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TOMORROW AT SCHOOL

It is to the interest of every citizen to visit the schools tomorrow and witness the work that has been done the past year by Prof. Stout and his able assistants. Tomorrow will be exhibit day and each room will have on display work done by the pupils. The forenoon will be given to class work and the afternoon will be devoted by all connected with the school to the entertainment of visitors and explaining the work of the year.

Advancement that is hardly believable has been made in the La Grande schools during the past few years. Every modern idea in education has been grasped and blended into the school system of this city. No school in the state shows more progress, for it must be remembered that time has not been so far back when "rattling", "rifting" and "ritcheting" were about all that could be said about any of the Eastern Oregon schools. It is quite different now. The school work has kept pace and even forged ahead of the new, modern buildings. The teaching is different and the results are different. Men and women who are giving their lives to the teaching of children have advanced and taken on new methods.

In order to appreciate just what is being done along the lines of education in La Grande attend the schools tomorrow and see the exhibit work.

PREPARE TO DECORATE THE GRAVES.

It may seem a little early to urge upon all a duty which is coupled with sadness—a duty that should in most instances does appeal to every person now enjoying the liberty of a free and enlightened nation at the expense of the soldiers who braved warfare and fought during the days of '61 to '65.

While there are no battlefields here to memorialize; there was no particular history made in the northwest in those days—yet in Union and Wallowa counties there lived a number of the old boys in blue who still can tell the truthful stories of army life, who can point to bullet wounds and saber scars received while they were protecting their country.

The least that the present generation can do is to set apart one day in the whole year when proper services shall be held; when the richest of the season's flowers can be spread over the graves of the old boys who have passed over. Patriotism seems to be sometimes chilled and dormant, but such should not by any means be true for it has been but a few years since the greatest warfare ever known to the world was staged upon

of the nation teach more loyalty to country, and a good time to begin with renewed example of patriotism and loyalty right here in La Grande is the thirtieth day of May.

There are still a number of the old comrades in La Grande and surrounding country and there are a number of members of the Woman's Relief Corps—a most noble organization. You can depend upon the efforts of these two bodies to properly observe this memorial occasion, but they should be assisted by every person, man, woman and child in the county.

Why not turn out and sing such songs as "The Star Spangled Banner," "We Shall Meet But We Shall Miss Him," "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground," yes, and as the line of march is taken up to the cemetery let the whole community pause for a moment to pay proper respect to those who wore the blue—to those who fought the great battles for freedom that we might be permitted to enjoy the enlightened condition that now exists in La Grande and elsewhere in this nation.

BUILDING CHURCHES.

It means a great deal to build any kind of a building, but the building of churches is one of the commendable steps in our present-day civilization. While this is a material age and the dollar chasing goes on by day and by night, through week days and Sundays, yet there is growing a sentiment for Christianity. Perhaps it is not the old fashioned kind of hell-fire and brimstone exhorting that interests the people now, in fact we think not. But nevertheless, the average person who is well balanced somehow has his individual Christian sentiments and realizes that his personal efforts are weak. Nothing better shows that Christian sentiment is growing than the church building that is going on.

In La Grande the Methodists are erecting a magnificent church and the Catholics are getting ready for their elegant cathedral, while the Christian church is preparing for practically a new church building. Yes, and over the mountains in Wallowa county Father Murphy has his church just about completed at Wallowa. It is said to be a handsome building. On May 11th a whole trainload of Father Murphy's friends from La Grande (and a very, very long train would not begin to hold all of his friends here) are going over to help dedicate this new structure.

The building of churches does not mean financial revenue for anyone; hence we point to the activity in church building to prove that along with the ever present chase for money the Christian spirit in some form or other is still pronounced in this community.

THE CRAZE FOR SURGERY.

"The Massacre of the Tonsil" is the title of an article printed in the Maryland Medical Journal that is calculated to cause parents who have had or are contemplating having their

children seriously operated regarding it as a necessity. According to Dr. McKenzie, professor of laryngology and rhinology in John Hopkins university many of the operations performed for tonsillitis are unnecessary. They are, he says, part of the general craze to remove supposedly superfluous parts of the human anatomy.

"Never in the history of medicine," he writes, "has the lust for operation on the tonsils been as passionate as it is at the present time. It is not simply the surgical thirst from which we have all suffered in our earlier days, just as at a still earlier period, we suffered from the measles; it is a mania, a madness, an obsession. It has infected not only the general profession but the laity."

The article is too technical for the average reader, but the gist of the opinion of this authority is that the tonsils are not the trap for infection which they so often are said to be. He gives it as his view that the enlarged tonsil is not necessarily diseased and where it does not interfere with breathing and swallowing should not be removed. The doctor, too, is not the only well known specialist who holds somewhat similar views.

The craze for surgery in this country is one of the symptoms of the almost universal desire to have the body tinkered with in some way. The doctors are by no means entirely responsible for the tendency. Many conservative surgeons today are advising against operations except in cases where the need is absolutely apparent to their skilled eyes, but often in such cases foolish parents insist that the knife be used. The cutting out of tonsils is but one instance of what almost has come to be a habit among the American people. It is time that good sense is used or soon everybody in the land will be mutilated.

VIEWS ON THE TARIFF.

The sugar growers want a sugar-coated tariff bill.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

What appears to be needed most is a downward revision of the middleman.—New York Press.

If government expenses could be cut \$80,000,000 a year—Ah! That is a different matter!—Brooklyn Eagle.

Schedule K will soon be able to appear in a hobble skirt without looking ridiculous.—New York Evening Sun.

The reduction of the duty on mirrors is expected to reflect favorably on the Democratic tariff.—Jacksonville Florida Times-Union.

Probably the tariff won't be perfected so that we shall be deprived of the pleasure of blaming it for things that are really our own fault.—Columbus Ohio State Journal.

None of the protected interests that complain of the proposed reduction of the tariff express any sympathy for what the consumers have suffered all these long years.—New York World.

Again these fatal three "Rs"—Revision, Reduction, and Ruction.—New York Press.

Wood pulp on the free list should reduce the cost of breakfast foods.—Baltimore Evening Sun.

It begins to be evident that the discussion of free wool will reveal a good many black sheep.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Why should mere congressmen rewrite Schedule K, the literary masterpiece of the woolen manufacturer.—Baltimore Sun.

The removal of the tariff on typewriters and newsprint paper ought to give the needed impetus to literary art.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The clause in the Wilson bill prohibiting the importation of plumes may save the lives of a lot of egrets and cranes, but it'll deprive a whole heap of roosters of their tail feathers.

This same Mr. Wilson who is represented as concerned about the situation resulting from the flood in the middle west, is arranging to tear down the levees and let in a flood from Europe.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

NATURE THE FOOD-MAKER

Matter on this earth goes through various forms and transformations, each of which leads up to another, the whole series culminating in man.

This broad fact is particularly suggested to our friends, the vegetarians, all of whom are earnest, most of whom are able, and many, we suspect, are hungry.

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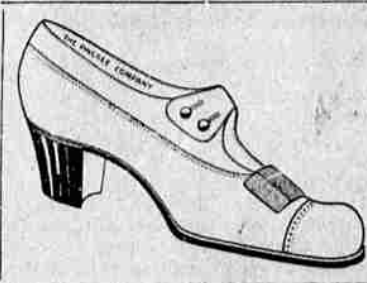
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