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KIND WORDS.

From here and you come kind words for The Observer's efforts to give the reading public a terse conception of what Union county has done the past year.

The La Grande Observer of the night before Christmas appeared in three sections, in which the resources of Union county and La Grande are well told.

Boise—Thank you, sir! That was a fine edition of The Observer. It should have a wide circulation for the material showing it give to La Grande and Grande Ronde Valley.

W. T. Wright's article in the Christmas Observer is most readable, and we wish the Republican had room to reproduce it this week.

The La Grande Observer has issued a Christmas number in three sections, full of good things. We congratulate the Observer on its enterprise and wish for its prosperity it deserves.

MIGRATION OF WEEDS.

How a Seed Ripened in Asia May Take Root in America.

Weeds migrate as well as men. According to the best authorities, there are already 600 varieties at least of weeds in New England that were not to be found there when the country was first settled.

Nature employs all sorts of methods for spreading life about the planet and does not seem to care whether the life is that of a weed or of a plant fit for human use.

The overshoes come from all parts of the world. The cloth lining is torn out before the rubber is used, and from the seeds that have found lodgment in such an apparently unpromising place plants have grown on the dump heap, and their seeds have found fertile soil, multiplied and flourished.

Horn of the Unicorn.

The horn of the unicorn was reputed instantly to reveal poison in a dish by

sweating blood, and great was the rivalry as to the possession of the finest specimen while this belief still flourished. Charles the Bold proudly paraded six, two of them eight feet long, two six feet, two five feet.

Igorote Craftswomen.

Though their tools are few and crude, the Igorotes are clever workmen. Some of their axes, spears and shields show a wild art all their own.

A Girl's Pity.

"It was Klay Midas, wasn't it, who turned everything he touched to gold?" "I believe so."

POPPING CORN.

Why the Heat Literally Turns the Grains Inside Out.

A grain of popcorn is filled with tightly packed starch grains. The interior of the grain is divided into a large number of cells, each of which may be likened to a tiny box, the walls whereof are sufficiently strong to withstand considerable pressure from within.

To obtain a satisfactory popping there is required a very high degree of heat. This causes the greater part of the cells to explode simultaneously.

If corn be old and dry it will not pop satisfactorily. A few cells near the center of the grain may burst, but the general result will be unsatisfactory.

Practically all the popcorn raised for market in this country comes from New England. Great quantities of it are popped, buttered and packed for sale all over the United States.

An Offer Declined.

Dr. Portal, the favorite medical attendant of Louis XVIII. of France, was offered an unusual reward for his services. Having cured Vestris of a severe illness, the famous dancing master said to him: "My dear doctor, I should never dream of offering you money. Between artists there can be no dealings except those of gratitude.

Elks Give Stag Social.

There will be a stag social given by the members of the Elks club at the local hall on New Years eve, December 31, for members of the lodge.

La Grande Woman Wins \$25 Prize.

Mrs. Lorenzo Stillwell of Fruitdale won second prize and \$25.00 in money in a contest conducted by the John Burpee Seed company of Philadelphia for writing the best description of a new cabbage grown by her, the seed of which came from the eastern house.

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EARN SOMETHING DURING YOUR SPARE TIME.

The Observer has an attractive proposition for one person—either lady or man—in every school district in Union and Wallowa counties outside of La Grande, to act as correspondent. Space rate will be paid for all news, provided at least one news letter each week is sent in.

California Woman Seriously Alarmed

"A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have had coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sawtelle, Cal. For sale by all dealers.

How to Bankrupt the Doctors.

A prominent New York physician says, "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effectual and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

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