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LOOKS BRIGHT FOR LA GRANDE

While the Observer shrinks from printing phony booster stories telling of unreasonable improvements and advancements in the city which may never occur, yet we wish to impress upon every reader our sincere belief in the future of La Grande as a point for added importance in railroad circles. Although there is nothing definite to state regarding the probable decision of the O-W. R. & N. company, there is nevertheless good reason to believe that considerable improvement is in store for La Grande from this great common carrier which is the business artery of Oregon.

All things considered this city is located right for extensive railroad work and it is reasonable to presume that the headquarters of the mountain division will come here. And should it come La Grande receives another solid foundation stone upon which to stand. We, as a people, must not fail to appreciate the fact that the O-W. first put La Grande on the map and ever since that memorable day has been a large factor in developing this city and valley. The railroad pay roll in earlier days made La Grande a good town. Then it was augmented by the George Palmer Lumber company, the Grande Ronde Lumber company and other industrial institutions which added more pay rolls until it is with pardonable pride faults, Eastern Oregon loves her still that every citizen can boast of the

city's splendid resources; of the nimbleness of the dollar which is monthly paid out in large number for labor.

THAT NEW STATE.

The Oregonian paid close attention to the news story in The Observer several days ago regarding enthusiasm for a new state, which would indicate that the Oregonian, while in no wise alarmed at such a possibility, is nevertheless inclined to discourage the movement.

When serious thought is given the proposition it is unreasonable to think of ever having a new state in the irrigated and semi-irrigated section. The Willamette valley would never vote to let go of Eastern Oregon and quite likely when the real show down came Eastern Oregon would not vote to secede from Oregon. But there are times when the folly of the Willamette valley citizenship and statesmanship is so prominent that one cannot help turning away in sheer disgust and wish for a new commonwealth.

In legislative matters the Eastern Oregon delegation was recognized as the ones who were always to be depended upon. We believe either Speaker McArthur or President of the senate Malarkey, would if pressed for answer to such a question, affirm this statement. Somehow the men from east of the mountains have a composure, a clearness of decision and a fair and able way of viewing matters that is decidedly pleasant to see, while the barnstormer and the dreamer usually comes from Clackamas, Multnomah or some other water-soaked county.

But there will be no new state, and with all of the Willamette valley's faults, Eastern Oregon loves her still and will for years to come hold just

WIRE GLASS ON CARS.

A curious work has been undertaken by the American Ophthalmological, Otological and Laryngological society of New York—legislation to compel railways to equip their passenger cars with wire glass, so as to minimize injuries to the public in case of accident. The intention is to make the law apply also to street car companies.

The committee of physicians which examined into this matter declares the proposed law is of the utmost importance to the travelling public.

Thousands of persons are injured needlessly every year, say the medical men, who might have escaped had wire glass been used in place of the regulation car windows.

"Every practitioner is impressed with the terrifying number of deaths and serious injuries due to the dagger-like cuts of shattered window panes," says one of the physicians. "Railroad cars, street cars, taxicabs, omnibuses, hacks, automobiles and every other carrier known to man are instruments of danger to passengers from this common cause. When a window pane breaks the center falls out leaving jagged margins fixed in the frames. Each point is rapierlike and as dangerous as a Stetson dagger."

"In a collision of two cars the passengers are thrown against these points, and often frightful mutilation follows the contact. I treated one woman who had 70 cuts of greater or lesser size and depth. Another had his nose almost severed, and persons have lost their ears. Whenever the glass penetrates the tissue, the point breaks off, leaving a jagged piece at the bottom of the wound."

"These cause inflammation, and other troubles ensue. I have known persons to become blind as a result of injury from broken glass."

"Those accidents are of daily occurrence, but if wired glass were used in the cars danger from this source would be practically removed."

The proposition is to have wire glass with a mesh of not more than one inch to replace all the ordinary windows in public conveyances of every sort. It is maintained that the added expense of equipping cars with wired glass would be more than saved by the decreased breakage and the reduction of damage suits for injuries suffered from flying glass.

The good weather is causing general plans for the large amount of building which is to begin here shortly. Today Mr. West advertises for bids for erection of a building on the corner of Elm and Adams, and there will be more to follow.

Until Dr. Friedman is proven a faker and imposter let no man raise his voice in condemnation. If he succeeds in curing consumption bronze statues and resolutions of thanks will look entirely too small for this man.

It is to be hoped that Ty Cobb will save some of that \$15,000 salary against the time when he will be relegated to vaudeville and get only \$10,000.

Announcement is made that the Wilsons will not allow any cats in the white house. What? Bar out a lot of Washington's society gossips?

Governor West is consoling Governor Lister. Heavy rests the head that wears the crown.



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A Washington woman has sued a man for \$10,000 for one hug. Hugging seems to have advanced in price with all other luxuries.

That eastern college professor who was robbed of \$5,000 must work a side line after hours.

There will always be an impression that Carrie Nation should have been a London suffragette.

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