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HOME FROM THEIR TRIP.

Returning from their excursion to Portland, Salem, Albany and Corvallis, with several visiting Eugene and other valley cities, a number of La Grande business men pronounced the trip a most excellent one and enlisted their names for a similar excursion next year.

That La Grande has been given some excellent advertising, besides a number of her citizens enjoying themselves there can be no question.

At Portland the delegation was recognized both going and coming in a way that was pleasant to witness, while at Salem the business men did everything possible to insure that good feeling and good time for which the capital city is fast obtaining a wide reputation. In Albany La Grande's representatives took the center of the stage and held it. Whenever matters of importance came up the La Grande people were consulted and aside from the Merchants' Retail association there was a disposition on the part of the city of Albany to pay special attention to the Eastern Oregon crowd and appreciation of the carload of visitors was everywhere apparent.

It will be remembered this is the second annual trip of the La Grande delegation and during the past year splendid growth and improvement was made by all of the valley towns. New buildings, better roads, paved streets, new factories and more improvement on the farms could easily be detected.

When one considers that Willamette valley has been settled for almost seventy-five years, and that the spirit of push did not display itself until a very few years ago, the transformation is almost wonderful.

The first time the writer visited Salem five years ago it was a sleepy town with no paving and little energy. The state capital was there and that was about all that distinguished Salem from a crossroads village. But today Salem is a city of some importance. Pavement by the mile, buildings seven stories high, street cars chasing hither and thither, activity on every side, with the capital and state institutions as merely side issues and by-products. Salem no longer looks on her public pay rolls as of material importance—she is in the business game and fighting for her place with the same energy that an Eastern Oregon city has to fight to maintain its standing in the business world.

Albany a few years ago was very similar to Salem except that it was smaller. There was no life there, merely a trading point. But now Albany is on the bit just as every other valley town is on the bit. There is loyalty to home, a close relationship of her citizens and a broad view

of state wide issues. All of these things impressed the ment from La Grande who were out sightseeing. It was a good trip and a good lesson for all who partook of it. The fun, pure, genuine, sparkling fun that was a large factor of the trip, served as the relisher on the menu and prevented a single dull moment from overtaking the party. Not a city was visited that the business men did not affirm their intention of following the La Grande example and making a similar trip into this part of Oregon. And we wish to say when the boys from below come, La Grande is ready for them. Business will be suspended and we will have a day of entertaining never before equalled in these mountains.

APPEARANCE OF THE LEGISLATURE.

A visit to the state legislature is a privilege that should be taken by every citizen. We have viewed the work of a number of legislatures of different states in our time but never did we see such marvelous chunks of harmony hanging in the atmosphere as we saw in Salem last week.

In the house of representatives Speaker Pat McArthur with a voice like a steamboat whistle, directed the course of legislation calling for the vote on different bills. Everything worked smoothly and not a fire eating speech was made. The orator was either absent or put out of business. In fact, oratory appeared to be a lost art in the house. The Eastern Oregon delegation is working hard on many measures of merit, and be it said to the credit of the boys thus far they have not slipped their trolley to any great extent.

In the senate there is a little more oratory, a little more dissension and a strong possibility that a few of the senators will, as the session progresses, become reactionaries. But there had been at the time we were present really nothing to fight over except the personality of a few of the senators, such as Senator Joseph of Multnomah and Senator Dimmick of Clackamas, and usually the mooted question was whether or not Senator Joseph was of Hebrew parentage.

However, it was plain at that time that the fight was to come in both houses on Governor West. The chief executive labors under a wrong impression about his power. He has grown a little bit chesty and believes he should appear as dictator. This the majority of the senate and the majority of the house members resent and will not stand for. They think they have some rights in the world and refuse to have those rights trampled upon by Governor West. Senator Lair Thompson, who is nearly always right and is a mighty good fighter, is especially displeasing to Governor West and anything that Thompson favors the chief executive is usually against. Hence the fight is now on and it was apparent last week that it would soon start.

Now, the governor hopes to make himself supreme among not only the members but the entire state, by dictating what shall and what shall not be. If he only knew it he is incapable of dictating a single thing to this legislature and unless His Excellency

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country, exported \$33,840,000 worth of goods, and in return brought back goods valued at \$45,700,000.

Germany, a protectionist country, had the advantage, exporting goods to the value of \$25,920,000 but receiving in return \$22,680,000.

So far, the fact that New York is 763 miles nearer Valparaiso than Hamburg via the straits of Magellan, has not helped the trade of this country. But when the Panama canal is opened, this country will have an advantage of 3,077 miles in the route to Colon, and this ought to make a material difference in the volume of trade, which the United States may expect from Chile.

It is a fact that German banking laws have helped that country in influencing trade relations. German banks now dominate in the Chilean money market, and in the conversion of the Chilean debt. If better American banking facilities were afforded there is no doubt that the United States would occupy a position of much greater importance in that country.

What is really needed is more Yankee shrewdness in playing the game.

MAN, THE SALT OF THE EARTH.

To refute the statement that "the female of the species is deadlier than the male," a French scientist now comes forward with the dictum that the male is saltier than the female and, therefore, is her superior in every way.

Experiments carried on for some time have shown that there is more sodium chloride in the blood of the male than in that of the female, as evidenced by the fact that the blood of the female is poorer in red corpuscles, and relatively poorer in brine.

Observation also shows that, in all animal life, the more salt there is in the blood the higher the intelligence and general development.

From these facts, French scientists reach the conclusion that woman is inferior to man in everything—intelligence, reason and physical forces. They go still further and say that the facial angle of the female more closely resemble that of the higher animals than does that of the male, while women's senses are less keen and they feel pain much less than men.

No effort is made in this treatise to explain why Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt, so it would seem unfair to stretch the point far enough to offer any original deduction.

But aside from all this, it may confidently be asserted that women are otherwise all right.

Beer with an egg is now a popular New York drink. Considering the eggs likely to be handed out in a beer saloon is it any wonder that New York had fourteen homicides within forty-eight hours?

The department of commerce of labor has ruled that babes in arms on steamers are passengers. Sure—Light Infantry.

Japanese steamboat company issues tickets for seats in lifeboats. The Ismays of Japan will thereby have to wait their turn.

Kansas judge says a woman has the right to lie to her husband. Spoken like a true married man.

Gertrude Hoffman has been robbed of all her jewelry, and that was the principal ingredient of her apparel.

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