crushed out his life without a moment's warning causes every father and every mother to suffer a shock and causes every heart to swell in profound sympathy for the Gaskill family.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT AND OREGON.
Yes, he is the same Roosevelt of former years—a little older with time's marks showing more plainly—but the same vigorous citizen. He spoke to a large crowd of people in La Grande yesterday, making clear firmly in the American heart the need for different methods in politics than were used at the Republican national convention wherein Ralph Williams of Oregon polluted and prostituted half of the Oregon delegation.

In Oregon local conditions make the nominating of a complete Progressive ticket this year almost out of consideration. Most of the voters who are supporting the colonel for president feel the same as the Evening Observer—the chief cause for that support being the rotten methods used and the theft of the presidential nomination at Chicago when the Republican national convention was held.

All nominations were made in this state prior to the holding of that national convention; there was no crime committed in any of the nominations in Oregon. Hence, the Republicans who are supporting Roosevelt because of the theft at Chicago have no particular reasons for repudiating the primary law of Oregon by putting out

candidates throughout the state. Colonel Roosevelt seems willing to let his supporters in the different states deal with their local conditions as appears best. He realizes that the short time between now and election necessarily makes preliminaries few for a new party and he also cannot but know the importance of the Oregon primary law to the people of this state.

The head of the ticket is the main thing for Oregon Progressives to consider this year. Let the fight be made for Roosevelt, first, last and all of the time until the election. And in two years from now, when the complications caused by extreme early primaries of this year will not exist, then let the Progressives of Oregon name candidates for every office just as the Oregon primary law prescribes. This solution seems to be the only one arrived at by men who have the interest of Colonel Roosevelt's success at heart and who at the same time refuse to make a farce and a joke of the Progressive movement turning it into an office-seeker's movement in Oregon.

BAKER HERALD THROWS A FIT
The keenest and most acute case of "sour grapes" comes from the Baker Herald, which ordinarily is well balanced and fair. This outburst took the shape of a severe lecture to the Union County Fair association because charge was made to hear Colonel Roosevelt yesterday. The Herald thought it was a base injustice to the people of Eastern Oregon, and said many things about the colonel not approving such procedure. As a matter of fact the colonel did not disapprove of a chance to meet over five thousand Eastern Oregon people at La Grande, and he is broad enough to realize that special trains cost money, that the only way he could meet those people was by the Fair association here hiring a special train to get the colonel to Boise for an evening meeting.

If the same transaction had occurred at Baker the esteemed Herald would likely have clapped its hands in glee and pointed in the fact that Baker was the only city outside of Portland in Oregon that could get the noted speaker. But La Grande is not built along these lines. This city realizes its location—being the exact center of the Eastern Oregon country—had much to do with the colonel's visit; also that a vigorous effort was made beginning prior to the Progressive National convention to get him here.

In other words to be brutally frank with our Baker contemporary La Grande proved alive to situation and lost no opportunity to give the Eastern Oregon people an opportunity to come to this city and hear the noted man. Had it not been for La Grande's effort the people East of the Cascade mountains in Oregon would have heard Colonel Roosevelt just ten minutes as he talked at La Grande from the rear end of his car. But, as finally worked out by the enter-

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prising people of Union county, a visit of two hours was made to this city and everyone had the opportunity of hearing the speech. LET US HAVE ALL SIDES. La Grande people and the visitors yesterday were fortunate in being able to hear two sides of the political question. Colonel Roosevelt presented the Progressive side in the morning and Mr. Harlan and Mr. Bede presented the Taft sides in the evening to a good sized crowd on the corner of Adams and Depot. That is the way to do it. Let us have all sides discussed. It is the way to have a political campaign. Mr. Harlan and Mr. Bede were very welcome visitors here last evening. And Colonel Roosevelt was a very welcome visitor in the morning. The time has gone by for thinking people to only hear one side and say they are satisfied. Let's hear them all. Now, if Mr. Bryan and Mr. Wilson will only come this way and tell their side of the story The Evening Observer will be pleased and do all it can to help get as large a crowd as possible. Narrowness in politics should pass. What we need is a talk from every man who represents any principles in the political world of today.

PROPER PHILANTHROPY. An exchange, discussing the matter of generosity remarks: "After all is said and done, how much better it would be if, instead of giving great gifts to charity and education after their fortunes are amassed, the creators of large fortunes would share their opportunities more generously with their fellows, would make easier the way for those who must work with them, for those less richly endowed with the gift of fortune making—that is generosity of spirit from the beginning, instead of at the end. Probably this sentiment has appeal-

ed to most thinking people in contemplating the display of generosity on the part of those in position to indulge in it. It is estimated that nearly \$100,000,000 is annually given by wealthy people in this country for philanthropic purposes. Rockefeller and Carnegie are said to have given away, largely for educational purposes, an aggregate of some \$600,000,000 and there are any number of others whose contributions run into the millions. These contributions are commendable and useful in that many benefit therefrom, but it has fount been a matter of remark that larger contributions are not made for practical relief of the ills that afflict humanity. There are hundreds of thousands of sufferers in the hospitals of the land, a large portion of whom are ill-prepared to meet the heavy expense incident to medical and hospital care. There are thousands who are denied proper medical and hospital care to relieve their afflictions because they are lacking in ability to pay for the same. How many free hospitals for those unable to pay for attendance of that character, are there in the country? Very few it is believed. And yet what a boon it would be if every city in the land contained at least one hospital endowed by philanthropy to enable it to receive and care for poor people unable to pay for hospital and medical care. Almost every city in the country has a free library but few have been supplied with free hospital benefits for poor and suffering people. Discussing the same subjects the exchange says that while libraries, colleges, parks, etc., "are excellent in their way, but vastly more excellent would be the sharing of those powers and abilities, privileges and advantages with those with whom one works, with those who work for one, with the world at large, that all might enjoy better opportunity as they go along, so that the need of such a

downments as now given would disappear." This is true, but the larger number of philanthropists have a sort of selfish sentiment in that they desire to make their endowments or gifts, advertise their generosity not only now but hereafter. A prominent doctor takes the poison from the bee, dilutes it and uses the stuff with a hypodermic needle to cure rheumatism. This method will be more popular than letting the bees apply the medicine themselves. They generally give a fellow an overdose. Maryland has a blue law that prohibits a drink of lemonade on Sunday. Maryland always was a stickler in opposition to things that degenerate people. The turkey trot is said to be a sure cure for the army worm. If it would cure the hook-worm, it might be tolerated. Scientist says that milking cows is the best finger exercise for a piano

player. Yes, and it suits the innocent bystanders better, too. A man might as well be in Hades with a fur overcoat as with an automobile in Venice. In either event, he would attract the same attention. Santo Domingo Revolution Reported Washington, Sept. 13.—Unconfirmed reports of a revolution in Santo Domingo were received here today. Objection to collection of customs by American officials representing American bankers with claims against the country is said to be responsible. What We Never Forget according to science, are the things associated with our early home life, such as Bucklen's Arnica Salve, that mother or grandmother used to cure our burns, boils, scalds, sores, skin eruptions, sprains or bruises. Forty years of cures prove its merit. Unrivaled for piles, corns or cold-sores. Only 25 cents at all druggists. WANTED—100 White Leghorn pullets or young hens. Geo. Kolk, Island City, Ore. 9-13-3tp

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